



Everett Seagull News

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear EHS Community,

As November, the month of gratitude wraps up, I want to share my gratitude for our amazing Everett High School community. I continue to be amazed by the way our community continually shows up and supports our students. Under the leadership of our Food Drive Chair, McKenzie Johnson we had a successful food drive that supported the Volunteers of America Food Bank. This effort included partnership with Evergreen Middle School students, EHS Alumni, students, staff, and families! Collectively we had a HUGE impact! Thank you. We are so grateful for the support and being able to support our families during this time.

As we launch the month of December, we find snow falling on the ground. It is creating a beautiful Winter Wonderland. I hope you and your family will join us Friday, December 2 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Hot Cocoa, Candy Canes and our beautiful main building and lawn lit with lights. Our EHS Choir will be performing on the main steps at 6:00. This month our Latinos Unidos Club is organizing the 3rd annual Regalo Rush! Thank you to the families that have signed up to have their winter wishes granted and those who have helped make wishes be a reality!

Our community spirit continues with fun activities. Join us for a night of music on Monday, December 5th when our Band, Orchestra and Choir performs their concert. Latinos Unidos Frio Freeze Dance in the Cafeteria on Friday, December 9th. Our Freshmen Senators are sponsoring Holiday Movie Night on Thursday, December 15th. Our Winter Sports Teams Bowling, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Girls Wrestling and Boys Wrestling are starting their games! We look forward to seeing you at one or more events this month.

It also means the end of the first semester is just around the corner. Please take the time to talk with your students about their grades and progress in class. You can

Kelly Shepherd Principal

Mission – We collectively ensure that each student learns and grows at high levels.

December 2

Winter Wonderland, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (front of A building)

December 5

Winter Band/Orchestra Concert, 6:30 pm (Auditorium)

Winter Choir Concert, 8:00 pm (Auditorium)

Yearbook pre-orders go on sale (ends December 16)

December 7

Senior Portraits Due

December 9

Frio Freeze Dance, 7:00 – 9:00 pm (cafeteria)

December 15

Regalo Rush Toy Drive Distribution

Holiday Movie Night, 7:00 – 9:00 pm (cafeteria)

December 16

2 ½ hour release (11:35am release)

December 19 – January 2

No School; winter break



check your students grades online. You can log into your parent/guardian account, or you can ask your student to log in and show you their current grades. Thank you for your support of your student's learning!

It is one of the best times of the year and Everett High School is a special place. We have a great combination of students, staff, family, and community. Thank you for making Everett High such a wonderful community. I am truly grateful to be part of this program and work with a community that shows such amazing support for our students.

Go Gulls!

Kelly Shepherd

EHS Yearbooks

Final yearbook pre-orders begin on Monday, Dec 5 and end on Friday, Dec 16th. Purchasing a book at this time is the only way to guarantee you will have the opportunity to purchase a book as there will be very few, if any, available for sale in June. Books can be purchased at the Treasurer's Office for \$65 or online at <https://wa-everett.intouchrecepting.com>. Don't miss this opportunity!

PTA Auction

Save the Date for our annual PTA Auction on Saturday April 15, 5:00-9:30pm. For more information click [HERE](#). Join us for our next information meeting on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00pm in the Everett High School Library.

Guaranteed Admissions Program

We are excited to announce Everett Public Schools is now a participating institution in the [Guaranteed Admission Program](#), or GAP.

Everett Public Schools has partnered with Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, Washington State University and Western Washington University to help students meet their college and career goals through the Guaranteed Admissions Program (GAP). Through GAP, a student who meets the following criteria is guaranteed admission to these institutions.

To qualify for the Guaranteed Admissions Program, a student must have:

1. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
2. Completed necessary College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADR) courses in high school (typically mirrors high school grad requirements)
3. Completed this Guaranteed Admissions Program Opt-in Form giving your permission to release information to the participating colleges and universities





The Guaranteed Admissions Program Opt-in Form is for parents/guardians of current juniors and seniors of Everett Public Schools high schools. The deadline for completing this form is Friday, January 6, 2023. [Opt-In Form](#)

Thank you for participating in the thoughtexchange

Last month, families and staff were invited to participate in a ThoughtExchange to share their thoughts on, “What is working well, and what opportunities are there to improve the way our district and schools communicate?” Thank you to all who participated. The results are in and posted on our [engagement webpage](#) with action items.

