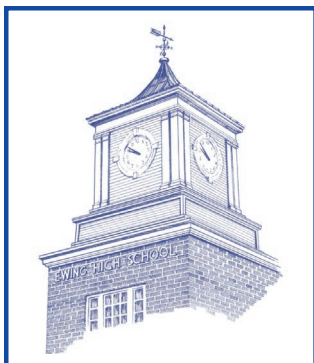




GOOD NEWS

June

The Ewing Public Schools 2026

CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATES 2026

CAPS OFF TO THE EWING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2026!

Paper Mill Playhouse Announces 2026 Rising Star Awards!

Ewing High School Brings Home Accolades!



"This year, 114 New Jersey high schools across 19 counties participated in full adjudication of their productions from February to April 2026. These performances were attended by a team of 55 passionate and skilled adjudicators specializing in music, dance, design, education, and more.

More than 25 adjudicators engaged in a rigorous in-person review to identify particularly exceptional artists for award nomination.

A total of 40 schools across the state received nominations within adjudicated performance categories this year." – PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

AND THE WINNERS ARE....

Paper Mill Playhouse 2026 Rising Star Awards – Announced May 11. Celebrating Excellence in New Jersey High School Musical Theater!

Ewing High School Nominees

DESIGN

Outstanding Achievement in Costume Design

Nominee: Mary Hill, Ewing High School, In the Heights

Outstanding Achievement in Lighting and Design

Honorable Mentions: Chloe Ditloff, Ewing High School, In the Heights

Outstanding Achievement in Scenic Design

Honorable Mentions: McAfee Madden & Kyle Binkley, Ewing High School, In the Heights

CREATIVE

Outstanding Achievement in Choreography

Nominee: Noelle Martone, Ewing High School, In the Heights

Outstanding Achievement in Direction

Nominee: Alexander Minter, Ewing High School, In the Heights

PERFORMANCE

Outstanding Performance By a Chorus

Nominee: Ewing High School, In the Heights

Outstanding Performance in a Male-Identified Supporting Role

Nominee: Shaine Wilson-Gibson as "Benny" in In the Heights, Ewing High School

Outstanding Performance in a Female-Identified Supporting Role

Honorable Mention: Haley Petrushun as "Abuela Claudia" in In the Heights, Ewing High School

Outstanding Performance in a Male-Identified Leading Role

Nominee: Isaac Fernandez as "Usnavi" in In the Heights, Ewing High School

Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical

Nominee: Ewing High School, In the Heights

SPOTLIGHT AWARDS

Outstanding Solo Performance (Digital Submission)

Nominee: Haley Petrushun, Ewing High School

The Paper Mill Playhouse will roll out the red carpet and honor the accomplishments of all 2026 Rising Star Awards participants at an awards ceremony on June 9, 2026.

EHS Senior Taylor Williams Receives Prestigious George O'Gorman Scholarship Award



Ewing High School senior student-athlete Taylor Williams was recognized at the Mercer County Basketball Hall of Fame Dinner in April as the recipient of the prestigious George O'Gorman Scholarship Award. This honor reflects Taylor's outstanding achievements both on and off the court, highlighting a strong commitment to academics, leadership, and the game of basketball. Taylor's dedication, work ethic, and character embody the values this award represents, making this recognition a well-deserved accomplishment. Congratulations to Taylor on this incredible achievement and well-earned honor!



Parkway students in Mr. Ethan Elkin-Handelman's first-grade class, affectionately referred to as "Mr. E," had a fun time celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week! There was also added fun dressing like Mr. E., and having a fancy dress-up day.

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EHS National Honor Society Inducts New Members



On May 13th, the Ewing High School chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) inducted its newest members. NHS is the nation's oldest, largest, and most prestigious student recognition program.

