



VIKING NAVIGATOR

EVERGREEN LOCAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Strategic Planning - *By Eric Smola, Superintendent*

Evergreen Local School District's solid academics, financial stability, and supportive community are reasons I decided to take the superintendent position in 2018. Today, I believe these factors, with the addition of great students and staff, are still the District's biggest assets. When I accepted the role of superintendent, I made a promise to continue leading the District forward and to improve our "B" rating on the State of Ohio Report Card.

In order to ensure future success for our students, I believe we must be open to change and develop improvements. The saying, "We've done it this way for 20 years and it's worked out all right," does not measure up in today's competitive and evolving world of education. In order to assess our current strengths and weaknesses, school administrators coordinated a year-long comprehensive evaluation of the District, which included a Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat (SWOT) analysis, internal and external surveys, as well as staff and community member meetings. The findings are listed below.

According to our research, the District's strengths are its dedicated teachers and staff, providing a safe environment for our students, our strong connection to the community, our updated facilities, and high academic expectations of our students. The weaknesses that were unveiled include a need for better communication, a desire for a performing arts facility, additional academic programming at the high school, and more proactive measures to combat bullying.

Obviously we can do better, and "all right" has never been good enough. My goal is to move our District from a "B" ranking to an "A" on the State of Ohio Report Card and achieve the distinction of EXCELLENT. How? We have designed a Strategic Plan and identified five areas of improvement: academics, culture, engagement, facilities, and student supports. The Strategic Plan can be viewed on our District website beginning November 1, entitled "The Viking Compass: Navigating Excellence."

The goals of the Strategic Plan are to increase student opportunities, improve student preparedness for the future, and to improve the overall student experience while at Evergreen. Join me as we embark on this new endeavor to strengthen Evergreen Local Schools and shore up our future as an EXCELLENT Ohio school district.

OUR VIKING CREED



Mission Statement:

*Building on Tradition
Committed to Excellence
Cultivating the Future*

Vision Statement:

*Creating innovative pathways
that empower students to
positively impact the world.*

Core Belief Statements:

- We are dedicated to our students, our most valuable resource.
- We respect all individuals in our school and community.
- We appreciate that each person has a unique purpose.
- We recognize the unlimited potential in every student.
- We empower students to make responsible decisions.
- We strive to develop strong character in each student.
- We promote empathy and compassion for others.
- We value family and community.
- We are committed to the safety of our students.

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2019 DISTRICT REPORT CARD

B

District Grade

District Overview

Districts and schools report information for the Ohio School Report Cards on specific marks of performance, called measures, within broad categories called components. They receive grades for up to ten measures and six components.

For more information regarding Evergreen's report card, go to www.evgvikings.org under the "What's New" tab.

Achievement

The Achievement Component represents whether student performance on state tests met established thresholds and how well students performed on tests overall. A new indicator measures chronic absenteeism.

C

Component Grade

Progress

The Progress component looks closely at the growth that all students are making based on their past performances.

A

Component Grade

Gap Closing

The Gap Closing component shows how well schools are meeting the performance expectations for our most vulnerable students in English language arts, math, graduation and English language proficiency.

A

Component Grade

Graduation Rate

The Graduation Rate component looks at the percent of students who are successfully finishing high school with a diploma in four or five years.

A

Component Grade

Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers

This component looks at how successful the school is at improving at-risk K-3 readers.

B

Component Grade

Prepared for Success

Whether training in a technical field or preparing for work or college, the Prepared for Success component looks at how well prepared Ohio's students are for all future opportunities.

D

Component Grade

By Dolores Swineford, Assistant Superintendent & Curriculum Director

The Ohio Department of Education releases local district reports each September to give parents, communities, and educators information about the performance of districts and schools. This provides districts the opportunities to celebrate success and identify areas of improvement. Six components are measured on the local report card: Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing, Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers, Graduation Rate, and Prepared for Success. Our district and school buildings earn a letter grade for each component. These components provide the community with a snapshot of the quality of education our district and schools are providing to Evergreen students. Although districts may have the same overall grade, no two districts are the exact same in Ohio. It is important that we analyze each district's local report card through a critical lens. As a district, we should ask ourselves two important questions: "What are we doing well?" and "Where do we need to improve?"

How did Evergreen Local Schools perform on the 2019 local district report card? The district's overall grade remained the same as last year with a B. Our six component grades also remained the same as 2018 with Achievement: C, Progress: A, Gap Closing: A, Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers: B, Graduation Rate: A, and Prepared for Success: D. When digging in deeper within each component, our district has several successes. Evergreen experienced increases in performance index, indicators met, 4-yr graduation rate, improving at-risk K-3 readers, and prepared for success. While our district and buildings experienced successes, we must also identify areas of weakness. As a district, we did not meet the gifted indicator and decreased in the 5-yr graduation rate. Additionally, the district received eight deductions in the Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers component. Through various action steps, we are working diligently to ensure each Evergreen student reaches his/her fullest potential and experiences success while attending our district and beyond. For more information on both our district and individual school building local report cards, please go to www.evgvikings.org. Look for "An In-depth Analysis of Evergreen Local Schools 2019 Local District Report Card" under the "What's New" tab.

VIKING SPIRIT WEAR FOR SALE

Looking for new Viking spirit gear? The online sale is going on now and can be found at https://stores.inksoft.com/evergreen_vikings/shop/home. Items include t-shirts, hoodies, sweatpants, and stocking hats. Adult and child sizes are available. Items will make great holiday gifts! Hurry, sale ends November 4.

IN MEMORY OF BILL STECK

Bill Steck taught at Evergreen Local Schools for 40 years where he also served as athletic director and coached football, baseball, boys basketball, girls softball, and girls basketball. He retired from Evergreen in 2005. Although his first love was his family, in his heart he was forever a Viking. Steck passed away in April 2019. To honor his dedication to the students and athletes of Evergreen Local Schools, a bench has been donated in his name and sits outside the school's baseball and softball fields. The bench was donated by Bev and Gregg Simon.



SIERAH JOUGHIN REMEMBERED

A tree dedication ceremony took place in September on the grounds of EHS in memory of Sierah Joughin, Class of 2014. The day was filled with students and staff wearing purple, Sierah's favorite color. All across the NWOAL that evening, high school volleyball teams honored KOGS (Keeping Our Girls Safe) to promote an environment where violence against women does not exist. At Evergreen, Josh Kolasinski, president of KOGS, announced free self-defense classes would be given to all volleyball teams in the NWOAL as well as to all EHS female students. In addition, KOGS will be donating Career Boards for the EHS volleyball teams to be displayed on the east wall of the gym highlighting athlete milestones. Thank you KOGS!



FFA FRUIT SALE

The Evergreen FFA Annual Fruit Sale is now underway! Items include fruit, meats and cheeses, nuts, BBQ sauces, honey, and pre-roasted frozen turkeys. The sale ends November 8. To place an order, please contact an FFA member or the Ag Office at 419-644-2951, ext. 1163.

COMMUNITY WELCOME TO ATTEND!



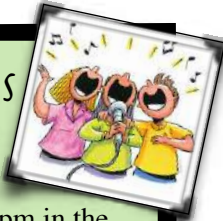
Veterans Day Program

All are welcome to attend this year's Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 8, 2019. The event will begin at 1:30 pm in the Evergreen High School gym and will include guest speakers, music, and presentations. The District's kindergarten through 12th grade students are looking forward to hosting this special day of honor. A Veterans Day Art Show has been included in this year's festivities.

FFA PROVIDES HELP FOR THANKSGIVING

If you know of a community member or family in need of the fixings for Thanksgiving dinner, the FFA will help. FFA will provide an uncooked turkey, stuffing, apple sauce, cranberries, vegetables, milk, butter, rolls, juice, and pie. Please provide the name and address of the family in need by contacting the Ag Office at 419-644-2951, ext. 1163 by November 6. All requests will remain anonymous. In addition, if anyone would like to donate items, call the Ag Office as soon as possible.

JUST DESSERTS



Just Desserts is November 8 at 7:00 pm in the EMS gym and features EHS Chorale members performing solos, duets and small groups of Broadway, pop, country, and classic tunes. The EHS Jazz Band will also perform. Intermission includes a dessert bar. Tickets are \$5 each (4yrs. and younger are free) and may be purchased by contacting Luke Rosen, choir director, at LRosen@evgvikings.org.

READING BUDDIES

Throughout the season, EHS football players volunteer their time at EES to help students practice their reading skills.



GIRLS BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

Basketball season may not have started yet, but the EHS Lady Vikings continue to be positive influences in the community and with the District's female youth. Throughout the year, high school team members serve as mentors by reading with elementary students, attending junior high sporting events, and hosting various skill clinics to engage younger athletes while promoting teamwork. Recently, girls in grades five through twelve took part in an independent summer shooting challenge. Those that reached the goal received a special t-shirt and had their names printed on a poster outside the gym that includes their name, graduation year, and total shots made for the summer. Congratulations to the following girls: Grades 5 & 6 with 1,000 shots are Lanae Manz, Sydney Bull, Avery Emmitt, Norah Angel, and Lyla Radel. Grades 7 & 8 with 1,500 shots are Brooke Sintobin, Ella Burgermeister, Brookelyn Gleckler, Addie Ricker, Rachael Hoffman, Reagan Radel, Courtney Robertson, Katie Hoffman, Macy Chamberlin, Kennedy Emmitt, Taylor Johnson, Beth Sintobin, Lissa Roesti, Anna Abec, Ireland Smallman, and Sophia Goodson. Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12 with 2,000 shots are Skylee Raker, Paige Radel, Brianna Sintobin, Jessica Riggs, Rebekah Bowser, Lucy Serna, Gracie Boger, Jocelyn, Schuster, Madalynn Peluso, Jordan Lumbrezer, Naomi Brand, Nicole Brand, Kennedi Keifer, and Savannah VanOstrand.