Parent University video highlight

New resources have been added to [Parent University](#), including a video highlight on high school course options (College in the High School, Advanced Placement and Running Start). To view the collection of short informative on-demand videos and “how-to” guides, click on Video Resources on the left menu.



We want to hear from our families! Everett Public Schools empowers parents and guardians to be engaged in their child's education. If you have a suggestion based upon a top concern and/or area of interest, we are seeking input as we develop more videos this school year.

If you have additional topics you would like to suggest, please email communications@everettsd.org.

The gift of attendance

Absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. Just a few missed days here and there, even excused absences, can add up and lost learning time can put your child behind in school.

This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success and eventually for graduation. This holiday season give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.



Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as to connect with their peers and teachers. As long as your child is healthy, please encourage showing up to class when school is in session.

If your child is absent, please email the school at their attendance email address, which you can find on the school website. If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please send a written note to the school office within 30 days after your student returns to school.



Family resources

Could you or a family you know use some help? Find information and links to helpful resources on the district's [Parent Tools webpage](#):

- [Washington State Library](#) – local and regional information about services and agencies offering help to families in a variety of ways including food, shelter, clothing, childcare, legal services, employment opportunities, and counseling
- Everett Public Schools [Kids In Transition \(KIT\) program](#) – supports homeless children and youth to continue their education
- Snohomish Health District for [Snohomish County community dental resources](#) for children and adults
- [United Way of Snohomish County](#) – 2-1-1 is a free telephone number that is your best "first call" to quickly find the right source of help. The information line is staffed by trained operators from Volunteers of America Western Washington who can connect you to a wide range of community services.



Calendar reminder

This is a friendly reminder that Winter Break is December 19 to January 2, with classes resuming on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.



Space still available in ECEAP preschool

Everett Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income. ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF).

The six ECEAP sites within our school district are Cedar Wood, Hawthorne, Jackson, Lowell, Madison, and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply now! For an application or more information, please visit the www.everettsd.org/ECEAP or call 425-385-4628.



Transitional Kindergarten Program



Everett Public Schools offers Transitional Kindergarten (TK) for children who are not currently in an early learning program and are scheduled to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2023. The program focuses on basic academic, social and self-help skills to jumpstart qualifying students toward success in school. Students will be screened and may qualify based on need.

To be eligible for screening, children must:

- be five years old by August 31, 2023
- live within the boundaries of Everett Public Schools
- not be currently enrolled in an early learning program
- demonstrate academic and/or social-emotional needs



Requests for screening opened in November. If you are interested in Transitional Kindergarten and believe your child may qualify, please visit our website at www.everettsd.org/TransitionalKindergarten and submit an interest form by **Friday, December 16, 2022**.

Transitional Kindergarten begins in late January 2023 and will run through the last day of school in June 2023. School locations will be determined in January and will be communicated directly to eligible families. For preschool options, please visit our Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) webpage at www.everettsd.org/ECEAP.

Accepting Highly Capable referrals until Dec. 16

The Highly Capable program in Everett Public Schools is designed to meet learning needs and challenge students who have advanced thinking and academic abilities. “HC” classes, as they are often referred to, are open to students in second, third, fourth and fifth grade. HC students learn and study in self-contained classrooms with a fast-paced curriculum that encourages and inspires them to develop higher level thinking skills. HC classrooms are held in specific schools in the district, based upon qualified enrollment. The district provides transportation to students in HC classes.

Find forms, information and evening events on the [Highly Capable website](#). Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place in February and March with more information to come.

Delayed start or closed schools

If we must cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:30 a.m. (or sometimes the night before if it can already be determined) with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media, social media and post the message on our website.

If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule. More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district’s website at www.everettsd.org
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts



Snow routes are online

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the snow route information on the district [transportation department's webpage](#) under "Snow Routes" icon in the center of the page.

Board of Distinction

Everett Public Schools board of directors earned high honors with the designation as a *Board of Distinction 2022*. Applications are reviewed by a panel of judges that includes former and current educational service district superintendents, State Board of Education board members, former school directors and other education leaders in Washington state. Scoring is based on how well applicants show alignment with the Washington School Board Standards, support their statements with data and demonstrate a link between outcomes and decisions made by the board.



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• Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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