Those inducted into NHS have demonstrated excellence in the four pillars of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

2025-2026 Chapter President Valentina Angon Rojas led the ceremony with additional speeches made by NHS Secretary Chaz Gilliard and members Zoey Ta, Giuliana Gustino, Diana Lima-Flores, Kayla Smith, Aishat Akindele, and Emily Guzman-Solares. During the ceremony, current members were recognized for their efforts and they

in turn encouraged new members to further develop these pillars through active school and community involvement.

As is tradition at EHS, the 2026-2027 Chapter President, Amy Najarro Gonzalez, was announced at the end of the induction ceremony. The Faculty Council selects the president during the selection process. The council sought a student who best exemplified the four pillars. Amy was selected in recognition of her strong commitment to meaningful and ongoing service through both school activities and community organizations. The council was especially impressed by Amy's consistent growth in involvement and leadership across many activities, as well as her integrity and natural ability to lead by example.

Congratulations to the newest members of the EHS Chapter of National Honor Society!



Lore School's Green Team welcomed Kelly Rypkema from the Tulpehaking Nature Center. Ms. Rypkema led students in observing and surveying insects in the courtyard. This helped them determine which native plants they will add to the courtyard to create a sustainable environment for local wildlife.

Creative STEM Project Brings New Life to Crayons

Antheil Elementary School students recently took part in a creative project that turned broken crayons into something new and meaningful. With guidance from STEM teacher, Mr. Papadopoulos, students collected old crayons from around the school, thanks to the many teachers who donated materials to support the project, and gave them a second life by recycling them for kindergarten classrooms.



After sorting the crayons by color and removing the wrappers, students used heat to melt and reshape them into bright, new crayons. Through this hands-on process, they explored STEM concepts such as how materials change when heated and cooled, and how recycling helps reduce waste.

The project also encouraged students to think beyond themselves. By donating their recycled crayons to younger classes, they practiced empathy and learned the importance of helping others. Many students said they felt proud knowing their work would make a difference.

BUBBLES FOR BELONGING



In April, Lore School proudly celebrated Neurodiversity Acceptance Month with our "Bubbles for Belonging" event! Thanks to the generosity of our families, hundreds of bottles of bubbles were donated, and the entire school gathered outside to blow bubbles together in a joyful celebration of inclusion, kindness, and acceptance. This event reminded our students that everyone's brain works in different and wonderful ways. Celebrating neurodiversity helps children understand the importance of empathy, respect, and belonging.

Parkway also celebrated Neurodiversity Awareness Month in a joyful and meaningful way by participating in "Bubbles for Belonging." Students and staff gathered outside on the blacktop, filling the air with bubbles as a symbol of inclusion, acceptance, and unity. The simple act created a powerful moment, reminding everyone that at Parkway, every student belongs and is celebrated for who they are.



Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade who participate in the TCNJ Mentor Program recently had an exciting opportunity to visit The College of New Jersey. During the visit, students spent time with their mentors, members of the college basketball team, touring the campus, exploring the facilities, and even playing a little basketball together. The experience was not only fun and engaging, but also a valuable educational opportunity.



The EHS Counseling Department celebrated Mental Health Awareness Month by hosting its 2nd Annual Wellness Fair, bringing energy, positivity, and community support to Ewing High School. More than 20 local organizations spent the day connecting with students from every grade level and sharing resources focused on mental, emotional, and physical wellness. Students and staff had the opportunity to explore interactive tables, learn new self-care strategies, and discover local programs designed to support overall well-being. The event encouraged meaningful conversations about mental health while reminding students that support and resources are always within reach!

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EHS Senior Spotlight: Meet Morgan Dwyer



It is the final countdown of your senior year at Ewing High School. One door will close, and another door will open. What will you leave behind, and what will you bring with you on the next step of your life's journey?

I'll leave behind the fear of not knowing exactly what comes next and all the stress that comes with trying to have everything figured out by senior year. Ewing High School has taught me that growth happens through experiences, mistakes, and stepping outside of your comfort zone. My time at Ewing High School has helped me grow as a person and taught me the importance of friendships, hard work, and perseverance. As I move on to the next chapter of my life, I'll carry with me the lessons I've learned, the support of the people around me, and the determination and confidence to take on new opportunities.

