



VIKING NAVIGATOR

**EVERGREEN LOCAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NEW YEAR, NEW NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to the first issue of the Viking Navigator! As most already know, Dan Williams, publisher of the Evergreen Community News, recently retired ending the production of the community newspaper. In order to keep residents of the Evergreen Local School District informed of the many events and happenings within the schools and community, the district will now be producing its own newsletter. The Viking Navigator is scheduled to be printed and mailed quarterly to each resident of the district. During the months in-between mailed newsletters, a digital update will be available online located on the district's website at: <http://evergreen.k12.oh.us/>. Join us as we set sail on this new adventure! We hope you find the Viking Navigator informative and easy to read. See you soon at one of our many events.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



By Eric Smola, Superintendent

It's hard to believe the school year is more than half over; as they say, time flies when you're having fun! I am often asked, how is my transition to Evergreen and how do I like it? I always smile as I respond because Evergreen is a great community, and I truly appreciate being a part of this district. From my short time here, I have found the families of Evergreen to be supportive, caring, and very close knit. My family has been

warmly received and my daughters, who attend EMS, have been easily welcomed while making friends with some outstanding kids. It was immediately evident that Evergreen Schools have great, dedicated, and passionate teachers that create and promote a positive learning environment. Our staff works hard for students, and they care that our kids are safe and successful. I look forward to a great second half of the school year and the continuous student improvement for the Vikings in our district.

DISTRICT WEBSITE

For additional information and up-to-date schedules, visit:

Evergreen.k12.oh.us

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HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Congratulations to Ron Whitehead on his recent retirement from Evergreen Local Schools! Throughout his 30 years of employment, Whitehead served as a bus driver, mechanic, and as the district's Transportation Supervisor. Whitehead is looking forward to spending more time with family, especially his wife, Brenda, three daughters, and grandchildren.



FISCAL REPORT

By Denise Leu, Treasurer



December 31, 2018 marked the half-way point of Fiscal Year 2019, and as of that date, the district's General Fund cash balance stood at \$11,029,725. Currently, fiscal year-to-date revenues are running slightly above this same time last year, and year-to-date expenditures are on target with the amounts budgeted. The General Fund functions much like our household accounts; it pays the district's day-to-

day operating expenditures including, but not limited to, payroll, classroom supplies and equipment, technology, utilities, maintenance of the buildings, grounds, bus fleet, fuel, and the various contracted special education services for our students. Some items the General Fund does not pay for include debt service, food service, and athletics, all of which have separate funds and sources of revenue.

★ EVERGREEN LOCAL SCHOOLS FUN FACTS DID YOU KNOW:



2019-2020 CALENDAR

August 12	Teacher In-Service Workday
August 13	Teacher Workday
August 14	First Student Day
August 30	NO SCHOOL for Students District In-Service Day
September 2	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
September 3	NO SCHOOL – Fair Day
October 2	Parent / Teacher Conferences
October 3	Parent / Teacher Conferences
October 4	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day
October 18	End of First Quarter
November 27 – 29	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
December 20	End of First Semester
Dec 23 - Jan. 2	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
January 3	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday
January 6	First Day of 2nd Semester
January 20	NO SCHOOL - MLK, Jr. Day
February 14	NO SCHOOL for Students Teacher In-Service Day
February 17	NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day
March 13	End of Third Quarter
March 16 - 20	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
April 10	NO SCHOOL
May 17	Commencement Ceremony
May 21	Last Student Day DISMISS 1-HOUR EARLY
May 22	Teacher Workday

Student makeup days if necessary:
May 26, 27, 28, 29

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS OFFICER POSITIONS OPEN

The Evergreen Athletic Boosters are in need of officers for the 2019-2020 school year, including the role of president. Officers can be ANY parent with children in any building (high school, middle or elementary), alumni, or anyone who just wants to be involved. If you have been thinking about stepping up, or know someone who might, please contact the current president, Michelle Herr at 419-466-3760. If no one steps into these officer positions, the Athletic Boosters are in danger of disbanding and the strong tradition of student-athlete support will be lost. Please consider volunteering.

WEATHER DECISIONS

By Eric Smola, Superintendent

To start on time, delay, or close...
That is the question!

One of the most anticipated and scrutinized decisions I have to make as superintendent is how to handle inclement weather and the decision to delay or close school. The safety of students is always the number one priority. There is, however, the obligation to educate students, and that only happens when they are in school.

