



# VIKING NAVIGATOR

## EVERGREEN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### EHS ANNOUNCES VALEDICTORIANS

EHS is proud to announce the top-ranked students in the Class of 2021. Ayden DeGroff, Raegan Fisher, Hannah Gleckler, Morgan Kohler, Gina Silvestri, Colin Smith, Jazmin Todd, and Corryn Willson each maintained at least a cumulative 4.0 GPA and are all named co-valedictorians. Congratulations to all!

- Ayden DeGroff will pursue a major in biomedical engineering. His goal includes making a medical contribution to cancer research. He is the son of Sarah Belknap.
- Raegan Fischer plans to attend Miami University, major in biology, and pursue a medical degree. She is the daughter of Joseph and Courtney Fischer.
- Hannah Gleckler will study biochemistry as she plans to become a genetic counselor in the future. She is the daughter of Matt and Mindy Gleckler.
- Morgan Kohler will attend the University of Toledo and major in environmental sciences so she can pursue her goal of protecting the environment. She is the daughter of Phil and Fran Kohler.
- Gina Silvestri will study human nutrition with a specialization in dietetics at The Ohio State University. She is the daughter of Amy and Anthony Silvestri.
- Colin Smith will attend Hillsdale College this fall. His goal is to be independently wealthy and become President of the United States. He is the son of Donald and Christy Smith.
- Jazmin Todd's goal is to become a large animal veterinarian, and she will begin her studies at The Ohio State University ATI. She is the daughter of Wilbur and Gloria Todd and Albertina Todd.
- Corryn Willson will attend Grand Valley State University and major in biomedical sciences with an emphasis in nutrition. Her goal is to become a registered dietitian. She is the daughter of Paul Willson and Cindy DeBacker.



Class of 2021 Valedictorians are (front row, L to R) J. Todd, H. Gleckler, C. Willson, R. Fischer, (back row, L to R) G. Silvestri, M. Kohler, C. Smith & A. DeGroff

### SALUTATORIAN



Jacob Blanchard is named salutatorian and ranked second in his class. He will major in computer engineering at Trine University. He looks forward to designing and using custom computer chips as well as working with super computers. He is the son of Jodie and Steve Frederick and Joseph and Heather Blanchard.

### TOP FCCC STUDENT



Harley Schwartz is EHS's number one academically ranked student attending Four County Career Center

where he is a member of the CAD program. He plans to attend Kent State University and study architecture and environmental design. Harley is also considering joining the United States Air Force. He is the son of Shi Schwartz.

# IS THE NWOAL THE RIGHT ATHLETIC LEAGUE FOR EVERGREEN?

Evergreen Local School administrators are exploring options outside the Northwest Ohio Athletic League (NWOAL). Why? The simple answer is to allow for more evenly matched competition as well as for the safety for our athletes. The longer answer includes three main reasons why this move is under consideration: history, student athlete success, and league movement.

Ongoing communications and future meetings will take place before a final recommendation is made to the Evergreen Board of Education whether or not to remain in the NWOAL. The following information was presented to the Board of Education at the March 22 meeting. The accumulated data illustrates Evergreen's history in the NWOAL for the past 45 years. The public is invited to a Community Forum scheduled on March 29 as the District continues to evaluate what is in the best interest of its student athletes. The goal is to create the most successful athletic program possible for the Vikings.

45 years of NWOAL Championships			
School	Boys	Girls	Total = 604
1. Archbold	72	76	148
2. Bryan	90	28	118
3. Wauseon	74	43	117
4. Swanton	38	24	62
5. Delta	34	19	53
6. Liberty Center	26	21	47
7. Patrick Henry	25	12	37
8. Evergreen	4	18	22

Evergreen's NWOAL Places
1st - League Championships <b>22</b>
•
2nd Place <b>25</b>
•
3rd Place <b>28</b>
•
4th Place <b>58</b>
Total 1st-4th place finishes: <b>133</b>

Evergreen NWOAL Championship History
<b>0 League Titles</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseball</li> <li>• Bowling</li> <li>• Cross Country</li> <li>• Golf</li> <li>• Soccer</li> <li>• Wrestling</li> </ul>
<b>Boys League Titles</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basketball 1998, 2009, 2020</li> <li>• Football 1984</li> </ul>
<b>Girls League Titles</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basketball 1984, 2011, 2016</li> <li>• Softball 2008, 2009, 2013</li> <li>• Track &amp; Field 1984, 1985, 1986</li> <li>• Volleyball 2002, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018</li> </ul>

