



VIKING NAVIGATOR

EVERGREEN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023!

The EHS Commencement Ceremony took place on May 21, 2023. The guest speaker was Evergreen alumnus, Fulton County Sheriff, Roy Miller. Best wishes to the 81 members of the Class of 2023!



GRADUATES

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| Nathaniel Abdo | Jackson Kamm |
| Caleb Ackerman | Chase Kirk |
| Peytience | Eli Kolodie |
| Aliemenious | Ryland Koman |
| Emilio Arias | Melanie Krempec |
| Ryan Beier | Kyle Krispin |
| Kaitlin Bettinger | Cameron LaPoint |
| Josephine Blanchard | Carson LeRoux |
| Brayden Bull | Walker Lumbrezer |
| Aiden Burgermeister | Ahrianna McCabe |
| Jack Burnep | Brooklyn McCracken |
| Jacob Canfield | Emileigh Myers |
| Georgia Chupurdy | Lucinda Nichols |
| Julian Cundick | Kayla Nidek |
| Aine Daugherty | Isaac Overfield |
| James Davis | William Parquet |
| Logan Davoll | Brock Patrick |
| Hannah Double | Lydeyiah Roegner |
| Claire Dowling | Benjamin Ruetz |
| Caedmon Duwve | Camden Schlueter |
| Haley Entenmann | Briahna Schweer |
| Rylan Fahrer | Lucy Serna |
| Kyle Feedback | Henry Sheets |
| Nathan Finfera | Joseph Sieja |
| Adison Fisher | Michael Smith |
| Raymond Foster | Trever Smith |
| Dauson Garcia | Tyler Smith |
| Andrew Geer | Kate Smola |
| Garrett Gillen | Alex Sprouse |
| Mitchell Gillen | Kiersten Taylor |
| Ayden Gleckler | Remi Taylor |
| Rylee Goedde | Woran Thompson |
| Jacob Goodson | Corbin Tolek |
| Matthew Hassen | Marissa VanDenk |
| Jason Head | Madison Wagner |
| Braden Heinze | Worthy White |
| Conner Hewson | Lillian Wilhelm |
| Collin Hickerson | Lyndi Williamson |
| Bethany Hicks | Jordan Witt |
| Deanna Hoffman | Samuel Worline |
| Ellie Johnson | Hayden York |



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HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Five members of the Evergreen family are retiring at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Congratulations to Angela Infante, Pat Adamski, Laura Johnson, Chris Beck, and Connie Snider. Together, these five individuals have dedicated more than 133 years to the Evergreen Local School District. Their dedication and commitment will be missed!



Mrs. Angela Infante

Angela Infante, director of technology, has completed her 16th year managing the computer and technology needs of Evergreen Local Schools. Her prior experiences include working for Apple through Eastman Kodak in Rochester, NY, and serving as the technology coordinator for Putnam County Educational Service Center in Ottawa, OH. As her departure nears, she says she is going to miss working with the staff and students the most. "I can't believe the journey that I have been on," says Infante. "Thank you to the Evergreen Board of

Education for giving me the opportunity to work with such a wonderful group of people, both students and staff. Evergreen is truly a very special place to work," she added. In retirement, she is looking forward to spending more time with her husband and family, traveling, camping, and site seeing.



Mrs. Pat Adamski

Pat Adamski, EHS math teacher, completed 33 years in education, all of them at Evergreen High School. She worked several jobs before she decided to become a teacher, and at the age of 24 she enrolled at the University of Toledo where she majored in education. When asked what she will miss most about Evergreen, Adamski replied that she will miss the students because they have kept her young. She will also miss her colleagues. "The staff is so much fun to work with; I have enjoyed working in a place where we genuinely like and

respect one another," she added. Upon retirement, she is looking forward to moving her and her husband's permanent residence to their lake house. In addition, she has many day trips planned, a vacation to Florida this fall, and spending time with their children and eight grandchildren. When asked how she felt about retiring, she joked, "It's time, I need to retire before I have a student say, 'You taught my grandma!'"



