



VIKING NAVIGATOR

EVERGREEN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TEAMING UP WITH KOGS & REMEMBERING SIERAH JOUGHIN

Evergreen High School is emphasizing the importance of women's self-defense this fall by teaming up with KOGS, Keeping Our Girls Safe, in memory of Sierah Joughin, Class of 2014. An upcoming volleyball game will promote KOGS while a previously played soccer game also highlighted the organization. In addition, this fall all females in grades 9-12 will participate in a free self-defense class during the school day presented by KOGS.

On Tuesday, September 17, all the NWOAL volleyball games throughout the area will promote KOGS to further its mission in creating a community where violence against women doesn't exist. The Vikings will play Liberty Center at home that evening. Freshmen game starts at 4:45 pm with Junior Varsity and Varsity games following. Spectators from both Evergreen and Liberty Center are encouraged to wear purple in support of KOGS.

In addition to the volleyball game on September 17, a special dedication will take place in-between the Freshmen and Junior Varsity volleyball matches at approximately 5:30 pm. A tree in memory of Sierah Joughin, a Viking alumni volleyball player, has been planted near the athletic entrance and will be dedicated in her name. The public is welcome to attend this special ceremony. Special thank you to the Select Stone Company for donating the tree marker.

Throughout the months of September, October, November, and December, all EHS females will participate during the school day in a KOGS self-defense class, free of charge. The females will be split according to grade level and will soon be notified of the exact date and time of their specific scheduled class.

KOGS is a non-profit organization created in Sierah Joughin's memory that supports and provides free self-defense classes along with awareness and educational programs for women. KOGS instructors are highly trained police officers from both the Wauseon and Sylvania Police Departments.



Photos from the girl's soccer game featuring KOGS

BACK TO SCHOOL SMILES



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WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS!



Back Row, L to R: Heather Christensen, Brady Ruffer, Shane Bergman, and Luke Rosen.
Middle Row: Danielle Urbanski, Dolores Swineford, Megan Ansted, and Kristi Hennessy.
Front Row: Elizabeth Willitzer, Tori Wright, Jessica Root, and Adrian Meier.



▲ Janette Cooper



▲ Abby Pennington



▲ Elizabeth Niese



▲ Jason Leu

Heather Christensen
- 6th Gr. Eng/Language Arts

Brady Ruffer
- EMS Principal

Shane Bergman
- HS Intervention Specialist

Luke Rosen
- HS & MS Director of Choral Music

Danielle Urbanski
- Gr. 5 Science Teacher

Dolores Swineford
- Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum Director

Megan Ansted
- Attendance/Student Outreach

Kristi Hennessy
- HS Intervention Specialist



Elle Willitzer
- Kinderstart Teacher

Tori Wright
- EES Intervention Specialist

Jessica Root
- MS Intervention Specialist

Adrian (Meier) Lumbrezer
- HS Counselor

Jan Cooper
- HS Spanish Teacher

Abby Pennington
- MS Intervention Specialist

Liz Niese
- MS Intervention Specialist

Jason Leu
- HS Night Custodian

BENEFITS OF SCHOOL LUNCHES

By Chris Beck, Wellness Coordinator

Between 56 and 75 percent of children eat school lunches instead of bringing their lunch from home, according to the American Dietetic Association Foundation’s Family Nutrition and Physical Activity Survey. Increasing the number of healthy foods for children to choose from can be beneficial both at home and in school. Introducing and increasing the number of healthy options available at home also makes it more likely for a student to find something nutritious to eat at school. In addition, asking students which healthier options they would be willing to try tends to limit waste while helping students choose new healthier items to consume.

Evergreen’s cafeterias adhere to strict USDA guidelines. Studies find students who eat lunches prepared by the school are more likely to consume more fruits, vegetables, and milk than those who don’t participate. School lunches provide up to 30 percent of the fruits and vegetables consumed by students, according to a study published in “The Journal of School Health.” Offering a wider variety of fruits and vegetables makes it more likely students will find an option they are willing to consume. Evergreen’s cafeteria staff continues to teach students about healthy eating and food choices via informal conversations as well as posters and promotions. School officials and parents can work together to promote healthier foods for students to consume. In the end, students and families can all benefit from healthier diets.