**VIKING WINS**

Evergreen currently holds only 3.6% of the NWOAL Championship titles since 1976

*Based on NWOAL historical records*



**HISTORY**

- The NWOAL was established in 1926 and originally included Bryan, Delta, Liberty Center, Montpelier, Napoleon, and Wauseon. Sports included football, boys basketball, and track.
- Evergreen joined the NWOAL in 1969 while dually joining the Northern Border League (NBL).
- Evergreen left the NWOAL in 1971 to solely compete in the NBL with smaller schools, including Delta, Patrick Henry, and Swanton, to remain competitive.
- When the NBL dissolved in 1978, Evergreen was absorbed back into the NWOAL along with Delta and Swanton.
- When competing for league titles, Evergreen is historically on the bottom of the NWOAL while Archbold, Bryan, and Wauseon have been consistently the top three schools.
- In the 45 years Evergreen has been an NWOAL member, the Vikings have only clinched 3.6% of the NWOAL 1st Place titles.

**STUDENT ATHLETE SUCCESS**

- Evergreen has the fewest NWOAL championships among all the schools; we currently have a tradition of not being competitive.
- The goal entering every league contest should be to have at least a 50% chance of success.
- Winning more games and titles will breed a winning attitude throughout the district while increasing student and spectator participation in Evergreen athletics.
- Being more competitive will instill Viking pride among our athletes, student body, and community. Creating a more competitive and winning culture will help to ensure student athlete success into the future.
- Building winning traditions will help create a more positive climate throughout the district.
- If a league change occurs, the opportunity for Evergreen to play its neighboring districts and honor its long-standing rivalries will still exist through non-league contests.

**LEAGUE MOVEMENT**

- Membership changes in the Toledo Area Athletic Conference (TACC), Northern Lakes League (NLL), Buckeye Border Conference (BBC), Three Rivers Athletic Conference (TRACC), and the Green Meadows Conference (GMAC) will have a significant impact on the membership of the NWOAL.
- Swanton’s administration is asking its BOE to approve a resolution to leave the NWOAL and form a new league, thus creating an opening in the NWOAL.
- Napoleon and other NLL schools (much larger than Evergreen) have already expressed interest in joining the NWOAL.
- Leaving the NWOAL proactively may be Evergreen’s best chance at controlling its own destiny. In order to provide Viking athletes true competitiveness, Evergreen would be best served competing against comparable-sized schools with equivalent athletic programs.

**POSSIBLE NEW LEAGUE**

- There have been discussions with Swanton, Delta, Ottawa Hills, Northwood, Montpelier, and Edon (football only) regarding forming a new league allowing for more evenly matched athletic competitions.

**Total School Enrollments**

*Grades K-12, 2020-2021 School Year*

1. Bryan .....	1790
2. Wauseon .....	1716
3. Archbold .....	1163
4. Swanton .....	1135
5. Delta .....	1119
6. Evergreen .....	1100
7. Liberty Center .....	959
8. Patrick Henry .....	839

EVERGREEN'S  
FUTURE IN THE  
NWOAL



**We want to hear from you!**

Evergreen Local Schools will host a **Community Forum** on Monday, March 29 at 7:00 pm in the EHS gym.

The forum will be moderated, questions will be asked, and answers will be given regarding Evergreen’s membership in the NWOAL. Mr. Eric Smola, superintendent, will begin the evening with a short presentation before proceeding with a panel question and answer session.

To submit a comment or question for the panel, please email it to: [Submit@evgvikings.org](mailto:Submit@evgvikings.org) by March 26, 2021.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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jdraheim@evgvikings.org  
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**RADEL EARNS SOCCER HONOR**

At the February Board of Education meeting, Paige Radel, gr. 12, received a Senatorial Commendation from Ohio Senator, Theresa Gavarone, for her athletic accomplishments and being named to the Ohio All-State 2nd Team for the 2020 soccer season.



