



# VIKING NAVIGATOR

**EVERGREEN LOCAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**



## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

*By Eric J. Smola, Superintendent*

Who knew Friday, March 13, 2020 would be the last day students received face-to-face instruction in our school buildings? When I first heard of COVID-19 affecting China, I never imagined the far reaching powers the virus would have on our entire world.

Education across the country has been hit particularly hard by COVID-19. At Evergreen, buildings were forced to close, teachers quickly adapted to remote instruction, school cafeterias ceased to exist, food was delivered to those in need, all spring activities and events were cancelled, and students were confined to their homes while receiving virtual academic instruction. I am extremely proud of our Viking families for their adaptability and cooperation as we faced these unprecedented challenges. It has been a truly remarkable experience watching everyone come together to finish the 2019-2020 school year.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 has affected more than student academics. Businesses across Ohio were shuttered for months, with many just beginning to reopen with limited staff and hours. As a result, many people are not working and are unable to pay their taxes which essentially helps fund public education. As many of you know, in early May, the State of Ohio made substantial educational budget cuts attributed to COVID-19 related, tax-revenue losses. Due to the diminished funds, Evergreen Local Schools will experience repercussions. So far, we know that Evergreen has already encountered a \$266,000 reduction in its fourth quarter 2019-2020 funding. Further cuts are expected for 2020-2021. While Evergreen has always operated conservatively, we have had to make immediate cost-saving decisions. The high school locker room expansion project has been postponed. We have halted the purchase of new buses. Visions of renovating the middle school building to include a Fine Arts Center have been put on hold indefinitely.

It is hard to believe how much has changed in the last four months. One lesson COVID-19 has taught me is to never take anything for granted. Schools without students are just buildings, and an empty building is a lonely place to be. As we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, I am looking forward to welcoming our students back on campus more than ever before, with COVID-19 protocols in place, of course. Welcome home Vikings, welcome home!

## NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Evergreen  
Local  
Schools  
welcomes  
Derick  
Stoup as  
the new  
district



Athletic Director. Serving student athletes in grades 7-12, Stoup will officially begin his position on August 1, 2020.

Stoup comes to Evergreen after serving Washington Local Schools for the past five years as Whitmer High School's health education teacher. He was also Whitmer's head wrestling coach where he earned himself the Three Rivers Athletic Conference (TRAC) 2019 and 2020 Coach of the Year titles. Prior to that, Stoup spent three years as a physical education specialist at Washington Local's Monac Elementary.

Stoup has been a Fulton County resident his entire life. In fact, he attended Evergreen from kindergarten through seventh grade before his family moved to Delta. He is a graduate of Delta High School and an alumni of the University of Toledo.

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## FISCAL REPORT

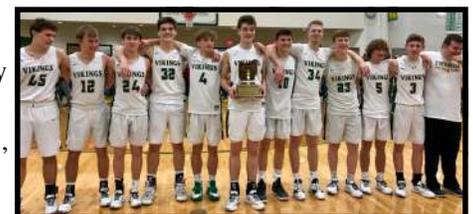


By Denise Leu, Treasurer

Due to conservative spending, cautious forecasting, and responsible budgeting, Evergreen has been fortunate in its ability to build a healthy cash balance. Unfortunately, Fiscal Year 2020 is ending on a much less positive note than anyone could have imagined. The sudden and widespread unemployment and underemployment caused by the COVID-19 state-wide shutdown will definitely have a negative impact on the District's future revenues. As a result, the District's cash balance, much like a "rainy day fund", will be needed to help meet the revenue losses and other financial challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, the state has not yet announced the actual amount of funding reductions for the coming school year; however, districts have been told to plan between a 10% and possibly as much as a 20% reduction in state foundation funding. In addition, districts with school district income taxes have been advised that it would be reasonable to expect reductions in income tax revenue of at least 10% as well. Until further information is available, 10% reductions in both state funding and income tax revenues have been factored into budgeting assumptions for the coming year. Both income tax and state foundation funding, which together account for 55% of the District's total general fund revenue, could be seriously impacted for years to come. As a result, the Evergreen Board of Education has made some serious cost-cutting decisions, including cuts to non-teaching personnel and supplemental contracts, eliminating non-essential purchases and building projects, and reducing all-around spending. The Board will continuously examine current and future budget needs as the District gets a clearer picture on how severely this economic crisis will reduce both state tax and local income tax revenues. One thing is for certain, the crisis in which we currently find ourselves is far from normal and will be met with the utmost vigilance.