NHS VOLUNTEERS AT RMH



Members of the EHS National Honor Society and their advisor, Doug DeSloover, volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House's OctABer Fest. During the Saturday event NHS members weighed-in and collected pull tabs, painted faces, served various snacks, and helped with the petting zoo. The Ronald McDonald House provides housing to families whose child/dren require specialized medical care in Toledo. With the money earned by recycling pull tabs, the Ronald McDonald House Charities is able to provide meals to the house guests at no charge.

BILLBOARD DESIGN WINNERS

Three EHS art students were recently awarded for their entries in the Teen Distracted Driving Billboard Contest sponsored by Fulton County Safe Communities and State Farm Insurance. Brooklyn McCracken won second place while the team of Joe Mitchey and Mackenzie Mitchey took third place. The students were recognized at the October Evergreen Board of Education meeting.

FACELIFT TO FOOTBALL PRESS BOX

The football press box recently received an update and new Pifer Field signage painted by members of the EHS Art Club.



CONGRATS EMS VOLLEYBALL!

EMS recently hosted the JoeZ-MoJack Classic Volleyball Tournament. Seven teams competed in each of the 7th and 8th grade contests. Participating teams included Swanton, Fassett A & B, Otsego, Ottawa Hills, Fairview, and Evergreen. After a full day of competition, both the EMS 7th grade and 8th grade teams were awarded second place in the tournament. Congratulations!



▲ EMS 7th Grade Volleyball Team



▲ EMS 8th Grade Volleyball Team

MATH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

New this school year is the sixth grade math Student of the Month program. One sixth grade student from each class period is recognized for his/her academic performance, strong effort, upstanding character, and respectful behavior in the classroom. Academic performance includes not only a student's grades, but class participation, self-motivation, and improvement as well. Student effort must be displayed by working hard continuously and overcoming any obstacles. Character traits include displaying initiative, being responsible, honest, compassionate, and optimistic. Student behavior includes a willingness to help peers, having no detentions, and respecting everyone in the classroom. Congratulations to the August and September awardees!



▲ August 6th Grade Math Students of the Month (L to R): Brycen Bolger; Lindsey Hendricks, Bailey Lumbrezer, Andrew Bettinger, and John Mitro.



▲ September 6th Grade Math Students of the Month (L to R): Beth Sintobin, Lissa Roesti, Monica Marvet, Joshua Lazenby, and Kennedy Grabarczyk.

ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

EMS art students complete many works throughout the year. According to Deb Bard, art teacher, Artists of the Week are chosen for going above and beyond the assignment requirements, using exceptional technique and creativity, and producing a unique and well executed piece.



▲ Breann Chovanec, Surrealism Combination



▲ Caden Beier, 1-Point Cityscape



▲ Jada Blanchard, 1-Point Cityscape



▲ Sienna Cundik, 1-Point Cityscape

GRANDPARENTS ARE SPECIAL!



First graders celebrated their grandparents in September by welcoming them to EES, performing a short program, giving classroom tours, and enjoying snacks together. Both the students and the adults enjoyed spending time together.



METEOROLOGIST VISIT

Meteorologist Ryan Wichman from WTOL 11 spent an afternoon with third grade students discussing weather and technology.



CELEBRATING "H" WEEK

Kindergartners celebrated "H" week by taking a hike down the hill to the high school track where they were able to see the horns practicing in the marching band. While there, the kindergartners danced and hopped to the music, ran on the track, and were led down the football field by Mr. Chris Lyons, band director, while the band played the Evergreen fight song. Afterwards, the happy youngsters headed back to the elementary building where they had hotdogs and Hi-C in the hallway. Hip-Hip-Hooray!



3RD GRADE AG FEST VISIT

Third graders attended the Fulton County Ag Fest hosted by the Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District. Held at the Fulton County Fairgrounds, Ag Fest included third graders from all of Fulton County. The annual event featured nearly 20 different agriculture-related stations and provided educational and hands-on opportunities for students to learn about a variety of topics, including dairy, pork, bees, pollinators, rocks, poultry, alpacas, goats, bison, and more. Students received a free t-shirt, cinch bag, and lunch at the fest. Alexandra Gillen, EHS senior, was also on hand in her role as the Fulton County Pork Ambassador to help educate students regarding the pork industry.



VIKINGS ROW TOGETHER!