**HS WINTER SPORTS WRAP-UP**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

- Record: 16-7, is 4-3 in NWOAL
- Northwest Ohio Holiday Tournament Champions
- Evan Lumbrezer named NWOAL Player of the Year, 1st Team NWOAL, 1st Team District 7, Scoring Champion NWOAL, and Swanton Welding Player of the Week
- Ethan Loeffler named 2nd Team NWOAL, Honorable Mention District 7, and Northwest Signal Player of the Week

**BOWLING**

- Girls finished 5-8 overall
- Boys finished 9-6 overall
- Michaela Baker named Honorable Mention All-League
- Ethan Shively named 2nd Team All-League
- David Fuller named Honorable Mention All-League
- Derek Cobb named Honorable Mention All-League

**DIVING**

- William Dumas participated in diving as a club member representing EHS. He took 11th place at the OHSAA State Diving Tournament!

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

- Record: 8-14, 0-5 in NWOAL
- Bekah Bowser named 2nd Team NWOAL and Honorable Mention All-District
- Jordan Lumbrezer named Honorable Mention NWOAL, Honorable Mention All-District and Senior District Academic Award
- Morgan Foster named Honorable Mention All-District and Senior District Academic Award

**WRESTLING**

- Team Dual Record: 15-6
- Ayden Gleckler (106) Season Record: 27-7, placed 3rd in NWOAL, 2nd at Sectionals, advanced to Districts
- Brodie Setmire (113) Season Record 19-9, placed 4th in NWOAL, 4th at Sectionals, and advanced to Districts
- Jack Stubleski (120) Season Record: 28-5, placed 3rd in NWOAL, 3rd at Sectionals, and advanced to Districts
- Colin Smith (132) Team Captain, season was cut short due to injury
- Austin Pennington (138) Season Record 17-17, placed 4th at Sectionals, and advanced to Districts
- Cody Sheller (285) Season Record: 25-17, placed 4th in NWOAL



▲ E.Lumbrezer, NWOAL Player of the Year



▲ W.Dumas, 11th Place OHSAA Diving



▲ D.Fuller, HM All-League



▲ B.Bowser, 2nd Team NWOAL & HM All-District

## FFA NEWS

- Kyle Feedback placed first in the Beginning Prepared Fulton County Public Speaking Contest and first in the District 1 Contest with his speech entitled, “Gun Clubs and Safety Classes for Urban and Rural Kids”. He advanced to compete in the state competition.
- Lilly Herr and Cynthia Fritsch competed in the Fulton County Creed Contest. They had to memorize their presentations and answer questions on their topics presented by a panel of three judges. Lilly (pictured) earned first place and advanced to the District 1 Contest where she also placed first. Cynthia took fourth place in the county competition.



## AMERICANISM & GOVERNMENT TEST



Sponsored by the American Legion, the Americanism and Government Test is taken by students in grades 10-12 each year. EHS placed top in Fulton County in all six categories this year! Congratulations to sophomores, Ayden Gleckler and Josie Blanchard,

juniors Ben Saunders and McKenzie Denton, and seniors Evan Pennington and Morgan Foster. Ben Saunders not only scored the highest Fulton County, but also in the District competition. He is slated as an alternate for an all-expense paid trip to Gettysburg and Washington D.C. hosted by the American Legion.

## FRANKLIN B. WALTER AWARD

Gina Silvestri was chosen by her teachers for her academic achievements as EHS’s recipient of the Franklin B. Walter scholarship. Gina recognized Mr. Chris Lyons as one of her most influential EHS teachers. This scholarship award is named in honor of Franklin B. Walter who served as State Superintendent of Education for Ohio from 1977-1991. Congratulations Mr. Lyons and Gina Silvestri!



## MS WINTER SPORTS REVIEW

### 7th Grade Girls Basketball

- Record: 10-4, 4-3 NWOAL

### 8th Grade Girls Basketball

- Record: 13-4, 5-2 NWOAL
- 2nd Place in the NWOAL tournament

### 7th Grade Boys Basketball

- Record: 11-5, 4-3 NWOAL

### 8th Grade Boys Basketball

- Record: 8-8, 3-4 NWOAL



Pictured is the 8th grade girls basketball team and their coach, Shane Chamberlin ▶

### Wrestling - NWOAL:

- Placed 5th as a team in the NWOAL tournament
- Branden Studenka & Max Mousing named League Champs in their respective weight class
- Trevor Johnson named Runner-Up in his weight group

## COLLEGE SIGNINGS

Congratulations to the following seniors who have officially signed a National Letter of Intent to play athletics at the collegiate level.



