EVERGREEN LOCAL SCHOOLS
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August 28, 2026

Dear Viking Families,

As we complete the second week of a new school year, I want to take a moment to remind our families that the safety and security of every student, employee, and visitor on our campus remains one of our highest priorities.

During these first few days of school, each of our buildings has conducted both a fire drill and a safety drill. These drills provide an opportunity for students and staff to review emergency procedures, become familiar with evacuation routes, and practice how to respond calmly and appropriately should an emergency ever occur. While we certainly hope these procedures are never needed beyond a drill, being prepared is an important part of keeping our schools safe.

Later this fall, Evergreen will take this preparation a step further by conducting a full-scale safety drill involving the entire campus and local emergency response agencies. The exercise will closely simulate a real-life emergency so that students, staff and emergency responders can practice their roles and responses in a realistic environment. To preserve the integrity of the exercise, specific details and timing will not be announced in advance. Please know, however, that the drill will be carefully planned and conducted with the utmost care and fidelity.

These exercises are valuable because they allow us to practice under pressure, identify areas where our procedures can be strengthened, and become more familiar with how to respond when every second matters. The purpose is not to create fear, but to build confidence and preparedness.

We also encourage families to review the Emergency Parent Guide, which is attached to this District Update and available on our district website. The guide provides important information about how the district will communicate with families and what parents can expect in the unlikely event of a real emergency.

Safety is a shared responsibility, and we encourage everyone to “say something if you see something.” Our website includes an anonymous “Stay Safe. Speak Up!” reporting link where students, parents and community members can share a safety concern at any time. Speaking up when something doesn’t seem right can make a difference.

Thank you for partnering with us to make Evergreen Local Schools a safe, caring, and welcoming place for every student and every member of our school community. Our goal is simple: to be prepared, to remain vigilant and, most importantly, to keep our students safe.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Smola
Superintendent

Income Tax Renewal Levy

Evergreen Local Schools will have a 0.25% Income Tax Renewal Levy on the November 3, 2026 ballot. The funds from this levy will continue to support operations including, but not limited to student instructional materials, transportation, supplies, utilities, and salaries for both teachers and support staff. This levy is NOT a new tax nor an increase.

iReady Testing

Students in grades K-10 will be tested three times throughout the 2026-2027 school year in both reading and math. Known as iReady assessments, the results are used to evaluate students' progress, strengths, weaknesses, knowledge, and skills. Results will be shared with families after each round of testing is complete. The first round of iReady assessments are taking place between August 24 and September 18.

Gold Out For A Cure

In September, Evergreen's athletic department and FFA chapter are partnering together to host two Gold Games in awareness of pediatric cancer at the following home athletic contests:

- EHS Volleyball Game vs. Patrick Henry on September 15 at 4:45 pm
- Varsity Football Game vs. Archbold on September 18 at 7:00 pm

FFA members will be selling tulip bulbs at both games. In addition, a Coin Drive will take place in all three buildings September 14-18. All profits will be donated to The Cure Foundation.

MVP

Parents of EES & EMS students are invited to join! Mini Viking Parents (MVP) is Evergreen's parent group that raises funds used to purchase items or equipment for EES and EMS students and staff. The group meets monthly at 6:45 pm in the EES library. Anyone who wishes to help assist with events is welcome to attend.
Upcoming meetings are:

- September 21
- October 19
- November 23
- December 14

RFS Behavioral Health

Evergreen Local Schools is again partnering with RFS Behavioral Health (TACKLE) to provide social and emotional support services to Evergreen students. Student participation in the receipt of services is voluntary and based upon the informed consent of his/her legal guardian. Contact any of the school counselors for more information regarding services or submit a referral at *rfstackle.com/schools-we-service*.

Weather Decisions

When nasty weather arrives, Evergreen's priority is the safety of our students and staff. Early-morning decisions regarding delays or school closures are made after reviewing road and campus conditions, neighboring district decisions, and the latest weather forecasts. District staff also travel roads throughout the eastern and western ends of the district to assess conditions firsthand. Because weather, particularly fog and rapidly changing road conditions, can be unpredictable, these decisions are carefully considered and communicated as early as possible. As long as parents/guardians have updated their student's contact information (cell numbers, email addresses, etc.) in Final Forms, each family will receive a ParentSquare alert by 6:15 am when Evergreen is either delayed or canceled due to inclement weather. Information will also be posted on the district's website and the local news stations will be contacted so the information can be broadcasted via television and radio as well.

District Information

- **September 4** - No School for Students - District In-Service Day for staff
- **September 7** - No School - Labor Day
- **September 8** - No School - Fulton County Junior Fair Day
- **September 15** - FFA Gold Volleyball Game vs. Patrick Henry, tulips for sale
- **September 18** - FFA Gold Football Game vs. Archbold, tulips for sale
- **September 21-25** - Ch. 13ABC's Goodwill Pass It On Challenge (more information coming soon)
- **September 22** - Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 pm in the EHS media center (This is a Tuesday.)
- **September 28** - Special Grounds Coffee Truck 7:00 am-noon on the Evergreen campus in front of the stadium
- **October 9** - Homecoming football game vs. Swanton

Evergreen High School

- **September 15** - EHS Picture Retake Day
- **September 15** - Senior class meeting with Jostens regarding graduation ordering during Enrichment (caps & gowns, tassels, announcements, etc.)
- **September 21** - University of Toledo representative available during lunches
- **September 25-27** - FFA Greenhand Camp (Registration & money due August 28)
- **October 9** - Homecoming Dance, open to grades 9-12, ticket information coming soon.

Evergreen Middle School

- **September 11** - Dental Outreach program available
- **September 11** - ROW Lesson #1 & #7 during NNI
- **September 21** - MVP meeting at 7:00 in the EES library
- **September 25** - ROW Practice #1 & #7 during NNI
- **October 2** - Picture Retakes

Evergreen Elementary School

- **September 11** - Dental Outreach program available
- **September 11** - Gr. 1 Grandparents Day at 9:00 am
- **September 15** - Gr. 3 Ag Fest at Fulton County Fairgrounds
- **September 21** - MVP meeting at 7:00 in the EES library
- **September 23** - EES Picture Day (EES Retakes November 12)
- **September 25** - Third grade students celebrate Arbor Day at the Metamora Village Park
- **October 19** - No School for EES Students ONLY - EES Parent/Teacher Conferences from 8:00 am-4:00 pm
- **October 20** - Parent/Teacher Conferences continue from 3:00-8:00 pm

Community Invitations:

- **September 4-10** - Fulton County Fair, Wauseon, OH
- **September 12** - Ohio Door Tour at The Heritage House from 10;00 am-4:00 pm in Metamora (see flyer)
- **September 19** - Lyons Farmers Market from 4:00-8:00 pm in the Lyons Community Ballpark
- **September 25** - Celebrate Arbor Day with the EES 3rd grade students at the Metamora Village Park at 12:30 pm. Event is open to the public, rain or shine.
- **September 29** - Girl Scouts Family Information Night at 6:00 pm in the EES cafeteria

Evergreen Community Library Events (evergreencommunitylibrary.org) *Please register at 419-644-2771*

- **September 26** - Fall Fun & Games for the whole family at 10:30 am, please register
- **September 29** - Book Signing & Author Talk featuring Rebecca Regnier at 2:00 pm
- **September 30 & October 7** - Beginner's Crochet Class at 5:30 pm, please register

EVERGREEN LOCAL SCHOOLS
0.25% INCOME TAX RENEWAL LEVY
ON NOVEMBER 3 BALLOT

The funds from this levy continue to support operations including, but not limited to student instructional materials, transportation, supplies, utilities, and salaries for both teachers & support staff.

- Not a new tax
- Not an increase
- Not more money
- Not new money

Ohio Door Tour

Saturday, September 12, 2026

10 am. to 4 pm.

From Railroads to Ballparks

Visit the Heritage House in Metamora to explore local history through the lens of community life and sport. Baseball and basketball were among the most popular activities in rural Metamora, with both school teams and town-sponsored men's and women's teams playing an important role in the community. Highlights include artifacts such as a 1952 women's softball tournament trophy, recognizing a team that placed sixth in the world.

Built in the early 1900s, the Heritage House reflects an earlier era of growth tied to the Toledo & Western Railroad. Research suggests the building may have served as housing for railroad workers during construction or as a local hotel. As the railway declined in the early 1930s, due in part to the rise of the automobile and economic challenges of the Great Depression, the building transitioned into a private residence.

