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[www.epsnj.org](http://www.epsnj.org)



2) Click on the Flu & RSV Resources icon at the top of the district home page



3) You may also visit the Flu/RSV resources page directly by typing:

[www.epsnj.org/flu-rsv](http://www.epsnj.org/flu-rsv)



# Protect Your Health Influenza/RSV Resources

A winter landscape with snow-covered trees and a path. The trees are heavily laden with snow, and the ground is covered in a thick layer of snow. The sky is a pale, overcast blue.

# *Christmas-New Year's Recess*

**Schools close at regular time  
on Friday, December 20**

**Schools reopen  
on Thursday, January 2**



**News From Central**

Elizabeth Public Schools, Elizabeth, NJ

# DWYER SENIOR RECEIVES FULL SCHOLARSHIP THROUGH QUESTBRIDGE

John E. Dwyer Technology Academy senior Kamylah Clayton has been awarded a full scholarship to the University of Notre Dame through the 2024 QuestBridge National College Match, a national program that connects high-achieving high school seniors from low-income backgrounds with full four-year scholarships to 52 of the nation's top colleges.

Clayton was among 2,627 seniors of the Class of 2025 from throughout the nation who were recognized as Match Scholarship Recipients. The process included the selection of 7,288 finalists among more than 25,500 applicants to be considered for the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship.

She is currently the No. 1 ranked student of Dwyer Technology Academy's Class of 2025 with a 4.8 GPA and has earned the AP® Scholar with Honor Award from College Board by attaining an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of three or higher on four or more exams.



# INTERNATIONAL WeLoveU FOUNDATION GIFTS WINTER COATS TO SCHOOL NO.9 STUDENTS THROUGH WELO'S WINTER COAT GIVEAWAY



On December 11, The International WeLoveU Foundation gifted winter coats to students at Jerome Dunn Academy School No.9 through WeLo's Winter Coat Giveaway. For a happier and healthier society, the International WeLoveU Foundation promotes unity and friendship among all people of the global village—beyond nationality, race, religion and socioeconomic status—through impactful environmental and community-centered initiatives carried out with the heart of a mother. During the fall, the foundation collected new winter coats for children ages 5–10 to support children in under-resourced communities in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., and beyond.

# EDISON CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS HONORED BY HABITATS FOR HUMANITY



Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy construction technology students were honored at a celebratory luncheon provided by Habitat for Humanity at the Salvation Army in Elizabeth.

Habitat for Humanity recognized the students for the food pantry renovations they performed at the Salvation Army, including installing and spackling drywall, hanging new doors, and priming and painting the ceiling, walls, doors, and trim.

## EPS PARTNERS WITH MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY FOR FRIENDS DAY



For over 10 years, Montclair State University has hosted Friends Day where over 100 kids with disabilities (ages 5-21) are invited to explore the school's Student Recreation Center. RecBoard, a student-led organization sponsored by the Department of Campus Recreation, plans the fun-filled day of activities for the children with games, arts & crafts, swimming, basketball, and dancing. Each child is paired with two college "buddies" to accompany him/her throughout his/her session. The department's professional staff members oversee the smooth execution of the day's events.

# EPS PARTNERS WITH NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE FOR NEW JERSEY DRIVE/TEEN DRIVER PROGRAM



The Elizabeth Public Schools Physical Education department participated in the New Jersey State Police NJ Drive event. The New Jersey State Police (NJSP) New Jersey Drive/Teen Driver Program is an interactive program that educates teens about the dangers of driving under the influence (DUI/DWI). The program consists of a classroom presentation, a practical exercise using golf carts and Fatal Vision goggles to simulate the effects of alcohol on vision and reaction time while operating a vehicle, and instruction on the Graduate Drivers License (GDL) process. Twelfth grade students who successfully completed their tenth-grade driver education course, and have a student driver permit, were selected by their driver ed instructors from each school to attend.

# DWYER TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY RECEIVES NAF MODEL-DISTINGUISHED STATUS



**MODEL  
ACADEMY**

For the first time in the 14-year history of NAF at John E. Dwyer Technology Academy, the Dwyer NAF Academy of Information Technology has reached Model-Distinguished status. This is a significant milestone that will shape the future of Dwyer Technology Academy. At the 2025 NAF Next conference, Dwyer Technology Academy will be recognized for this achievement, paving the way for even greater success. Additionally, Dwyer's NAF Academy of Information Technology will go under review for Distinguished status by NAF during the 25-26 school year, further growing its position as a leader in NAF.

On behalf of the Elizabeth Public Schools Community...

Happy Holidays!



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