*Lexie Thibodeaux*

*Siena Heights University - Softball*



*Jordan Lumbrezer*

*Siena Heights University - Track & Field*

## END-OF-COURSE EXAMS AT EHS

- ELA: April 19 & 20
- Am. History & Govt: April 26 & 27
- Biology: April 28 & 29
- Algebra I & Geometry: May 3 & 4
- AP Literature: May 18
- AP Calculus: May 24
- AP Language & Comp: May 26

## BATTING CAGES

Thank you to the following businesses who donated their time and/or resources to complete the concrete decks for the new outdoor batting cages for the softball and baseball programs.

Keller Builders

Mika Construction

Pahl Ready Mix Concrete Inc.

M&R Ready-Mix Inc.

Carter Lumber

## MS ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

The following EMS students have been named Artist of the Week for going above and beyond assignment requirements, using exceptional technique, and producing a unique piece.



▲ Lissa Roesti, *Mystery Painting*



▲ Konner Sanford, *Surrealistic Combo*



▲ Ella Smola, *Slab Structure*



▲ Lindsey Hendricks, *Ancient Greek Scratchart*



▲ AJ Fox, *Slab Structure*

## ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations Ben Saunders, gr 11, for finishing first place in the Fulton County American Legion Oratorical Contest earning a \$100 prize. He also placed first at the district level where he earned another \$250 award. He will advance to the state competition.



## FCCC STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Mia Cassidy, gr. 12, was recently chosen as Four County Career Center's Student of the Month. Mia is a member of the floral design program. She was chosen for her scholarship, attitude, achievements, and participation. She is a member of FFA and a FCCC honor student. She is the daughter of Jennifer Lewallen.



## EVANS SCHOLARS

Twenty-three students from Ohio have been awarded an Evans Scholarship, a prestigious full housing and tuition college grant offered to golf caddies. EHS is proud to announce two of those seniors are Gina Silvestri and Evan Pennington. Both Gina and Evan served as caddies at Inverness Golf Club, and each will attend The Ohio State University this fall. To be considered for this scholarship, valued at \$120,000, applicants must meet caddy requirements, excel academically, demonstrate financial need, possess outstanding character, and complete a selection interview.



## EHS VIRTUAL MUSICAL

The curtain will rise, and this year's annual spring musical will go on with audience members watching from home. *The Secret Garden* will be streamed on April 16 & 17 at 7:00 pm. In order to view the performance, audience members will need a ticket with a view code. Tickets are on sale now at <https://bit.ly/EVGMusical2021>

Evergreen High School presents  
**THE SECRET GARDEN**  
 Book and Lyrics by MARSHA NORMAN  
 Music by LUCY SIMON  
 based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
 STREAMING PERFORMANCES:  
 April 16 & 17, 2021  
 7:00 pm  
 Adults: \$10 Students: \$7 Senior Citizens: \$7  
 For tickets, visit:  
<https://bit.ly/EVGMusical2021>

## ART SHOW

This year's Evergreen Art Show will be displayed at the Evergreen Community Library in Metamora. Students' works of art will be available for viewing April 16-30. Additional student art pieces will be shared through Evergreen's social media and the district website.

**No School: April 2 & April 5**

## MS SOCIAL STUDIES & YOGA

Middle school social studies students wrap up their units on Hinduism and Buddhism by practicing 10 minutes of yoga at the beginning of class.

Yoga incorporates many of the cultural beliefs including “being present” and “remaining grounded” in life.



## NOVEL STUDIES

Sixth graders created and presented English/Language Arts projects regarding recently read novels, *The Outsiders* and *Julie of the Wolves*. Students were responsible for relating the overall theme, purpose, and novel structure.



## 100 DAYS OF IN-PERSON LEARNING

Second graders celebrated being in school for 100 days by dressing like 100-year-olds.



## KINDERGARTEN RESEARCH PROJECTS

Kindergartners begin their first research projects by collecting polar bear facts. Then they team up with fourth graders to create informational slides.



## FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW PLACES



▲ **Melissa Nagy**  
Accounts R/P Specialist  
District Office

▼ **Jen Burghardt**  
Administrative Assistant  
EHS Main Office



▼ **Brady Ruffer**  
EMS Principal  
Dishwasher & Helper

▲ **Rene Mack**  
Head Cook  
EHS/EMS cafeteria



## MS ARTISTS CONTINUED



▲ **Jayden Harmon**, Digital Mosaic



▲ **Zarra Cordova**, Illumination Repousse

## EHS ARTISTS

The following students participated in the Black Swamp Arts Council Art Show: Emily Eckhart, Lila Johnson, Logan Fox, Chris Hartzel, Morgan Foster, and Aine Daughtery. Congratulations Chris Hartzel for being awarded an honorable mention in photography for his self-portrait photo blend.



## SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Evergreen Local Schools is accepting applications for substitute bus drivers. Subs will be used on an as-needed basis. Training is provided by the District. If interested, please call Carrie Brown at 419-644-3521, ext. 1164.

**Last Day of School - May 27**  
1-Hr. Early Dismissal

# The Community Bulletin Board

- Upcoming 2021 Evergreen Board of Education Meetings: April 19, May 17, and June 21 at 6:00 pm in EHS media center. Agendas and summaries are located at [www.evgvikings.org](http://www.evgvikings.org).
- Keeping Our Girls Safe (KOGS) will be offering a free self-defense class on May 15 from 10:00 am - Noon in the EHS gym. This class is open to all females in the community age 13 and up. Registration deadline is May 1. Go to the Evergreen website to register.
- The Village of Metamora is seeking a part-time clerical employee. High school diploma required with an associate degree preferred. Applicant must be familiar with MS Word & Excel. Experience in governmental accounting and payroll beneficial. Pay negotiable depending upon experience. Position available immediately. Application available at [www.metamoraohio.org](http://www.metamoraohio.org) Contact the Village Office at 419-644-2051 for additional information.
- The Village of Metamora is looking to hire a part-time seasonal employee to assist the Maintenance Department with street, sewer, park projects, grounds cleaning, mowing and other duties assigned. Applicant must be 18 years of age with a valid driver's license. Must be able to work a flexible schedule, approx. 24 hours per week from mid-April through mid-August 2021. Applications available at the Village Office or online [www.metamoraohio.org](http://www.metamoraohio.org).
- St. Mary's CWV & Auxiliary is sponsoring one \$600 Memorial Day scholarship, open to all 2021 graduating seniors living in the Evergreen School District. For an application call EHS at 419-644-2951 ext. 1107. Deadline is April 23, 2021.
- Interested in coaching Viking football? An assistant varsity football coach is needed for the 2021-2022 season. Contact Coach Aaron Schmidt for more info at [aschmidt@evgvikings.org](mailto:aschmidt@evgvikings.org)
- Evergreen Community Library's summer reading program, Tales & Tails, begins June 7. Sign up begins May 10.



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## GOLF OUTING SCHEDULED AUGUST 21



The 26th annual Chris Miller Memorial Golf Tournament will be held August 21, 2021 at Valleywood Golf Club in Swanton, OH. Hosted by the Evergreen Athletic Boosters, the event is open to the public. The goal is to raise funds, awareness, and excitement for Evergreen's athletic programs. If you are interested in playing and/or being a sponsor, contact Garrett Damman at 419-349-7195 or Jeff Herrick at 419-304-0772. Registration deadline is August 9.

## MOTORCYCLE RIDE SCHEDULED

This year's Keeping Our Girls Safe (KOGS) Ride is August 8, 2021. Evergreen High School will be the new starting location. Registration begins online June 1. Day-of registration takes place from 9:00-11:30 am with start at noon. Funds support the KOGS mission of providing free self-defense classes and education.

## MUSIC BOOSTER REVERSE RAFFLE



The Evergreen Music Booster Reverse Raffle will be held virtually on April 21 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 each. The last 3 names drawn win money; grand prize is \$1,000. In 2022, the HS band and choir are planning to return to Disney World, and proceeds will support this trip. Information regarding the live-stream event will be posted to the Music Booster Facebook page and Evergreen's website as the date gets closer. Contact Debbie Campbell at 419-367-2326 or at [jecca1030@gmail.com](mailto:jecca1030@gmail.com) for info.