

GOOD NEWS

March The Ewing Public Schools 2024

Ewing High School Artists Showcased at 2024 Phillips' Mill Youth Art Exhibition!

Jasmine Bell, "Into the Woods", 3-D Honorable Mention Recipient

Congratulations to the following Ewing High School students who were selected to show their artwork at the prestigious Phillips' Mill Youth Art Exhibition! The exhibition, in its 11th year, showcased the dynamic artwork of local high school students in the Delaware Valley region.

The show features paintings, works on paper, photography, digital art and three-dimensional works created by students from 23 participating schools. It gives young artists a taste of what it's like to be a professional artist.



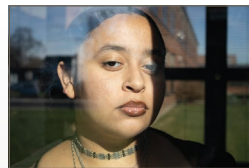
Akayla Alicea, "Ctrl",
works on paper
Grade 11



Jasmine Bell,
"Into the Woods", 3-D
Honorable Mention
Recipient
Grade 12



Lily Bush,
"In the Eyes of the Beholder",
painting
Grade 10



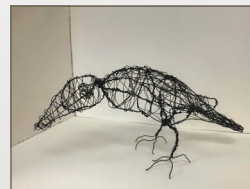
Elaja Deleon,
"Destiny",
photography
Grade 12



Krista Gonzalez,
"Peeping",
works on paper
Grade 11



Jackie Gonzalez,
"Oklahoma Smokeshow",
works on paper
Grade 10



Jadyn Shealey,
"Wire Crow", 3-D
Grade 12

The Talented Ewing High School Drama Department, Blue Devil Players, Present *Between the Lines*

Between the Lines is the new musical based on the novel by international bestselling author Jodi Picoult and Samantha van Leer, featuring a book by Picoult and Timothy Allen McDonald, and score by Elyssa Samsel and Kate Anderson.

Between the Lines is an empowering and enchanting new musical for anyone who has ever sought to find their place in the world. An outsider in a new town and a new school, Delilah seeks comfort in the pages of her favorite book, where she feels heard and understood by the handsome Prince Oliver. But as the lines between fantasy and reality begin to blur in both extraordinary and astonishing ways, Delilah discovers how to find her place in the real world while keeping her dreams alive.

Enjoy a wonderful night of entertainment with our Ewing High School talented drama students, under the direction of Mr. Alex Minter, as they mesmerize the audience with their rendition of *Between the Lines*! Don't miss out and buy your tickets today!

A STAR in the Making! EHS 2019 Alumnus Scott Silagy

hairspray
BROADWAY'S TONY AWARD-WINNING BEST MUSICAL IS BACK



SCOTT SILAGY
SKETCH

The GoodNews staff had an opportunity to interview former Ewing High School (EHS) Class of 2019 Alumnus, Scott Silagy, as he tours the United States with Broadway's Tony award-winning musical, *Hairspray*.

The last time you were on stage at Ewing High School you were performing in *Legally Blonde* as Elle Woods' suitor, Emmett Forest. How did being part of EHS Drama influence your decision to pursue a career in acting? EHS Drama gave me the push I needed to pursue performing arts in college and then afterward as well. My sophomore year of high school, I played the role of Jesus in the school's production of *Godspell* and that experience was really what pushed me to pursue theatre.

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BETWEEN THE LINES

Music and Lyrics by Elyssa Samsel and Kate Anderson
Book By Timothy Allen McDonald and Jodi Picoult

Based on the novel by Jodi Picoult and Samantha van Leer

Original Off-Broadway Production of *Between the Lines*
Produced by David Roth
Directed by Jeff Calhoun

Ewing High School
900 Parkway Avenue

Online
Adult : \$12.00
Student : \$8.00
Children : \$8.00

At the Door
Adult : \$14.00
Student : \$10.00
Children : \$8.00

Thursday March 14th, 7:30 PM
Friday March 15th, 7:30 PM
Saturday March 16th, 2:00 PM
Saturday March 16th, 7:30 PM

To Purchase Tickets Visit:
our.show/betweenthelines

BETWEEN THE LINES

The Ewing Public Schools

The Ewing Public Schools Announce 2023-2024 Governor's Educators of the Year

We are extremely proud to introduce you to the Ewing Public Schools' 2023-2024 Educators of the Year.

Ewing High School: Ms. Patricia Rivera



Ewing High School is excited to announce that Ms. Patricia Rivera is the Ewing High School Educator of the Year!

Ms. Rivera received her Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Universidad Pedagógica Nacional in Bogotá, Cundinamarca, Colombia and her Master's degree in Education from Rutgers University New Brunswick, New Jersey. Ms. Rivera is currently a Spanish teacher at Ewing High School.