Your future is bright. Is the plan to attend Messiah University in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, this fall and major in nursing? Yes, I'm super excited to be attending Messiah University, where I'll be majoring in nursing. I'm excited for the opportunities, new friendships, and change in environment.

Why did you choose Messiah University? I chose Messiah University because of its strong Christian environment and the sense of community I felt when I visited. While looking at schools, I knew it was important to find a place where I could continue to grow in my faith while also pursuing my education, and Messiah felt like the perfect fit for both. I also loved how personal and welcoming the campus felt since it's a smaller school, and I knew I would be able to build meaningful connections with both classmates and professors.

What senior events at Ewing High School are you looking forward to these last few weeks? I'm really looking forward to prom, senior sunset, and of course graduation. They all feel like they're going to be memorable and special because it's the last time we'll all be together, and just a great way to make some last memories. It's a little bittersweet but mainly exciting to celebrate the end of senior year with fun events before we all head in different directions.

Tell us about yourself. I would describe myself as someone who enjoys spending time with friends and making the most out of everyday moments. I like being around people who make me laugh and feel comfortable, and I really value the friendships I have built over the years. In my free time, I enjoy

hanging out with friends, as well as hiking and baking, which are things I find relaxing and fun to do outside of school. I try to carry a positive mindset and appreciate the little things in life.

What words of advice do you have for incoming freshmen to have a successful Ewing High School experience? (Be honest!) Just be kind to everyone and remember to enjoy your time in high school, it goes by faster than you think. I know everyone says this, but it really is true. Stay focused on your academics and try your best in your classes, because it really pays off later on. Make the most of opportunities, get involved in sports or clubs, and reach out to meet new people, since those experiences and friendships are what make high school special.

What activities do you participate in at school? At school, I participate in Unified Club, NJFEA, Sports Medicine, Student Athlete Ambassadors, and NHS. I have also been on the field hockey and softball teams all four years of high school. On these teams, I've had a blast and highly recommend playing a sport for school.

Who or what has positively impacted your life? My parents have had the biggest positive impact on my life. They have always supported me through everything and are constantly there for me, no matter what. They show up to every event and game I have to support me.

How do you define success? I don't define success as accomplishments or grades alone. To me, success is about valuing and being happy with your life, being a kind person, and building meaningful relationships with the people around you. It's also about showing up for others, supporting the people you care about, and growing into someone you're proud of.

FMS & EHS Alum, Rich Scannella, Brings Inspiration to Percussion Students!



Percussion students at Ewing High School and Fisher Middle School participated in a special master class with studio and touring musician, Rich Scannella. Mr. Scannella has worked with artists such as Jon Bon Jovi, Lady Gaga, Bruce Springsteen and is currently touring the world as the drummer for the rock band Tonic.

The master class started with the students watching Mr. Scannella perform a song that he recorded with Lady Gaga. He walked the students through his writing process and demonstrated how he composes his drum parts while in the recording studio. Next, the students pretended to be studio musicians as they participated in a mock recording session with Mr. Scannella playing the role of a record producer. The masterclass wrapped up with a question-and-answer session in which the students learned about life as a touring musician, how to prepare for recording sessions, and many other topics regarding today's music industry.

He was treated to a tour of FMS by the students and even found his old locker upstairs which is now located in the now 7th grade hallway!

EHS Students Visit QuarkNet at Drew University

Ewing High School teacher, Mr. Craig Halpern, was excited to share that he had the opportunity to bring 10 students to the QuarkNet Center at Drew University. QuarkNet is a national network that turns curiosity into skills — critical thinking, programming, and scientific communication — while experiencing collaborative discovery and the excitement of contributing to ongoing physics investigations. At Drew University, students dove into real particle-physics research through data analysis and mentorship from working scientists and teachers. They were able to analyze authentic data from the MINERvA experiment and share their findings and present results at workshops. They were taught the basics of neutrino physics and participated in a debrief with a physicist from Fermi Lab.