FIRE SAFETY WEEK

With the help from local fire departments and first responder teams, Elementary preschoolers and first graders received hands-on fire safety training. A fire truck and ambulance were both onsite so students could get up close and see how each vehicle operated. In addition, students were able to handle a fire hose, shoot water, and see personnel wearing their fire suits. One student was overheard saying the fireman resembled an alien. "And that is exactly why we are here!" exclaimed Larry Dunbar, retired Metamora-Amboy Volunteer Fire Department chief, "When firefighters are dressed in full gear and masks, kids often get scared and hide from them in emergency situations. The more comfortable we can make kids, the safer they will be."

In the event of a fire, students were reminded about the importance of fire detectors and having a household escape plan and a family meeting place in case of separation. Dialing 9-1-1 was also discussed and how critical it is for students to be able to recite their address over the phone.

In addition, hand-puppet Fireman Freddy, went over basic safety rules with the students which included: never to play around a stove or fireplace, never play with matches or lighters, stay away from burning candles, and if anyone ever smells smoke, to get low and go.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who make this yearly event possible.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Landon Husted



Landon Husted is a third grade student during the week and a nation-wide motocross competitor on the weekends. He

participates in the Grand National Cross County (GNCC) Series and earned himself a spot in the Rocky Mountain ATV/MC AMA Amateur Motocross Championship at the Loretta Lynn Ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee this past summer. Here he competed in the 51cc 7-8 class against 42 other racers from across the world. This is actually his second time at the coveted championship; his first was two years ago in 2017. In addition, Landon recently competed in the GNCC National Race in September where he placed first out of 64 other racers. According to his parents, Amy and Aaron Husted, Landon's goal is to continue competing at the national level and landing on the podium. Landon began riding when he was three years old. At age four he started competing and won his first race that year at Delta's Raceway. Mom says there is no place Landon would rather be than on his bike.



The Community Bulletin Board

- Evergreen Board of Education Meetings: November 18, and December 9 at 6:00 pm in EHS media center. Agendas and summaries are located at www.evgvikings.org.
- Evergreen golf teams fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on October 21 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm at the West Central Ave. location. See the website for a coupon to be presented when ordering. Proceeds benefit the EHS and EMS golf teams.
- High School Financial Aid Night on October 22 from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Franciscan Center at Lourdes University. High school seniors, interested underclassmen, and their families are encouraged to attend even if the students do not plan to attend Lourdes University. Financial aid staff will be available for questions. Free event.
- EHS Prom fundraiser at Panera Bread on October 24 from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at the West Central Ave. location. A second Prom fundraiser will take place at Chipotle on West Central Avenue on November 12 from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. See the website for coupons to be presented when ordering. Proceeds benefit the 2020 EHS Junior/Senior Prom.
- EES Monster Mash, presented by MVP, on October 25 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Evergreen Elementary. Free family event for elementary-age students to dress in costume, dance, and enjoy a festive Halloween environment.
- Village of Metamora Trick-or-Treat will be October 31, from 5:30-7:30 pm. A Children's Halloween Party will be held at the Metamora-Amboy Fire Station on Mill Street from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Area children and parents are invited.
- Lyons Seasonal Art & Craft Show on November 9, from 9:00-3:00 pm at Friendship Hall in Lyons.
- Sierah Strong Class is created to empower youth by providing self-awareness and self-defense techniques with the Finding F.O.C.U.S. class (Foundations Of Confidence Under Stress). Each child who attends the program receives a KidPrintID. Event takes place November 10 at West Side Montessori. To register for the class, visit www.justiceforsierah.org
 - 6-11 yr. old class at 1:00 pm
 - 12-16 yr. old class at 3:00 pm
- *Email jconrad@evgvikings.org to have your event added to the Community Bulletin Board.*

EVERGREEN ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Evergreen Athletic Boosters are individuals who provide support to the District's student athletes. These individuals include parents, alumni, or any community members who want to be involved. In the last year, the Athletic Boosters provided the funds to construct a new storage building for track equipment, as well as purchase EMS cheerleading uniforms, new football equipment, a tent for the cross-country teams, and provide registration money for team camps. THANK YOU!

Reverse Raffle Invitation

Please consider attending the Athletic Booster's Reverse Raffle on November 2 at 6:00 pm in Holy Trinity's Community Hall. Tickets are \$50 per person and includes dinner, drinks, and one raffle ticket. Over \$5,000 in prizes will be available. Ages 21 and over only. Call the EHS Main Office at 419-644-2951, ext. 1101, for tickets.

★ THANK YOU ★
HOEN'S ORCHARD

Evergreen Schools participated in the Great Lakes Apple Crunch Day. This special day encourages and celebrates the use of healthy, Ohio-grown foods in cafeterias across Ohio. Thank you Hoen's Orchard for donating the apples used for this event.



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