So how are weather decisions made? The first Evergreen bus hits the road at approximately 6:15 am, so it is important to have a decision made and the public notified by 5:45 am. In order to make a decision, the following information is collected:

- Drive the roads to explore road conditions in the eastern and western ends of the district
- Assess conditions on campus
- Check conditions in neighboring districts
- Weather updates and forecasts from local news channels

The small window of time and the unpredictable nature of weather, especially fog, makes this a difficult process.

In the event of a school delay or closing, an electronic blast will be sent to all student homes, posted on all major news networks, and on the Evergreen web page.

2018-19 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Kindergarten Registration
Feb 4 - 8, Elem Bldg
from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
- 8th Grade HS Orientation
Thurs, Feb 7, EHS gym
- No School - Teacher In-Service
Fri, Feb 15
- No School - President's Day
Mon, Feb 18
- MS & HS Parent-Teacher
Conferences, 3:00-7:00 pm
- ELEM - MVP Movie Night
Fri, Feb 22 (time TBA)
- HS Class Ring Order Day
Fri, Feb 22, EHS lunches
- HS - ACT test for all EHS Juniors
Tues, Feb 26
- ELEM Spring Picture Day
Thurs, Feb 28
- HS Band Concert
Mon, March 4, 7:00 pm
- MS Spring Picture Day
Tues, March 5
- MS/HS Scholastic Book Fair
March 7-13, Media Center
- ELEM School Fair
March 8, 5:00 - 8:00 pm
- HS Mid-Winter Choral Concert
Tues, March 12, 7:00 pm
MS gym
- ELEM Spring Choir Concert
Gr 3, 4 & 5
Thurs, March 14, 6:30 pm

PUBLIC WELCOME

EHS Parent-Teacher Conferences are Thursday, February 21, from 3:00-7:30 pm. Teachers are unavailable from 5:00-5:45 pm for dinner. Healthy Choices Caring Communities will also present "Hidden in Plain Sight" from 6:00-7:30 pm in the HS cafeteria. Plain Sight is a teen bedroom display providing clues to help parents better determine if their child might be using drugs or alcohol. All community members are welcome.

COURSE SCHEDULING

Students are scheduling classes for 2019-2020 school year. Current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are in the process of meeting with Mrs. Roper, school counselor, to review course descriptions and options. Students are asked to discuss their course selections with their parents, follow the teacher signature requirements, and submit requests into Powerschool by the deadlines discussed at their class meetings.

QUIZ TEAM CHAMPIONS!

by Bill Blanchong, EHS Quiz Team Coach

The EHS Quiz Team took first place at the Fulton County Quiz Team Tournament on December 3, 2018. This victory qualifies the team for the regional Ohio Academic Championship in April. Scoring for the Vikings were Tournament MVP Adam Dumas, as well as Chandler Ruetz, Jacob Baranowski, Kamryn Ruetz, Emma Fritsch, Augie Tipping, Dustin Stubleski, Trevor Cobb, and Katie Wheeler. Upcoming events for the Quiz Team include the Fulton-Henry County tournament, and the NAQT

national qualifier at Pettisville High School on Saturday, March 2. Good Luck Quiz team!



MUSIC DONATION RECEIVED

Thank you William Newcomb, grade 11, for donating \$200 to the Evergreen Music Boosters. As part of his American government community service project, William sold t-shirts with "Divided by Section, United in Harmony" design to fellow band members and supporters. According to Mr. Lyons, band director, the funds William raised will go toward purchasing new percussion supplies.



ALL JUNIORS WILL TAKE ACT

All EHS juniors will take the college entrance exam, ACT, at no cost, on Tuesday, February 26 at Evergreen High School. Testing includes students attending Four County Career Center. A remediation-free score on the ACT is one pathway to meet graduation requirements if the 18 end-of-course-exam points are not earned. Attendance is especially critical this day, please do not schedule any doctor or orthodontist appointments during the morning hours. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

SADD MEMBERS VOLUNTEER

by Morgan Foster, student, gr 10

Members of the EHS club, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), volunteered their time at the Lucas County Children Services (LCCS)/Friends of LCCS Halloween Trunk-or-Treat event the end of October. Students volunteered their time on a rainy Saturday to pass out gloves, hygiene products, and candy to more than 2,500 children and their families. This event greatly helped families while giving an amazing community experience to SADD members that participated. According to the participants, this experience filled their hearts with joy and showed them just how much of an impact students can make on someone's life. Volunteer Savannah Pontious, said "I really loved volunteering for Trunk-or-Treat. It was such a great experience. The kid's faces were lighting up as we were handing them much needed hygiene items and candy. It was such a great time because it made me light up inside to see those kids get the items that they needed." Lucas County Children Services was also thankful for the help and sent a letter to Evergreen expressing their gratitude. They wrote, "We were very grateful to see support and hard work from the student volunteers." Several thank you's also came from the children and parents who participated in the event. It was a lot of fun for everyone involved.



SADD members volunteer at LCCS Trunk-or-Treat.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

- End of 3rd Quarter
Fri, March 15
- No School - Spring Break
March 18 - 22
- District Art Show
April 5 & 6, 5:30 - 7:15 pm
- EVG Musical Production
April 5 & 6, 7:30 pm
MS gym
- No School - Fri, April 19
- HS Prom at Holland Gardens
Sat, May 4, 7:00-11:00 pm
- MS & HS Choral Concert
Gr 6-12, Mon, May 6
7:00 pm, MS Gym
- 6 Grade Camp
May 7 - May 10
Camp Palmer
- HS Spring Band Concert
Thurs, May 9, 7:00 pm
- Last Day of Kindergarten
Fri, May 17
- Kindergarten Screenings
May 20, 21, & 22
By appointment
- HS Music Awards
Mon, May 20, 6:15 pm
- Student Last Day
Thurs, May 23,
1-Hr Early Dismiss
- HS Commencement
Sun, May 26, 2:00 pm
HS gym

8TH GRADE ORIENTATION NIGHT AT EHS

Evergreen High School's Eighth Grade Student/Parent Orientation Night Thursday, February 7 at 6:00 pm, in the high school gym. During the meeting, all registration materials for attending EHS during the 2019-2020 school year will be distributed and reviewed. This meeting is very important in order for students to create their ninth-grade schedule as well as their four-year educational plan. Graduation and state testing requirements will also be discussed.

CONGRATULATIONS HONOR STUDENTS

Congratulations students for achieving good grades and being named to the Honor Roll and Merit Lists for second quarter. In all, 515 students across the district achieved this honor:

- HS = 188 Honor Roll students
76 Merit List students
- MS = 135 Honor Roll students
- ELEM= 116 All A students

For complete lists, visit the Evergreen website at: evergreen.k12.oh.us



*MS students
enjoying their
Honor Roll
award*

EMS WINS AWARDS

Evergreen Middle School is awarded two distinguished awards; the Overall A Award and the Momentum Award. The Overall A Award is presented by the Ohio Department of Education and is based on the high marks EMS received on its state report card. EMS is recognized for demonstrating high academic performance for students of every background and ability level. "We are the only middle school in Fulton County to receive an Overall A Award, says Mr. Zabowski, EMS principal. "Less than 10 percent of Ohio Schools, grades K through 12, received this award – we have much to be proud of!" he added. Granted by Ohio's State Board of Education, the Momentum Award is given to EMS for receiving A's on every Value-Added measure included on the Ohio State Report Card.

According to the award criteria, this means EMS is committed to its student's success by ensuring students exceed the growth expectations in English language arts and mathematics while maintaining and motivating high-



quality leaders and staff needed to make this happen. This is the third consecutive year EMS has been recognized with this distinction.

STUDENT WELLBEING

"We are more than just textbooks and tests," says Mr. Zabowski when discussing the three small group opportunities available to EMS students; ROX, TYRO/RIDGE, and Boys Club. Each group has a different criteria and selection process, is enrolled by parent permission, and focuses primarily on life choices. "Middle school years can be brutal, and at EMS we tend not only to our students' academic needs, but to their emotional, behavioral, and technological needs as well in order to be successful young adults," Mr. Zabowski explained. The mission of ROX, Ruling Our Experiences, equips girls with the knowledge and skills necessary to live healthy, independent, and violence-free lives. ROX is available through a partnership with the Fulton County Health Department and Fulton County Job and Family Services. TYRO/RIDGE is a co-ed group designed to teach refusal skills, risky behavior avoidance, healthy choices, having healthy relationships, and presented by The RIDGE Project. Sixth grade males begin a new program, Boys Club, January 28 presented by the Fulton County Health Department in partnership with Fulton County Job and Family Services. The goal of this all-male program is to help them develop and strengthen their abilities to positively impact their school and community while having fun with their peers.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Evergreen Elementary School is accepting kindergarten registrations for the 2019-2020 school year February 4 - 8 from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm. Parents may come to the elementary office to register, child does not need to be present to register. During registration, parents will make an appointment for their child's screening during the month of May. State law requires kindergarten attendance prior to first grade. In order to attend kindergarten in 2019-2020, children must be five years of age on or before August 1, 2019.

