From the Principal

Welcome Back!
We are so excited to begin another successful and engaging year at the School of Champions. The message we want everyone to hear is that “You BELONG here at Everett High.” Building a sense of belonging is closely connected to our efforts to create an inclusive, welcoming, and respectful school culture where everyone feels connected to our school community. The beginning of the year gives everyone the opportunity to start making connections right away – whether it be through the many clubs we have available, to athletics, to our fine arts offerings -- there are numerous ways to become a part of Seagull Nation. Encourage your children to explore the many ways get connected.

The beginning of the year also means coming to school prepared and ready to engage. The first few weeks students need to establish positive routines to manage their studies, including staying current on assignments, and asking for help when needed. There are several support structures at EHS, including teacher support before and after school, extended study opportunities offered by each department, and additional Saturday support during the year. Specific support schedules will be made available to students and look for updates on our website.

On the first day, all students will receive their full schedule in their first period class. The first period classes will be posted around campus, and schedules are available online now so that students are aware of where they need to be when the bell rings at 7:30.

Speaking of being here, please remember that attendance matters. Studies and experience have shown that one of the most important factors in student success is strong attendance. Both school and the world of work...
expect that we show up on time and ready to work, so building that habit of strong attendance will lead to greater success now and in the future. Welcome to Everett High – your student belongs here!

**REP Everett!**

In order to continue to reinforce a positive school climate and culture our Delta Team, comprised of students and staff, have created our school-wide behavior expectations program. It is called “REP” Everett, and it stands for being **Respectful, Engaged, and Prepared**. These articulated expectations are present in the classroom, in common areas, and at all Everett High events. We want to make sure that no matter where we are, we are ready to “REP Everett High!”

**First Day is Picture Day!**

Students will get their photos taken on the first day of school, September 4. They will receive their ID card on that day, but will still need to pay the student fee for an ASB in order to get reduced ticket prices at events. If you still need to pay fees, please visit our website where you can pay all fees online.

**Laptop Distribution on Monday, September 9!**

We are entering year three of the one-to-one program in the Everett Public Schools. At Everett High, all students will receive a laptop on Monday, September 9 and Tuesday, September 10. These devices are intended for school purposes and are the responsibility of individual students to whom they are checked out. Please remind your student to take care of their device, and to make sure they keep it in a secure location when not using it at school. The biggest issue we have encountered is theft when students leave the device unattended or when it is left unsecured and visible in a car.

Students will be receiving their laptops through their English classes. **Please make sure you have signed the checkout form and have your student return in to her or his English teacher.** These devices will be the student’s responsibility for the year and will be checked back in during June. Please look at the student technology handbook for more information about the care and upkeep of these student devices.

**New District PED Policy**

The use of cell phones and personal electronic devices (PED) in the classroom can distract students from instruction, yet can be important to have accessible in case of emergency. With this in mind, the district has adopted a new personal electronic device policy 3246 and procedure 3246P which prohibit cell phone use in the classroom while still providing access for students in case of emergency. High school students who choose to bring cell phones and other PEDs to school may only use them during transition periods, at lunch, and before/after the school day. Students are expected to silence and put away their cell phones and other PEDs before entering a classroom.

At Everett High School, we will spend the first week and half introducing the new expectations to teach students how to manage their PEDs. Students will be reminded up to three times during class to Respect, Engage, and Prepare (REP) their PEDs. A full explanation is in the attached document.
New Coaches at EHS

Football

**Brien Elliott**- Seagull Football, “Starting a new Era”. Coach Elliott is a teacher at Evergreen Middle School and brings a deep understanding of the Everett HS football legacy and traditions. His game plan for bringing Seagull Football back to a prominent position in the WESCO Conference is based in hard work, commitment to excellence in the classroom and by establishing an “EHS Football Family”. Brien has developed the EHS Wrestling program to be one of the top 3A programs in the state and he and his top notch coaching staff will do the same for Football!

Basketball

**Bobby Thompson**- We would like to welcome Bobby Thompson to EHS as our new Boys Basketball Coach this year. Bobby comes to us after leading the AAU basketball program in North Everett. Bobby is an Everett HS Alumni who works in the community for Housing Hope. He brings to us a fresh and exciting attitude while honoring the Seagull traditions.

GEAR UP Returns!

With the class of 2023, **GEAR UP is back at Everett High**. GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a federal grant program designed to increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in education after high school. Everett High is the only GEAR UP site in the county, and one of 30 in the state.