In 2022, the Metamora Area Historical Society restored the Heritage House to serve as a space for preserving and sharing the community's history. Visitors are invited to tour the building and learn how it has adapted over time while exploring stories and artifacts that reflect Metamora's past.

LOCATION: The Heritage House, 343 W Main Street, Metamora, Ohio 43540
Home of the Metamora Area Historical Society
Sponsored by the Ohio History Connection's Open Door Tours of Ohio
Tours are Free

Good Luck Fall Viking Athletes!

EVERGREEN VIKINGS WRESTLING GOLF OUTING

TEE IT UP FOR THE VIKINGS!

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

1:30 PM
SHOTGUN START

WOODLAWN GOLF CLUB
4634 TREAT HWY
ADRIAN, MI 49221

VIKINGS WRESTLING

$300 PER TEAM
Gather your foursome and enjoy a great day of golf while supporting Evergreen Vikings Wrestling!

$300 HOLE SPONSORSHIP
Promote your business and show your support for our wrestlers on the course!

CONTESTS & PRIZES
- LONGEST DRIVE
- CLOSEST TO THE PIN
- PUTTING CONTEST
- DRIVABLE PAR 4 CHALLENGE
- 50/50 DRAWING

HELP SUPPORT
- EQUIPMENT & GEAR
- TOURNAMENT TRAVEL
- TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
- FUTURE EVERGREEN WRESTLERS

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JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OF GOLF, FUN & PRIZES
AND HELP BUILD THE FUTURE OF EVERGREEN WRESTLING!

STRENGTH ★ DISCIPLINE ★ TRADITION
GO VIKINGS!

THE VILLAGE OF METAMORA
TREE COMMISSON
&
THE GLEANER
SOUTH FAIRFIELD ARBOR
INVITE THE PUBLIC TO JOIN US
FOR OUR 3RD ANNUAL

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING CELEBRATION

Friday, September 25th @ 12:30 PM
Metamora Community Park
Rain or Shine

We again welcome the 3rd graders from Evergreen Elementary

METAMORA Chamber of COMMERCE

Financial Assistance Opportunity

The Chamber of Commerce will give away four $1000 awards this year via lottery drawing.

Flower Planter Change Day

The Village of Metamora and Metamora Chamber of Commerce are seeking help to change our planters from summer flowers to fall decorations. We will be working Saturday, September 12 beginning at 9:00 AM. Bring gardening gloves and small gardening shovels if you have them. If you can help with this event, please email the Chamber at metamorachamberofcommerce@gmail.com.

- Awards are available to any high school student in the Evergreen School District (regardless of actual school attending).
- Earn one entry for each one hour of approved community service.
- Winners will be presented in May at respective awards banquets.
- Anyone furthering their career by entering the trades or a traditional college is eligible to participate.
- Money can be used toward tuition, books, required tools, protective gear, etc.
- One award will automatically be given to the senior with the most cumulative community service hours. The other three will be via the drawing.

Yes, I am interested in helping with the Flower Planter Change Day:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Complete the above form and mail to:
Metamora Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 291, Metamora, OH 43540
Or email to: metamorachamberofcommerce@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

Holy Trinity Fall Festival

Saturday, October 17th & Sunday, October 18th

Food, Entertainment, Children's Games, Country Story, Auctions & Raffles, & More

More Information To Come

Museum of Fulton County, OH and **Fulton County Ohio Visitors Bureau** · Follow

August 22 at 8:00PM ·

Spooky Season is just around the corner!
Make plans now to join one of our Haunting History Tours of Metamora. We'll share interesting tales of local people, haunting places, and little-known events during this one-hour walking tour through the town of Metamora. Don't wait! Get your tickets today. Call 419.337.7922 or purchase online at https://www.museumoffultoncounty.org/upcoming-events See less

SPECIAL GROUNDS COFFEE TRUCK

SEP 28
7 am - Noon

EVERGREEN CAMPUS
Located outside Pifer Stadfium
Coffees, Drinks, Baked Goods, Breakfast Sandwiches & More

FIRST DAY OF FALL

(Autumn Equinox):

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

AT 8:05 PM EDT