



East Brunswick High School

Achieving Excellence with Honor and Integrity



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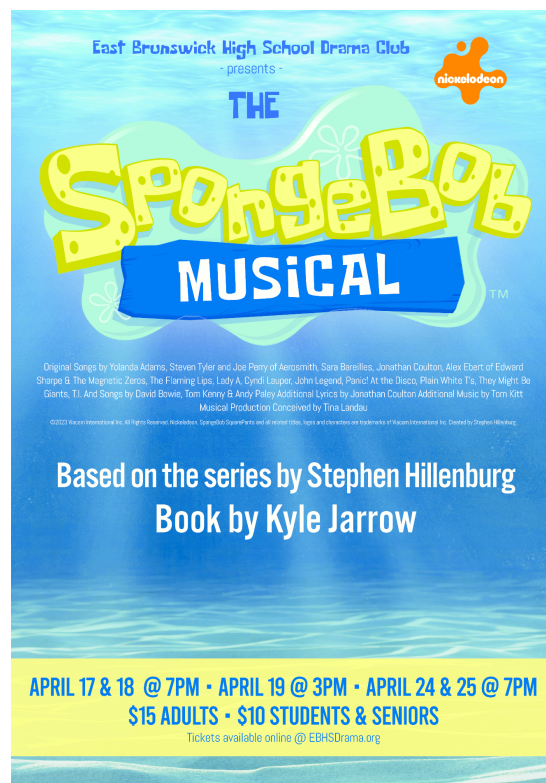
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Bear Family,

We have an exciting stretch ahead at East Brunswick High School as we continue to celebrate the many talents and accomplishments of our students. Tomorrow, we are proud to recognize an additional 18 seniors during Signing Day as they commit to competing in their respective sport at the next level. We are also thrilled that our Drama production of *The SpongeBob Musical* opens tomorrow evening. We would love to see you there, and you are encouraged to [purchase tickets in advance](#). Break a leg to our cast and crew! Looking ahead, our juniors are scheduled to complete the NJSLA-Science on April 29 and 30.

On the afternoon of April 29, we are also honored to welcome back two distinguished alumni, Dr. Samuel Blackman and Ms. Aditi Kinkhabwala, as they are inducted into the East Brunswick Education Foundation Hall of Fame. They will be leading a discussion and Q&A with students interested in similar professional fields. Please take a moment to read more about their accomplishments below.

Have a great day and as always... (dramatic pause) Go Bears!



Bears Merchandise Store

EBHS Student Council invites all East Brunswick families to shop at our new [Bears Merchandise Store!](#) Want to avoid shipping charges? Note your child's name and grade in the comment section at checkout and we will deliver the order to your child's school for free!

Proceeds go to EBHS Student Council to fund schoolwide events such as Relay for Life, Tricks and Treats, and more!

PTSA Updates

- [The PTSA Bear Wear Spring Sale!](#)
- [Grad Grams](#) - Order a Grad Gram for a Graduating Senior!
- **Senior Yard Signs** - If you ordered the Senior Yard Signs by March 30th, I apologize for the delay in distribution, I am still waiting for the production company to let me know when I can pick up the first order. We will send out an email letting you know the pick-up date as soon as we have it.



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2026 Hall of Fame *Dr. Samuel C Blackman*

Dr. Samuel C. Blackman is an internationally recognized physician-scientist, pediatric neuro-oncologist, and cancer drug developer. Born in Philadelphia and raised in East Brunswick, New Jersey, he is a proud graduate of the East Brunswick public schools, including East Brunswick High School (Class of 1986). He was deeply influenced along the way by teachers such as Mary Brede, David Winter, John Canary, and Robert Warwick, who helped inspire his love of literature, writing, and the biological sciences. Dr. Blackman attended the University of Chicago, where he earned a degree in Philosophy in 1990. After several years conducting clinical research in anesthesia and critical care medicine, he pursued an MD and PhD in pharmacology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. His training continued at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and later at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston Children's Hospital, and Harvard Medical School, where he developed a lifelong commitment to caring for children with cancer, blood disorders, especially children living with brain tumors.

Following his clinical training, Dr. Blackman transitioned to oncology drug development, holding senior roles at Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, Seattle Genetics, Juno Therapeutics, Silverback Therapeutics, and Mavupharma. Over the next decade, he led early clinical development for more than a dozen novel cancer therapeutics, including the pediatric program for dabrafenib, which led to the first industry-sponsored pediatric oncology basket trial and FDA approval for children with BRAF-mutant brain tumors.

In 2018, Dr. Blackman co-founded Day One Biopharmaceuticals with Julie Grant of Canaan Partners, establishing the first biotech company dedicated to developing new therapies for children with cancer. As Chief Medical Officer and Head of Research & Development, he helped raise over \$1 billion in capital and guided the company's lead drug, tovorafenib (OJEMDA™), to FDA approval in 2024 as the first new treatment for the most common form of childhood brain tumor.

He is currently an Entrepreneur-in-Residence at GV (Google Ventures) and serves on the boards of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, Pheon Therapeutics, Bonum Therapeutics, Presage Biosciences, and the Orcas Island Public Library. Outside of his professional pursuits, Dr. Blackman is an accomplished writer and two-time Moth GrandSLAM storytelling champion whose performances have aired on NPR's The Moth Radio Hour. He lives on Orcas Island, Washington, with his wife, Julie McNeill, and enjoys baking and adventure travel, having summited Mt. Kilimanjaro in 2024 and reached Everest Base Camp in 2022.



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Aditi Kinkhabwala

Aditi Kinkhabwala just completed her fourth season as an NFL sideline reporter at CBS and a contributor across all CBS Sports platforms. She appears on broadcast TV, CBS' streaming channel CBS Sports HQ and the company's social channels, and also writes on [cbssports.com](https://www.cbssports.com). She is a regular panelist and host on CBS' *We Need To Talk*, and appears on 93.7 *The Fan* in Pittsburgh and the *Ultimate Cleveland Sports Show* in Cleveland weekly.

From 2012-2022, Aditi served as a national correspondent at the NFL Network, appearing on the network's full gamut of shows. She also co-hosted the "NFL Explained" podcast, taking fans behind-the-scenes of the inner workings of the NFL.

Prior to joining NFL Network, Aditi was a newspaper writer. She spent two years covering the NFL at *The Wall Street Journal*, but she began her career writing about high school football at the San Antonio *Express-News* - before moving to the *The Record* in New Jersey, where she covered college football and men's and women's college basketball. She wrote a weekly column for *Sports Illustrated's* website, *SI.com*, during that time too.

Aditi sits on the boards of the Children's Home of Pittsburgh, a nonprofit pediatric specialty hospital, and the NFL Player Care Foundation, which helps former NFL players. She graduated from Cornell University with honors, and with a degree in American Studies. Aditi currently lives in Pittsburgh with her husband (a Steelers season-ticket holder), her 10-year old son (a card-carrying member of Bills Mafia) and her six-year old daughter (who was born in Cleveland and claims she's a Browns fan). It is Aditi's responsibility to keep the peace.



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Calendars:

- [2025-2026 District Calendar](#)
- [2025-2026 Student Calendar](#)
- [2026-2027 Board Approved Student Calendar](#).
- [EBHS](#) Calendar
- [Athletics](#) Calendar

April 17	End of MP3	
April 17+18+24+25	EBHS Musical	7:00pm - 11:00pm
April 19	EBHS Musical	3:00pm - 7:00pm
April 23	Chinese HS Potluck & Ice Cream Social	6:00pm - 8:00pm - Cafeteria
April 27	Report Cards Issued - MP3	
April 27+28+29+30	NJSLA	
April 29	Rho Kappa Induction Ceremony	6:00pm - 8:00pm - Auditorium
April 30	District Percussion Ensemble Night	7:00pm - 9:00pm - Auditorium
May 4	FCA Night of Worship	5:30pm - 8:30pm - Cafeteria
May 4+5+6+7+8	AP Testing	
May 6	PTSA Meeting/Student Award Ceremony	7:00pm - 9:00pm - Media Center Upper Labs
May 8	EBHS Cabaret Night	7:00pm - 9:00pm
May 15	Collision	6:00pm - 9:00pm - Auditorium
May 18	World Language Induction Ceremony	6:30pm - 9:00pm - Cafeteria, Auditorium, Media Center, 1514
May 18	Progress Reports Issued - MP4	
May 19	EBHS Band Concert	7:00pm - 9:00pm - Auditorium
May 21	EBHS Orchestra Concert	7:00pm - 9:00pm - JMPAC @ HUES
May 22	Relay for Life	9:00am - 12:15pm
May 22	Single Session	Single Session
May 25	Memorial Day	District Closed
May 27	Eid-al-Adha	Non School Day
May 28	Tri-M/NAHS Induction Ceremony	6:00pm - 9:00pm
May 29	FBLA's Business Night of Careers	5:00pm - 7:00pm - Media Center
June 1	EBCC Worship Night	6:30pm - 8:00pm - Cafeteria
June 2	Primary Election Day	Single Session Students
June 4	EBHS AS3 Solo Shows	7:00pm - 9:00pm
June 5	EBHS PROM	Single Session Students - EBHS Only
June 8	Senior Awards	6:30pm - 9:30pm - Auditorium
June 9	Athletic Awards	6:00pm - 9:00pm - Auditorium
June 10	Future Educators Signing Day	11:30am - 12:30pm - Media Center
June 17+18+22+23	Final Exams	Single Session Students - EBHS Only
June 18	Senior Sunset Sendoff	6:00pm - 9:00pm - Turf Field
June 19	Juneteenth	Non School Day
June 24	Single Session	Single Session Students
June 25	EBHS GRADUATION	Cure Insurance Arena - 10:30am - Single Session

June 25	Last Day of School for Students	Single Session Students/Full-Day Staff
June 25	Marking Period 4 Ends	
June 30	Report Cards Issued - Final	