Mrs. Laura Johnson

Laura Johnson, EES fifth grade math teacher, completed her 28th year in education all while serving Evergreen; 11 years in fifth grade, and 17 years in 2nd grade. Prior to her teaching career, she spent 7 years in the business and manufacturing sector. "My passion has always been teaching and my husband encouraged me to pursue it, so I made the career change and I've been a Viking ever since," she explained. "I will miss my students and colleagues the most, especially my teaching teams and the trust and fellowship we have built over the years,"

Johnson said. As a retiree, she is looking forward to having the opportunity to visit friends and family in other states anytime of the year without the constraints of her school schedule. She is also looking forward to extending her charity and organization involvement. She and her husband also have several trips planned including Seattle and Alaska this summer and a cruise down the Rhine River in 2025.



Mr. Chris Beck

Chris Beck, EES teacher, has completed his 34th year as an educator, 27 of those years were at Evergreen Local Schools where he currently teaches physical education. Over his career, not only has he served as a classroom teacher, but he has worked in education management, consumer lending, insurance sales, hotel management, manufacturing production, and test preparation. He has also served as a design team-teacher/trainer in corporate publishing, and a marketing director. What will he miss most about Evergreen? Beck said,

“Not only will I miss the relationships between the students and teachers, but I will miss the strong relationships within the Evergreen community.” His summer plans are wide open, and he looks forward to possibly working part-time in the future.



Mrs. Connie Snider

Connie Snider, paraprofessional, has worked for Evergreen Schools for 29.5 years. Over those years she has served as an aide in the library, kindergarten classroom, main office, lunchroom, and during recess. In regards to her retirement, she is most looking forward to spending time with her grandchildren. “It’s very bittersweet,” Snider explained. “Evergreen has been a very big part of my life, and I enjoy watching the students learn and grow. I am really going to miss them,” she added.

DISTRICT AWARDED GRANTS

This year, Evergreen Schools has been awarded more than \$374,000.000 through various grants. These one-time allocations are in addition to the district’s general fund and are being used to increase building security, STEM curriculum, career awareness, homeless and economically disadvantaged, and social-emotional support. Each grant is highly competitive with specific requirements and purpose. The applications were written by Dr. Dolores Swineford, assistant superintendent/curriculum director.

- Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant \$50,000.00
- Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant \$250,000.00
- Ohio STEM Learning Network Classroom Grant \$5,000.00
- Career Awareness & Exploration Funds \$8,166.63
- ARP Homeless Grant \$2,784.03
- ARP Homeless Targeted Support Grant \$16,500.00
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grant \$10,700.00
- Stronger Connections Grant \$5,000.00
- Ohio Attorney General FY23 School Safety Grant \$6,245.02
- Ohio Attorney General School/Law Enforcement Technology Linking Safety Grant \$20,000.00

EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Amanda Matyi, Laura Johnson, Melanie Yoder, and Cindy Pinkelman were named Evergreen’s “Employees of the Year.” These individuals (one teacher from each building and a support staff member), were nominated by their peers and recognized for their outstanding dedication. Mrs. Laura Johnson was also given “District Teacher of the Year” distinction and will represent Evergreen in the Delta American Legion’s “Educator of the Year” competition.



▲ (L to R) Amanda Matyi (EHS), Laura Johnson (EES) & Melanie Yoder (EMS) ▲ Cindy Pinkelman, (staff member)

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



By Eric J. Smola, Superintendent

Wow, what a great year! Thanks to our administrators and staff, many new, fun and

exciting programs were introduced this year, and our school spirit is outstanding. We cannot thank our parents, community members, and partners enough for sharing your time and resources to make the 2022-2023 school year a success.

Congratulations to our graduates! We wish them much success in their individual pursuits. As they find their way in the world, it is my hope that they are able to draw from their experiences obtained while students of Evergreen Schools.

I wish everyone the very best for summer. May it be a safe, healthy, and happy one. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back in August to begin another year filled with educational opportunities.

SAFETY UPGRADES

Multiple safety and security upgrades will be made across the Evergreen campus this summer. All buildings will be equipped with Raptor technology to screen visitors upon entrance. A notification and emergency management platform, 911inform, is being installed to help mitigate crisis situations and will include additional cameras and geofencing. Vape detectors will also be positioned in the EHS and EMS buildings. These initiatives are provided through grant funding.