Documents required for registration:

- Child's birth certificate
- Child's immunization records
- Custody papers if applicable
- Proof of residency in the Evergreen School District



Verification documents accepted are: (*only one needed*)

1. Valid driver's license or photo state ID card with current address in the district
2. Copy of the deed, escrow papers, or lease/rental agreement for your residence in the district
3. Copy of a current utility bill/deposit receipt (phone, gas or electric), or a current active bank statement that includes your name and address.

Call the elementary office at 419-644-9221 with questions.

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

Early childhood developmental screenings for children ages 0 to five years are available this spring. Screenings are free and enable parents to gain insight on their child's overall growth and development. Children do not need to attend this event if they will be entering kindergarten or are currently enrolled in early intervention or preschool through their local school district or NwOESC. Screenings examine vision, hearing, speech, language, fine and gross motor skills, physical growth, and social/emotional milestones.

To make a screening appointment:

- Step 1: Complete Ages Stages questionnaire online at <https://www.awqonline.com/family/f34be3>
- Step 2: Receive an appointment phone call from area code 567
- Call 567-444-4818 if online access does not exist.

Screening dates and locations are:

- February 25 & March 25, 2019 at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish
2649 US HWY 20, Swanton, OH
- April 1, 2019 at Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center
205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH
- April 8, 2019 at Crossroads Evangelical Church
845 E Leggett St, Wauseon, OH

OUTSIDE RECESS

Parents are reminded that elementary students have outside recess everyday as long as the windchill and/or temperature stays above 20 degrees Fahrenheit. Students need snow boots and snow pants to play in chilly temperatures, especially if there is snow on the ground. For students in need, hats and gloves are available in the office and will be given out one time only. Please make sure your child is prepared for outside recess during winter weather.

CHOIR TO PERFORM AT WALLEYE GAME

The elementary choir will perform at the Toledo Walleye hockey game on Friday, March 1, at the Huntington Center. Game time is 7:15 pm against the Wheeling Nailers. The choir will sing the National Anthem at the opening of the game as well as perform two more pieces during intermission. The 134 member choir of third, fourth, and fifth graders is under the direction of music teacher, Jonathan Torrence. Part of the ticket proceeds go back to Evergreen Local School programs.

To purchase event tickets, visit: toledoWalleye.com/evergreenchoir



The Community Bulletin Board

- College Planning Event hosted by Northwest State Community College, Sun, Feb 20, 2-4:00 pm
Topics include: applying for financial aid, submitting college applications, selecting a major, and more. For info: <https://northweststate.edu/events>
- ELEM Father/Daughter Dance
Sponsored by EHS After-Prom
Thurs, Feb 14, 6-8:00 pm
- Assumption Sportsman's Night, presented by Assumption Education Foundation on Sat, March 2, Fulton County Junior Fair Bldg, doors open at 5:30
For info contact 419-467-7816
- Casino Bus Trip to Greektown Casino in Detroit, MI.
Sponsored by EHS After-Prom
Sat, March 23. Bus departs from Metamora. Must be 21 yrs.
For ticket info call: 419-351-3274
- Music Boosters Reverse Raffle
Sat, March 30, Lyons Grill (formerly VFW) \$40 each includes dinner & chance to win \$1,000. For ticket info contact 419-367-2326 or email: jecca1030@gmail.com
- Village of Lyons Council Meetings: Feb 4, March 4, April 1, 7:00 pm at the Village Hall
- Evergreen Board of Education Meetings: Feb 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 24, July 15 at 6:00 pm, at EHS
- Village of Metamora Council meetings: Feb 20 at 8:00 pm, March 4 at 7:00 pm, March 18 at 8:00 pm, at Municipal Bldg
- Health Care Camp at Fulton County Health Center on Sun, April 7, 1-4:30 pm for teens interested in pursuing a career in health care. Free event but pre-registration is required by contacting: mgautz@fulthealth.org or 419-330-2695

To add your community event to the Bulletin Board, email Jennifer Conrad at: jconrad@evgvikings.org



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