



## EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

East Lyme Public Schools is currently collaborating with the East Lyme Youth and Family Services Bureau and the Dagle Foundation to provide awareness and activities around mental health and suicide prevention. The month of September is 'National Suicide Prevention Month.' The activities listed below will be occurring during the week of September 19-25<sup>th</sup>. We encourage parent, student, and community involvement in the following:

- Sunday, September 19 (AM): [Out of the Darkness Community Walk](#)
- Sunday, September 19 (PM): Bright Music Festival occurring at McCook's Park
- September 21: [John Morello Presentation](#), which will include a HS student presentation during the morning and a parent/community event in the evening. The evening presentation will take place in the ELHS Auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is a joint presentation for both East Lyme and Waterford family and community members. Masks are required upon entry.
- September 22: Officer Don Hull and members of the East Lyme Police Department will be offering a 'Gun Safety Presentation and Discussion' in the ELHS Commons. This will occur at 6:00 p.m. and a light dinner will be provided. Masks are required upon entrance and social distancing will be required while eating.
- September 24: East Lyme Parks and Recreation will be hosting a 'Community Movie Night', which will occur at the Miracle League Field behind Flanders School.
- September 25: Niantic Bay Oyster Festival will be occurring at St. John's Green from 12:00-6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to my office at 860-739-3966 ext. 5602. We hope you are able to make it to one or more of these planned events.

Sincerely,

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