EMS ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

The following EMS students have been named Artist of the Week.



▲ Emmitt Ziviski, Digital Mosaic



▲ Preston Russell, Anime Self Portrait



▲ Dominic Bender, Anime Self Portrait



▲ Zoe Zlotowski, Anime Self Portrait



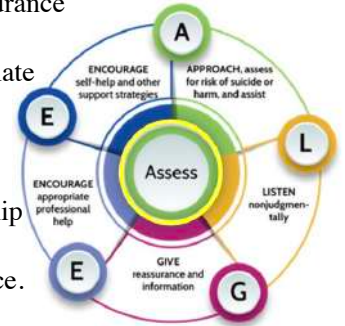
▲ Natalie Weirich, Nonobjective Repousse'

OUR MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT



The Evergreen Local School District has partnered with USA Mental Health First Aid in order to greatly impact the lives of Evergreen's young people living with mental health challenges. This summer, 48 members of Evergreen's administration and staff will

be trained to become Youth Mental Health First Aiders. This program will educate employees how to recognize the signs and symptoms that suggest a potential mental health challenge, how to listen and give reassurance to a young person who may be experiencing a mental health challenge, and how to refer a youth to appropriate professional support and services. Evergreen staff members receiving training includes teachers, bus drivers, secretaries, counselors, principals, para-professionals, and cooks. This grant-funded partnership was made available through Bowling Green State University and the United States Department of Justice.



CLASS OF 2023 TOP STUDENTS

The following EHS seniors were named the top students in the Class of 2023 based upon their cumulative grade point averages at the end of seven semesters. Ranked number one in the class of 83 students, Jacob Goodson was named valedictorian and maintained a 4.28 grade point average. Josie Blanchard was ranked second in the class academically and named salutatorian. Rylan Fahrner is Evergreen's number one ranked student who attended the Four County Career Center.

Jacob Goodson will attend The Ohio State University this fall where he will major in biology. He has been accepted into OSU's University Honors Program. He is the recipient of an OSU Maximus Scholarship, Masons of Ohio Scholarship, Tripp Family Memorial Scholarship, and has been named a National Merit Scholar Finalist. He is the son of Chris and Lisa Goodson.

Josie Blanchard will pursue her bachelor's degree in forensic science at Bowling Green State University. She is the recipient of a BGSU Thompson Working Families Scholarship and David E. Springer Scholarship. Josie is the daughter of Jodie Frederick and Joseph Blanchard.

Rylan Fahrner has completed Four County Career Center's electrical program where he also participated in Skills USA. He plans to continue his industrial career and become a journeyman electrician. He is the son of Amy and Scott Fahrner.



Jacob Goodson
Valedictorian



Josephine Blanchard
Salutatorian



Rylan Fahrner
Four County Career Center

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| August 7 | EHS Marching Band Camp begins, 9:00 am-Noon <i>August 7 & 8 - Drums only</i> <i>August 9 - Drums & all freshmen</i> <i>August 10-18 - Full Band (no camp on August 12 & 13)</i> |
| August 15 | EHS Back-to-School Event <i>Grade 9 begins at 8:00 am, start times vary for other grade levels.</i> <i>Event includes: schedule & Chromebook pickup, school photos, vision & hearing screens, cafeteria payments, etc. More information coming soon.</i> |
| August 21 | District Meetings/Workday |
| August 21 | EMS Back-to-School Event begins at 6:00 pm <i>Similar to EHS event, more information coming soon.</i> |
| August 22 | Teacher Workday |
| August 22 | EES Open House 5:30-7:00 pm |
| August 23 | First Student Day |
| September 1 | NO SCHOOL for Students - District In-Service Day |
| September 4 | NO SCHOOL - Labor Day |
| September 5 | NO SCHOOL - Fair Day |
| October 4 | EES Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| October 5 | District Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| October 6 | NO SCHOOL for students - Teacher Workday |
| October 20 | End of First Quarter |
| October 23 | Start of Second Quarter |
| November 22 - 27 | NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break |
| December 22 | End of Second Quarter & First Semester |
| Dec 25 - Jan 1 | NO SCHOOL - Winter Break |
| January 2 | NO SCHOOL for Students - Teacher Workday |
| January 3 | First Day of Third Quarter & Second Semester |
| January 15 | NO SCHOOL - MLK, Jr. Day |
| February 15 | MS/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| February 16 | NO SCHOOL for Students - District In-Service Day |
| February 19 | NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day |
| March 8 | End of Third Quarter |
| March 11 - 15 | NO SCHOOL - Spring Break |
| March 18 | First Day of Fourth Quarter |
| March 29 | NO SCHOOL |
| April 1 | NO SCHOOL |
| May 19 | Commencement Ceremony |
| May 27 | NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day |
| May 30 | Last Student Day - Dismiss 1-hour early End of 4th Quarter & Second Semester |
| May 31 | Teacher Workday |
| June 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | Student makeup days if necessary |

