

North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

North Learning Community:

It's been an exciting start to the school year! I wrote last month about the preparations that went into kicking off the year, and now we are seeing the results of a strong start. Students are well into their course curriculum, and our classrooms are active with learning. We continue to provide engaging and rigorous learning experiences for our students, and look for partnerships with the community to enhance the student learning experience. Speaking of working with the community, all families are welcome to our building on Tuesday, October 2nd, for our Curriculum Night. Families will have the opportunity to meet their student's teachers, and learn about the classes they attend every day. We will also use that invitation to share updated information on the construction progress.

Thank you for being part of our learning team, and encouraging our students to succeed!

Mitch Entler
Principal

PTA CORNER

Fall has arrived! We hope you have had a wonderful start to the school year. We have enjoyed the construction projects progression and look forward to what is coming. Thank you for joining PTA! We are 85 members strong as of this printing and we appreciate your dedication to North. If you haven't had the opportunity to join our PTA we encourage you to do so. Being a part of the PTA is a great way to be connected to your child's school and the many facets of Middle School life. Our PTA supports numerous programs at North including field trips, classroom grants, Field Day as well as many community programs to mention a few. We welcome you to our meetings on the third Thursday of the Month at the CRC. Our first meeting was a success, we look forward to seeing you on October 18th. As the days get shorter and the weather changes we look forward to having more of you involved-parent involvement is vital and so important for making a difference in the lives of our children. Stop by the PTA table at Curriculum night and visit!

Jennifer Kuehn and Jocelyn Sievers-Bailey, PTA Co-Presidents
Andrea Wells-Edwards, Vice President
Sarah Wilmes, Treasurer
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September 28

1:35 Release

October 2

Curriculum Night 6:00 pm

October 5

1:35 Release

October 12

1:35 Release

October 19

Teacher Work Day—No School

October 24

Picture Retakes

October 26

1:35 Release

November 2

12:20 Release

November 5–9

12:20 Release

November 12

Veterans Day—No School

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 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.

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.

School performance report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.



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

Mapping your future

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

- Enjoy free pizza
- Get help with financial aid and college admissions
- Get help registering for College Bound scholarships (grades 7 and 8)
- Learn to use Naviance to make college and career plans
- Meet community and 4-year colleges & universities
- Learn about cool careers

Oct. 9: Jackson High School

Oct. 10: Everett High School

Oct. 11: Cascade High School

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.

Website tools for you

- The website has tools to make your life easier. Sign in with your LMS password to:
- Customize a personal profile in *MyView*
- 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



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- 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, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
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