

### SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS ARE COMING

#### Have you heard that state assessments are changing?

As a result of shifting to Common Core State Standards (CCSS), Washington state has mandated that all school districts begin using Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) in 2014-15. The new assessments are aligned to the CCSS.

SBA will replace the reading, writing and math Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) tests for students in grades three through eight. Students in grade 10 and 11 will also take the SBA. (English language arts [ELA] at grade 10; ELA and math at grade 11.) Grade 10 Proficiency Exams (HSPE) and End of Course (EOC) exams will be phased out over the next few years. Tenth graders will take Common Core aligned ELA exit exams in and math to fulfill graduation requirements until the class of 2019 when graduation requirements change.

#### How are the Smarter Balanced Assessments different?

- They are aligned to the English language arts and math CCSS.
- The English language arts SBA includes both reading and writing assessments for every grade level tested.
- They include two different types of tests: Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) and Performance Tasks (PT) with an in-class activity.
  1. **CAT** is an online testing method. Questions appear based on whether or not a student answers the previous question correctly or incorrectly. This gives a more accurate measure of each student's performance level.
  2. **PT** are extended activities that measure a student's ability to integrate knowledge and skills across multiple standards—a key component of college and career readiness. Performance tasks will be used to better measure capacities such as depth of understanding, research skills and complex analysis.
    - ⇒ In-class activities are 20 to 30 minutes. The activities involve research and structured classroom discussion to prepare for the PT. This ensures that students have background knowledge to successfully complete the PT.

#### How are SBA given?

Smarter Balanced Assessments are administered online. Students use a Chromebook computer to take the tests.

#### When will students be taking these exams?

The state of Washington has established a testing window between March 9 and June 15. Our district testing schedule will be designed to make the best use of student instructional time and use resources efficiently. View the daily testing schedule on the assessment calendar. Testing begins April 13.

#### How are we preparing students?

The district has been actively implementing the Common Core State Standards since 2012-13. Curriculum specialists and teachers have been developing and using lessons and assessments aligned to the state standards.

In addition, we are ensuring students will be ready for online testing by increasing technology use in classrooms. Starting in the 2013-14, a steering team of teachers, administrators, specialists and technology staff began creating a comprehensive plan to ensure that students are confident and ready to show their learning on these new assessments.

Students have also been preparing for the SBA by using the Practice Tests which allows students, parents and staff to experience questions that look and function like those that will be administered on the Smarter Balanced state assessments.

Additionally, there is a Training Test which provides students and staff with the opportunity to become familiar with test-taking embedded features and tools. Such as, highlighting text, flagging an answer to review later, and dragging and dropping answer responses.

ASB UPDATE

Dear Bruin Families,

The school year is just around the corner and many upcoming events are on the way. In the next month, ASB has planned several events to end the school year strong. These include:

- ASB Budget Presentation to the School Board- May 12
- Officer Induction Ceremony on May 13
- Collecting donations for the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention in memory of Christopher Nguyen
- Spring Sports Assembly/Make-a-Wish
- Senior Ball
- Jubilation & Commencement

This past week, Cascade was hit with saddened news learning about the passing of a fellow Bruin and classmate, Christopher Nguyen. Cascade has worked with Chris' family and has decided to collect donations for the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention in memory of Christopher. We know that losing a loved one and fellow Bruin has made a huge impact in our community. The ASB Officers and Leadership class are working hard to help the Bruin community and be supportive of every student and staff at Cascade by setting a welcoming environment during a time of grief. The end of the school year can be very stressful, especially preparing for graduation, AP tests, and finals. However, ASB will be continuing to be supportive of the Bruin community by continuing our goal of inclusion and positivity up until the end of the school year and the following school year as well.



If you are interested in making a donation to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in memory of Christopher Nguyen here is the link: [American Foundation for Suicide Foundation](http://www.americanfoundationforsuicideprevention.org)

Sincerely,  
Robianne Ramos

COMPUTER SCIENCE OPPORTUNITY



*Cascade is looking for Computer Science or Software Engineering to partner in the classroom.*

Dear parents, guardians and alums,  
We have a wonderful opportunity to team up with TEALS, a Microsoft YouthSpark program, to bring computer science courses to our students. TEALS (Technology Education and Literacy in Schools) is a grassroots program that recruits, mentors and places passionate high tech professionals into high school classes as part-time teachers. The professional brings his or her subject knowledge and will join a classroom teacher in a team-teaching model. TEALS provides training for both parties as well as course outlines

based on successful college courses.

Cascade High School is applying to this program for the 2015-2016 school year. If our application is successful, we will offer "Advanced Placement Computer Science." The course will prepare students to take the College Board's AP Computer Science A exam in May of 2016.

