From the Principal

We had a great start to the new school year thanks to all our amazing students and the families who worked hard to get them ready for success. October brings a number of events both for students and our community as we hit our stride at the School of Champions!

Stay Connected!

Everett High is a busy place, and with so many events we want to make sure you stay connected to the most up-to-date information. We have five major ways in which we communicate with the community and making sure your information is current (email and phone) is the best way to stay informed. While we do sometimes send mail directly to homes, we most often communicate through our online resources. These include:

- The monthly community bulletin (via email)
- Connect Ed phone calls, emails, and texts
- Our EHS Website (https://www.everettsd.org/Domain/9) which has a link to the daily bulletin along with current events and information
- Daily tweets - Follow Principal Balla @EPS_EHSBalla to see daily updates about what’s happening at EHS

Please make sure your information is current, and you will always know what’s happening at the School of Champions!

High School and Beyond October 9

On Wednesday, October 9 at 5:30 pm you can learn more about planning for after high school. Please mark your calendar for our High School and Beyond Night on October 10th. This is a perfect opportunity for students to meet college reps, technical school reps, and military reps, to find out what opportunities await them after high school. Also, students can start completing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which can help with the considerable costs associated with post-secondary education.

- Enjoy free pizza from 5:30-6:00 in the Cafeteria
• Hear Keynote Speaker Jeff Utecht who will address: “2020 and Beyond: Preparing for the Future” in the gym at 6:15
• Visit the College and Career Fair from 5:30-7:30 in the gym
• Seniors! Get help with financial aid and college admissions, in the gym
• Learn more about NAVIANCE, our College and Career Readiness tool
• Interpreters available

I hope to see you there for this informative event!

**PSAT on October 16 for all 10th Grade Students**

All our 10th grade students will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 16. All 10th grade students need to be at school by 7:30; all other students who are not assigned to Academic Support have a 3 1/2-hour late start. The test is designed to:

- Measure the essential ingredients for college and career readiness and success, as shown by research.
- Have a stronger connection to classroom learning.
- Inspire productive practice.

Go to this link for more information about the PSAT: [https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10)

**Arena Conferences on October 23 from 5:00-7:30**

We will be holding our fall arena-style parent conference on **Wednesday, October 23 from 5:00-7:30 pm**. This is a great opportunity to connect with teachers about your student’s progress and to provide feedback on how we are doing – we hope to see you all there!

**A Message from our PTA**

Welcome to the new school year! It’s time to get involved with your PTA. Our membership drive is in full swing! Get involved and make a difference in your school! It’s all about the kids! e PTA raises money for teams, clubs, school supplies, grants for teachers and more!

Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in the EHS Library.

Contact [EHSPTA@outlook.com](mailto:EHSPTA@outlook.com) for more information or join us at our monthly meeting!

**Access to public records (updated information)**

District records are public records. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask to view or have copies of records defined as “public” under state and federal laws. Parents or guardians seeking education records may simply request those records from their individual schools, as they are entitled to such records under state and federal law and through district policy and procedure.

The district’s office of general counsel handles public records requests. Records may be requested in person, by phone or by sending an email request to [publicrecords@everettsd.org](mailto:publicrecords@everettsd.org). Wendy Snider is available to answer public records questions at 425-385-4188.
Delayed start or closed schools

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:45 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local 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 [https://www.everettsd.org/](https://www.everettsd.org/)
- watch district Facebook, Twitter or Instagram accounts

Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls.

Is your contact information up-to-date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

Back-to-school safety reminders

It’s helpful to talk with your child from time to time about staying safe and alert, especially when traveling to and from school. Here are just a few quick reminders:

- Walk with a buddy
- Be aware of your surroundings (cell phones and ear buds put away)
- Wait with a friend or adult at bus stops
- Report anything suspicious to an adult right away
- For adults, stop for buses when they have the stop arm out

Mobile app

Families can [download the district mobile app](https://www.everettsd.org/) to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.

Mapping your future

Students K through 12 and their families are invited to the High School and Beyond family nights to:

- Enjoy free pizza
• Keynote speaker: **2020 and Beyond: Preparing for the Future in the Digital Age**
• Learn about cool careers – it is never too early for elementary, middle and high school students!
• Visit the college & career fair
• Get help with financial aid and college admissions
• Get help registering for College Bound scholarships (grades 7 and 8)
• Interpreters available

Middle and high school students

Can you fluently read, write, speak, and listen in a language other than English? Students in grades 7 through 12 in Everett Public Schools can earn high school credit in a world language by successfully passing district-approved assessments and demonstrating language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in this language. Assessments are available at $10 for many different world languages. See the district [assessment website](#) for details.

**Test dates:** Nov. 13, 2019 and March 18, 2020
**Fall registration:** Sept. 16 – Oct. 11, 2019
**Spring registration:** Jan. 13 – Feb. 14, 2020

Also, check out the [new practice site](#) which was created to give students an overview of each kind of exam. Students can search their language and see what their specific exam will entail. There may even be a practice test available.

Website tools for you

The website has tools to make your life easier. Sign in with your LMS password to:

• Add your student’s school and teachers’ calendars to your calendar view
• Filter calendar items by category
• Export calendar items to your personal calendar
• Access Grades & More, lunch menus and staff contact information from the home page
• Find directions and maps to event locations listed on the calendar

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O’Brien, MO’Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, mballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250