EHS Principal Edward Chmiel shared these remarks about this outstanding high school educator. "It is evident that Señora Rivera is a highly valued and impactful educator at Ewing High School. Her dedication to teaching Spanish and fostering a positive environment for her students is commendable. The fact that she plays a crucial role in the success of the AP Spanish program speaks volumes about her expertise and commitment to education."

"It is particularly heartening to see that Señora Rivera goes above and beyond to support native Spanish speakers, acting as an advocate for their needs and creating a welcoming space for them. The initiatives she has taken, such as incorporating bilingual materials and relaunching the Spanish Club, show her genuine commitment to inclusivity and cultural integration."

"I have had a long journey in education. My parents are retired educators in Colombia and planted the seed of determination in me, while also challenging me to be better with every goal I pursued. I started my teaching career in Ewing 23 years ago, and after a detour, I came back to finish my mission with my Ewing family."

Fisher Middle School: Mrs. Amanda Marroquin



Mrs. Marroquin received a Bachelor's degree in Secondary English Education from University of Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Marroquin has been an English Teacher at Fisher Middle School since September 1, 2020.

Dr. Hanna, Principal of Fisher Middle School, proudly shared, "Amanda Marroquin is the recipient of Governor Educator of the Year for Fisher Middle School. She has exemplified excellence in education since her tenure began on September 1, 2020. She brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her role. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to fostering

learning and growth among her students. Her innovative teaching methods and dedication to student success have made her a role model within the education community. With her passion for teaching and unwavering dedication, she continues to inspire both her students and colleagues alike."

"I am honored to be the recipient of this year's Governor's Educator award. Thank you to my fellow colleagues who welcomed me into the Ewing community just under four years ago. The teaching profession is one of authenticity, grit, immense compassion, and perseverance! I am inspired daily by educators like the late Dr. Rita Pierson who understood that "kids don't learn from people they don't like." It is with this in mind that I strive to be a teacher that cultivates a safe, loving environment in which students feel empowered to learn."

Antheil Elementary: Ms. Amanda Lippincott



Ms. Amanda Lippincott graduated from DeSales University in Pennsylvania with a dual Bachelor of Arts in History and Secondary Education in 2010. In 2018, she received her Master of Arts in Teaching and Elementary Education from Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

Ms. Lippincott inspires students daily with her cheery outlook, personal connections and how she cares about them.

Collaboration is a cornerstone of Ms. Lippincott's educational philosophy. She actively engages with colleagues, students, and families, creating a school climate characterized by respect and success.

"Ms. Lippincott is an exceptional educator who embodies the qualities outlined for the Governor's Educator of the Year award," stated Principal Kip Harrison. "Her unwavering commitment to students' success, collaborative spirit, and innovative practices make her an invaluable asset to our educational community."

"One of the most rewarding aspects of being a teacher within a school community is the opportunity to nurture connections with students, colleagues, and families. I am privileged to engage in meaningful interactions that foster trust, respect, and mutual understanding."

Lore Elementary: Mrs. Victoria Pschar

Mrs. Pschar is a proud graduate of Ewing High School. She received her Bachelor's degree in Finance from The College of New Jersey and worked at Bloomberg Financial. Mrs. Pschar left Bloom-



berg in the early 2000s to raise her family. Her children attended Lore Elementary School, and she fell in love with teaching after volunteering in the classroom, which sparked her interest in becoming a teacher and earned her teaching degree.

The principal, Kelly Kawalek, confirmed with admiration that Mrs. Victoria Pschar is a passionate, compassionate, and dedicated educator who is deserving of the honor of Educator of the Year. The letters of nomination for Mrs. Pschar describe her as masterful, welcoming, humble, motivating, collaborative, and inspiring. One nominee stated, "[Mrs. Pschar] works to make the world a better place. She inspires me to be a better [person]."

"What inspires me to work hard? Watching my students grow academically, as well as socially, and doing my best to support and encourage them to succeed."

Parkway Elementary: Mrs. Cayleigh Santana



Mrs. Santana earned a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies: History and Psychology from William Patterson University in Wayne, New Jersey. Ms. Santana also earned her Master's degree in Education from William Patterson University.

"It is with unwavering enthusiasm that we congratulate Mrs. Cayleigh Santana as the recipient of the Governors Educator of the Year at Parkway Elementary School. Her impact on students, colleagues, and the community extends far beyond the walls of her classroom, making her an exceptional candidate for this recognition."