## BOYS BASKETBALL CONCLUSION

Coach Jerry Keifer and the EHS boys basketball team's tournament run was abruptly cut short due to COVID-19. On March 11, the Vikings defeated Johnson-Monroe 64-54 in the Division III regional semi-final tournament at BGSU's Stroh Center. This win placed the team in Ohio's D-III Elite Eight. They were set to face Ottawa-Glandorf in the D-III Regional Finals on March 14. Then, OHSAA officials cancelled all tournaments for the safety of the players. "It's hard to be disappointed when we were named NWOAL Champs, had the most season wins in school history, and we made it to one of the final eight teams in the state," said Coach Keifer. "Being named a Regional Finalist is a huge feat!"



### 2019-2020 Evergreen Boys Basketball

- Overall Record: 25-1, NWOAL Record: 7-0
- District Semi-Final game - Win over Cardinal Stritch, 44-43
- District Final game - Win over Archbold, 42-39
- Regional Semi-Final game - Win over Johnson-Monroe, 64-54
- NWOAL Champs, D-III Sectional & District Champs & Regional Finalists-Elite 8

**Go Vikings!**



## CRUNCHING OUT OBESITY

This winter, fourth grade students participated in United Way's Crunch Out Obesity program where they learned how to use a stability ball as a fun way to stay physically active. The program also provided students with their own stability ball so the exercises could continue at home. Congratulations to this year's winners, pictured with teacher Mr. Beck and a representative from United Way: Peyton Mossing (overall), Izzy Bonaminio, Lexi Johnson, and Zoey Schwen (classroom).



## YOUTH SUMMIT ATTENDED

In early March, nine EMS students attended the first Youth Summit, hosted by Fulton County's Healthy Choices Caring Communities (HC3) in Wauseon.



Student leaders from five area schools participated, including Archbold, Wauseon, Delta, Sylvania, and Evergreen. The purpose of this youth-led event was to empower students to find their voices, become the face of prevention, and take their new skills back to their respective schools in order to inspire change and start conversations.

▲ From left, EMS attendees are: (top row) Kate Pfund, Cecelia Cromly, EMS Counselor Mrs. Brehm, Lydia Gleckler, Gavin Raby, & Caiden Beier, (bottom row) Landon Powell, Monica Marvet, Riley Studenka, & Brycen Bolger.

## MATH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Sixth grade math Students of the Month for February were Sophia Goodson, Paige McKenzie, Brynley Lipinski, Savannah Lynch, and Xaviar Robinette. The students, one from each class period, are recognized for their strong effort, upstanding character, and respectful behavior in the classroom. Unfortunately, COVID-19 ended this program at the end of the third quarter.



## CAREER EXPLORATION

EMS eighth graders traveled to Four County Career Center to explore various career and training opportunities. Students learned first-hand about careers in fire and rescue, digital arts, early childhood education, cosmetology, culinary arts, carpentry, vet assisting, and more.



## MS ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

The following EMS students were named Artist of the Week before the mandated school closure took effect.



▲ Kennedy Grabarczyk, Repousse'



▲ Michael Wheeler, Clay Bell

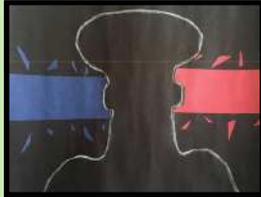
## DANCER AWARDED



Congratulations Emma Majewski, gr. 10, for being nominated for a Next Generation Artist Award by BCSN. In addition to her involvement in several EHS extra-curricular activities, she is a dancer at Dance Expressions Studio in Holland, OH.

## STUDENT ART RECOGNITION

- Joe Okos, gr. 6, placed first in the Fulton County HC3 Division II Creative Expressions Contest. His artwork was inspired by his dad, a former U.S. Marine and current police officer.



