

Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

<u>Highlights</u>: Message to Staff and Families Re: Dec. 17th "National Shoot Up Your School Day"; Quarantine Time Frame Reduced Effective Immediately; Vacc Clinic Sunday, Jan. 9 at Rice, 9 am - 1 pm, and Van Zant, 2 pm - 6 pm; ETSD Employment Opportunities; Friendly reminders from prior Updates.

This week's Update is today rather than tomorrow due to the timeliness of the first two items below.

Message to Staff and Families Re: Dec. 17th "National Shoot Up Your School Day" Please see the above-linked message.

Quarantine Time Frame Reduced Effective Immediately

Just this afternoon, the NJ Dept. of Health released updated COVID-19 Recommendations for K-12 Schools. Page 13 shows the quarantine time frame for close contacts no longer depends on the NJ covid activity level reports and is back to what it has been: "Close contacts who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for 10 days (in absence of testing) from date of last contact. Close contacts who test negative during the 5th through 7th days following date of last contact may return on the 8th day or thereafter." No more 14 days. This update also applies to any individuals currently quarantining.

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

<u>Reminders</u>: 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.



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ETSD Employment Opportunities

Great time to join our district staff. Please check out the positions available (aides, ECC, custodians, teachers, media specialist, bus drivers, and more) via the links below.

https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/departments/personnel/employment_opportunities https://www.applitrack.com/evesham/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1

Friendly reminders from prior Updates

- Community Activities: https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community/activities
- Weather-Related Information for ETSD Parents, 2021-22
- <u>ETFD Santa Neighborhood Visits Schedule</u>: helpful schedule and map showing when and where Santa will be visiting on the fire truck starting today through Dec. 20.
- Helping One of Our Own: https://www.marltonreccouncil.org/news_article/show/1197404
- Free Dental Services for Ages 13 & Under, 2.4.22

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools