



EVERGREEN LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Viking Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! As the Superintendent of Evergreen Local Schools, I am excited to extend a warm greeting to all our families—both returning and new.

The start of a new school year is always filled with excitement and promise. Our dedicated team of educators and staff have been working diligently over the summer to prepare for an engaging academic year. We are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and stimulating learning environment where every student can thrive.

Communication and collaboration between home and school are key to a successful school year. We encourage you to stay connected with us through our various communication channels, including our school district website, social media platforms, and ParentSquare. Additionally, please feel free to reach out to your child's teachers or school administrators with any questions or concerns.

We also invite you to participate in school events and activities throughout the year. Your involvement and support are invaluable to our school community. Together, we can create a nurturing and dynamic environment that empowers our students to reach their full potential.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We look forward to working together to make this school year a memorable and successful one for all.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Smola,
Superintendent

Important Announcements:

Cafeteria News

Evergreen continues to partner with Variety FoodServices to provide delicious and nutritious meal options for our students. Unless families qualify for the National School Lunch & Breakfast program, the following prices apply:

- Breakfast will *no longer be provided free* of charge unless families qualify for the National School Lunch & Breakfast Program (also known as Free & Reduced Lunch Program). See below for more information.
- Breakfast and lunch are available for students to purchase each day in their respective cafeterias unless families qualify for the National School Lunch & Breakfast Program.
 - EES Student Breakfast \$2.40
 - EMS & EHS Student Breakfast \$2.60
 - EES Student Lunch \$3.15
 - EMS & EHS Student Lunch \$3.50

National School Breakfast & Lunch Program

Free and Reduced School Meal Program applications for the 2024-2025 school year are due now! A new application must be completed each school year. The application can be found attached to this message or at evgvikings.org.

- To qualify, households must complete an online National School Lunch and Breakfast Program application and meet eligibility requirements to receive meals free for the 2024-2025 school year. The free meal application can be found on the District's website under "Departments", then "Food Service", then click on the "PaySchools Central" icon where "Free & Reduced Meal Application" is listed. Both the online application and printable version can be found here.
- If a family qualifies, the student automatically receives their meal for free. According to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, there is no longer a "reduced" option.
- For students to be considered for instructional fee waivers or for community outreach programs, the section granting permission to share household eligibility must be marked. No household information from the application will be shared, only the eligibility determination fees or participation in the areas that permission is granted.

Final Forms

All student, parent/guardian, and emergency medical information is stored in Final Forms. Prior to the beginning of the school year, we ask that this demographic information be updated and confirmed. This critical information includes addresses, phone numbers, who to contact in an emergency, medical conditions, etc. This database is used daily by your child's school building. Correct information is crucial. Both parent/guardian and student signatures are required. Please take the time to update your child's information in Final Forms prior to the first day of school. Final Forms can be accessed at evgvikings.org.

ParentSquare

Evergreen has adopted ParentSquare as our new communication platform for receiving delay and closing information, teacher announcements, athletic team/coach updates, and more. Thank you to everyone who has registered. Unregistered parents/guardians were sent another registration email earlier this week. In addition, parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to download the ParentSquare app to receive notifications at your fingertips. Please see the district webpage for more information.

EHS Information

- Student schedules are now available on PowerSchool.
- School photos will be taken of all students in grades 9-12 for ID's and the yearbook on August 22.
- EHS Orientation is required for all incoming 9th grade students and new high school students. Orientation is Thursday, August 15 at 8:00 am in the EHS gym. The event begins with a brief presentation covering graduation requirements and other essential information. Following the presentation, students can pick up their Chromebook and have the opportunity to find their lockers and classrooms, deposit money into their cafeteria account, and turn in any additional forms (medication, immunizations, etc.). Course fees will be billed at a later date.
 - Also on August 15, students in grades 10-12 are welcome to come to EHS from 10:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. to take care of the following items if needed: pick-up a class schedule, meet with the counselor to make schedule changes, deposit cafeteria money, fill out parking permits, locate lockers, and turn in any additional forms (medication, immunizations, etc.).
- Required vision and hearing screens for freshmen and juniors will take place at a later date.

