

## Athletes in Action

### Ram Recruitment Day – Edgewood High School

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, Edgewood High School (EHS) and Edgewood Middle School (EMS) teamed up to engage incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders with the sponsors and current members of extracurricular activities, athletic teams, and academic groups that EHS has to offer. During the event, teachers and administrators from Edgewood Middle School accompanied the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the high school gym where groups were set up with tables displaying information and accolades of the program. High school students who are current participants of the clubs or programs were available to interact with the middle schoolers while the sponsors were in the background ready to assist if needed. Each middle school student was tasked with talking to the high school students that represented 5 different activities they were interested in. A worksheet was provided for student accountability and to assist the sponsor with getting contact information for those who were interested in joining their group as a future ninth grader.

Ram Recruitment Day started with a few words from Edgewood High Schools Principal, Sandra McMichael, who shared the message that, “the most important thing you can do as you are starting to enter high school is to get involved with the school in a positive way. It will make your experience much better, much faster, and much more enjoyable. Your involvement in high school will open many doors for you in the future.”



Sarah Friedman, the high school’s Athletic Director, likes that this event allows the middle school students to come over to the high school to experience the environment and interact with the student leaders in the programs which can be less scary than approaching an adult. She hopes the EMS students realize that “it’s OK to try new things and experience is not required.”