WEIGHT ROOM NEW FALL HOURS

The EHS weight room has updated its hours for fall. Remember, using the weight room is free, supervised, and open to community members. During open hours, Joe Blystone, certified personal trainer, will be on-site and available to help you meet your needs. To enter, use the EHS athletic entrance. Please follow “Joe Evergreen” on Facebook for changes and updates to the schedule.



Fall Weight Room Hours:

Monday & Wednesday:	4:30-7:00 pm
Saturday:	6:00-10:00 am

WELCOME HOME ALUMNI

Mark your calendars, this year’s Viking Homecoming is slated for Friday, October 11, 2019. Whether you graduated three years ago or 33 years ago, we’d love to see you at the 2019 Homecoming football game against Wauseon at 7:00 pm on Pifer Field. Pre-game festivities begin at 6:15 pm with the announcement and procession of the Homecoming Court. Tickets at the gate are \$6 per person. Come cheer on the Vikings and visit your old stomping grounds. As we say, “Once a Viking, Always a Viking!”

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 gymnasium and will include guest speakers, music, tributes and presentations. The District’s kindergarten through 12th grade students are looking forward to hosting this special day of honor.

EHS SCHOOL-WIDE FUNDRAISER

Throughout the month of September, the Evergreen High School student body will be selling raffle calendars. The proceeds benefit the Classes of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. Everyone is welcome to participate. Numbered calendars may be purchased for \$10 each. Winning numbers are determined by the evening Ohio Lottery Pick Three drawing every day throughout the month of October. All winners will be notified by phone. For more details or to purchase a calendar, please contact the EHS main office at 419-644-2951, ext. 1101 or email Mrs. Desmond at MDesmond@evgvikings.org.

HAPPY CAMPERS

By Andrea Hesson, CC Coach

The Evergreen Cross Country Team participated in a four day, three night camp at Pokagon State Park in late July. The runners were able to participate in team building activities and two-a-day hill workouts. The cross country team is looking to accomplish many personal and team goals this season.

Special thank you to the Evergreen Athletic Boosters for generously donating the funds for campsites and to Debbie Campbell for donating team camp shirts. The constant support and dedication to Evergreen's student athletes is incredible!



FFA IS BUSY YEAR ROUND

Evergreen's FFA chapter doesn't quit...literally. Just because school was out for summer break, FFA members were busy throughout the community promoting agriculture and service to others. In addition, plans are already in motion for the 2019-2020 school year. FFA, formerly Future Farmers of America, is a national organization dedicated to preparing members for leadership careers in science, business, and technology of agriculture. The Ohio FFA Association has 312 chapters throughout the state, including Evergreen. Evergreen's current membership is 96 students. This year's officer team includes: Kamryn Ruetz, president; Katie Wheeler, vice-president; Matt Fritsch, student advisor; Aaron Miller, treasurer; Will Newcomb, sentinel; Emma Vaculik and Desi Roshong, reporters; Nicole Johnson and Heather Orns, secretary.

Summer Highlights Include:

- Eight members attended Ohio FFA Camp at Camp Muskingum in Carrollton, Ohio where they received hands-on experience in leadership, development, conservation, education, and recreation.
- Evergreen FFA Alumni conducted Pedal Pulls, assisted by members of the FFA. Pedal Pulls were held at the community festivals in Lyons, Berkey, and Metamora. A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Mattimoe!
- Several students entered projects at the Fulton County Fair. Members also volunteered their time manning the grill and waiting on customers at the pork stand.

Upcoming Events:

- The FFA Trap Team, coached by Kevin Bernheisel, shoots on Thursday nights at the Fulton County Sportsman's Club in Wauseon. The Trap Team will be competing in the upcoming County Championship on October 15 against Delta, Archbold, Fayette, Pettisville, and Wauseon high schools.
- FFA members will be spending the day in London, Ohio at the Farm Science Review on September 18.
- The annual FFA Alumni Chicken BBQ will take place on October 11 before the Homecoming football game. Chicken dinner tickets will go on sale at the end of September. Proceeds benefit various Evergreen FFA programs, including scholarships, camp, Washington Leadership Conference, Thanksgiving dinners for community families, and more.
- FFA Fruit sale begins October 11. A portion of this year's profits will be donated to KOGS self-defense programming.