In order to put together a favorable application, Cascade needs to demonstrate that we can recruit volunteers from the Computer Science or Software Engineering fields to team-teach these courses with our teachers. Cascade would hold the courses 1st period (done by 9am) to permit the volunteers to get to their regular jobs.

If you or someone you know works in the Computer Science or Software

Engineering field and would be willing to help Cascade build a successful Computer Science program, please contact Cathy Woods [CWoods2@everettsd.org](mailto:CWoods2@everettsd.org).

You can read more about TEALS on their website at <http://www.tealsk12.org>.

I am excited about this opportunity and look forward to hearing from many of you.

Sincerely,  
Scott Shafer  
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# Cascade High School

## DECA

DECA is going places...

The Chapter Awards team of Brittany Burrus, Martha Jeanice and Jada Smith placed third at the DECA State Career Development Conference and has earned a stop at the National Conference this April in

Orlando, Florida.

This June over twenty DECA members will be attending DECA Day with the Seattle Mariners. While at the event they will attend a seminar with members of the Seattle Mariner front office. They will also be

watching the Mariners take on the New York Yankees.

Want to hear more about Cascade Sr. High School DECA contact Jodi Galli at [jgalli@everettsd.org](mailto:jgalli@everettsd.org).

### CASCADE BRUIN ROBOTICS

#### Julia Loewen is a Dean's List Finalist!

FRC Team 4512 Cascade BEAR bots competed in 2 events this year the Glacier Peak District Event and Shorewood District Event. At the Shorewood event we started strong and stayed strong all the way into the 1/4 finals as the #8 alliance teams captain. We had 3 good strong teams and we did well, we just could not generate enough points to advance into the semifinals.

But we did have some great news from the weekend event:

- Julia Loewen who was nominated for the Dean's List award was selected as one of the 2 candidates to advance to the District finals in Cheney WA the first weekend in April.
- Then on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the District finals in Cheney it was announced that she will advance to the FRC FIRST World Championship in St. Louis, MO.
- Team Coach/ Advisor Neil Palachuk was nominated for the Woodie Flowers award by the team and will also advance to the District finals in Cheney WA the first weekend in April. He did not advance to World with Julia but he was just happy to see his name in lights.

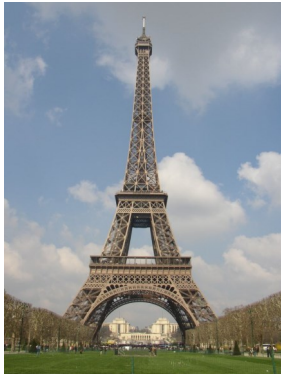


*Cascade High School Senior Ball*

# *This is Our Story*



*June 6, 2015 • 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm • Olympic Sculpture Park  
Tickets: \$30*



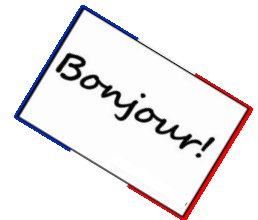
## *Class of 2015 Me & Mom Day Tea & Day in Paris*

*You are invited to join your son or daughter on*

*Wednesday, June 10*

*3:00 pm*

*CHS Cafeteria*



Submit baby pictures by May 26th, to [chsserviceclub@gmail.com](mailto:chsserviceclub@gmail.com)



# Cascade High School Graduation Video



Cascade High School is now offering graduating seniors and their families the opportunity to order a DVD of the 2015 graduation ceremony. The cost of the DVD is \$25 and will contain the commencement ceremony in its entirety. All proceeds go towards the Cascade video production clubs.

Complete the order form below and return it with cash or check made payable to: Everett Public Schools.

Mail orders to: Cascade High School  
c/o Treasurer OR  
801 E. Casino Rd  
Everett WA 98203

**Preorder your DVD at  
your school's office**

All orders must include the attached order form and payment.

Please contact Scott Shafer at [sshafer@everettsd.org](mailto:sshafer@everettsd.org) with any questions.

Retain top portion for your records – send bottom portion with payment.

**2014 Graduation Video Order Form**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Stu Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: Cascade

Address where DVD should be shipped: (Please print clearly and include zip code)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

The cost per DVD is \$25. Make all checks payable to Everett Public Schools  
All orders will be shipped by July 31 / Orders after June 13 will be \$30.00 per DVD

	Quantity	Cost (\$25.00) includes shipping
Graduation DVD		
<b>Total Cost</b>		

Please indicate method of payment:  Cash or  Check # \_\_\_\_\_

\*We will not provide your email address to any other entity. It will only be used to contact you if necessary.



## 2014-15 Cascade Yearbook

Yearbooks will be available for purchase beginning May 26th to the end of the school year, in the Treasurer's Office before/after school or during their lunch

**Purchase price \$70**

Distribution dates to be announced

All obligations must be taken care of before students can pick up their yearbook or purchase one.

