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December 23, 2021

Dear ETSD Families,

I wish all our families happy holidays and time together with loved ones at perhaps a bit slower pace, even for a few days, that we might be able to look up, look around, and appreciate what is, even and maybe especially in a time of shortages. For me, I am glad, and grateful, for relationships, for the interconnectedness and support among the members of our district and township family. The SRO update below is a very recent and welcome example. Another is the way 5th graders spoke about each other at a school event earlier this week. The support they give one another shone clear through their words: encouraging each other's ideas, encouraging each other's voices. The gift of listening, the gift of time, the gift of a caring smile and a nod, the gift of being together in the moment, without distractions...these are sunshine and water for what has wilted. I wish all of us, our children, families, staff, community, that sunshine, that water, next week, and every week beyond.

Highlights: School Resource Officer Shared Services; Vaccination Status Privacy; Clarification on Masks in Physical Education Classes; Vacc Clinic Sunday, Jan. 9 at Rice, 9 am - 1 pm, and Van Zant, 2 pm - 6 pm; and Friendly reminders from prior Updates.

School Resource Officer Shared Services

Point of light, our Town Council approved a resolution last evening for a shared services agreement with our district to maintain our 7 SROs as a vital and undiminished safety feature of our schools for at least the next 3 years (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25). Those years are Years 5, 6, and 7 in the seven straight years of state aid reductions our district is navigating. For many reasons, including after last week's anti-semitic graffiti at MMS and social media's "National Shoot Up Your School Day," I believe our community, families, students, and staff will find re-assurance in this news. Gratitude and thanks to our Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Town Council for this support!

Vaccination Status Privacy

I would like to make clear that the vaccination decision for students and families and students' vaccination status are private matters. Our school nurses have communicated with parents that, on a totally voluntary basis, they may inform the school nurse of their children's vaccination status, as this information impacts contact tracing and quarantining. That voluntary communication is solely between parents and nurses. As well, the right to privacy applies to all staff. The vaccination status of our staff is private. The only persons authorized to staff vaccination information are those district staff members responsible for ensuring our district's compliance with Executive Order 253.



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Clarification on Masks in Physical Education Classes

ETSD expectations:

- Masks in PE are required until after attendance.
- Students may remove them before movement and activity starts.
- Masks remain optional throughout class.
- Masks become required again at the end of class before students leave.

Vacc Clinic **Sunday, Jan. 9** at Rice, 9 am - 1 pm, and Van Zant, 2 pm - 6 pm

More info: [Walmart COVID Vacc Clinic flyer Jan. 9.pdf](#)

Why offer clinics?

- Saves time and stress for families who would otherwise seek individual appointments on their own. Nov. clinic = 298 vaccinations, Dec. clinic = 368 vaccinations.
- Can be more comforting for kids in a school setting (with fun therapy dogs and a chance to see classmates and familiar faces) rather than a doctor's office or elsewhere
- Supports in-person learning since fully vaccinated individuals do not have to quarantine as close contacts unless showing symptoms, per NJDOH schools guidance

Reminders: Voluntary opportunity. No appointment necessary. Open to everyone ages 5 and up, 2nd shot, 1st shot, booster. No cost, no pressure. If pre-registration online presents difficulties, Walmart advises to skip it and just show up. Printed copies of the forms linked in the flyer will be at Rice and Van Zant on Jan. 9.

Friendly reminders from prior Updates

- Community Activities: https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities
- [Weather-Related Information for ETSD Parents, 2021-22](#)
- [Free Dental Services for Ages 13 & Under, 2.4.22](#)

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith
Superintendent of Schools