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EHS Senior Spotlight December 2022: Meet Twins Nathan and Ryan Kocheran



What are the benefits of being a twin?

Nathan Kocheran: The benefits of being a twin is that you always have someone to do things with and to be by your side. You have a built-in best friend. You also have someone you can compete with and/or use as inspiration to work harder. Our parents have always encouraged us to find our own paths, but as it turns out, Ryan and I have been drawn to many of the same interests. It's been nice to have someone with whom you can try out new things, celebrate, or commiserate. Just having someone going through many of the same things you are who understands what you are feeling and experiencing is so helpful. Sometimes you don't have to say anything, the other just knows how you are feeling.

Ryan Kocheran: Having a twin comes with a lot of benefits. We are always there for each other to listen, to encourage (or bust each other's chops), to go places and do things with. When we were younger, there was always a playmate around or someone to scheme with when you were up to no good.

How do you think your school experience is different than your peers since you are a twin?

Ryan Kocheran: My experience in school has been different from my peers because I have always had someone at home who has shared in most of the same events. My twin Nathan is always there to help me with homework, studying for tests, navigating new school years, problems with friends, dealing with disappointments, etc. We help each other with difficult assignments and give each other advice. We also give each other insight about classes the other has taken or teachers we have had.

How are you different from your brother?

Nathan Kocheran: I've always been the taller twin. I tend to think things through more (sometimes too much), while Ryan can be more impulsive. Ryan is well-organized, while I am more of a free-for-all type of person. Ryan is pretty stubborn and firm in his beliefs, while I tend to be more open to change and flexible.

Ryan Kocheran: I am better in every aspect than my brother. Seriously though, Nate is more level-headed. You can reason with him, me not so much - just ask our parents. Nate is more adventurous with trying new foods.



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What do you want people to know about Ewing High School that they might not know?

Ryan Kocheran: Ewing High School is filled with amazing people. So many genuinely good people with diverse backgrounds, interests and talents.

What activities do you participate in school?

Nathan Kocheran: I'm in the National Honor Society and a three sport athlete in ice hockey, lacrosse, and golf.

Ryan Kocheran: I participate in three-sports: Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, and Golf. The hockey team is part of a cooperative program with Lawrence and Hightstown high schools. I am also a member of the National Honor Society. This semester, I am in the Unified Gym Class, which has been a really fun and special experience.

What activities do you participate in outside of school?

Nathan Kocheran: I participate in DeMolay outside of school. I also play on a travel ice hockey team with the Princeton Youth Hockey organization. I am passionate about ice hockey and I have played for the past 12 years. I volunteer in a few programs that teach beginner hockey to new players - I want others to feel as excited about the sport as I do. I also enjoy playing golf with friends. I have worked during the past few summers as a camp counselor at two different area day camps.

Ryan Kocheran: Outside of school I have played travel Ice Hockey for 12 years. I have played with the Lawrence Flames and now for the Princeton Youth Hockey organization. I also volunteer with a couple of local programs that help young kids develop their ice skating and hockey skills. I really enjoy working to help grow interest and participation in the sport. I also belong to the local chapter of DeMolay International. For the past couple of summers, I have worked as a camp counselor at local area day camps. I enjoy being outside and creating a memorable summer experience for the campers.

Tell us about your experience playing travel ice hockey and on a coop ice hockey high school team?

Nathan Kocheran: Playing travel and co-op high school hockey has allowed me to meet and make many friends from other schools, establish connections throughout the state, and create lots of memories from travels within New Jersey and states as far away as Massachusetts and Virginia. I've been lucky enough to get a lot of playing time as an underclassman on the co-op team and have learned valuable lessons from past seniors on the team. Now in my final season, I'm excited to try and pass along some of my experience and knowledge to younger teammates. The hockey community is a tight-knit group and I appreciate the sense of community and family that we have with each other.



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Ryan Kocheran: Playing for the co-op hockey team is definitely an interesting experience. Not a lot of people at the school know that we have an ice hockey team. We play our games at the Mercer County Park rink. The team brings together players from three area high schools so it's different from your typical high school team where everyone is from the same school. We are fortunate to have the co-op as it allows us to play the sport we love even though there aren't enough players to make up a team within just our high school. Because I've played travel hockey in the area for so many years, I already knew the coach and most of the players from the other high schools before joining the team. As players, we share a unique bond. While we play together as a team during the hockey season, many of us also play other sports where we compete against each other during the rest of the school year.

What are your goals this upcoming high school hockey season?

Nathan Kocheran: My goals for this high school hockey season are to continue to develop and improve as a player but also as a leader and teammate. I would like for the team to get some wins and for me I would like to score some goals as well. It's our last season together and I want to have some memorable moments and good times.

Ryan Kocheran: I'd like to make it a fun last season with my friends and teammates. Netting a few goals would be nice, too.

What awards or acknowledgments have you received in school or outside of school?

Nathan Kocheran: I was inducted into the National Honor Society. I was a team captain on last year's lacrosse team. I have been an alternate captain on my travel teams for the past several years.

Ryan Kocheran: In school I have made the honor roll and principal's honor a number of times. I have been recognized as one of the top freshman Ice Hockey players by NJ.com. Last year, I made the All CVC Second-Team for the 2021-2022 ice hockey season.

Who is your favorite teacher or coach and why?

Nathan Kocheran: My favorite coach was Mr. Rinaldi, who coached the school's lacrosse team for the past few seasons. I never had a chance to take a class with him as a teacher, but I would regularly stop by his room during the school week to talk to him for a few minutes, usually about lacrosse and plans for practice or upcoming games. He helped me build up my confidence both on and off the field.

Ryan Kocheran: I am really enjoying physics this semester with Mr. Halpern. I find it challenging and at times frustrating, but Mr. Halpern is very passionate in his teaching and makes the material fun and understandable.

What is your favorite memory of high school to date?

Nathan Kocheran: My favorite memory from school to date is nabbing our first win in the last game of the lacrosse season my sophomore year against JP Stevens. The team was made up of mostly new to the sport players and the season was tough. It was nice to end on a good note and build momentum for the next season.



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Ryan Kocheran: My favorite memory from high school is scoring my first goal of my freshman hockey season.

Who or what has impacted your life in a positive way?

Nathan Kocheran: My parents have had a tremendous impact on my life. Whether it was getting me to places I needed to be on time, making sure I had the tools and skills to do what needed to be done, or giving me advice and support, I wouldn't be where I am today without them. They may be hard on me at times and slightly annoying, but I know they do what they do to make me the best person and version of myself I can be.

How do you define success?

Nathan Kocheran: For me, I define success as achieving your personal goals, whatever they may be, however they may change. I think uncertainty and failure are necessary to achieve and appreciate success. Everyone has their own definition of life goals, so there are many different interpretations of success.

Ryan Kocheran: I define success as being able to contribute in a positive way, living life in a way that makes you happy and proud, and being surrounded by a good support system.



What are your plans after you graduate from Ewing High School?

Nathan Kocheran: I am still trying to figure out what I want to do after I graduate from Ewing High School. There are still so many things that I am unsure and nervous about with regards to the next step in my life, but all the teachers, counselors, and staff at EHS have been supportive and helpful every step of the way. I am applying to several local schools as well as a few out of state universities. I am undecided about a major or eventual career. I have a lot of varied interests and look forward to exploring different

classes, learning new things, and figuring it all out.

Ryan Kocheran: I plan to go to college after high school graduation. I am undecided about a major, but I am leaning towards business or sports management.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years from now?

Nathan Kocheran: In 10 years I hope to have found a job/career that I enjoy, that I am surrounded by family and friends, continuing to grow and learn new things, and giving back to the community.

Ryan Kocheran: Honestly, I don't know where I will be in 10 years. I hope I am healthy, happy, and still in touch with my friends. I hope my golf game has improved and I would love to find a way to stay involved with ice hockey and lacrosse.

What is your favorite quote or book?

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Nathan Kocheran: My favorite book is Hatchet by Gary Paulsen.

Ryan Kocheran: My favorite quote is “Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” - Benjamin Franklin.

What do you want people to remember about you after you graduate from high school?

Nathan Kocheran: I would like to be remembered as kind, funny, and someone who owned their own feelings and thoughts - good, bad, or indifferent.

Ryan Kocheran: I want people to remember me as a good and kind person.