"From the moment students step into Mrs. Santana's classroom, they encounter an environment steeped in respect and care. Her dedication to individual growth fosters lasting bonds that transcend the school year. This is evident in the numerous past students who, years later, still reach out to express their gratitude and admiration. Her "strict" yet nurturing approach pushes students to reach their full potential, both academically and socially," Principal Conway shared.

"My students, co-workers, and the administration inspire me to work hard at my craft. Our students are the leaders of the future. It is very important to me that I do all that I can to provide them with a quality education!"

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What were your plans after graduating Ewing High School? Once I graduated high school, I knew I wanted to study musical theatre in college. It took some time for me to find a program that I fit into, so in the meantime, I took three semesters of community college. Eventually, I was accepted into Marymount Manhattan College and I moved out of my parents' house and into New York City, which was a dream come true.

No one was more excited than Ms. Christina Monaco Caldwell to share with us, you are now traveling in the hit Broadway musical *Hairspray* as the character Sketch. How did that audition come about? I look for auditions through this program called, "Actors Access", where I have a profile and can see all sorts of audition breakdowns. I saw the breakdown for the *Hairspray* audition, so I submitted my vocal reel through "Actors Access", and was lucky enough to get called in for a callback.

I had been following the *Hairspray* tour for a little while before I ended up auditioning for the show. This is the third year of this tour so I had been watching the last two years through their social media. I am very lucky that I go to college in Manhattan because, between classes and work, I am also able to go to all the auditions that happen at all the big studios.

Tell us a little about the audition? I had such a great time auditioning for this tour. The dance calls were especially exhilarating because our choreographer, Robbie Roby, who was also a part of the original Broadway production, was teaching us the combos in the room.

The last weekend in January you were in Morristown, New Jersey at Mayo Performing Arts Center performing in *Hairspray*. What was it like performing for the 'home-town', so to speak, where family and friends were in the audience? This is the closest stop to home for me and it was so refreshing seeing all of my friends and family from home. It is also the closest stop to Manhattan, so my friends from Marymount were also able to come see the show in Morristown. At this point, I had been with the tour for about five months, so it was a very special feeling getting to share the work I have been up to with all the lovely people in my life.

What words of wisdom can you share with other fellow EHS students who might be pursuing a career in the Performing Arts? I think it is so important to find enjoyment in auditioning, because that is what I have spent most of my time doing. Even for college. I auditioned for so many programs before I found my fit. Never give up and keep learning!

Senior Spotlight: Meet Ameerah Brown-McMullen



What do you want people to know about Ewing High School that they might not know? I want people to know that Ewing High School is full of many motivating teachers and staff. Growing a close relationship with the Ewing High staff has played a huge

role in my desire to attend college and further my education. Ewing High also has many school activities, clubs, and social events.

What is your favorite subject? My favorite subject is English because I love reading and writing about different social, political, personal, and economic topics. English gives me space to be creative and make connections through literature.

Who is your favorite teacher and why? My favorite teacher is Mrs. Hewlett because she genuinely cares about her students and her work. No matter what Mrs. Hewlett is dealing with outside of school, she never fails to positively share her passion for teaching with her students. She treats everyone as if they are one of her own, she takes the time out of class to explain the lessons, and she makes learning fun and easy to understand.

What activities do you participate in school? In school, I participated in National Honor Society, Black Student Alliance, Afro Arts events, Ewing High Varsity softball, and I was on the Ewing High "Blue Flames" dance team.

You have been a member of the EHS Varsity Softball team since freshman year. What are you looking forward to this spring season? What position do you play? Any goals for the season? This

spring season I am looking forward to, growing a closer relationship with my coaches and teammates. I am looking forward to being on the field, in the nice weather, playing the sport I love. I play first base and outfield for the Ewing High School team. My goal this season is to reach the 100th hits club, so I can put my name up on the banner in the school gym.

What activities do you participate in outside of school? Outside of school, I play for the Philadelphia Phillies Urban Youth Academy Softball Team. I own a clothing brand called VIVOapparel.co. I work at Big Easy of Ewing Restaurant, I work in real estate, and I am a Greater Mount Zion Church and Change Church member. I do volunteer work at the Young Scholars Institute and AFSCME Union as well.

What accomplishments are you most proud of? I am most proud of my 4.4 GPA, the effort and hard work I put into recovering from my ligament surgery last year, my financial and spiritual growth, starting my clothing/styling brand business, getting monetized on Youtube, becoming the youngest manager at my job, and committing to one of my dream schools.

What is your favorite quote or book? My favorite quote is "In 5yrs you could be somewhere You never imagined! Don't Trip, Keep Going." – Lil Baby

My favorite book is "Rich Dad Poor Dad" by Robert Kiyosaki.