During their four years at Everett High, the freshman class will receive about a million dollars of extra services to prepare them to earn a postsecondary credential (apprenticeships, military, on-the-job training programs, community college certificates, two-year degrees, four-year degrees) that has labor market value. These extra services include campus visits, career exploration activities, financial aid counseling/advising, academic planning and support, career counseling, mentoring, educational field trips, test preparation, summer camp and programs, and family engagement activities.

Jeff Russell is the Everett High GEAR UP Success Coordinator. A second coordinator will join him shortly in the Career Center.

Schedule Change Requests

There is a schedule request change form online in the announcement section of our website. All of the reasons that will be considered for a schedule request include:

1. If student is a senior and needs the class for graduation and in not enrolled in that class
2. If a student previously failed a class with the same teacher and needs to be enrolled in the same class with a different instructor
3. If the student did not take, or took and failed, a prerequisite course
4. If there was a technical error with the schedule (e.g. the student schedule is missing a class period)

**Student schedules change request will not be made for reasons that do not fit the above criteria.**

### Access to public records

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. These include parents’ and legal guardians’ student’s records and records about discipline of school employees.

The district’s finance and business services office handles public records requests. Request records by writing to that office at PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213, sending an email request to publicrecords@everettsd.org, or calling 425-385-4150.

### New cell phone policy

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There is an exception for students having an IEP, 504 Plan, or Individual Health Care Plan (IHP) that includes specific accommodations for assistive technology, following the process outlined in the student’s IEP, 504 Plan, or IHP.

### Your student’s records are confidential

Everett Public Schools is serious about protecting student records and privacy. The district uses multiple security measures to safeguard student transcripts and other education-related records. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with students (and have an educational need to know) have access to individual student records. Staff members are required to maintain confidentiality of all information in a student’s records.

### 2019-20 Immunization Changes

On July 28, 2019 a new Washington State law went into effect that removes the personal and philosophical option to exempt children from the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine required for school and preschool. This law does not affect students with a religious or medical exemption. For more information please refer to Exemption to School and Child Care Immunization Requirements Quick Reference Guide.

### Access your family’s immunization information
To access your family’s immunization information from the Washington State registry visit, sign up for MyIR to view, download and print your student's immunization records securely online. Once you register, you can access the records anytime you need them. You can print your child's Certificate of Immunization Status for school, child care and camp programs.

Four ways to stay in touch

At the bottom of every district webpage, you can sign up for InTouch announcements and school board meeting agendas highlights delivered to your email box twice monthly. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Mobile app

Families can download the district mobile app 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.

Attendance procedures

We look forward to seeing your child at school every day. Regular school attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is present to benefit from an excellent education. 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.

ECEAP preschool is now enrolling for 2019-20

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 includes family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded in partnership with Snohomish County Human Services and Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families.

The five ECEAP sites within our schools are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Additional community locations are available. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628.
Capital projects updates

Thank you for making so many capital projects possible through the April 2016 Capital Bond! You can follow progress on those projects online at www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects.

Register to vote!

It’s easy! You can register online at http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration or stop by your school office to pick up paper registration materials.

Student opportunities and activities eflyers

We use Peachjar to email approved flyers from community organizations to parents and guardians. Schools also post those flyers on their websites. Look for the Peachjar button in the Quicklinks section of your school home page to see those flyers. You can also register there to have those flyers delivered to your email address if you aren’t already receiving them.

Kids in Transition program

The Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal McKinney-Vinto Homeless Act. Students without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students’ academic success and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure homeless students have school supplies and provide tutoring or help students join in extended day or summer school classes. We help students with the fees required take part in activities such as sports or clubs. KIT transports eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,100 homeless students at some time during the school year. For more information, visit the KIT website or contact Amy Perusse at 425-385-4032 or aperusse@everettsd.org.

Attention volunteers

Our schools rely on volunteers to support many important activities!

- We are digital! All volunteer applications and background checks can only be processed online.
- We are focused on safety! Each applicant requires background check and safety training.

Please plan ahead so your application can be processed in time for volunteer opportunities. The new application is now available online at www.everettsd.org/volunteer.
Backpacks for students in need

Do you know a family who might be in need this year? Stuff the Bus for Kids ensures each child in Everett Public Schools starts the school year prepared to learn. The EPS Foundation will deliver over 1,800 backpacks, filled with school supplies, and make them available to any Everett Public School student who may need extra assistance.

Students in need of a backpack, please reach out to your school to receive your supplies. Backpacks will be available for pick up at each school beginning August 28, the week before school.

Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? Or have you perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? Report it! You can talk directly with your school’s office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods.

Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

3 easy ways
Text or call
📞 855-637-2095
📧 1350@alert1.us
🌐 http://1350.alert1.us

IMPORTANT DATES

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