MORE EMS ARTISTS



▲ Daniel Hernandez, 'Nonobjective Repousse'



▲ Karlee Hyatt, 'Nonobjective Repousse'



▲ Keira Myers, 'Google Drawing'



▲ Brayden Pasco, 'Illumination Mosaic'



▲ Jack Hudik, 'Nonobjective Color Composition'



EMS WINTER SPORTS REVIEW

EMS Girls Basketball

- 7th Grade: 8-10, 2-5 NWOAL
- 8th Grade: 9-7, 4-3 NWOAL

EMS Boys Basketball

- 7th Grade: 0-15, 0-6 NWOAL
- 8th Grade: 4-11, 0-7 NWOAL

EMS Wrestling

- Finished first in the Junior High NWOAL Wrestling Tournament and named NWOAL Champions!



COLLEGE-BOUND ATHLETE

Ellie Johnson, gr. 12, has officially signed a National Letter of Intent to participate in athletics at the collegiate level. Ellie has committed to Tiffin University where she will be a member of the Dragon volleyball team. She is joined by her parents, Jamie and John Johnson, to mark the event.



EHS WINTER SPORTS WRAP-UP

Lady Viking Basketball - Sectional Champs!



▲ Sectional Champs! Team members are (back row, L-R) H. Wilson, A. Ricker, M. Chamberlin, B. Sintobin, B. Sintobin, A. Vaculik, B. Gleckler, B. Lumbrezer; (front row) K. Hoffman, K. Emmitt, L. Serna, R. Studenka, I. Smallman & E. Burgermeister. The team is coached by (L to R) Chandler Lumbrezer, Shane Chamberlin, Ethan VanLooce & Brittany Cymbolin.

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

- Record: 14-10, 2-4 in NWOAL
- Sectional Champions!
- Addison Ricker named 2nd Team NWOAL, 1st Team All-District & HM All-District AP Poll
- Macy Chamberlin named HM NWOAL & HM All-District
- Kennedy Emmitt named HM All-District
- Lucy Serna named HM All-District & District 7 Academic Achievement Award

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

- Record: 13-11, 2-7 in NWOAL
- Eli Keifer named 1st Team NWOAL, 1st Team All-District, 3rd Team Northwest District & HM All-Ohio
- Tyson Woodring named 2nd Team NWOAL & HM All-District
- Drew Gillen named 2nd Team NWOAL & HM All-District
- Riley Dunbar named 2nd Team NWOAL & HM All-District
- Walker Lumbrezer - District 7 Academic Achievement Award

WRESTLING

- Brodie Setmire: 3rd at NWOAL & 3rd at Sectionals
- Ayden Gleckler: 4th at NWOAL & 6th at Sectionals
- Jack Stubleski: 1st at NWOAL & 3rd at Sectionals
- Isaac Overfield: 4th at NWOAL & 2nd at Sectionals
- Max Mossing: 2nd at NWOAL & 2nd at Sectionals
- Grant Richardson: 1st at NWOAL, 2nd at Sectionals & 5th at Districts
- Kristine Hockenberry advanced and competed in the Girls Wrestling State Tournament and finished in 6th Place.