- Trinity Martinez, gr. 12, took first place in the Fulton County HC3 Division I Creative Expressions Contest. Her mother's positive influence is represented in her work.



- Emily Eckhardt, gr. 11, placed third in Ohio's Aviation Art Contest. Her acrylic painting continues to the national competition.



- Justin Krempec, gr. 12, received an Honorable Mention at the Black Swamp Art Invitational. His print, *Music is Love*, represents the importance of music in his life.



## PROVIDING STUDENT LUNCHES

During the COVID-19 school closure, more than 30 Evergreen staff members volunteered their time packing and delivering lunches across the district to students in need. In all, 194 students participated in the grab-and-go lunch program. Five lunches a week were delivered to four different locations; Christ the Word Church, The Farmhouse, Chesterfield Township Hall, and Swanton Meadows mobile home park. Thank you to all the volunteers and locations for making this 10-week program possible.



## REMOTE LEARNING, NEW TO ALL

When Governor DeWine closed schools this spring to help stop the spread of COVID-19, Evergreen teachers met the remote-learning challenge head-on, parents jumped into pseudo-professor positions, and students logged onto their computers to complete assignments at home. Even though the buildings were closed, instruction continued for nine-weeks allowing students to complete their necessary requirements and finish the fourth quarter of 2019-2020. While there were many obstacles to overcome, it was a historical ending to the school year. Following are several photos of teachers and students completing various remote-learning lessons and art projects from home.



## CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES!

Two members of the Evergreen family retired at the end of the school year. Congratulations to Jane Lintermoot and Mary Overmyer! The district thanks each one of them for their longtime dedication to Evergreen's students!

### Mrs. Jane Lintermoot

Jane Lintermoot, EES reading teacher, just completed her 31st year in education, all as a teacher for Evergreen Local Schools. Over the years, she has taught various grade levels, including 17 years as a first grade teacher and most recently as a reading teacher for the past 12 years. She prides herself for helping to create the Reading Mentoring Program which pairs students who need extra reading support with community members. She is looking forward to spending more time with her family. "I will miss all of the faces, smiles, hugs, and friends that have been made."

### Mrs. Mary Overmyer

Mary Overmyer, EES library paraprofessional, has worked at Evergreen for 26 years. Over the years, she has also served as a lunchroom monitor and playground supervisor. As a Viking parent, she was an Evergreen Music Booster member and volunteer. Her favorite part of her job has been watching students begin to read then seeing their expressions when they finish reading their first chapter book. She is looking forward to spending time with her grandchildren and traveling. "I will definitely miss the students and reading silly books to them."

## REMOTE LEARNING CONTINUED



## STUDENT ART RECOGNITION CONTINUED

- Mya Gilmore, gr. 10, received an Honorable Mention award at the Black Swamp Art Invitational. Mya's spray-painted piece represents the need for equality in the world. 
- McKenna Shindorf's art project during the COVID-19 quarantine made headlines on Channel 13 News. With a little help, the second grader constructed a chalkboard and encouraged her neighbors to write messages to the ones they were unable to be with during Easter.



## GOODBYE MRS. CARRIZALES

Mrs. Carrizales has served as the EES school counselor for the past four years. She is getting married in July and moving to Altoona, PA. Her time and talents that she shared with the elementary students will be greatly missed.



## EHS DELEGATES

Chosen to represent EHS at the American Legion Buckeye Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State programs this year were Colin Smith, Jacob Blanchard, Evan Pennington, and Gina Silvestri. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 precautions, the organizations' Board of Directors cancelled the annual week-long programs designed to educate Ohio's young men and women in the duties, privileges, and responsibilities of good citizenship.