Mark your Calendars!

The first day of the 2026-2027 school year is Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

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EHS Students Partake in Mercer County Teen Arts Festival

On Friday, May 8th, Ewing High School students showcased their creativity and talent at the Mercer County Teen Arts Festival.

“What is the Mercer County Teen Arts Festival?”

The Mercer County Teen Arts Festival is a one-day celebration of the arts, curated for Mercer County’s wide array of talented teen artists! The festival is designed to both stimulate creative growth and provide a space for artistic community building.

The focus of the festival is not on competition, but on participation in performance seminars, critiquing sessions, master classes, and workshops in the visual arts, dance, performance, vocal and instrumental music, media arts, film, and creative writing. Throughout the day, students are invited to explore artwork by fellow Mercer County teenagers in the Teen Arts Gallery, watch a variety of performances by students from other schools, and engage in artmaking and performance opportunities.”

Ewing High School students participated in a variety of visual and performing arts, dance, songs, and workshops. Congratulations to our seven students selected to move on to the New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival and touring art show: Lily Bush, Destiny Gregg, Gabriela Ortiz Samora, and Fathma Zahra for their 2D pieces, and Tameyah Jones, Haley Petrushun, and Jack Schwing for their musical theatre performances.

The New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival is June 1-3 at Middlesex College. Students will experience a variety of engaging workshops and showcases.

Great job all around to our young visual and performing artists!



Title:
Ladder of Creativity

Artist:
Lily Bush
Medium:
Mixed Media Painting
Teacher:
Ms. Lisa Daidone



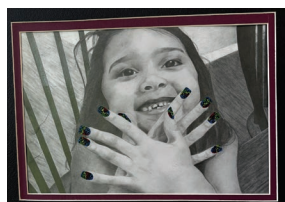
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Rotten Compulsion

Artist:
Gabriela Ortiz Samora
Medium: Acrylic
Teacher:
Mr. Samuel DeCavalante



Title:
Beauty in the Eyes

Artist:
Fathma Zahra
Medium: Acrylic
Teacher:
Mr. Erik Herrmann



Title: ***Splash***

Artist:
Destiny Gregg
Medium:
Graphite and Acrylic
Teacher:
Ms. Lisa Daidone

Proud Moment for EHS at TSA State Competition



On May 2, 2026, 22 students participated in the Technology Student Association (TSA) State Competition.

Congratulations to seniors Johan Ampongan and David Hartmann for earning 3rd place in the Technology Problem Solving Challenge.

TSA, a national nonprofit CTSO, engages students across STEM through competitive events, leadership development, and community service, reaching over 300,000 students.

“Congratulations to our TSA Members! We are so proud of you!” – Joanna Papadopoulos, PhD, EHS’s Technology Student Association Advisor

EWING BOYS LACROSSE CAPS OFF HISTORIC SEASON



The Ewing Boys Lacrosse team wrapped up one of the most successful seasons in program history this spring, delivering record-breaking performances, milestone achievements, and a glimpse at an exciting future for

the Blue Devils program. Head coach Trevor Hahn brought on some Ewing Lacrosse alumni to help coach the program this season: Nate Kocheran running the defense, and Ralph Jeudy running the offense.

This year’s team rewrote the record books by scoring the most goals in a single season in program history with an impressive 174 total goals. The Blue Devils also earned the best overall record the program has ever seen while capturing the largest margin of victory in school history with a dominant 25-2 win during the season.

After a historic season filled with milestones, records, and playoff lacrosse returning to Ewing, the Blue Devils have positioned themselves as a rising program with momentum heading into next year.

**Please visit our district website for the
June 2026 calendar of events:
ewingk12njus.finalsite.com/calendar**

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