BOWLING

- Record: 3-12, 3-9 in League
- Finished 6th in NWOAL
- Michael Laver named 2nd Team All-League
- Mitchell Gillen named HM All-League

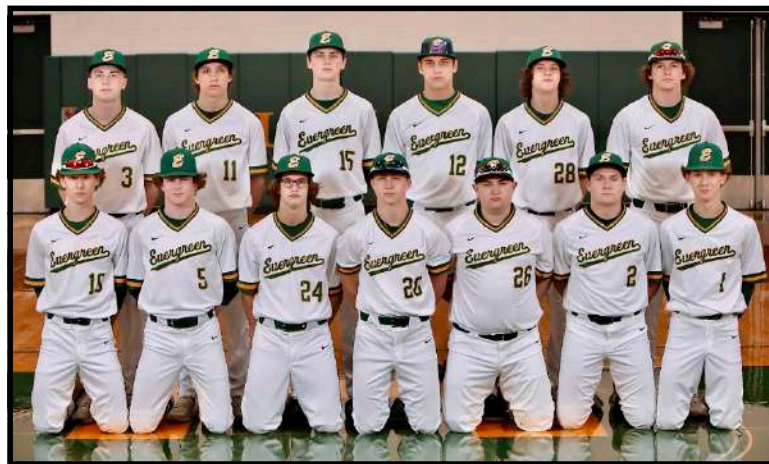
EHS WINTER SCHOLAR ATHLETES

- Adison Fisher
- Lydeyiah Roesner
- Lucy Serna
- Emileigh Myers
- Ayden Gleckler
- Walker Lumbrezer
- Claire Dowling

HM=Honorable Mention

SPRING SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Viking Baseball Team - 2023 Sectional Champs!



▲ Team members are (back row, L-R) B. Walker, R. Hudik, C. Kirk, T. Smith, I. Overfield, & L. Vance (front row) C. Kanneman, C. Robertson, M. Hassen, C. Hewson, A. Geer, H. Vaculik & B. Kanneman. The team is coached by Mark Cymbolin, Nelson Holliday & Dylan Henricks.

VARSITY BASEBALL

- OHSAA Sectional Champs!
(Vikings beat Otsego 9-5)
- Overall Record: 11-14
- NWOAL Record: 3-4, 4th place
- Layne Vance - 1st Team NWOAL
- Colton Robertson - 2nd Team NWOAL
- Brady Kanneman - HM NWOAL
- Hunter Vaculik - HM NWOAL

EHS TRACK & FIELD - Boys

- TJ Rupp Invite - Team, 2nd place
- Sam Worline,
 - Discus: NWOAL 1st place
 - Shot Put: NWOAL 1st place, Regionals 9th place & set a new school record of 51"6.5"
- Riley Dunbar,
 - ▶ Long Jump: NWOAL 1st place, Regionals 3rd place, State Qualifier & set new EHS record of 22'5.25"
- Elijah Hernandez,
 - ▶ 300m Hurdles: NWOAL 2nd place & set new EHS record at 41.40 seconds
- Will Ruetz, Long Jump: NWOAL 2nd place



VARSITY SOFTBALL

- Overall Record: 8-3
- NWOAL Record: 3-4, 5th place
- Macy Chamberlin - 1st Team All-State, 1st Team All-District, 1st Team NWOAL & Player of the Year
- Shelby Moore - HM NWOAL
- Courtney Robertson - HM NWOAL
- Kira Keller - HM NWOAL
- Evy Shrader - HM NWOAL

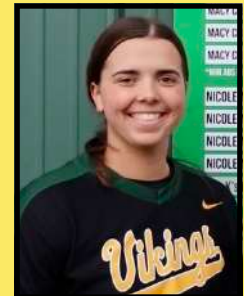
EHS TRACK & FIELD - Girls

- TJ Rupp Invite - Team, 1st place
- Ottawa Hills Relays - Team, 1st place
- Hicksville Invite - Team, 2nd place
- Kara Huntzinger
 - 100m Hurdles: NWOAL 3rd place & Regional Qualifier
 - 300m Hurdles: NWOAL 3rd place
- Bentlie Setmire, Brooklyn Spradlin, Brooke Sintobin & Deanna Hoffman 4x200m Relay: NWOAL 3rd place & Regional Qualifier
- Ellie Nash, Brooklynn Spradlin, Brooke Sintobin & Deanna Hoffman, 4x100m Relay: Regional Qualifier