▲ 2019-2020 EHS FFA Officer Team



▲ Members at Ohio FFA Camp



▲ Members volunteering at the FFA Alumni Pedal Pulls held throughout the community this summer

EHS BAND MARCHES INTO 2019-20

The Evergreen High School Band is full-swing into its marching season. The band performs at all home and away Varsity football games as well as at community events. In order to learn musical scores, choreograph complicated half-time routines, and master pre-game protocol, the 152-member band began practicing well before the start of school. In fact, interviews for drum major positions took place in May. Rehearsals for the percussion section began July 29 and were joined by the rest of the band members on August 1. Members practiced for five hours a day through August 9.

“We start with copies of sheet music and more than a hundred kids lined up on the football field,” said Chris Lyons, band director. “Then we teach them to lift their knees, march (without causing injury to their neighbor), all while reading their music and playing their instrument. We get all the students on their mark, blow the whistle to begin, and watch it all unfold,” he added with a grin.

Joking aside, Lyons credits the hard work and dedication of the band members, parents, Music Boosters, and Rob Stierman, assistant band director for the band’s success. “These kids choose to be in the band, they want to put on a great show, and they work hard to deliver,” Lyons explains.

In addition to football games, the Marching Band participated in the Metamora Park-O-Rama and the Swanton Corn Festival parades this summer. The band has also been invited to perform at the Defiance Band Spectacular on September 21. To curb the costs of transporting the students, their instruments, and uniform cleaning, students are currently fundraising by selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits. For more information, see below.

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser

- Order form and payment due Monday, September 16
- Checks made payable to Evergreen Music Boosters
- Or order online at www.PizzaKit.com, ID #370887
- Pizza Kit pickup Wednesday, October 2, 2:30-3:30 pm in the HS/MS Choir Room
- Contact Rob Stierman at 419-644-2951 ext. 1146 or rstierman@evgvikings.org

Defiance Band Spectacular

- Saturday, September 21, at Defiance High School Football Stadium, 7:00 pm
- 7 high school bands to perform: Tinora, Bryan, Archbold, Napoleon, Gahanna Lincoln, Defiance, and Evergreen
- Tickets available at the door: Adults \$10, Student/Senior Citizen \$5, Preschool Free



▲ Drum Majors (L to R): Claire C., Korah O. & Alexandra G.



POWER & PAINTING AT THE FULTON COUNTY FAIR

The theme of this year’s Fulton County Fair was *A New Generation of Power and Machinery, 50’s and 60’s*. Evergreen High School was called upon to design and produce a theme board to be displayed alongside the farm equipment collection at the fair. EHS art students, Hannah Mohr and Madison Dukeshire, stepped up to the challenge and their work was available for all fairgoers to enjoy.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULES

WELCOME
MR. RUFFER!

EMS Principal



Welcome to Viking Nation Mr. Brady Ruffer, the new EMS Principal. He is replacing Mr. Joe Zabowski, who retired in June. Here are a few fun facts:

- Past Work Experience:
 - Assistant Elementary Principal at Fairview
 - Gr. 7-12 Social studies teacher at North Central High School
 - Coach for cross country, basketball, and track
- HS Alma Mater:
 - Stryker Local Schools
- College Alma Mater:
 - Kent State University
 - BGSU (masters)

According to Mr. Ruffer, he chose Evergreen Local Schools because as a life-long resident of Northwest Ohio, Evergreen has always been a well respected school district; one with strong community supporters, a tradition of academic excellence, and many opportunities for students to develop into well-rounded individuals. He is most looking forward to getting to know the students and families of the District. He loves being a Viking!

