

North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Happy December, North Middle School Community!

November was an exciting month for our students and families, with us kicking off our concert season and inviting families in for our parent/teacher conferences. We had over 150 family members attend our first concert of the year, and look forward to increased attendance at our next, which is on Monday, December 10th. Additionally, we had over 50% of our families attend conferences last month. These turnouts continue to show us how valuable the relationship between school and home should be and we want to continue building that partnership as we continue through the rest of the year.

November was also an important month for our staff and students to evaluate the year to this point and give back to the community. North students participated in our annual Food Drive and assisted Everett High students in serving our families during this holiday season. It has been a rewarding first three months of the year and we are all excited about what's to come.

Have a great December!

- Mr. Entler

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November 30

1:35 Release

December 6

Honor Society Field Trip

December 7

1:35 Release

December 10

Winter Choir Concert 7:00 PM
EHS Auditorium

December 14

Fundraiser Field Trip

1:35 Release

December 21

1:35 Release

December 22—Jan 6

Winter Break—No School

January 10

ASB Dance 2:50-4:30

January 11

1:35 Release

January 14

Beginning Band and Beginning
Orchestra Concert at North

January 15

7th Grade Field Trip—Matilda

PTA CORNER

Happy December! My how time flies when we're all having fun. The ASB fundraiser was a huge success—thank you to the many volunteers who helped with counting money, organizing, and delivering the goods—we appreciate your hard work! Our PTA would like to thank each and every one of you for all you do to help our kids be successful. We are over 120 PTA members strong and look forward to you at our PTA meetings. Our next meeting is set for January 17th at 7:00 PM at the CRC. Please come join us.

Help is needed with the upcoming dance which is scheduled for after school on January 10th. If you would like to help with concessions or chaperoning please watch for the signup genius link that will be coming out soon. It takes a small village to ensure a fun and safe event, please consider helping!

Here's to an amazing month and a relaxing holiday break with your family and friends. Thank you!

Jenny, Andrea, Mariko, Sarah and Jocelyn

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 to too much lost learning time and 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.

Graduation rates jump to 95.7%

Our graduation rate jumped even higher for the 11th year in a row. Now 95.7 percent of our students graduate on time! Learn how strategic staff actions helped bring the graduation rate from 53 percent just 15 years ago to this year's all-time high.

<http://bit.ly/2018gradrates>

Parent safety tip

Before you take your child to a friend's sleepover or party, make sure you know a few important things first.

- Find out about the friend's "house rules" and who else will be at home, like parents, another adult, brothers, or sisters.
- Ask about what they plan to do during the visit.
- Talk with your child about things that are important to you: no guns, violent TV and video games, alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Take this time to review behaviors that are healthy and those that are dangerous.
- If your child does not have his or her own cell phone, be sure to have the telephone number of where he or she can be reached.
- If there is a change of plans, you need to be told.

Get to know other parents

- Talk with them on the phone.
- Meet them at neighborhood or school events.
- Greet them when dropping your child off at their home.

Communication is key

School-aged children need and want more independence. Good communication, with clear expectations, helps parents and children trust that what is going on is safe.

Source: *HealthyChildren.org*

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 on the [snow route information](#) district transportation department's webpage.



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
- Help for military families
- 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.

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



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