EHS SPRING SCHOLAR ATHLETES

- Marissa VanDenK
- Deanna Hoffman
- Ayden Gleckler
- Conner Hewson
- Samuel Worline
- Andrew Geer
- Walker Lumbrezer
- Hannah Double

SOFTBALL
STANDOUT



Macy Chamberlin
Catcher & Corner

Macy Chamberlin, gr. 11, is not only a standout on Evergreen's softball team, but her individual career accomplishments have made major headlines. She has verbally committed to playing for the Penn State Nittany Lions. Some of her interesting stats include:

- Currently tied for sixth all-time in career home runs (HRs) with 42, per OHSAA.
- Currently tied for third all-time in a single season HRs with 21, only five others have ever hit 20 or more HRs in a season, per OHSAA.
- Reached the OHSAA record board this season for a 5-game consecutive HR streak, 3 HRs in one game, 2 grand slams in one game & most RBIs in a single game with 9.
- Over 21 games played, she averages one HR every 2.5 bats.
- Over 21 games played, she caught every inning for the Vikings totaling 127.0 innings and recorded 0 passed balls.
- 21 HRs in a single season & 44 RBIs while only striking out only once all season.

2023 Season

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| On Base % | 0.813 |
| Batting Average | 0.731 |
| Slugging % | 2.077 |
| On Base & Slugg (OPS) | 2.890 |

The Community Bulletin Board

- Upcoming 2023 Evergreen Board of Education Meetings: June 26, July 17, August 21, and September 18 at 6:00 pm in the EHS Media Center. Agendas and summaries are located at www.evgvikings.org.
- Evergreen Community Library in Metamora has several fun activities this summer for all ages. For program & event information, visit evergreencommunitylibrary.org.
- Breakfast on the Farm on June 24 at Triple H Farms beginning at 9:00 am. See boxed information at right.
- Town Garage Sales in Metamora on June 24 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm.
- Lyons Chicken BBQ is July 28 & 29 in the Village Park.
- Evergreen Vikings 5K/10K 2GetherWeRun event on July 29 at 9:00 am in the Lyons Community Ball Park. Proceeds benefit the Viking cross country team. See runsignup.com/race/oh/lyons/2getherwerun for information.
- Village of Lyons Farmers' Market is every second Saturday of the month until October in the downtown area.
 - July 8: 5-9 pm
 - August 12: 9am-1pm
 - September 9: 5-9 pm
 - October 14: 9am-1pm
- Several Mini-Viking athletic camps are being offered this summer. See the District website for registration details at evgathletics.org.
 - Girls Basketball: June 29-30
 - Youth Soccer: July 10-12
 - Youth Football: July 24
 - Boys Basketball: July 25-27
- Evergreen FFA Alumni is now accepting members for its National FFA Roster. You do not have to be a past member of FFA to join, everyone is welcome! Sign up at <https://forms.gle/QVqsMjcDXPSAsZxE8> to be added to the roster. Also, take a look at the FFA Alumni FaceBook page to see upcoming events.

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



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Join us at the
2023 Breakfast FARM!
 Triple H Farms

Enjoy a FREE breakfast and learn about the food you eat. Take a farm tour, meet the farmers, see animals, and much more.

Saturday, June 24th, 2023
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Breakfast will be served from 9:00am till 12:00 noon

Hosted by: Triple H Farms
 15167 State Hwy 64
 Metamora, OH 43540

Register at: www.go.osu.edu/FultonBOTF2023
 and follow us on Social Media!

★ EVERGREEN MOBILE APP ★

Evergreen Local Schools has its very own free mobile app. The app is available on the Apple Store or Google Play. The app enables individuals to gain easy access to school information and receive push notifications. Check out it's new fresh design!

COMMUNITY HELPERS

PreSchool students learned about the importance of community helpers by visiting the Metamora Post Office, Mike's Repair Shop, Metamora State Bank, and the Evergreen Community Library. Thank you to these organizations for allowing our students to visit!

