



GOOD NEWS

December The Ewing Public Schools 2025

EHS Boys Cross Country Team has a HISTORICAL Season!



The Ewing Boys Cross Country team had one goal this year: to qualify for the group championships. Together as a team, they put together a plan starting with preseason summer training, which included showing up to practice with a great attitude, a desire to work hard, be disciplined, be a supportive team member, and to field a complete team. **THE PLAN WORKED!**

The team had a historic season. On October 16th, the EHS Boys Cross Country Team finished an impressive second in the Division as a team. **SUCCESS!** This is a feat that had not been accomplished for some time. The boys followed this amazing performance with qualifying for the State meet on November 1st by finishing as one of the top five (5) teams in Group 3 Central Jersey. **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!** The EHS Boys Cross Country team has not been to the State meet as a team since 1979, a mere 46 years ago!

The Ewing Blue Devils proudly sent seven boys to the Cross Country State Group Championships in Holmdel Park Saturday, November 8th: Junior Shazad Singh, Junior Landyn Loesch, Senior Ibrahim Songu, Freshman Iain Walker, Junior Jayden Studivant, Sophomore James Kammer, and Sophomore Jason Zhu for the epic race. No lost shoes at this race!

It is NOW time to update the record books! The McDonald's Happy Meal also made its inaugural debut in 1979, to the delight of many children, especially the treasured toy prize. For this young group of accomplished student-athlete harriers, the prize this season is **PRIDE, SELF-SATISFACTION, and BRAGGING RIGHTS!**

EHS Senior Dasan Jones Honored



It only takes one defining moment to make your mark in life. Ewing High School Senior, Dasan Jones, had that extraordinary moment on October 24, 2025. With 10 seconds left on the clock in the fourth quarter, the score tied at 24, the ball was loose. With quick thinking and quick hands, Dasan scooped up the fumble and ran to score the game-winning touchdown. The clock **BUZZED** as time expired for the dramatic win over Hamilton West in a 30-24 victory. This touchdown secured the WJFL Valley Division title for his Ewing High School football team, and for his efforts, Dasan was honored by the Mercer County 12th Man Touchdown Club.

This moment will be forever etched in Dasan's memory, and for sure, when he returns for his twenty-fifth Ewing High School class reunion, his brothers will clap him on the shoulder, take a ride down memory lane, and say **REMEMBER** when...

The Ewing Football team has a lot to celebrate — an unexpected, phenomenal season on the field and in the clubhouse built on **RESPECT** and hard work with a dose of high expectations from a new head coach.

"The most valuable player is the one who makes the most players valuable." — Peyton Manning



Week 8 Honorees

Co-Defensive Back of the Week

Dasan Jones, Ewing — Ewing's senior defensive back recorded five (5) tackles and had a game-winning 68-yard fumble return for a touchdown in the Blue Devil's 30-24 win against Hamilton West. Dasan also had three receptions for 26 yards and a touchdown.

Three EHS Students Selected for the Prestigious 2025 NJMEA All-State Mixed Chorus



New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA) All-State Mixed Chorus and Orchestra performed two outstanding concerts this past November, the first in Atlantic City's premier Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City Convention Center, and on November 16th on the grand stage of the Prudential Hall, New Jersey Performance Art Center (NJPAC) in Newark, New Jersey.

Ewing High School was proudly represented by three talented vocalists, Senior Nayeli Lemus (Alto II), Senior Haley Petrushun (Soprano I), and Junior Dylen Pollock (Bass II), who graced the stages with their counterparts in the 90th New Jersey All-State Chorus directed by Dr. Kimberly Adams. Dr. Adams is the Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Music at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, where she conducts the Concert Choir, Allegro Voices, and Oriana Chorale.

Members of the 100-piece orchestra and 350-voiced mixed chorus were selected through a rigorous audition process. Haley, Nayeli, and Dylen should be proud and honored by their selection, which showcased their artistry and hard work. **Congratulations!**



Antheil's "Peace Out Bullying" collaborative bulletin board is **COMPLETE!** Each piece came from a different place and was decorated by a variety of people, but the decorated bricks are a beautiful reminder of Antheil's commitment to say, "Peace Out Bullying!"

Special shout-out to Mr. Gilman's class for getting us through the home stretch of bricks!

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FMS Honors Veterans Day: America's White Table



In honor of Veterans Day, a White Table was set up outside the Fisher Middle School Media Center. This table is inspired by the book, *America's White Table*, and serves as a powerful symbol of remembrance.

Each item on the table represents something meaningful—an empty chair for those missing or captured, a lemon slice for the bitterness of their fate, a pinch of salt for the families who still wait, and a white cloth for purity of their sacrifice.

The White Table reminds us to pause, reflect, and honor the service members who are missing in action or prisoners of war, and to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of all who have served.

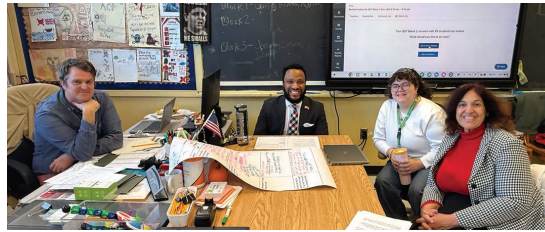
I VOTED!

Kindergarten students in Mrs. Hoh's class at Lore School learned about Election Day. Then they held their own vote: Extra GoNoodle vs. Pajama Day. Pajama Day won, so students got to wear pajamas to school on Wednesday, November 5th!



Students in Ms. Arya's Kindergarten class at Parkway celebrated World Kindness Day on November 13th by making a heart shape out of decorated shells to share some love in their homeroom!

Civics Through History Teachers Partner with MCBA



From left to right: Al Ruel, Christian Fisher, Emma Steere, and Elizabeth Scannella.

On Friday, November 14th, members of the Mercer County Bar Association (MCBA) met with Fisher Middle School Social Studies teachers Al Ruel and Emma Steere, and District Supervisor of Humanities Brock Mislan to plan civic engagement activities to enhance the curriculum of the seventh-grade Social Studies course *Civics Through U.S. History*.

In 2021, Governor Phil Murphy signed the Laura Wooten law, which mandates civics instruction at the middle school level for the first time in New Jersey history. Students learn about the Constitution, citizenship, and civic responsibilities, in conjunction with U.S. history, from the colonial, revolutionary, and 19th centuries. Mr. Ruel and Ms. Steere are at the forefront of these efforts.

MCBA members Christian Fisher and Elizabeth Scannella worked with teachers to plan Mock Trial and Model Legislature activities to help students gain efficacy in solving community problems and learning the important ways our local and state government institutions serve citizens. These activities involve school visits by Fisher, an Assistant Mercer County Prosecutor, and Scannella, an experienced civil attorney, along with other members of the MCBA. "The more students participate directly in simulated activities and real-world problem solving, the more likely they are to use their skills and power to assist those in need and build stronger communities," said Mislan.

Students took part in a multi-day Constitutional Convention, where students used concepts learned about government, rights, and problem-solving to agree on structures for a new country. Students were inspired by learning about the creation of the Constitution in 1787.

These efforts follow the MCBA's strong engagement with Ms. Rose Chivuzzo's Student Voices in Action course at Ewing High School. Each May, members of the MCBA join with students to receive coaching and mentoring as they continue to practice and plan for a major mock trial performance activity. "In Ewing, we are building on decades of research-based practice about civics learning to provide all students with actionable skills for careers, college, and community involvement," said Mislan.

EWING HIGH SCHOOL CHEER PUMPED IT UP AT CVC CHEER COMPETITION!



On Sunday, November 9th, the EHS Cheer competed for the first time in over eight years at the CVC Cheer Competition. This historic comeback was due to the dedication of the team working tirelessly all fall to master stunning techniques and perfect their fierce routine. The Blue Devils placed an impressive third place in the non-tumbling group! Congratulations!

Many Hands Make Light Work!

Written by EHS 12th grader and Environmental Club member, Shannon Zhispon



On October 28th, Ewing High's Environmental Club embarked on a campus-wide clean-up. Despite the chilly weather, students "showed up and showed out" collecting over 10 bags of trash! In addition, Ewing High's Principal, Ms. Lisa Sabo, and Assistant Principal, Ms. Shalieka Jarrett, took part in the cleaning initiative alongside their students! Led by advisor Ms. Cassidy Burns, volunteers were tasked with cleaning and maintaining the fields and campus, assisting the custodial staff in the process.

This marks the beginning of the Environmental Club's plans for an intentional year of events in the making. From partnering with local elementary schools to working in public parks, the Environmental Club is setting out to expand future volunteer opportunities beyond the high school. The club intends to cultivate and nurture the community service experience of its members. Much gratitude for all who showed up; your presence matters!