7th Grade Football		Schedule Subject to	
Date	Time	H/A	Opponent
9/12/19	4:30 PM	A	Liberty Center
9/21/19	5:30 PM	H	Swanton
9/26/19	4:30 PM	H	Delta
10/3/19	4:30 PM	A	Patrick Henry
10/10/19	4:30 PM	A	Wauseon
10/17/19	4:30 PM	A	Archbold
10/22/19	5:00 PM	H	Bryan

8th Grade Football		Schedule Subject to	
Date	Time	H/A	Opponent
9/5/19	5:00 PM	H	Montpellier (Scrimmage)
9/12/19	4:30 PM	H	Liberty Center
9/19/19	4:30 PM	A	Swanton
9/26/19	4:30 PM	A	Delta
10/3/19	4:30 PM	H	Patrick Henry
10/10/19	4:30 PM	H	Wauseon
10/17/19	4:30 PM	H	Archbold
10/22/19	5:00 PM	A	Bryan

Middle School Cross Country		Schedule Subject to	
Date	Time	Location	
8/24/2019	9:00 AM	Defiance	
9/7/2019	TBD	Archbold Reservoir	
9/10/2019	5:00 PM	NWOAL Preview (TBD)	
9/14/2019	10:45 AM	Harrison Lake State Park	
9/21/2019	10:00 AM	Widewater Retreat	
10/5/2019	8:30 AM	Hudson	
10/12/2019	10:00 AM	NWOAL Preview (TBD)	

7th & 8th Grade Volleyball		Schedule Subject to	
Date	Time	H/A	Opponent
8/22/2019	4:30 PM	A	Swanton
9/9/2019	4:30 PM	A	Arbor Hills
9/12/2019	4:30 PM	H	Delta
9/14/2019	9:00 AM	H	Tournament 3 Matches
9/17/2019	4:30 PM	H	Wauseon
9/19/2019	4:30 PM	A	Patrick Henry
9/24/2019	4:30 PM	H	Ottawa Hills
9/26/2019	4:30 PM	H	Archbold
9/30/2019	5:00 PM	A	Fayette
10/1/2019	5:00 PM	H	Bryan
10/3/2019	4:30 PM	H	Swanton
10/8/2019	4:30 PM	A	Liberty Center
TBD	TBD	TBD	NWOAL Tournament

All schedules are subject to change. ★★
See the District website for updates at
★ www.evgvikings.org

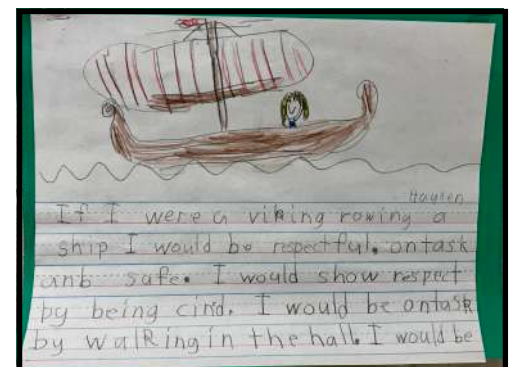
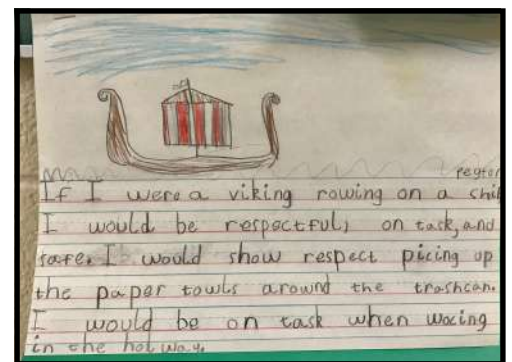
NEW
ELEMENTARY
MASCOT UNVEILED

Thank you, Mini Viking Parent Club, for providing the new Elementary mascot. Be on the lookout; Mr. Viking will be making appearances at special events throughout the District.



WHAT IT MEANS
TO BE A VIKING

Written and designed by EES students



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AWARENESS

Students in preschool through third grade received instructions regarding bus safety in the EES parking lot during the first week of school. Bus drivers Terrie Ketring-Copeland and Ashlee Ricker discussed the rules of riding a bus, how to safely board and disembark, and the importance of watching for cars. Students were reminded to always watch the bus driver for safety signals, talk quietly while on board, never eat snacks while riding due to potential choking, and always be silent when the vehicle is crossing over railroad tracks. Special emphasis was given to staying out of the “Danger Zone” or at least 10 feet from the vehicle at all times due to a driver’s blind spot when he/she is in the driver’s seat. Students were led around the perimeter of the bus in order to understand the vehicle’s massive size. Students also practiced loading and unloading procedures.