EMS Information

- Student schedules are now available on PowerSchool.
- 7th & 8th grade students can pick up their Chromebooks and a copy of their schedule on Monday, August 12 from 8:00 am-3:00 pm. Any Chromebooks not picked up will be delivered to students' 1st period class. During this time, students have the opportunity to find their locker, locate classrooms, and pay class fees.
- EMS Orientation Night is for students in grades 5 & 6 only on Monday, August 19. Please see the start times for each grade level. Students will pick up their Chromebooks and have the opportunity to find their locker and classrooms. Fees can also be paid.
 - 6th Grade - begins at 5:00 pm in the EMS gym
 - 5th Grade - begins at 6:00 pm in the EMS gym
- Class fees: Cash & checks accepted (checks can be made payable to *Evergreen Middle School*).
 - Grades 5-8 - \$20.00 each grade level
 - Grades 5-8 - Chromebook Protection Plan - \$25.00
- First day of school for grades 5 & 7 is August 21, 2024 (grades 6 & 8 stay home)
- First day of school for grades 6 & 8 is August 22, 2024 (grades 5 & 7 stay home)
- Grades 5-8 are all in session on August 23, 2024

EES Information

- Open House for preschool, kinderstart, and kindergarten is Monday, August 19 from 5:30-7:00 pm.
- Open House for grades 1-4 is Tuesday, August 20 from 5:30-7:00 pm. Food trucks will be available on August 20. Students in grade 4 will pick up their Chromebooks in their classroom.
- During both Open Houses, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to pay class fees and drop off classroom supplies and medications. Pick-up passes (3 car tags & 2 backpack tags) will also be available. A representative from the transportation department will be on hand to answer any bus questions.
- Class fees: Cash and checks accepted, checks can be made payable to *Evergreen Elementary School*.
 - Kinderstart \$16.00
 - Kindergarten \$16.00
 - First & Second Grade \$ 7.00
 - Third & Fourth Grade \$13.00
 - Grade 4 Chromebook Protection Plan - \$25
- A new service drive has been installed west of the building to be used for parent drop-off/pick-up. This new procedure is intended to alleviate congestion during arrival and dismissal. More information will be communicated closer to the start of school.

First Day of School

- Wednesday, August 14, 2024
 - Four County Career Center juniors and new students
- Thursday, August 15, 2024
 - Four County Career Center seniors
- Wednesday, August 21, 2024
 - Preschool and grades 1-4
 - Grades 5 & 7 (grades 6 & 8 stay home)
 - Grades 9-12
- Thursday, August 22, 2024
 - Grades 6 & 8 (grades 5 & 7 stay home)
- Monday, August 26, 2024
 - Kindergarten (*Readiness Assessments take place August 21-23, appointment times were sent out*)

Season Athletic Passes

Athletic passes are available for purchase online at evgathletics.org or in person (checks made payable to *Evergreen Athletics*).

- Fall Season Sports Pass for Student \$45.00
- Fasn Season Sports Pass for Adult \$65.00
- Fall Season Sports Pass for Family \$200.00
- All-Sports Family Pass \$350.00 - good for fall, winter, and spring sports

Weather Closings & Delays

As long as parents/guardians have updated their student's contact information (cell numbers, email addresses, etc.) in Final Forms, each family will receive an instant alert message by 6:15 am via text and phone when Evergreen is either delayed or canceled due to inclement weather. In addition, the local news stations will be contacted so the information can be broadcasted via television and radio as well.

EHS & EMS Cell Phone Policy

Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, students are not allowed to possess cell phones, smart watches, or earbuds during school hours, from 8:00 am-2:50 pm. This policy aligns with recent updates to Ohio law and other considerations.

Spirit Wear

Evergreen now has an online spirit wear store with multiple options available on the district website. The icon is listed on the district website on the homepage near the bottom left-hand corner.