

# North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Happy 2019, North Middle School Community!

We had a wonderful month of instruction and activities in December, and moved into a well-deserved two week break. Students and staff have returned recharged, and ready to continue their studies. Our focus continues to be educating the whole child, and preparing them for taking their next steps in life—academically and socially/emotionally.

We hope you have had the chance to see the progress that has been made on our new school under construction. Every day a new, noticeable piece is being added, continuing to build staff and student excitement. We hope you are feeling that, too! Please visit our website to see a virtual reality tour of the new building.

January is going to be an exciting month at NMS. We have a new sports season starting, multiple field trips coming up for our students, and many other engaging programs to keep students involved. Thank you for your support this year!

Have a great start to 2019,

- Mr. Entler

## PTA CORNER

Happy 2019! We hope you all had a relaxing break with family and friends and are ready to jump into 2019. We look forward to the continued growth of our new building and the exciting upcoming start to the second semester.

We will start the new year with our first dance! The ASB and PTA partner to host a dance each year and that event is set for January 10<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Diane Bissell and her ASB team spend hours planning for the event and we hope to see many of you there chaperoning or selling concessions. If you have joined the PTA you will be getting an invitation to volunteer, watch for that through sign-up genius.

Congratulations to our many students who entered the **PTA Reflections** contest! We are awaiting results but want to thank all of the students who took the time to enter. Join us for the Gallery Walk Artists' reception on January 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM at the CRC.

It's not too late to become a PTA member and support our programs. Cost is \$15 each or \$25 for a family membership. Your holiday shopping may be done but not too late to join AmazonSmile! Your purchases could benefit North PTA. Visit [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) and choose **North Middle PTA Everett Council 7373**.

Now that it's January we are getting to work in earnest on our Auction, which is the main fundraiser for our programs, including teacher grants. It takes place on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Everett Elks. We hope to have another successful event! If you would like to help us achieve that or have some great items to donate, please contact Jocelyn at [Jociepieabc123@aol.com](mailto:Jociepieabc123@aol.com). Our next auction meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM please email for details. We would love to have you join us.

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### *January 7*

Return to School

### *January 10*

ASB Dance 3:00-4:30

### *January 11*

1:35 Release

### *January 14*

Beginning Band and Beginning  
Orchestra Concert at North

### *January 15*

7th Grade Field Trip—Matilda

### *January 18*

1:35 Release

### *January 21*

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
No School

### *January 25*

1:35 Release

1st Semester ends

### *January 28*

No School—All Students

### *February 1*

1:35 Release

### *February 2*

1:35 Release



## North Activities

**School Dance:** January 10 from 3:00-4:30 in the main gym. Tickets are \$5 with ASB and \$6 without ASB. Tickets will be sold during lunch on January 9 and 10 only. Tickets will not be sold after lunch on Thursday. There will be refreshments available for purchase. Students must be picked up promptly at 4:30 after the dance. There will not be an activity bus.

**Girls Basketball:** Tryouts are January 14 right after school. Students who want to try out will need to register on line at [www.everettschools.rankonesport.com](http://www.everettschools.rankonesport.com). In addition, please have a current physical on file with the office. No internet access? No problem! You can pick up a packet in the main office. If you have any questions, please contact us at 425-385-4800.

The first girls basketball game is January 25th at North, come out and cheer on our North Stars!

**Beginning Band and Orchestra Concert:** January 24 from 7-8 pm in the North Middle gym. Please join us for an evening of music from our wonderful band and orchestra!

**Construction Updates:** Our wonderful architectural firm created a short video of the virtual-reality walkthrough we experienced last month. Click on this link to view!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhDsWX9mqug&feature=youtu.be>



### Do you YouTube?

The district does. Search for Everett Public Schools WA to find all of our district videos. Miss a school board meeting? You can find videos of those meetings there too.



### We're hiring para educators!

If you've ever wanted to help in a classroom, or lend your talents at a school, apply to be a classroom para educator! Para educators in Everett Public Schools provide instructional support to classroom teachers and ensure students with special needs have access to their learning. You're not available? Tell a neighbor or friend! This is your opportunity to have a huge impact on your community, one student at a time.

Look for the Employment icon on [www.Everettsd.org](http://www.Everettsd.org) to apply. If you're interested, please call Lauren Weeden, Director of Special Services for North Region Schools, at 425-385-5791.

### January is School Board Appreciation Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. This year, they were once again named a Board of Distinction. You can learn more about [board members online](#).

### Freaked by too much Fortnite?

Hear from parents and students about the pitfalls and positives about the extremely popular video game at [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org).

Help your student stay safer online through awareness and parent tips about this app and other games, movies and apps.



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