“There is nothing more important than these little ones’ lives when we are behind the wheel,” Ketring-Copeland said. Even if students are transported by their parents every day, each one must understand the rules and magnitude of school bus safety,” she added.

Currently, Evergreen has four buses equipped with stop sign cameras, and the majority of buses have on-board cameras that record the length of the route in order to ensure student safety. The District’s transportation department includes a fleet of 31 buses, 22 daily bus routes, covers more than 1,700 miles a day, and transports over 1,300 students to and from home daily.



Ohio Law Regarding Stopped Buses:

- If a bus is stopped on a street that has fewer than four lanes, all traffic proceeding in either direction must stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus.
- If a bus is stopped on a street that has four or more lanes, only traffic proceeding in the same direction must stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus.
- Drivers must stop until the school bus resumes motion or until signaled by the bus driver to proceed.

BUTTERFLY LESSONS

With help from their teacher, Sheri Call, preschool students have been busy learning how caterpillars change into butterflies.





The Community Bulletin Board

- Evergreen Board of Education Meetings: October 14, November 18, and December 9 at 6:00 pm in EHS media center. Agendas and summaries are located at www.evgvikings.org.
- EHS volleyball game vs Liberty Center supporting KOGS on Tuesday, September 17. Freshmen game starts at 4:45, JV & Varsity to follow. Wear PURPLE!
- ▶ Tree dedication in memory of Sierah Joughin takes place in-between the Freshmen & JV game at approximately 5:30 pm near EHS athletic entrance.
- Farmhouse Sabbath on Saturday, September 21, from 6:00-10:00 pm at the new Farmhouse Barn, 3188 SR 120, Metamora. Enjoy live music, food, services, artists, and food co-op.
- EHS Girls Soccer game featuring a performance by Step-Up Twirling Academy during half-time. Game is at home vs. Wauseon at 7:00 pm. Twirlers receive free admission.
- College & Career Fair, presented by Toledo Public Schools, on October 3 from 4:30-6:30 pm at Premier Banquet Complex, 4480 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo. Free event, open to the public featuring more than 60 colleges, universities and career-based organizations. Call 419-671-0440 with questions.
- Evergreen Athletic Booster Meeting on October 9 at 6:30 pm in the EHS media center. Anyone who supports Evergreen athletics is welcome to attend. More attendance and participation would be greatly appreciated. Mark your calendar, the Reverse Raffle is set for November 2 at Holy Trinity School at 5:30 pm. See you there!
- Third Annual Spirit of Sierah Run/Walk on October 19 at 2:00 pm at Ice Industries, 3810 Herr Rd, Sylvania. The 5K is a family fun, costume friendly event with music, food, bounce houses, and face painting. To register go to: www.justiceforsierah.org. Following the Fun Run is a Trick-or-Treat event for all kids beginning at 3:15 pm. Proceeds benefit the non-profit organization, Justice for Sierah, Inc. (*Businesses or organizations who would like to set up a booth for the Trick-or-Treat event may register by emailing Tara at: tice@iceindustries.com, put "Trick-or-treat" in subject line. Deadline to register is Oct. 9*)
- 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 student does 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. See the website closer to the event date for a coupon to be presented when ordering. Proceeds will benefit the 2020 EHS Junior/Senior Prom this spring.
- EES Monster Mash, presented by MVP, on October 25 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Evergreen Elementary. This is a free family event for elementary-age students to dress in costume, dance, and enjoy a festive Halloween environment.

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- \$90 per day
- Bachelor's degree in any field is required and a clean criminal background check

Paraprofessional

- \$10 per hour
- High school diploma or GED is required and a clean criminal background check

To apply, visit:

nwoesc.org/substitutes

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Anyone can receive the electronic version of the newsletter, *Viking Navigator*, directly to their email by filling out the simple form listed at: www.evgvikings.org.

CONTACT

Email jconrad@evgvikings.org to have your event added to the Community Bulletin Board.

★ THANK YOU ★
SELECT STONE!

Thank you Select Stone for donating the tree marker dedicated to Sierah Joughin, Class of 2014. Your support to Evergreen Local Schools is appreciated!

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