



# Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

Highlights: ETSD Text Message Notification; Evesham Education Foundation Upcoming Events; Message from Cherokee Re: ETSD Student Attendance at Home Football Games; Seeking Interview Questions for Youngest Chess Grandmaster Ever (repeat from last Update); ETSD Hiring!; Opportunities and Resources (new listings!)

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”  
– proverb with variations tracing back to multiple continents  
(our 2023-24 District Theme is “Cooperation is Key”)

Thank you to all our staff for their work this week to make our students’ first days of school so positive. The weather forecast next week looks cooler.

## **ETSD Text Message Notification**

Parents received a text message to their phones yesterday afternoon as a result of testing our district conducted with the text message capability of our School Messenger communication system. The text read, “Evesham Township School District alerts. Reply Y 2 confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq. varies. [schoolmessenger.com/txt](http://schoolmessenger.com/txt)”

Please feel free to hit Y to confirm to enable this text message feature. It may be used moving forward, in conjunction with other communication means, to notify parents about weather-related closures, bus delays, and more. The same feature is being added for staff; staff will be notified when the text message above is sent to their phones.

## **Evesham Education Foundation Upcoming Events**

- [EEF Annual Fall Dinner, 10.5.23](#)
- [EEF Movie Night, Savich Field, 10.13.23, Super Mario Bros](#)
- SAVE THE DATE, Nov. 3, 6 - 9 pm, Designer Bag Bingo, DMS



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## Message from Cherokee Re: ETSD Student Attendance at Home Football Games

Cherokee High School is excited to host its home football games for the 2023 season. In recent years, many elementary and middle school aged students who attend the games are unsupervised and some of these children have created issues that Cherokee staff, security, administration, and the Evesham Township Police have had to address.

To ensure everyone's safety and to foster a positive experience for all, Cherokee has put in place these measures for all home football games. Cherokee thanks everyone in advance for their cooperation to ensure the home football experience continues to be a safe and exciting event for all who come to support our Chiefs.

- All Cherokee students will be required to show their student ID when entering the game and produce the ID throughout the game if requested by a school staff member. Students may use their IDs from last year or can pick up this year's ID at the Cherokee main office on Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 3:30pm.
- Any middle school or elementary school student wishing to attend the game must enter the game with a parent/guardian or other adult. No more than four students may enter with the parent/guardian or other adult and that individual will be required to always supervise his/her children throughout the game.
- No backpacks or bags of any kind will be permitted.
- There will be no re-entry to the game, and no one will be permitted to enter the game after the conclusion of the first half of the football game.

## Seeking Interview Questions for Youngest Chess Grandmaster Ever (repeat from last Update)

The [South Jersey Innovation Center](http://www.southjerseyinnovationcenter.org), a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting STEM education and activities for children and adults alike, is having an Open House on Sept. 17 as they move to their new location in Cherry Hill ([SJIC Open House 9.17.23](http://www.southjerseyinnovationcenter.org/sjic-open-house-9.17.23)). Their Special Guest will be [Abhimanyu Mishra](http://www.abhimanyumishra.com), the youngest chess Grandmaster in history, and current US Junior Champion, and who is also from New Jersey! These are incredible accomplishments that defy words. I will be interviewing Abhi and his father as part of the Open House. I'd love (love!) to hear from our students, staff, and families as to what questions I should ask (please feel free to email me questions). Here we have a young man, age 14, born and raised in our state, who has accomplished the rarest of feats faster than anyone in history (and chess has been around nearly 2,000 years). Our state truly excels beyond its size in areas of human endeavor with an



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emphasis on intelligence, personality, and the arts. I'm excited for this interview most of all because it gives me the chance to share questions from our students and community.

Our district is delighted to be partnering with SJIC to pilot an extracurricular Evesham Chess Club in one or more of our schools this year. Details are being finalized and will be shared soon. Chess develops a range of skills, and through fun and play. To adapt a line from Emily Dickinson ("tell all the Truth, but tell it Slant"), if our goal is to develop cognitive abilities, then chess enables that development through a "game," rather than in a more direct way that might meet reluctance ("ok, let's do more school work"). Once the chess bug bites, playing chess can grow and grow, the same way a child into a sport will practice on their own, shooting baskets in the neighborhood. And chess brings social benefits as well. Students can develop great friendships and memories through playing chess with peers, on a team, and more.

## ETSD Hiring!

For more info about classroom aide, bus driver, bus aide, lunch aide, other positions, please see [ETSD Staff Positions Info 2023-24](#). Our district provides all bus driver training and license fees. To apply: <https://www.applitrack.com/evesham/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1>

## Opportunities and Resources

- [Cub Scouts Pack-49 of Marlton!!](#)
- Arden Theater seeking G10,G11,G12 actors: [CONSTITUTION Debater Casting Flyer V3.pdf](#)
- YARDS Sciences
  - [2023 Fall Schedule.pdf](#)
  - [Fall Courses 2023.pdf](#)
  - [Fall CSI Class.pdf](#)

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools