



From the Superintendent:

The fall season has arrived, and with it we are looking forward to all of the events that are taking place in and around school. Next Friday and the following Monday (October 8 and 11), school will be closed for students for our teacher in-service and Columbus Day. Picture Days will be held on October 13th and 14th, with a makeup day on December 2nd. Our Parent Advisory Group (PAG) will be meeting before our next Board of Education Meeting on October 19, 2021. The discussion will focus on revamping our Vision and Mission statements (current statements below). Please join Board member, Mrs. Douglas, and me in the media center at 6:00 pm on October 19th, if you would like to participate.

- **Vision Statement**

Our vision for the Eastampton Township School District is to have all staff, community members, parents, administrators and school board members working together as a circle of support focused on fully developing our students. Through a sense of purpose - as defined in the Mission Statement - founded on a mutual respect for each other, and possessing a burning desire to give that extra effort, all parties will strive to make our educational environment one that creates in our students a thirst for knowledge and prepares each one for life beyond our school system. Utilizing technology that is integral with all facets of a challenging curriculum, continuous staff development, meaningful involvement of parents and community members, and based on a sound fiscal policy, our district will provide values that establish and maintain a sense of pride in the community.

- **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Eastampton Township School District is to provide a safe, supportive, and challenging educational environment which will give our children the opportunity to develop the necessary life skills to maximize their individual potentials and to empower them to be productive and responsible citizens in an ever-changing world. Essential to the success of this mission are parental involvement, community support and the efforts of a competent and caring staff. The Board of Education expects that all students will achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels.

Assistant Principal:

Hello Eastampton Township School District staff, students, parents, and community members!!

My name is Ray Robinson and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal within your district. I have been in education just shy of 10 years as a health & physical education instructor and coach before transitioning into administration.

With that, I have a natural propensity for collaboration when it comes to the academic, social, and emotional development of our students. I believe that if we are to be effective as

educators then, collectively, we need to help facilitate the growth of all three components in our student population.

As a novice member of the ETSD community, I would like to act as a support to all stakeholders and assure you that all of my time and efforts in our district will be spent working to provide a safe learning environment and enhancing the educational experience of our students.

I look forward to meeting and working with you ALL!

Office of Curriculum:

Our 1st through 3rd grade students have been working very hard at completing their MAP assessments. We'll be able to use these testing outcomes to inform our instruction throughout the year.

On October 4th and 5th, all 4th through 8th grade students will be taking the NJ Start Strong Assessment. This test is being rolled out this fall because our students have not taken the NJSLA for the past two years. It is designed to take a single class period per subject and to deliver quick feedback. The reports will generate information on how we can better support our students. Sixth grade students will also be taking the Science portion of the test on Wednesday, October 6th.

The use of high-quality assessments is crucial to helping schools improve their curriculum and instruction practices. High-quality assessments focus on critical thinking and problem-solving. A panel of educators developed a framework for evaluating assessments that is still used today and can be found using the link below:

[High Quality Assessment Criteria](#)

CST Update:

- Case Manager letters have been sent in the mail to notify families of who is assigned as their child's point of contact for special education programming and related services.
- CST Department Meetings will begin the week of October 15th.
- We are continuing our efforts to pursue eligible staff to work as instructional aides in the special education department. If you know of any interested candidates, please encourage them to reach out to Mrs. Eagles.
- We have a new social worker, Carol Palacios. She will be here on Wednesdays, providing IEP- driven counseling services to students.
- Rebecca Breidinger will join our special education teaching staff on October 15th as a middle school inclusion teacher.

Notes from the Nurse's Office

Reminder regarding COVID testing: **Per NJDOH, in order to clear an individual with COVID-19 like illness, they should have a negative result from a molecular (PCR) lab test.** Rapid or home based tests should not be used to determine whether symptomatic individuals may return to school. An alternate diagnosis, without a COVID-19 PCR test result, is also not acceptable to return to school. Also remember that siblings (household members) who are not vaccinated or recently diagnosed (90 days) with COVID-19 should stay home until the results of the PCR test are received.

