

North Star News

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From the Principal

Happy February North Middle School Community!

We have officially started our second semester, which means we are through the first half of the year. The year is speeding by with students engaged in challenging classes, and our staff working so hard to meet the needs of each individual. Additionally, construction on the new building continues to steadily progress, and everyone is getting more excited each day with each additional feature on display.

One of the most exciting programs that has led North Middle this year has been our Robotics Team. They have been meeting twice a week, all year, and competing in different competitions on weekends. Their growth and development in STEM has increased awareness for the whole school on the importance of 21st Century Skills. Students are learning new applications of Math and Science that are preparing them for life beyond middle school. It is very exciting to watch this development and we cannot wait to see where it takes us in the future.

Have a great February,

- Mr. Entler

PTA Corner

The first semester has drawn to a close and the new semester has begun! Hard to believe we are halfway through this year already. In fact, it is time to start thinking about graduating our 8th graders on to high school. The Celebration of Learning ceremony will be held on June 14th at the EHS auditorium from 6:00-7:00 pm. The 8th grade party will immediately follow in the EHS cafeteria. Please watch for more information in the upcoming weeks in ways you can get involved with the party planning.

We are also getting closer to our auction on May 4th. Tickets will go on sale in March. Please contact Jocelyn at Jociepieabc123@aol.com if you have items to donate or would like to help. Our next auction meeting is February 19th at 7pm, location is 4312 Riverfront Blvd. Our PTA cares about the future of our schools and we are so excited to see the construction project progressing. We are still on schedule to be in the new building in September. We hope to see you at our next general meeting on February 21st at 7pm at the CRC. Hope to see you there!

Happy February!

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February 7

Jazz Corridor Concert EHS
Auditorium 7:00

February 8

1:35 Release

February 11

AVID Parent Meeting
5:30-6:30 Gear Up Room

February 15

1:35 Release

February 18-19

No School
Mid-Winter Break

February 21

PTA Meeting 7:00

February 22

1:35 Release

March 1

1:35 Release

March 8

1:35 Release

March 13

Honor Society Induction
NMS Cafeteria 1:15-2:45pm

March 15

Concert Band Corridor
Concert 7:00 pm
EHS Auditorium

1:35 Release

Did you know?

Lots of valuable information about how our school is helping students achieve is available online. Our *School Performance Report* is linked directly from our school's home page. (Look under *QuickLinks* for a link to [OSPI Washington State School Report Card](#).) On that site you can browse through historical performance data for more than a decade – for any school in the district or the state. By following the prompts on that OSPI website, you can also find current and historical data aggregated at the district level.

Lunch payments are easy with the app



Want to see your student's lunch balance and pay a balance from your phone? If you're logged into the district's mobile app, you can find and pay your student's lunch balance under your student's info. An icon inside the app also gives a shortcut to deposit funds for your student's lunch account. To make a payment, look for the green chef's hat icon.

The latest school news and information in Everett Public Schools is available on smartphones and mobile devices with a mobile app. The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores. Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children.



Parent safety tip

Six ways your student can protect their online identities:

1. Share carefully – don't give out any personal information to unknown sites or strangers
2. Go private – keep privacy settings high and limit location services when possible
3. Log out – especially after using shared computers
4. Mix up passwords – use different passwords for different apps and websites
5. Avoid clickbait – avoid quizzes and random questionnaires
6. Choose wisely – pick an appropriate username

Learn more about online safety, digital wellness, cell phones and learning with technology with age-specific tips and tools on www.commonsensemedia.org.



Do you have a student in special education?

Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families, and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).

Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins on March 4, 2019, at all district elementary schools.

High school growth forum

High School Growth Mitigation Committee hosts two additional community forums about student enrollment growth on Feb. 6 and 7. Details are on the district calendar.

In addition to these two community forums, the committee is providing an online community comment period through Feb. 26. Learn more about the High School Growth Mitigation Committee and your opportunity for ongoing online input on the [district home page](#).



Superintendent search

Superintendent Gary Cohn will retire at the end of this school year. The school board has begun the search for the district's next superintendent. Watch for ways you can participate in that search in the next few months, such as helping the board define the most important characteristics in the next superintendent.



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