



East Brunswick High School

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Bear Family,

As we approach the end of 2024, I want to take a moment to wish all who celebrate a joyful and peaceful holiday season, and to extend my warmest wishes for a wonderful, relaxing, and safe winter break to everyone. This is an exciting time for our school, particularly our seniors, as many are receiving acceptances and/or are solidifying their post-secondary plans for the future! I look forward to welcoming our students back on Thursday, January 2nd, refreshed and ready to hit the ground running in 2025. Please remember that tomorrow, December 20th, is a single-session day.

Have a great day and as always.... Go Bears!

[East Brunswick Public Schools Calendar](#)

December 20	Single Session	
December 23 - January 1	Winter Recess	District Closed, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Years Day
January 7	Orthodox Christmas	No School Students
January 10	EB Choir Day	JMPAC - 8:00am - 1:00pm
January 13	Rising 10th Grade Parent Night	EBHS Auditorium 6:30pm
January 16	EBHS Choir Concert	JMPAC - 7:00pm
January 18	FAFSA Support Session	EBHS Media Center 10:00am - 12:00pm
January 20	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.	District Closed
January 22	Junior Parent Night	7:00pm - 9:00pm
January 28	PTSA Meeting	7:00pm - 8:00pm
January 29	Lunar New Year	No School Students
January 30+31	Mid-Terms	Single Session - EBHS + CJHS Only

PTSA Information:

- The next PTSA Meeting is Tuesday, January 28. Guest speakers will be Patrolmen Grant and Wright. Parents, Students and Staff are all Welcome! Please see the [PTSA flyer](#) for more information and to [register](#)!
- The PTSA needs your feedback! Please take a moment to complete this [survey](#) regarding future events!
- Enter a chance for your Senior to win a better parking spot for a full month! All proceeds will be used for Senior events. Purchase a raffle ticket [here!](#)
- Stay up to date by visiting the [EBHS PTSA Website!](#)

Genesis:

Friendly reminder that parents have access to a few additional items in the parent portal. This includes Turnstile, where you have the opportunity to see where your child has checked-in throughout each day, and in attendance, where you can mark your child out in advance. As we are entering 2025, this would be a good time for parents to double check their contact information listed in the Parent Portal, including primary contact information, emergency contact information, and update as needed.

A Celebration of the Arts:

East Brunswick Symphony Orchestra & East Brunswick Education Foundation presents a Celebration of the Arts on January 12th at the East Brunswick JMPAC. More info [here!](#) Click link to purchase tickets:
<https://www.ebsomusic.org/>.

All Students:

Student IDs and Lanyards:

When we return from winter break, all students must have their school ID, and a school issued grade level colored lanyard to enter the building. IDs must be worn above the waist throughout the day, and visible at all times. This district policy is in place to help keep our schools as safe as possible. The specific lanyards help school stakeholders identify that those in our building truly belong here. Our security team will be enforcing this at each school entrance to start the day. As it has been announced in the building, lanyards can be picked up in the main office. Thank you for helping to keep our school safe.

School Nurse:

Please see the [Nurse's website](#) for information on when to keep your child home from school as cold and flu season approaches.

Tutoring:

Drop-in tutoring is available at the high school every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in ELA, Math, and Science.

East Brunswick Public Library subscribes to [Tutor.com](#) (which is owned by The Princeton Review). It is open to all ages and available from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. every day. It is free to anyone with an East Brunswick Public Library card. The link to sign-up is here: [Tutor.com Learning Suite - Authentication](#). There are no appointments needed, a student can simply log in and search for the subjects or test areas they are interested in and connect with a tutor for live help. They can also submit papers or math problems for tutors to review and respond to. Details are also here: <https://ilove.ebpl.org/tutorcom>

Seniors:

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

As you are aware, the Class of 2025 is required to submit either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application, or a parent waiver form in order to graduate this year regardless of whether your child plans to attend college in the Fall of 2025 (P.L. 2023, c. 295). The FAFSA form for the 2025-2026 school year is now open and available to be completed.

For parents who would like to complete the FAFSA, we are partnering with Solutions Prep to offer a FAFSA Support Session on January 18th at 10AM-12PM in the EBHS Media Center. During this session, parents will be guided through completing the FAFSA form with the support of Solutions Prep staff. Parents should bring their own charged laptop, parent and student's 2023 taxes, W-2's & 1099's, and totals of bank accounts and investments for each.

If you would like to sign up for this session, please visit <https://solutionprep.com/EBHS/>

You may also reference the attached [flyer](#) for more information.

For parents who would like to complete a waiver in lieu of submitting the FAFSA, a parent form will be made available within the Forms module of Parent Access beginning in February. Additional information regarding this option will be shared later this month.

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If you have any questions regarding financial aid, please reach out to your child's School Counselor.

Rideshare Safety Presentation:

While underclassmen are learning about available electives for next school year (January 6th), seniors will be invited to the auditorium for a presentation on rideshare safety. [What's My Name Foundation](#) is an organization that is dedicated to teaching others about rideshare safety. This organization was established after a student from Robbinsville, NJ was killed after getting in a fake Uber while attending University of South Carolina. Their mission is for people to be aware of safety protocols available on rideshare apps and asking the driver "What's my name?" before getting in.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Bucior". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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