



Panther Press

Week of: September 16-20

Principal's Message:

Dear Families,

As you know, EVCS is a charter school. Charter schools have to show that they live up to the promises that they make in their charter agreements, or contracts. Every few years, the SUNY Trustees review each school they oversee to decide if it should be allowed to continue serving students. Elmwood Village Charter School Days Park is up for renewal this year.

The renewal process includes a two-day site visit on October 3-4, 2019. Members of the SUNY Charter Schools Institute's visit team will be at EVCS Days Park to visit classrooms, meet with school staff, interview the Board of Trustees, and meet with a representative sampling of families. We are prepared for and anticipate a successful visit with our authorizer's visit team.

As the renewal process continues, we will keep our school community informed of any updates that become available. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. Thank you for your ongoing support of Elmwood Village Charter School.

Warmly,

Mrs. Danielle Bruno
Principal, Days Park Campus

Important Dates:

September 20 – Early Dismissal (12:30 PM)

Have you set your dismissal plan in School Dismissal Manager for the half-day? Please remember:

- There is no Boys and Girls Club/After-school activities on half-days. Please go into SDM at your earliest convenience and indicate whether your child should be put on a Bus or if they will be picked up (note the individual/s coming to get them).
- We recommend getting those dismissal changes in now – remember that SDM will not allow for changes after 10 AM on the day of a half-day.

- If your child will not be in attendance on the half-day, please take a moment to change their dismissal to "Absent" in SDM.

- If you live outside the City of Buffalo, be sure to contact your district's transportation department to ensure they will provide service on the half-day and that they are aware buses need to be here no later than 12:30 PM that day.

September 26 – High School Information Night (6:30 PM)

Our school Counselor, Ms. Atherton, is hosting an informational event for 7th and 8th grade families. She will review the application process for public, charter, and private high schools, share information about upcoming Open Houses and testing dates (for applicable schools), and discuss the ways in which EVCS will support families of 8th graders with this process. This is an important event you won't want to miss!

News and Information:

Safety Updates: Please see the attached letters regarding safety at arrival and dismissal, and the first required lockdown drill of the year. Thank you, families, for working with us to ensure the safety of all students.

High School Showcase: Please see the attached flyer regarding the BPS High School Showcase on September 21st from 9AM -12PM.

Girls Volleyball: Our Girls Volleyball team will play their first game of the season on Thursday, September 26th at 4:30 PM in the EVCS Gym. Come and cheer on the EVCS Panthers!

Nurse Notes:

Middle School Families: Please see the attached flyer regarding a required Meningococcal vaccine for students in Grades 7 and 8.

CA Corner:

Trunk or Treat: The Community Associations at EVCS Days Park and Hertel invite all families to the annual Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 26 from 1-3 PM at the Hertel Campus. Sign up to help or to be a "trunk" here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaca72ca7f49-evcs>



BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESENTS



HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE



**FOR ALL CURRENT 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS
AND THEIR PARENTS**



September 21, 2019 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Buffalo Academy for Visual & Performing Arts - Cafeteria



450 Masten Avenue Buffalo, NY 14209



**The High School Showcase is designed to be a one stop shop
where parents/guardians/students can:**

- Learn about the 20 different high school options available to you.
- Learn about the innovative high school programs, including computer science and software engineering, criminal justice, bioinformatics and life sciences and advanced manufacturing.
- Meet with representatives from all BPS high schools to learn about programs available to students, including our Career & Technical Education programs, music, art and athletic programs.
- Understand entrance requirements and the application processes for all high schools.
- Gather information and ask questions about Say Yes to Education scholarships, grants and other programs.
- Obtain answers to all your questions and areas of concern when it comes to starting your high school experience.

This is an important document. Please find someone who is able to read the information to you.

Arabic: هذه وثيقة هامة، يرجى العثور على شخص قادر على قراءة المعلومات لك.

Burmese: သတိပြုရန်အရေးကြီးသောဆက်သွယ်ချက်ဖြစ်သည်။ အချက်အလက်များကို ဖတ်ရှုရန်အတွက် သင့်အတွက် အကူအညီဖြစ်သူကို ရှာဖွေပါ။

Nepali: यो छ एक महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी हो। कृपया यो जानकारी सुन्न सक्ने कोसँग यो जानकारी बुझाउनुहोस्।

Somali: Kani waa dokumenti muhiim ah. Fadlan raadi qof kuu akhriyo akhbaartan.