What are your plans after you graduate from Ewing High School? After graduating from Ewing High School, I plan on moving to another state, furthering my education, expanding my real estate career, becoming a successful entrepreneur, and building generational wealth.

Ewing Special Olympics Bring Home the GOLD!

Ewing Special Olympics ventured up to Mountain Creek for the Special Olympics Winter Games 2024 on February 5th-6th. The coaches and athletes met every Thursday night for eight weeks to get ready for their snowshoeing competition. Ewing had 12 athletes and 12 partners participate in the 200-meter, 100-meter, and 4x100-meter unified team relays. The Ewing Special Olympics teams brought home 17 gold medals, 14 silver medals, 7 bronze medals, one fourth-place and one fifth-place medal. For a second-year entrant in snowshoeing, Ewing's remarkable success reflects the hard work and determination embedded in the heart of our Special Olympics community.

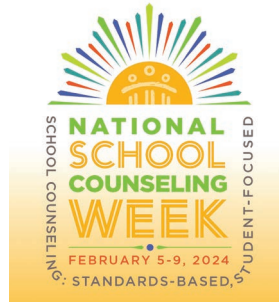


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March 2024 Schedule in Ewing Schools

Mar 1	Elementary Schools - 3 rd Marking Period Progress Reports Antheil - PTO Scholastic Book Fair
Mar 4	Parkway - Title 1 Multicultural Pajama Reading Night @ 6pm EHS - Semester 2 Term 1 Quarter 1 Parent Progress Reports FMS - 3 rd Marking Period Progress Reports Antheil - PTO Scholastic Book Fair
Mar 5	Antheil - Spring Picture Day
Mar 6	EARLY DISMISSAL K-8 ONLY – Parent Conferences Antheil - Full Day Preschool Early Dismissal NO AM Integrated Preschool
Mar 7	Parkway - Spring Picture Day FMS - 3 rd Marking Period Progress Reports Mailed Home
Mar 11-15	Lore - LPA Scholastic Book Fair Parkway - PTA Scholastic Book Fair
Mar 12	FMS - Parent Association Virtual Meeting @ 7:15pm
Mar 13	EHS - Musical - <i>Between the Lines</i> Senior Citizen Show @ 6pm
Mar 14	EHS - Musical - <i>Between the Lines</i> @ 7:30pm Lore - Title I Literacy Night & LPA Family Event @ 6:30pm
Mar 15	EHS - Musical - <i>Between the Lines</i> @ 7:30pm
Mar 16	EHS - Musical - <i>Between the Lines</i> @ 2pm & 7:30pm
Mar 21	District Title I Family Math Escape Night - 6:30pm @ Antheil
Mar 27	FMS - 5 th Grade Parent Orientation @ 6:30pm
Mar 29	SCHOOL CLOSED – Spring Break
Apr 1-5	SCHOOL CLOSED – Spring Break

National School Counseling Week is Celebrated at Ewing Public Schools



Every year, during the first week of February, the district celebrates National School Counseling Week, which aims to draw attention to the important role school counselors play in supporting the social emotional wellness of our students! This year's theme was "Standards Based-Student Focused". Schools celebrated with daily announcements, informative displays, a feature in the monthly counseling newsletters and the district's counseling Instagram (IG) (@ewing_counseling).

EHS Junior, Olamide Adekoya, Selected for Internship Program



Ewing High School teacher Mr. Patrick Burley was excited to share with the Ewing Schools' community that Ewing High School junior, Olamide Adekoya, was selected for an internship program with Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman's office in Ewing.

The internship is after school from January through May of this year and interns are asked to assist with a variety of tasks that will help them gain a better insight into the direct impact Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman's Congressional office has on New Jersey's 12th Congressional District. Olamide's responsibilities include: answering phones and recording concerns, assisting with casework intake, writing letters and assisting with outreach programs and attending community projects.

Olamide is also a stand-out in AP US History student and will be attending a two-week summer program at Yale University this upcoming summer. Congratulations Olamide on your selection!

The Ewing Public Schools Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten Registration

will open in January for the 2024-25 School Year.

Visit Our Website To Register:

www.ewing.k12.nj.us

Child must be 5 years old on or before
October 1, 2024 and reside in Ewing with
Parent or Legal Guardian.

All Round-Up Events will be held
at Antheil School on select
dates in March, April, & May.

*Online Registration must be completed to
receive an appointment for roundup.



Ewing Public Schools
Central Registration
609-538-9800 ext. 7175 or 7181
registration@ewingboe.org



Students in Mrs. Mulry's third grade AIM class at Parkway School are finding area in a few different ways... using tiling and building a formula ($A = L \times W$).

For questions or information, please contact the Superintendent's Office:

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