Pick up for students with obligation will be June 16th.



# Congratulations to the 2015-16 Cheerleading Squad GO BRUINS!



Courtney Alcayaga  
Rae Bushong-Gearardo  
Karli DuBois  
Breanna Jones  
Gladys Malpica  
Kelsey Nguyen  
Avary Sadler

Josie Allen  
Camryn Chapman  
Paige Fowler  
Chelsea Lauzon  
Courtney McGrath  
Nicole Nguyen  
Alexa Sharp

Gretchen Barker  
Brenda Chavez  
Emily Goodin  
Corrina Leatherman  
Jessica Nguyen  
Doina Porte  
Demmerie Tran

Lindsey Bates  
Micki Dang  
Brooke Guidice  
Jaidacyn Madrigal  
Katherine Nguyen  
Emmy Romack  
Alyson VanWetter

## EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

### Capital facilities planning “fishbowl” conversations

Speak, listen, observe, learn and reflect with the school board this spring:

- [May 5](#), 6:30 p.m. at Henry M. Jackson High School – a capital facilities and school technology fishbowl conversation.
- [May 19](#), 6:30 p.m. at Everett High School – the third in the series of fishbowl conversations about capital facilities.



### Graduation dates

Graduation ceremonies for each of the four high schools are coming soon!

- Cascade High School: June 13 at noon at Comcast Arena
- Henry M. Jackson High School: June 13 at 4 p.m. at Comcast Arena
- Everett High School: June 13 at 8 p.m. at Comcast Arena
- Sequoia High School: June 10 at 6 p.m. at Everett Civic Auditorium

### High school summer school registration is open!

[Registration materials are now online.](#) Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs will be offered for students through Online High School and at Sequoia High School.

### College remedial classes? Maybe not!

High school juniors can eliminate the need for college remedial classes by earning a 3 or a 4 on the on the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) this spring.

A score of 3 or 4 in your junior year makes you eligible in college to move directly into credit-bearing college-level classes (at the 100 level and above) when you enroll at any of the state’s 34 community and technical colleges, any of the public baccalaureate institutions and nine independent colleges.

Just provide your Washington college or technical school a copy of your SBA scores once you are admitted.

# LMS

If you are a parent or guardian authorized to have Web access to your student’s records, you can sign in to the website using the same login and password you use for online grades to customize *MyView*. Need a login or not sure if you have access? Contact [LMS@everettsd.org](mailto:LMS@everettsd.org) for help.

## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

“Effective immediately parents should send an email regarding student absences to the following dedicated email account:

[CHSAbsence@everettsd.org](mailto:CHSAbsence@everettsd.org)

Please be sure to provide the student’s name and ID number as well as the reason for the absence and your name. Attach a doctor’s note if applicable. Phone calls are not accepted for regular absences.”

### MOVING? NEW PHONE NUMBER? EMAIL?

Please contact Wendy Heiser in the Main Office for a contact update sheet.

## CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL

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#### Special points of interest:

- \* Scholarship Awards Night - May 21
- \* Academic Assembly - June 1
- \* Grassy Knoll - June 9
- \* Senior Assembly/Cap & Gown/Me & Mom Tea - June 10
- \* Grad Practice - June 11 & 12
- \* Class of 2015 Graduation - June 13
- \* Moving Up Assembly - June 16
- \* Last Day of School - June 16

## SAVE THE DATE!

Democracy in Action! Save the date families. CHS Social Studies Department has begun to plan the next trip to Washington DC and New York for the next presidential Inauguration in January 2017. We will have a student information meeting in May and a Parent information meeting in the Fall.



Contact Ms. Webster at 425 385 6177 or  
[MWebster@everettsd.org](mailto:MWebster@everettsd.org) for more information.



## 2015-16 SCHOOL CALENDAR



The calendar for next school year is part of the negotiations process with the teachers' bargaining unit. Negotiations for that contract will begin in April. During negotiations, the school calendar will be established. The district will use the website, email, phone and text messaging system as well as media announcements to announce the calendar when contract negotiations are complete.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2015-16 ASB/CLASS OFFICERS

### ASB

President - Scott Pease  
VP - Martha Jeanice  
Secretary - Roanne Ramos  
Treasurer - Anh Nguyen

### Class of 2016

President - Kirsten Syberg  
Vice President - Simrat Kaur  
Secretary - Madison Kyle  
Treasurer - Ivleen Kaur

### Class of 2017

President - Nicole Nguyen  
Vice President - Ellie Wilson  
Secretary - Rayna LaFave-Clark  
Treasurer - Zach Demars

### Class of 2018

President - Connor Robinson  
Vice President - Thi Vu  
Secretary - Helene Tulu  
Treasurer - Eddy Johnson