▲ C. Smith



▲ J. Blanchard



▲ E. Pennington



▲ G. Silvestri

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020

Peytlynn Aliemenious	Michael Dymarkowski	Alexa Kessler	Chandler Ruetz
Caleb Bagi	Jack Etue	Justin Krempec	Kamryn Ruetz
Anastasia Baker	Sydney Fillinger	Jack Krispin	Shane Ruetz
Connor Bartschy	Brian Floyd	Mason Loeffler	Charles Saunders
Nicholas Beemer	Brian Fritsch	Bobbie Machnicki	McKenzie Schmidt
Kyle Beroske	Matthew Fritsch	Alexander Majewski	Bailey Schoendorf
Emma Bettinger	Asia-Lin Gensch	Chloe Malburg	Kahlan Schuster
Garrett Betz	Alexandra Gillen	Marissa Martin	Jack Schwab
Emily Bissonnette	Cole Gillen	Trinity Martinez	Benjamin Schwan
Kyle Bowser	Alexis Goedde	Hanna Miller	Reece Serna
Naomi Brand	Kayla Grant	Morgan Miller	Jena Shipman
Nicole Brand	Ethan Halpin	Victoria Miller	Raven Shipman
Nathan Brighton	Brandon Hassen	Levi Moore	Jacob Smart
Mikaela Burghardt	Connor Hauk	William Newcomb	William Smithmyer
Eric Butts	Mikayla Heintschel	Tanya Nieto	Ayden Spradlin
Jerry Cannon	Madison Heinze	Kelsey Niles	Ayrika Stasa
Claire Conrad	Mason Henricks	Haley Nowak	Ryan Stasa
Cassidy Cook	Julia Herdman	Korah Overfield	Wyatt Styer
Tristan Cordray	Garrett Holmes	Tess Pennington	Brandon Taylor
Courtney Coutts	Michael Incorvaia	Tyler Peppers	Allison Tietje
Ashley Cutcher	Seth Kanneman	Gavin Rhodus	Augustus Tipping
Drew Donald	Karis Keaton	Autumn Roe	Megan VanHoy
Madison Dukeshire	Kennedi Keifer	Josefene Rosinski	Savannah VanOstrand
Ethan Dunn	Emily Kerekes	Zachary Ruch	Lindsey Wade
			Emily Yunker

## TOP STUDENTS IN GRADUATING CLASS



▲ (L-R) N. Brand, C. Ruetz, K. Schuster, & A. Gensch



▲ M. Schmidt



▲ V. Miller

EHS is proud to announce the top-ranked students in the Class of 2020. Naomi Brand, Asia-Lin Gensch, Chandler Ruetz, and Kahlan Schuster each maintained a 4.0 GPA and are named co-valedictorians. McKenzie Schmidt is named salutatorian and ranked second in her class. Victoria Miller is EHS's number one ranked student attending Four County Career Center.

- Naomi Brand will attend the University of Toledo. Her parents are Rita and Max Brand.
- Chandler Ruetz will major in biomedical engineering at Trine University. He is the son of Jennifer and Chuck Ruetz.
- Asia-Lin Gensch will major in kinesiology at Miami University. She plans to continue her studies to become a physical therapist. She is the daughter of Dawn Gensch and Joshua Gensch.
- Kahlan Schuster will attend the University of Toledo and study chemical engineering. Her parents are Heather and DJ Schuster.
- McKenzie Schmidt will attend Siena Heights University and major in nursing. She is the daughter of Sarah and Jerod Schmidt.
- Victoria Miller will study zoology and wildlife conservation biology at Ball State University. She is the daughter of Patricia and James Miller.

## SENIOR SIGNS DELIVERED



Traditionally, every senior receives a senior yard sign after graduation practice to signify the end of the school year and announce their graduate status. This year, Evergreen administrators and bus drivers personally delivered the signs to every senior's home due to the Stay-At-Home order.

## LIGHTS SHINE FOR GRADUATES

On April 20, 2020 at 8:20 pm (20:20 military time), Evergreen High School, as well as schools across Ohio, lit up their stadiums for 20 minutes, 20 seconds to recognize the Class of 2020. Many homeowners also turned on their porch lights to recognize seniors and the abrupt end to their school year, including the cancellation of Prom, award assemblies, and many other spring events.



## SENIOR CELEBRATION

On May 31, seniors were welcomed back "home" to campus one last time to participate in the COVID-19 approved Senior Celebration. Graduates had the chance to experience some of their end-of-year activities, including an individualized Commencement Ceremony where they walked across the stage to receive their diploma. Academic, athletic, music, and FFA awards were handed out at various stations. After-Prom gifts were given and family photos were also taken before grads signed the Spirit Rock and took a photo with the Viking mascot.