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2025 Unsung Heroes

On November 5, 2025, the Mercer County 12th Main Touchdown Club held its 2025 Unsung Heroes award banquet. This award is given to a high school football player who is crucial to their team's success and may "fly beneath the radar" despite their importance. Drew Besler, former Ewing head

football coach and current South Jersey administrator, addressed the audience as the guest speaker.

Ewing High School's Unsung Hero awards go to Ryan Greig (Senior, QB/MLB), Josh Missick (Senior, RB), and Nahdir Guinyard (Sophomore, WR/FS). Congratulations!

EHS Senior Spotlight: Meet Valentina Angon Rojas



If you could use one word to describe yourself, what would that word be? If I could describe myself in one word, I would say I am determined because I'm always looking for ways to accomplish my goals, no matter how difficult it may be.

What is your secret to being a highly successful student with a passion for learning, with a profound commitment to service and leadership? My secret to being highly successful is having a goal. When I first started high school, I was working towards getting accepted into the Princeton University Preparatory Program, so I made sure to do my absolute best in school. Because of this, once I got in, I learned to genuinely love learning, and this motivated me to continue doing well in school, not only for me but for my family, because education is a key that will open many doors for me.

You have selected some intense courses to take in your senior year of high school. This first semester, you are taking AP World History, AP Literature and Composition, and AP Statistics. How are you handling the coursework along with your other school leadership commitments? I'm going to be honest, at the beginning of the school year, handling all my coursework was rough because it was my first time being in all these leadership positions, and balancing three different AP classes. However, as the year goes by, I have become better at managing my time and also balancing all my extracurriculars.

Last year, you co-founded the Bilingual Buddies peer support group. How did this idea come to fruition? This idea of Bilingual Buddies came to be due to my cousins. My cousins had just arrived from Mexico and didn't know a word of English after not

being here for 17 years. When I first met them, it was the summer of Freshman year, and I saw the difficulties and struggles they faced as Spanish speakers in a school whose primary language was English.

You were also a founding member of the EmpowerHer initiative. Tell us what EmpowerHer is, and as a community, how can we offer support? EmpowerHer is a program within the school whose mission is to foster a supportive and positive environment for all the women at the high school. Our goal was to create a space to empower, educate, and advocate for the women in our school.

What accomplishments are you most proud of? I'm very proud of having become president of the Student Council, National Honor Society, and Rotary Interact Club. When I received the news that I would become Student Council president, I was jumping with joy because it was a position that I had always dreamed of holding one day. Additionally, when I became president of the National Honor Society, it was so unexpected because I never imagined that it would be me, but I'm really proud of myself for being so dedicated.

Who or what has positively impacted your life? The reason I am the type of person I am is entirely due to my parents. My parents are my motivation to always keep on going, no matter how difficult the obstacle is. They are also one of the reasons why I love school, because they are my biggest cheerleaders.

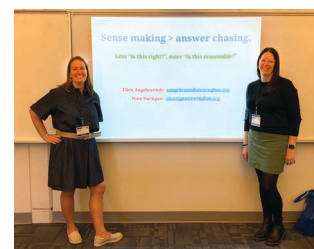
How do you define success? Success looks different to everyone, but to me, being successful means being content with everything I do as long as I give my 100%. Because of this, I feel that every day I'm being successful because I'm always giving it my all, whether this be in my classes, friendships, or family.

What is your favorite quote or book? "No matter how your heart is grieving, if you keep on believing the dream that you wish will come true." - Cinderella



Congratulations goes out to the winners of the Ewing High School Students vs. Faculty Soccer game...the Students, who survived a comeback scare from the faculty and won the game by a score of 5-4! Goals were scored by Jonathan Davila, Alexander Spais, Nathaniel Muntone, and Nicholas Tackacs, as well as a controversial PK by Noah Williams. On the faculty side, goals were scored by Mr. Angebranntt, Ms. Collins, Mr. Gibbs, and Mr. Herrmann. Thanks to all for a fun event!

Beyond Answers — Building Curious and Courageous Math Classrooms



The fall AMTNJ K-5 Math conference took place on Friday, November 14th. PreK-5 teachers, interventionists and instructional coaches from across the state were in attendance at the conference. Ewing Instructional Math Coaches, Nina Hartigan and Ellen Angebranntt co-presented sessions titled, "Sense Making is > Answer Chasing; Less 'is this right', more 'is this reasonable'." The sessions focused on sharing instructional routines that promote student reasoning, sense making, flexible thinking, and discussion; all which allow students opportunities to engage in activities that go beyond simply finding an answer.

FMS Introduces 2025-2026 Student Council Leaders



Dr. Hanna is excited to share that Fisher Middle School recently held their Student Council elections! The winners for the upcoming term are:

- President: Vanessa Okai
- Vice President: Krystal Vaught
- Secretary: Kyle Kidd
- Treasurer: Brian Jolima

Fisher Middle School looks forward to supporting these student leaders as they help shape our school community. Congratulations!

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Fisher Middle School 6th-grade students in Ms. Vieites' Spanish class wrapped up their Spanish unit with a lively puppet show that was both challenging and a lot of fun. After weeks of practicing vocabulary, scripts, and teamwork, they brought their characters to life on stage - adding voice, humor, and plenty of creativity. The project pushed them to use Spanish in a real and meaningful way, and their hard work paid off with a performance full of energy, laughter, and pride.

December 2025 Schedule in Ewing Schools

- Dec 5 Ewing Township Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting @ 5pm
(Rain Date: December 6)
- Dec 8–12 Parkway - PTA Fall Book Fair
- Dec 9 Lore - 5th Grade Winter Concert @ 7pm
Parkway - PTA Meeting @ 6pm
FMS - FPA Virtual Meeting @ 7:15pm
- Dec 10 Antheil - Winter Concert @ 7pm
Lore - PTA Meeting @ 7pm
- Dec 11 Parkway - PTA Winter Wonderland Event @ 6pm
EHS - Drama Production @ 7pm
Antheil - PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Dec 12 Antheil - PTO Winter Wonderland Event @ 6:30pm
EHS - Drama Production @ 7pm
- Dec 15 Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm (Public Session @ 6:30pm)
- Dec 16 Lore - 4th Grade Winter Concert @ 7pm
EHS - Semester 1 Term 2 Quarter 3 Parent Progress Reports
FMS and Elementary Schools - 2nd Marking Period Progress Reports
- Dec 17 EHS & FMS - Winter Vocal Festival - 7pm @ EHS Auditorium
- Dec 18 EHS & FMS - Orchestras Music at the Mall @ 6–6:45pm
Quakerbridge Mall Center Court (Main Atrium/Ground Floor Macy's)
Parkway - Winter Concert @ 6:30pm
- Dec 22 FMS - 2nd Marking Period Progress Reports Mailed Home
- Dec 23 **EARLY DISMISSAL - Grades Full Day Preschool–Grade 12**
No Afternoon Boys & Girls Club
NO PM Integrated Preschool (Antheil, Lore, Parkway)
NO PM Bridge Preschool (Antheil)
- Dec 24–31 **SCHOOL CLOSED - Winter Break**
- Jan 1 **SCHOOL CLOSED - Happy New Year!**
- Jan 2 **WELCOME BACK - SCHOOL OPEN!**

School Weather Emergency Information

Please make sure to monitor our official communication portals: SchoolMessenger and the School District Website. Also, please make sure your contact information in Genesis is current and up-to-date.

EHS Teacher Presents at NJ Science Convention



Ewing High School, Engineering, Robotics & Technology teacher, Joanna Papadopoulos, PhD, along with Mark Sawula, from The Peddie School, and Jessica Monaghan, Ed.D, Princeton University, presented at the New

Jersey Science Convention this fall.

Dr. Papadopoulos shared, “Thank you so much for sending me to the New Jersey Science Convention. It was a wonderful professional development experience! My session: Integrating Biotechnology, AI, and Machine Learning in STEM Education went very well, and the room was at max capacity!”

The abstract of Dr. Papadopoulos' presentation was: Integrate FarmBot, iNaturalist, and AI tools to teach data science, robotics, and plant biology, enhancing student learning through hands-on biotechnology and machine learning, building on QUEST 2022 research.

Dr. Papadopoulos was also able to catch up with Darrell Williams, science teacher from Fisher Middle School, at the conference!



Fisher Middle School is proud of its Intergenerational Club, where 7th and 8th grade students have the opportunity to “adopt grandparents”, or senior adults from Ewing Independent Living. It is exciting for their adopted “grandparents” to interact with younger generations, sharing their years of acquired skills and knowledge, and at the same time enjoying the energy, creativity, and vitality of young minds. Programs vary from educational to recreational, with plenty of meaningful discussions throughout.



Congratulations to Ms. Aimee Joy, Antheil Elementary School's school librarian, who was awarded the Koppleman Keats Grant for \$400! Ms. Joy used the grant to purchase a collection of powerful and age-appropriate books on the Holocaust, helping students learn about history, empathy, and resilience through literature. The new books are now on display in the library.

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