Spanish: Este documento es muy importante, por favor encuentre a alguien que pueda traducir esta información para usted.



HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

WHEN

**September 26th
6:30pm**

WHERE

ELA Room 220

EVCS Days Park



**7TH AND 8TH
GRADE
FAMILIES**

**RECEIVE
INFORMATION ON
THE HIGH SCHOOL
APPLICATION
PROCESS FOR
PUBLIC, CHARTER,
PRIVATE AND
CATHOLIC HIGH
SCHOOLS!**



For the
2019-20
School Year

Parents:

All kids entering **7th, 8th, 9th, 10th**
and **12th grades** must have the
meningococcal vaccine.

Without it, they can't start school.

About the Vaccine:

- It's not a new vaccine. It's been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- The meningococcal vaccine has been **required** for school entry since Sept. 1, 2016.

About Meningococcal Disease:

- It causes **bacterial meningitis** and other serious diseases.
- Teens and young adults are at greater risk.
- It comes on quickly and without warning.
- Its symptoms are similar to the flu.
- Every case of this disease can result in death or long-term disability.

Check with your doctor. Even kids who have had a shot before may need a booster to start school.

To learn more, visit
health.ny.gov/immunize

Immunization is Protection.



Department
of Health



September 16, 2019

Dear Families:

All schools in New York State are required to hold twelve (12) emergency drills per year, four of which must be lockdown drills. This type of drill will secure the school building and safely shelter all students, staff and visitors inside the building. The purpose of this drill is to keep the students safe from any danger outside or inside the building.

Our first lockdown drill of the year will be held on Friday, September 20th. We know that these drills can cause stress and anxiety for children and adults. Our goal as a school is to help children understand the importance of safety, without causing undue alarm or anxiety. If you wish to talk with your child about a lockdown, this article offers several talking points to help children prepare for emergencies or unexpected events, without frightening them.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/judith-simon-prager-phd/talking-to-kids-about-a-lockdown_b_4117330.html

Here at EVCS, we will teach our students the "PAL" acronym described in this article:

P is for PAUSE: First, pause and take a deep breath. Breathing helps your mind work.

A is for ADULT: Wherever you are at school, find a trusted adult. If you are in the classroom, stay there and find your teacher or other adult in the room. If you are outside, look for the teacher or other adult closest to you to tell you what to do and where to go.

L is for LISTEN: Listen to the adult's instructions. The adult will know what to do and will tell you. This is trickier than a fire drill because depending on where you are, you won't always go to the same place each time. You will know what to do if you listen. Also during this time, the teachers will lock the doors to their classrooms. When everything is safe, the adult will tell you that everything is all clear and we can go back to our regular school day.

Judith Simon Prager, the author of the article linked above, says it best: "Let us hope that we can change the world for the better so that someday we do not have to practice hiding from those who would harm us. And in the meantime, let us find ways to help keep as many innocents as possible safe in body and spirit."

Kind regards,
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September 2019

Dear EVCS Families,

We would like to provide some reminders for arrival and dismissal to ensure the safety of all students and families. With 450 students at this campus, we know traffic flow around Days Park can come with challenges. We ask your cooperation with the following:

- Please listen respectfully to our staff. Our staff is on duty to help keep students safe. We will be increasing adult presence outside to assist in the flow of traffic. Safety Patrols will be out assisting our younger students into the building in the morning.
- When pulling up to the morning drop off zone, please pull over to the curb, and all the way forward. This prevents congestion in the drop off zone.
- Please do not get out of your car to assist your child. If your child needs assistance, please park around the Days Park Circle or behind the school on Hudson St.
- DO NOT under any circumstance double park in this area. This includes parking in the middle of the road or stopping in the middle of the road to let children in or out of vehicles. This practice is unsafe for children and for other vehicles trying to navigate through the drop-off and pick-up zone.

Thank you for your attention to these issues. The safety of our children is our top priority, and by working together we can ensure that our children travel to and from school as safely as possible.

Sincerely,

David Phillips

Assistant Principal