

Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Families,

This update highlights: Reminders about Oct. 12 and 13, Substitute Teaching Pay Increase, Back to School Night, Change in the Weekly Meal Ordering Window, the New Jersey School-Age Tuition Assistance Program, Dressing Warmly on the Bus, and a Budget Update.

Friendly reminder about next week (2020-21 ETSD Calendar)

- Monday Oct. 12 = a full day teacher in-service (no school)
- Tuesday, Oct. 13 = a regular full day of school (no delayed opening)

Substitute Teachers Needed

Our daily sub pay has increased to \$105 per day. If you are interested in substituting, please contact Darlene Yerardi (856-983-1800 x5104) about the application process. Substitutes must have at least 60 college credits or a N.J. Teaching Certificate. A great way to make a difference. https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/departments/personnel/substitute-teaching-in-evesham

Back to School Night (BTSN)

For safety reasons, BTSN will be fully remote. Teachers will post Google slideshows with video components at 6 pm per the schedule below. The slideshows will remain accessible beyond these dates. Google Meet will not be a platform for BTSN, but will be a platform for Parent/Teacher Conferences in November.

- Oct. 19 = MES, MMS
- Oct. 20 = Jaggard, Rice, Beeler
- Oct. 21 = DES, DMS, VZ

Weekly Meal Ordering Window Change

- Due to increasing Remote Lunch orders, the weekly meal ordering window is now Tuesday, 8 am through Thursday, 6 pm. This change enables meals to be produced and distributed. Many thanks to our fantastic Food Services Department led by Director of Food Services Pat Gould for their important service during these challenging times.
- Reminder from my <u>Update for ETSD Families 9.25.20</u>: all ETSD students (and nationwide) may receive free breakfast and regular lunch (no a la carte) through Dec. 31, 2020 (or earlier if federal funds run out). Our district is reimbursed for the cost of these meals by the US Dept. of Agriculture. The meals are ordered just like all our meals. In-person meals are ordered in school by the students. Meals for remote students and for Remote Learning Wednesdays are ordered via <u>MyPaymentsPlus</u> (linked on our homepage) and are delivered each Wednesday. For more information on this program, please visit https://www.fns.usda.gov/news-item/usda-035520



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COVID-19 Child Care FYI https://www.childcarenj.gov/COVID19

The New Jersey School-Age Tuition Assistance Program can help parents pay for care for their school-age child in need of child care as a result of COVID-19 remote learning school schedules. To be eligible for this assistance, you must be:

- a NJ resident;
- your child must be attending school remotely, either part-time or full-time; and
- your annual gross household income must be \$150,000 or less.

This assistance is available until December 30, 2020 and applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted. This assistance does not apply to Teddy Bear Academy or Evesham Child Care.

Apply here for the New Jersey School-Age Tuition Assistance Program.

Dressing Warmly on the Bus

Friendly reminder about the extra importance of dressing warmly in the mornings. As feasible, we'll keep bus windows open to improve safety by increasing air flow.

Budget Update

Here are some steps anyone can take to help with our budget situation (a few folks have asked).

- Using our "time, talent, and treasure" to support the great work of our PTA/PTO
 organizations. Oct. 7 was the first meeting of our PTA/PTOs, Board members, and
 district administration. We discussed many topics including efforts toward fundraising
 and activities.
- Supporting the Evesham Education Foundation.
 https://eveshameducationfoundation.org/
 The Evesham Education Foundation is a completely independent non-profit 501(c)(3), nonpolitical organization formed to enhance and enrich the academic experience for all ETSD students.
- Donating directly to our district via our three-tier ETSD Donation Form.
- Using our voices. All voices help--community voices even more than administrative (e.g. superintendents') voices.
 - Contacting state elected officials. This webpage from our receiving district has links to NJ legislator contacts, along with sample emails. https://www.lrhsd.org/Page/10201
 - Extending the timeline for state funding reductions is the one key step I advocated here <u>ETSD Superintendent Testimony to NJ Senate Budget</u> and Appropriations Committee
 - Developing a Fair Funding Committee. Local example: https://www.facebook.com/FairFundingCH/



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Thank you,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools

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