

Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Families.

<u>Highlights</u>: Thanksgiving Thanks; Shout out to Evesham Township Police Department; Vaccination Opportunities; Cherokee's Fall Performance of Cinderella; Community Activities.

Thanksgiving Thanks

In this last Update before Thanksgiving, I would like to share thanks to everyone, our Board, all our district staff, our families, our PTAs/PTO, our community groups, our Township, for every effort every day, collectively and individually, to help children. My dad, who grew up on a farm, used to say family farms get passed down generation to generation for "a dollar and love." I have been turning that phrase "a dollar and love" over in my mind recently, not in reference to a farm, but to a community, and how the strength of a community and a town is passed down from generation to generation to generation. We're raising our kids here, maybe we grew up here, maybe our kids have moved back and are raising their own kids here too. Evesham as a family farm, and through collective effort we pass it on, all together, for a dollar and love.

I spoke in my Opening video to staff this year about the ancient Greek word "Telos," "life purpose". The idea of finding a life purpose goes back before the ancient Greeks, but when they have a word for it, we know they felt it and looked for it too. And around Thanksgiving, it's a chance to lean back a bit and reflect. We as a town are so fortunate to have so many people for whom part of that life purpose is about the greatest responsibility of any community, which is how it cares for its children. Strengthening our community is part of what we do for our children, to be able to pass on to them a place where they can grow up well, that family farm of Evesham, generation to generation, for a dollar and love. Thank you everyone.

Shout Out to our Evesham Township Police Department

Traffic police from our Evesham Police Department have recently started helping DeMasi Middle School buses turn left onto Evesboro-Medford Rd. at PM dismissal. This is a huge help not just for DeMasi but also for other schools' families whose children ride those buses on later routes. Many thanks to ETPD!



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Vaccination Opportunities

<u>This Saturday</u>: Jefferson Hospital is offering a vaccine clinic for ages 5 and up from 8 am - 3:30 pm. Address: 400 Laurel Oak Road, Voorhees. No appointment necessary

<u>This Sunday</u>: Vaccination clinics at Rice, 9 am - 1 pm, and Van Zant, 2 pm - 6 pm Walmart COVID Vacc Clinics at Rice & VZ Nov. 21.pdf

No appointment necessary. Spots can be reserved via the QR code in the flyer. After logging in, click "Scheduling: Schedule a service." If the pre-registration process online presents difficulties, Walmart advises to skip pre-registration and walk in Sunday. Printed copies of the forms linked in the flyer will be available at Rice and Van Zant on Sunday. Clinics open to everyone ages 5 and older, at no cost to our district, and with no pressure to participate. We may hold one more clinic beyond Sunday, probably a weekday evening. No clinics during school hours. These voluntary opportunities are a way of providing options to help families. Thank you to Walmart for running the clinics.

The 2nd dose will be available 3 weeks later at the same schools and times. More info on Sunday.

<u>This Monday</u>: Vaccination clinic at Harrington Middle School, Mt. Laurel, 2:30 pm - 8 pm, open to everyone ages 5+. Please see this link for more details:

https://www.smore.com/5pehx-the-mount-laurel-leaflet?ref=email

Cherokee's Fall Performance of Cinderella

Cherokee High School's drama students are presenting Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic "Cinderella" on Nov. 26 and 27 and Dec. 3 and 4 at Cherokee's Performing Arts Center.

All performances begin at 7 pm. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at https://www.cherokeedrama.org/. Golden Age passes will be honored at the Nov. 27 performance. Come see this incredible cast, crew, and production! Can't wait!

Community Activities

https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools