



VIKING NAVIGATOR

EVERGREEN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EVERGREEN SEEKS RENEWAL LEVY

In order to maintain Evergreen's current financial stability, the District will place a renewal of its 0.25% income tax levy on the May ballot. This is not a new tax and will continue to provide for planned expenses. Last year, this levy was responsible for approximately \$670,000 of the District's General Fund.

If this levy passes, District residents will not pay any additional taxes to Evergreen Schools. A District resident who makes \$50,000 per year will continue to pay approximately \$125.00 annually.

Evergreen Local Schools is funded by the State of Ohio and its local residents. Local residents contribute their share of funding through property and income taxes. The money generated from residents' taxes supports Evergreen's General Fund. The District's General Fund is what pays for student curriculum, textbooks, transportation, building maintenance, utilities, salaries and health benefits for both teachers and support staff, and more. It does not pay for food service, athletics, or debt services; these areas have separate funds and separate sources of revenue.

Evergreen is currently funded by three income tax levies that when combined totals 1.5%.

The levy breakdown includes:

- 0.75% continuing
- 0.50% expiring in 2024
- 0.25% expiring in December 2022

The expiring 0.25% income tax levy is a Traditional Tax Based Levy and does not tax social security income. Originally, this levy was at 0.50% but was reduced in 2017 to 0.25% due to the District's strong fiscal management.

**It's a Renewal
Not a New Tax
Not an Increase
Not More Money
Not New Money**



DISTRICT FISCAL REPORT



*By Brian Carroll,
Treasurer*

December 31, 2021 marked the halfway point of Fiscal Year 2022. This school year, one

of the most significant changes educational institutions across the state have seen is a new funding model from the State of Ohio. The model shows state funding to Evergreen Schools will slightly increase, but it is too early to determine any amount. However, District operating expenses continue to increase. One of Evergreen's main funding sources is its income tax, which is down about 4% compared to last year. Evergreen's income tax revenue helps fund its General Fund which pays the District's day-to-day operating expenses, including:

- Student Programming (FFA, Ag, Music, Art, etc.)
- Special Education Services
- Classroom Supplies
- Technology & Computers
- Building Utilities
- Bus Fleet & Fuel
- Staffing, Salaries & Benefits

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Eric J. Smola, Superintendent



It is hard to believe we are almost three quarters through the school year. It has been great having community members back on campus and in our buildings this year. Community involvement is critical to our mission.

A special thank you to everyone who recently completed our strategic planning surveys. The feedback we received is extremely valuable, and it will help guide the District's future direction as we strive to provide Evergreen students the best education and opportunities possible. Based on responses from the recent surveys, the following themes are common:

- Evergreen has dedicated and caring teachers.
- Evergreen students feel safe while attending school.
- There is a desire for better facilities for performing arts.
- There is a need for additional student supports in all buildings.

Our students are amazing as highlighted throughout this edition of the *Viking Navigator*. We are excited for the completion of our renovation and expansion project, the beginning of spring sports and activities, and especially our high school musical and District Art Show. We look forward to seeing you at one of the many upcoming District events.

STEM GRANT RECIPIENT

Evergreen is proud to announce that it is one of 151 institutions to receive a \$5,000 grant from the Ohio STEM Learning Network (OSLN). Funded by Battelle, the grant will create new STEM learning projects in Evergreen's fifth grade science classes. STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering, and math.

According to Dr. Dolores Swineford, Evergreen's assistant superintendent and curriculum director, the District plans to purchase a variety of Magna-Tiles and LEGO Education sets to create a classroom STEM resource for multiple grade levels. "This is an opportunity to show students that STEM is a creative way of thinking and problem solving by using hands-on tools," Swineford explains.

Kelly Gaier Evans, Director of OSLN, states "The schools awarded this grant will be able to create powerful new experiences to amaze and inspire students. We invest in these programs to foster the next generation of Ohio innovators."

EVERFI EMPOWERED SEAL AWARDED

The Evergreen Local School District has earned a 2021 Empowered District Seal for its exemplary commitment to whole-child education. This recognition acknowledges Evergreen's dedication to providing an evidence-informed education that prepares students for success in the real world. Fewer than 6% of school districts across the nation earned this distinction. Evergreen successfully implemented a wide range of programs and services in the 2020-2021 school year focused on critical skills such as financial literacy, social-emotional learning, health and wellness, inclusion, and college and career readiness. This honor is awarded by EVERFI, a digital education organization focused on helping educators address the most challenging issues affecting society.



EHS OFFERS NEW MUSIC CLASS

When the new year began in January, so did Evergreen's newest music class, Jazz Band. Eighteen students are enrolled in the course that studies jazz literature and performs popular and modern jazz styles covering the various time periods of the 1900s. In order to establish the class, new sheet music and equipment was purchased, including a drum set throne, Fender bass, and bass amplifier.

(Photos L to R):
Jazz students
rehearse during
class.

Jocelyn Schuster
plays the drum
set throne.

Samantha Miller
strums the new
Fender bass.

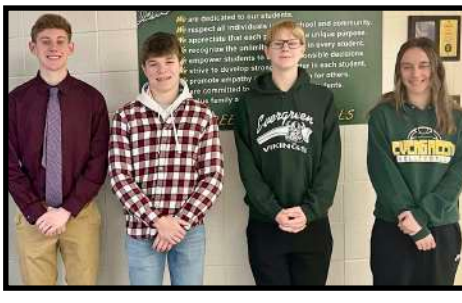


VIKING VIRTUES

Viking Virtues is a new EHS student recognition program. A new virtue is promoted each month and student representatives are chosen who best exemplify the virtue.



▲ PRIDE (L to R): I. Applin, J. Schuster, E. Johnson & E. Gutierrez



▲ RESPECT (L to R): E. Lumbrezer, J. Witt, C. Grasser & A. Hill

NEW GRADUATION HONORS

Beginning with this year's graduating class of 2022, EHS will use Latin honors to award academic accolades. The system is based on the students' cumulative grade point average (gpa) and will replace student rankings except for the distinction of valedictorian and salutatorian. Honors will be calculated at the conclusion of the seventh semester. Evergreen will continue to honor the number one ranked student academically in the class as valedictorian and the number two ranked student academically in the class as salutatorian. No other student rankings will be used.

Students with a cumulative gpa of 3.50 or higher will be recognized using Latin honors. To signify receipt of an honor, graduating seniors will be awarded honor cords during the Senior Awards Assembly and recognized during commencement.

Latin honors include three categories of commendation:

- **summa cum laude:** "with the highest honors" is the highest distinction awarded to students achieving a 3.90 or higher gpa on a weighted 4.0 scale
- **magna cum laude:** "with high honors" is the second highest recognition to commemorate students achieving a 3.70-3.89 gpa on a weighted 4.0 scale
- **cum laude:** "with honors" is the third citation and recognizes students achieving a 3.50-3.69 gpa on a weighted 4.0 scale

FCCC STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Rylan Fahrer, Grade 11

This winter, Rylan Fahrer was chosen as Four County Career Center's Student of the Month. He participates in the electrical program. At FCCC, Fahrer is a member of Skills USA and is on the honor roll. In addition, Fahrer is a member of the EHS wrestling team. Outside of school, he participates in the 4-H Delta Boosters.

FULTON COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Five students represented Evergreen in the annual Fulton County Spelling Bee. Congratulations Bailey Lumbrezer (gr. 8), Nolan Hudik (gr. 7), Weston Placzkiwicz (gr. 6), Emerie Schmidlin (gr. 5), and Carly Cook (gr. 4).



▲ L to R: Hudik, Lumbrezer, & Placzkiwicz



◀ L to R: Cook & Schmidlin

COLLEGE-BOUND ATHLETES

Congratulations to the following seniors who have officially signed a National Letter of Intent to play athletics at the collegiate level. Coaches and families were on hand to commemorate the event.



▲ Sydney Woodring-Lourdes Univ., Soccer



▲ RJ Shunck-Univ. of Toledo, Baseball

RECORD BREAKER!



Rebekah Bowser, grade 12, broke the EHS school record for scoring the most 3-pointers in a single girls basketball

game. Bowser sunk nine 3-pointers (27 points) in a team victory over Fayette. The record she broke was originally set in 1999.

Anyone can receive an electronic copy of the *Viking Navigator* by filling out the simple form at www.evgvikings.org.

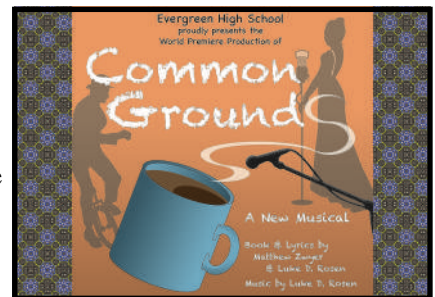
EHS PRESENTS NEW MUSICAL

EHS is set to present a new musical, *Common Grounds*, this spring. Never heard of it? That's because EHS/EMS Choir Director, Luke Rosen, has written it himself in conjunction with Matthew Zwyer, a teacher at Four County Career Center.

The musical is a retelling of *1,001 Arabian Nights*, but it takes place in a modern coffee shop. It centers on a jaded advertising executive who is first annoyed and then intrigued by the never-ending stories told by a coffee house performer during open mic night.

This year's performances will be April 8 and 9 at 7:00 pm and a matinee on April 10 at 2:00 pm in the EMS gym. Tickets will be available online soon.

"We're very excited. Matt and I have experience producing musicals, plays, and song writing. We work well together, and we have been waiting for an opportunity to pen a musical. With this year's talent, we felt it was the right time to do it," Rosen said."



The cast includes nearly 30 students. Melanie Yoder, EMS teacher, serves as the show's assistant director. Aside from teaching at EHS, Rosen is the music director at Corpus Christi University Parish, secretary of the Board for Toledo Repertoire Theatre, state adjudicator for OMEA's Creative Event, a member of the Liturgical Composers Forum in St. Louis, and a published composer. Zwyer serves as the musical director for many local productions, including those at the Waterville Playshop. He is also an accomplished playwright.

"See you when the curtains rise, we hope everyone enjoys the show!" said Rosen.

CONTEST WINNERS

Two EHS seniors were the top-place finishers in the local competition of the American Legion Oratorical Contest. Congratulations Spencer Denton and Ben Saunders. Denton took second place for his speech on the importance of the second amendment. Saunders was awarded first place for his speech on the importance of first amendment freedoms. Saunders has been declared the local, county, and district winner. In March, he will compete in the state competition.



▲ Saunders (left), Coach Blanchong, & Denton (right)

Jacob Goodson, gr. 11, is a winner in the Americanism and Government Test sponsored by the American Legion. His high test score won the local, county, district, and state-level competitions. He is ranked as one of the top three juniors in Ohio. Jacob has been awarded an all-expense paid trip to Gettysburg and Washington DC for his accomplishments.



Congratulations Jacob Goodson ▶

FIND A WAY

Brad Hurtig, motivational speaker, recently addressed the EMS student body. His message was clear: everyone faces challenges, but how the challenges are handled is what makes the difference. In high school, Hurtig was a three-sport athlete. After just finishing his sophomore year at Fairview High School, he was involved in a devastating accident resulting in the amputation of both of his hands. Through hard work and determination, Hurtig rejoined his football team. In his senior year, he led his team defense, recording 111 tackles and receiving all-state honors.

“If you are thirsty enough, you will find a way,” repeated Hurtig, referencing his coach who would not pick up his water bottle in order for him to take a drink. He explained that water bottle became the turning point in his ability to overcome his own adversity. That’s when he learned how to take control and make adjustments.

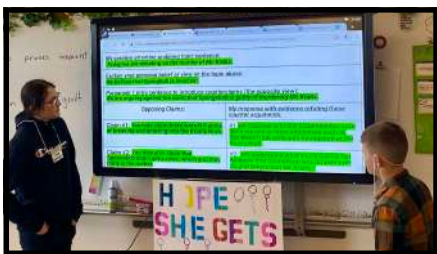
With his life-changing message and water bottle exercise, Hurtig encouraged the EMS students to never give up and to “Find a Way” to cope with whatever challenges they face.



SIXTH GRADE TRIALS

Sixth grade English/language arts students participated in either the Trial of Sponge Bob or the Trial of the Big Bad Wolf. Students worked collaboratively to gather text information from fictional police evidence in order to present their cases to judges and a jury of their classmates. Students were responsible for researching their cases, writing and preparing trial presentations, acting as prosecution and defense lawyers for their characters, and debating during the live, classroom trial.

The jury took notes and delivered a verdict based on the information presented by their peers.



FULTON CO. HONORS MUSIC FESTIVAL

The following students represented EMS in the annual Fulton County Junior High Honors Music Festival. Participants were selected by their local music directors based on musicianship and dedication to their school’s music program. The event is coordinated through the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwOESC).

Honor Choir Members

Niamh Daughtery	Troy Manz
Ryleigh Dennison	Isaiah Pasco
Kennedy Grabarczyk	Taylor Ramos-Sustaita
Samantha Harkey	William Ruetz
Hailey Harmon	Beth Sintobin
Nolan Harmon	Gabrielle Walborn

Honor Band Members

Zoe Abdo	Lissa Roesti
Bryce Boger	Xavier Robinette
Lindsay Henricks	Ireland Smallman
Sophia Liggett	Logan Smith
Bailey Lumbrezer	Riley Studenka
Alivia Mitchey	Avah Vaculik
Joe Okos	Olivia Weirich

EMS ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

The following EMS students have gone above and beyond assignment requirements.



▲ Kate Wyse & Callie Wyse, Calaca



▲ Rebecca Hicks & Addie Grabarczyk, Calaca



▲ Gabrielle Walborn, Slab Structure



▲ Ben Parquet, Mystery Painting



▲ Lily Flahiff, Digital Mosaic

EMS WINTER SPORTS REVIEW

7th Grade Girls Basketball

- Record: 10-5, 4-3 NWOAL

8th Grade Girls Basketball

- Record: 11-6, 3-3 NWOAL

7th Grade Boys Basketball

- Record: 7-8, 2-4 NWOAL

8th Grade Boys Basketball

- Record: 11-5, 3-3 NWOAL

7/8th Grade Wrestling

- Brody Studenka, gr. 7
- 1st Place at NWOAL Meet
- Jackson Huffman, gr. 7
- 1st Place at NWOAL Meet

EMS ARTISTS CONTINUED



▲ Sophia Goodson, Surrealistic Combo



▲ Wyatt Todd, Digital Mosaic

EES & WALLEYE

The EES Choir will perform the “Star-Spangled Banner” and various other songs at the Toledo Walleye hockey game on April 1, 2022. More information regarding tickets will be available soon.

EMS QUARTER AWARDS

Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, EMS recognizes one student from each grade, each quarter, who exemplifies ROW behavior. Row behavior includes: Respect, Ownership, and Working Hard. These students are selected by their grade-level teachers for their outstanding effort both in and out of the classroom.



▲ 1st Qtr. ROW Students (L to R): E. Hein (6 gr.), D. Raker (7 gr.), & L. Roesti (8 gr.)



▲ 2nd Qtr. ROW Students (L to R): J. Johnson (8 gr.), M. Rettle (6 gr.), & A. Vaughn (7 gr.)

HELPING 5TH GRADERS

Eloise Daugherty (left) and Alexandria Paulson (right), both gr. 7, created a video presentation for fifth grade students to help them transition to EMS. The video includes tips, a tour, and expectations to make the move to the middle school building easier while increasing the fifth graders’ comfort levels before the 2022-2023 school year begins. Daugherty and Paulson participate in Mastery Hour, an enrichment opportunity aimed at fostering a passion for helping others.



SPACE, PLANETS & ALIENS

Fifth grade science students recently studied the Solar System and had the opportunity to choose a planet to study in more depth. After researching the planet’s characteristics, students used the information to create a 3D alien and passport to share at the “Interplanetary Commission.” Kindergarten students visited the Interplanetary Commission to learn about the planets and how aliens would live on their intergalactic homes.



SPREADING CHEER



To help spread holiday cheer, EES students made cards for patients at the University of Michigan’s Mott Children’s Hospital. Emily Loeffler, intervention specialist and the force behind this project, wanted to remind students how important it is to think of others, especially during the holiday season.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open now. See the District website for information.

SPRING ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

EHS BASEBALL

VARSITY			
Date	Start Time	H/A	Opponent
3/26/2022	1:30 PM	A	Otsego
3/28/2022	5:00 PM	H	Swanton
3/29/2022	5:00 PM	H	Delta
4/01/2022	5:00 PM	H	Eastwood
4/09/2022	12:00 PM	H	Montpelier-DH
4/11/2022	5:00 PM	A	Archbold
4/14/2022	5:00 PM	A	Patrick Henry
4/16/2022	11:00 AM	H	Edgerton-DH
4/18/2022	5:00 PM	H	Liberty Center
4/21/2022	5:00 PM	H	Wauseon
4/22/2022	5:00 PM	H	Blissfield
4/23/2022	11:00 AM	H	Holgate-DH
4/25/2022	5:00 PM	A	Bryan
4/26/2022	5:00 PM	H	Lake
4/28/2022	5:00 PM	H	Delta
5/02/2022	5:00 PM	A	Swanton
5/07/2022	5:00 PM	H	Ottawa Hills
5/10/2022	5:00 PM	A	Cardinal Stritch
5/12/2022	5:00 PM	A	Start
5/13/2022	5:00 PM	H	Hilltop
JUNIOR VARSITY			
Date	Start Time	H/A	Opponent
3/26/2022	11:00 AM	H	Otsego-DH
3/28/2022	5:00 PM	A	Swanton
3/29/2022	5:00 PM	A	Delta
4/1/2022	5:00 PM	A	Eastwood
4/5/2022	5:00 PM	H	Patrick Henry
4/7/2022	5:00 PM	H	Elmwood
4/8/2022	5:00 PM	H	Edgerton
4/9/2022	11:00 AM	A	Montpelier-DH
4/11/2022	5:00 PM	H	Archbold
4/18/2022	5:00 PM	A	Liberty Center
4/19/2022	5:00 PM	H	Start
4/21/2022	5:00 PM	A	Wauseon
4/22/2022	5:00 PM	A	Blissfield
4/25/2022	5:00 PM	H	Bryan
4/26/2022	5:00 PM	A	Lake
4/28/2022	5:00 PM	A	Delta
5/02/2022	5:00 PM	H	Swanton
5/06/2022	4:30 PM	A	North Central-DH
5/07/2022	1:30 PM	H	Ottawa Hills
5/10/2022	5:00 PM	H	Cardinal Stritch

EHS BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Date	Start Time	H/A	Opponent
3/26/2022	12:00 PM	A	Napoleon
4/05/2022	4:30 PM	H	Wauseon
4/09/2022	11:00 AM	A	Tinora
4/12/2022	4:30 PM	A	Wauseon
4/16/2022	9:00 AM	A	Liberty Center
4/19/2022	4:30 PM	A	Swanton
4/23/2022	9:00 AM	A	Hicksville
5/03/2022	4:30 PM	H	Archbold
5/06/2022	4:30 PM	A	Ottawa Hills
5/07/2022	9:00 AM	A	Montpelier

DH = Double Header



Schedules are subject to change. For updates, visit evgathletics.org.



▲ The softball team is looking to continue its 2021 success as NWOAL Champions.

EHS SOFTBALL

VARSITY			
Date	Start Time	H/A	Opponent
3/28/2022	5:00 PM	H	Cardinal Stritch
3/29/2022	5:00 PM	H	Otsego
4/02/2022	10:00 AM	A	North Central-DH
4/04/2022	5:00 PM	H	Notre Dame
4/05/2022	5:00 PM	A	Holgate
4/07/2022	5:00 PM	H	Eastwood
4/08/2022	5:00 PM	H	Springfield
4/11/2022	5:00 PM	A	Archbold
4/14/2022	5:00 PM	A	Patrick Henry
4/18/2022	5:00 PM	H	Liberty Center
4/21/2022	5:00 PM	H	Wauseon
4/22/2022	5:00 PM	A	Napoleon
4/23/2022	11:00 AM	A	Lake-DH
4/25/2022	5:00 PM	A	Bryan
4/26/2022	5:00 PM	A	Rossford
4/28/2022	5:00 PM	H	Delta
4/29 & 4/30	TBA	A	PREBIS
5/02/2022	5:00 PM	A	Swanton
5/05/2022	5:00 PM	H	Edgerton
5/07/2022	11:00 AM	A	Tinora-DH
5/09/2022	5:00 PM	H	Fayette
JUNIOR VARSITY			
Date	Start Time	H/A	Opponent
3/29/2022	5:00 PM	A	Otsego
3/31/2022	5:00 PM	H	Patrick Henry
4/02/2022	11:00 AM	H	Montpelier-DH
4/07/2022	5:00 PM	A	Eastwood
4/11/2022	5:00 PM	H	Archbold
4/12/2022	5:00 PM	H	Hilltop
4/18/2022	5:00 PM	A	Liberty Center
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4/25/2022	5:00 PM	H	Bryan
4/26/2022	5:00 PM	H	Springfield
4/28/2022	5:00 PM	A	Delta
5/02/2022	5:00 PM	H	Swanton
5/10/2022	5:00 PM	H	Wauseon



▲ The Viking mascot, provided by MVP, poses with the Barnes brothers.

THANK YOU MVP!

Anyone with a student enrolled in EES is invited to join Mini Viking Parents (MVP). The purpose of the organization is to help raise money and provide volunteers for EES. MVP has funded several school-wide projects including an additional swing set, the Viking mascot costume, flexible classroom seating, books for the summer reading program, STEAM tools, gaga ball pit, and the Viking signage installed on the outdoor shelter house (pictured below). MVP meetings occur on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the EES library unless otherwise posted. All are welcome.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **After-Prom Dining Fundraiser** at Chipotle (W. Central Ave.) March 2 from 5:00-9:00 pm
- **Evergreen Band Concert** March 7 at 7:00 pm, EHS gym Grades 8-12 will perform Public welcome to attend
- **EHS Band & Choir travels to Walt Disney World to perform** March 12-16
- **No School - Spring Break** March 14-18
- **Musical, Common Grounds** April 8 & 9 at 7:00 pm April 10 at 2:00 pm
- **No School** April 15 & 18

The Community Bulletin Board

- Upcoming 2022 Evergreen Board of Education Meetings: March 21, April 18, and May 16 at 6:00 pm in the EHS Media Center. Agendas and summaries are located at www.evgvikings.org.
 - Support the Evergreen After-Prom by having dinner at Chipotle on March 2 from 5:00-9:00 pm at the West Central Avenue location. Dine in or online/pickup ordering is available by using the code YATZ8YH. Proceeds will benefit the 2022 After Prom.
 - EHS is partnering with local high schools to host the Toledo Area West College Night on March 8 from 6:30-8:00 pm at the University of Toledo in the Student Union Auditorium. There is no cost to attend and parking is free. Counselors will be available to discuss college planning. Over 50 college admission representatives will be there to provide information about their programs.
- Students in grades 3-12 are welcome to attend the Evergreen Community Library's upcoming St. Patrick's Day activity. The activity is making a mini Irish soda bread on March 12 from 12:00-1:00 pm. Participants need a small mixing bowl and whisk. To register, call 419-644-2771.
 - Students in grades 3-8 are invited to participate in Evergreen's Softball Skills Camp on March 26 on the varsity softball field. (EHS gym in case of rain.) Cost is \$20. Contact Jzoltowski@evgvikings.org for more information. The camp is hosted by EHS softball players and coaches.
 - Grades 3-5 from 9:00-11:00 am
 - Grades 6-8 from 12:00-2:00 pm
 - The Evergreen Music Booster's annual Reverse Raffle is April 30 at the Czech Hall in Seward. Doors open at 6:00 pm, raffle begins at 7:15 pm. Tickets are \$40 each and includes dinner. Grand prize is \$1,000. All proceeds benefit Evergreen's band and choir programs. For ticket information, contact jecca1030@gmail.com.

Email JConrad@evgvikings.org to have your event added to the Community Bulletin Board.



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FATHER- DAUGHTER DANCE

Female students, preschool through grade 5, are invited to bring their dad or other significant male figure to the annual Father-Daughter Dance. The dance takes place March 25 from 6:00-8:00 pm at EES. Cost is \$25 per father/daughter couple and \$5 for each additional daughter (\$35 max). All proceeds benefit After-Prom.

CHECK IT OUT

Searching for family history? The collection of the Fulton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society is housed in the Evergreen Community Library in Metamora. The resources are available to the public, including obituary records.

CWV SCHOLARSHIP

St. Mary's Catholic War Vets and Auxiliary is sponsoring one \$600 scholarship. All 2022 graduating seniors living in the Evergreen School District are eligible to apply, including private school and home school students. A 250-500 word, double-spaced, typed essay is the only requirement (one page maximum). The topic is; "What Memorial Day Means to Me." A cover page must be attached listing the applicant's name, address, phone number and high school. Essays must be turned in to the EHS counseling office by April 22, 2022. The winner will be asked to read his/her essay during Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 30, 2022. Students do not have to be Catholic or a member of Holy Trinity Parish to apply.