



# Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Families,

Highlights: School Opening Recap including Board Approval of Extracurriculars; Join Our Team!; Virtual BTSN Schedule; Research study opportunity; Harvest Fest tomorrow; Community Activities; Friendly reminders of Vaccination Walk-In Opportunities

## **School Opening Recap including Board Approval of Extracurriculars**

Our Schools are open, with all students attending full days every day. Stand outside our elementary schools any morning, and you will see students skipping into school. Stand inside our schools any day, and you will hear students learning to think, as they engage in discussion and gain practice in various modes of expression.

This is a powerful and wonderful thing. Simple sounds of school, like the squeaking of swings on a playground bursting with joyful noise during recess, are the outcome of a complicated process. It starts with everyone in town playing their part in helping that girl, that boy swing on that swing. The taxes of every Marlton-ian makes that sound possible, from high schoolers working at Marlton businesses, to retired folks whose kids may now have kids of their own. The efforts of our Board. The efforts of our Township Leadership, our PTAs, and business community. The efforts of every staff member are indispensable in making that sound of the swing happen, and many of us as a staff thought, at least back in June, that this year might mean a return to normal, no masks, no temporary remote learning, no covid to cause quarantines, just school in all its wonder. Instead, this year is another marathon, and our nurses, our teachers, our custodians, our drivers, our administrators, our secretaries, our paraprofessionals, our everyones, are stretching to keep things whole.

And our families, who last year had to juggle schedules and remote learning days and temporary closures, again this year are going to continue to deal with changes and challenges as covid is still with us. It might manifest as bus delays as we stretch to keep things whole. It might manifest as the time needed by the school to prepare the packet of



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papers for a student who, from one day to the next, goes out on quarantine. It might manifest as virtual Back to School Night, not in-person Back to School Night, so we avoid exposures. And on and on. But, the reward is the sound of that swing during recess. The sound of a student raising their hand and sharing thoughts in class. And this year, back after a one-year break, the sounds of extracurricular activities after school, which were approved last evening at our September Board meeting. Gratitude to our staff who have committed to serving as advisors and coaches. The names of the activities show the range of opportunities, interest areas, and skills developed--Kind Kids, Broadcasting, Theatre Club, Yearbook, Safety Patrol, Frisbee Golf, Morning Show, Happy Helpers, Sign Language, and Dodgeball, just to name a few. The activities look a little different at each school depending on variables like staff availability and expertise. This year, in part through our extracurriculars and opening up our facilities to outside groups, is another leap beyond what we did last year.

We continue to encourage everyone in our district community to remember that, during a pandemic, we all, all district families, live together under the same roof, the school roof, and it takes everyone's sense of responsibility for each other to make it work. This means for example, keeping our children home when they or their siblings are showing symptoms of covid. It means, when we have taken our children to get tested, keeping them home until the test results are available and then sharing those results with us right away.

Together, all stakeholders, we will keep those swings moving at recess, and keep those hands going up in class, and provide all we can for our kids.

## **Join Our Team!**

Our district has varied opportunities available to make a difference for kids and our community, including as Classroom Aides, Lunch Aides, Bus Drivers, Bus Aides, and ECC staff. Check out our website for more info!

[https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/departments/personnel/employment\\_opportunities](https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/departments/personnel/employment_opportunities)



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## Virtual BTSN Schedule

Back To School Night this year will follow the same format as last year, with our teachers posting presentations next week in Google Classroom per the schedule below.

- Tuesday = MMS & Van Zant @ 6 pm, Beeler @ 6:30 pm
- Wednesday = DeMasi Middle, DeMasi Elementary, Jaggard, & Rice @ 6:30 pm
- Thursday = MES @ 7 pm

Virtual just makes more sense than in-person for such a large, indoor event. These decisions are balanced judiciously against others, such as our decision to bring back extracurricular activities and re-open our facilities to outside groups. As well, our staff are communicative and accessible throughout the year.

## Research study opportunity

Sharing this opportunity from Rowan University for families to participate in a research study on how the cancellation/limitation of organized sports, and subsequent return, influenced mental health outcomes in South Jersey adolescence (ages 9-18) during the pandemic. The powerful positive effects of extracurricular participation for students is exactly why we are bringing back our extracurricular activities this year. [Rowan Research Study Flyer](#)

## Harvest Fest tomorrow

Weather looks perfect tomorrow for our very own Evesham Harvest Fest on Main St!

[http://www.eveshamcelebrations.org/events/fall-festival/?fbclid=IwAR1ByPx3nuuPgT88FKN6TPpYynDaaCdZjpN\\_8XE0y24Lfi3hGXo9H6FNEdg](http://www.eveshamcelebrations.org/events/fall-festival/?fbclid=IwAR1ByPx3nuuPgT88FKN6TPpYynDaaCdZjpN_8XE0y24Lfi3hGXo9H6FNEdg)

## Community Activities

Latest additions: [https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community\\_activities](https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities)

- Evesham Police Trunk or Treat (Oct. 29)
- First Responders Poster Contest
- Street Hockey registration



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## Friendly reminders of Vaccination Walk-In Opportunities

- Mondays, from 2 PM to 6 PM, at the Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center, 53 Academy Drive, Westampton (drive-thru clinic);
- Tuesdays, from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Palmyra Community Center, 30 West Broad, Palmyra;
- Wednesdays from noon to 4 PM at the Weimann Building, 400 Delanco Road, Edgewater Park;
- Thursdays from 3 PM to 7 PM at the Bordentown Township Senior Center, 3 Municipal Drive, Bordentown.

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith  
Superintendent of Schools