Please forward test results to the Nurse's Office. If submitting electronically, please email both calderman@etsdnj.us and mostaszewski@etsd.nj.

Testing and Vaccination information is available on the [BCHD webpage](#).



**Burlington County
COVID Testing Clinic**

Where:
Emergency Services
Training Center
53 Academy Dr.
Westampton, NJ
08060

When:
Mondays: 8AM - 1PM
Tuesday: 12PM - 6PM
Wednesday: 12PM - 6PM
Thursday: 12PM - 6PM
Friday: 12PM - 6PM

Open to all those who live, work or go to school
in Burlington County

Ages 5 & up!

No Appointment or Doctor's Script Required!

Insurance information will be collected. Those
without insurance are still eligible for testing.

The offered test is an ANTERIOR NASAL SWAB (short
swab) test, so please blow/clean your nose thoroughly
prior to testing. This is a PCR test and not a rapid test.

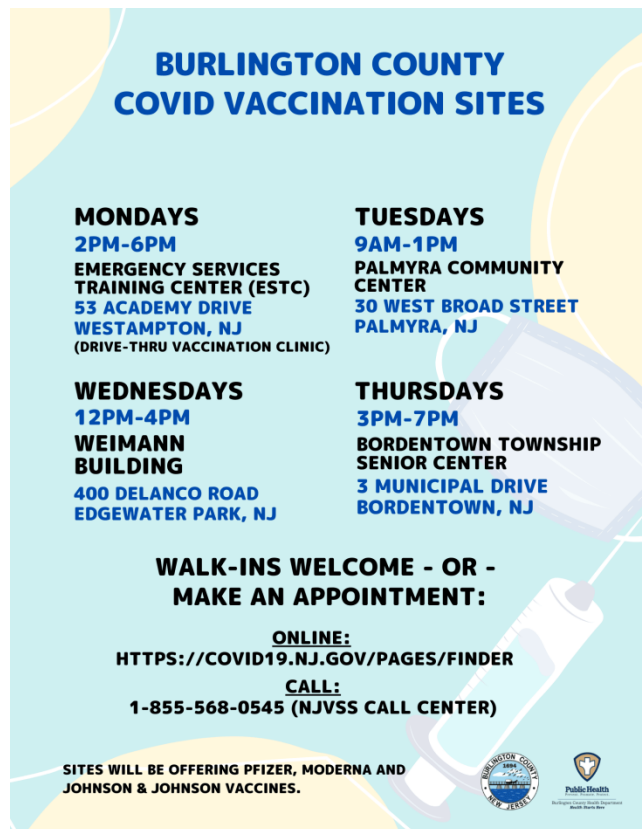
Please wear a mask.

Results available in 24-48 hours.

For questions or concerns, please call
609-265-5548.

TESTING WILL
START ON
SEPTEMBER
13, 2021

 
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**BURLINGTON COUNTY
COVID VACCINATION SITES**

**MONDAYS
2PM-6PM
EMERGENCY SERVICES
TRAINING CENTER (ESTC)
53 ACADEMY DRIVE
WESTAMPTON, NJ
(DRIVE-THRU VACCINATION CLINIC)**

**TUESDAYS
9AM-1PM
PALMYRA COMMUNITY
CENTER
30 WEST BROAD STREET
PALMYRA, NJ**

**WEDNESDAYS
12PM-4PM
WEIMANN
BUILDING
400 DELANCO ROAD
EDGEWATER PARK, NJ**



**THURSDAYS
3PM-7PM
BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP
SENIOR CENTER
3 MUNICIPAL DRIVE
BORDENTOWN, NJ**

**WALK-INS WELCOME - OR -
MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:**

ONLINE:
[HTTPS://COVID19.NJ.GOV/PAGES/FINDER](https://COVID19.NJ.GOV/PAGES/FINDER)

CALL:
1-855-568-0545 (NJVSS CALL CENTER)

SITES WILL BE OFFERING PFIZER, MODERNA AND
JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINES.

 
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RVRHS is also offering a [COVID-19 & FLU Clinic](#) this Friday, October 1st. No registration is necessary. This is open to all RV Region students, families, and community members. See the RVRHS website for more information www.rvrhs.com