## EAGLE SCOUT RANK AWARDED

Congratulations to both Cole Gillen, gr. 12, and Logan Fox, gr. 11, for earning the title of Eagle Scout this year. This is the highest ranking in Boy Scouting one can achieve. To achieve this distinction, one must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges; 13 of those must be in specific areas.



▲ C. Gillen



▲ L. Fox

## KOGS FUNDRAISER



KOGS is hosting a virtual raffle. All

proceeds will help KOGS provide free self-defense classes and safety awareness education for women. Prizes are: \$1,000 First Place; \$750 Second Place; \$500 Third Place; \$250 Fourth Place; and \$100 Fifth Place. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased online at the KOGS website at [www.kogsafe.com](http://www.kogsafe.com).

## TECH HEROES

Thank you Mr. Doble and Mrs. Infante for all the technology help during remote learning! High Five!



# The Community Bulletin Board

- Upcoming 2020 Evergreen Board of Education Meetings: July 20, August 17, and September 21 at 6:00 pm in EHS media center. The meetings will resume face-to-face in July with audience allowed. Agendas and summaries are located at [www.evgvikings.org](http://www.evgvikings.org).
- Evergreen Music Booster Reverse Raffle will be held virtually via Facebook live on Sunday, July 12 at 4:00 pm. For those with tickets who would like to remain in the raffle, you do not need to do anything, your ticket will be included in the raffle. Those with tickets who DO NOT wish to participate in the raffle and would like a refund, or to purchase a ticket (\$40 each) please contact:
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  - July 1, 2020 is the deadline for refunds.

- The Evergreen Board of Education is offering two pick-up trucks for sale during a virtual public auction on July 15 at 6:00 pm. The two properties are:
  - White 2015 Chevrolet Silverado K1500 4-wheel drive pick-up truck with approx. 12,000 miles
  - Blue 2002 Chevrolet Silverado K2500 HD 4-wheel drive pick-up with approx. 147,500 miles
 For more information regarding the bidding process, virtual auction, or to set up an inspection appointment, please contact Brent Miller at 419-644-2951, ext. 1130 or [BMiller@evgvikings.org](mailto:BMiller@evgvikings.org)
- Due to COVID-19 precautions, the Evergreen weight room is closed to the public until further notice.
- Thank you to all the mentoring volunteers who worked with Evergreen's elementary students. Unfortunately, due to new COVID-19 protocols, building visitors must be kept to a minimum. As a result, the Mentoring Program will be suspended for the 2020-2021 school year.

*Email [jconrad@evgvikings.org](mailto:jconrad@evgvikings.org) to have your event added to the Community Bulletin Board.*



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## GOLF OUTING RESET FOR AUGUST 22!



The 25th anniversary of the Chris Miller Memorial Golf Tournament, hosted by the Evergreen Athletic Boosters, will be held on **August 22** at Valleywood Golf Club in Swanton, OH. The event is open to the public. If you are interested in playing and/or being a sponsor, contact Garrett Damman at 419-249-7195 or Jeff Herrick at 419-304-0772. Flight times begin at 8:00 am or 1:30 pm and will be assigned first-come, first served. Registration deadline is August 14.

## IMMUNIZATIONS ★ REQUIRED ★

Ohio law requires students entering kindergarten, 7th grade, and 12th grade to have certain vaccines/immunizations before school begins in August. ★

- Kindergarteners must have a complete set of immunizations on file at EES.
- 7th graders must be vaccinated against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap). Since most children received their last vaccine dose when they entered kindergarten, a booster will be needed at this time. Ohio law also requires a vaccine to prevent meningitis. Both requirements must be completed before school starts this fall.
- 12th graders must be vaccinated against meningitis. If your teen has already received the MCV4 meningococcal vaccine and it was given after their 16th birthday, another vaccine is not necessary. A dose prior to 7th grade does not meet the requirement and an additional dose is needed prior to 12th grade.