

# HAPPY OCTOBER!

October greetings and best wishes to you for a wonderful fall. October means that we have reached our second month of the school year, having worked through early assessments, scheduling, and other opening deliverables. As a school, we valued this successful start to the school year and will work to build on this momentum as we enhance our day-to-day teaching and learning environment.

Fall also means that we are fast approaching our October 13th professional development date. This is a non-holiday day off for our students. Our North team will be together that Friday for a day entirely focused on professional learning. Please note this date along with other key October dates below in our calendar section.

For a version of this newsletter in Spanish, please click here.



#### **Important October Dates:**

- 10/4: Emergency Bus Drills (see below)
- 10/10: Vision Screenings
- 10/13: NO SCHOOL (Professional Learning Date)

- 10/17: EPS Let's Connect Event (6:00pm, see below)
- 10/21: North PTA Night @ Silvertips Game
- 10/26: Picture Retakes (see below)
- 10/26: North PTA Meeting (6:30pm, North Library)
- 10/27: Scarecrow Social & Trunk-or-Treat (6:00pm, see below)

#### Other Fall Dates of Note:

- 11/3: 12:20pm Dismissal (Fall Conferences)
- 11/10: NO SCHOOL (Veterans Day Observed)
- 11/13-11/17: 12:20pm Dismissal (Fall Conferences)
- 11/22-11/24: NO SCHOOL (Fall/Thanksgiving Break)

2023/24 Student Calendar 2023/24 Athletics Calendar

## Fall Student Survey Forthcoming

Each year, we survey our students (spring & fall) to gauge their views related to several school matters. Topics include our social-emotional environment, peer and staff relationships, campus safety, and other important areas of consideration. Specific results related to the survey are confidential and only available to North faculty who work directly with students. We utilize these associated data insights to identify strengths/needs and better improve our school for our students.

Our fall administration of this Panorama survey will take place this coming Friday, October 6th, as part of our regularly rescheduled STAR period. To learn more about this survey and our fall administration, please see the below-linked letters.



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# fall Fundraiser Underway!

Our North Middle School's fall ASB fundraiser is underway. Our goal for the fall includes raising \$40,000 to support student activities, athletics, and events here at North. We are again selling the fabulous World's Finest Chocolate and have an online store with various items including magazines, jewelry, wrapping paper and more.

Participating students will be able to earn a field trip to Arena Sports at just 4 boxes sold. This event includes bringing a friend (8 boxes sold) to enjoy bowling, mini-bowling, arcades, indoor soccer field, and mini golf. Plus, students can earn access to the 2-story laser tag by selling 6 boxes total and the Bring-a-Friend option at 8 boxes. We want to take as many students as possible on this trip for a day of fun so please help your child with the steps below.

It's as simple as 1, 2, 3!

- 1. Fill out the chocolate checkout form so your student(s) can start selling! This is our inhand, in-town portion of the fundraiser.
- 2. Register at <a href="www.fundprizes.com">www.fundprizes.com</a> This is our online portion of the fundraiser. Every 3 online items sold counts as a box of chocolates toward all prize levels.
- 3. Share custom support links with family & friends via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Email, Text and more.

Please see the below/attached information sheet. Thank you for doing your part to make our fundraiser a success.



Fall Fundraiser Informantion Sheet - North Middle.pdf



## Halloween Aftire

This year, Halloween falls on a Tuesday and while the day is often associated with fun, candy, and costumes, we are expecting a consistent teaching/learning environment that day, like any other Tuesday of the year. Preferably, we recommend that costumes remain at home that day as they are not conducive to learning. If students are planning to wear anything related to Halloween, they must strictly adhere to the below expectations. Our Scarecrow Social & Trunk-or-Treat the previous Friday night (10/27) provides everyone with an opportunity to wear their costume.

- Students must be able to sit, walk, breathe, see and hear. We will not allow any form of
  costume masks on campus during the school day.
- As always, attire cannot promote the use of marijuana/tobacco, drugs, alcohol or weapons of any kind. Additionally, attire must not include hateful, gory, or violent graphics, text, or representations.
- "Props" are not needed at school. Students should be especially mindful of not bringing anything associated with a weapon, violence, etc.

Your assistance is helping our students make good attire choices (on 10/31 and any other date) is valued and appreciated.

Scarecrow Social + Trunk-of-Treat Event

Please add the evening of Friday, October 27th to your calendar. Our North PTA is hosting our Scarecrow Social and Trunk-or-Treat event here on our North Campus.

Doors open at 6:00pm for this family-friendly event including costumes, candy, games, music, and pumpkin carving (*please bring your pumpkin*). Entry cost is one canned good (any variety), for donation to the Everett Food Bank.

Students must attend with an adult (18 years or older) and will not be allowed to enter without the guidance of a responsible adult.

Volunteers are needed so please consider helping out - Contact our North PTA at <a href="mailto:northmspta@gmail.com">northmspta@gmail.com</a> to volunteer and/or ask questions.

Please join us for this wonderful evening of family and fun at this year's PTA hosted, Scarecrow Social and Trunk-or-Treat event!



# North PTA is Growing - Please Join!

As the result of many families who have already joined, our North PTA has surpassed last year's membership total! This is terrific news and as a collaborative, effective PTA is essential

to the health of our school and community.

If you have not had the opportunity to join, it is not too late. We would love to welcome you to our North PTA and join other families that are passionate about the success of our school. You can join by <u>clicking here</u> or via the below QR code. Please consider joining as we would love to welcome you to our North PTA!



### Let's Connect Event

Our Everett Public Schools are hosting regional *Let's Connect* events across the month of October. These events are designed to be community discussions, including topics specific to our schools. North is part of Region Two and our community event will take place on October 17th, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at Jefferson Elementary (2500 Cadet Way, Everett, WA 98208). Please consider joining us that night for an opportunity to connect as a community, including remarks from our Regional Superintendent, Dr. Cathy Woods.



### Odds & Ends:

- 10/4 Emergency Bus Drills: Each fall, we practice emergency bus-exit drills to help our students understand what they should do in case of an emergency situation. Our scheduled drills will take place this coming Wednesday, October 4th. These drills occur in the morning, as buses arrive on campus. These are brief in nature and will provide plenty of time for students to eat breakfast.
- School Picture Retakes: Our school picture retake day is October 26th. Students who
  were absent on picture day, including students who enrolled after September 12th, will
  have their picture taken for the year. If you already ordered pictures and want your student
  to have a retake, please have your student bring their original picture packet to school in
  exchange for a retake.

# Updates from our Everett Public Schools

Our Everett Public Schools newsletter for the month of October is linked/attached below. This specifically crafted monthly communication is designed to connect with all of our families and provide information pertaining to all of our schools/programs. This month's newsletter includes updates pertaining to:

- District Let's Connect Events
- Safety Reminders
- High School & Beyond Events
- and more!



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Thank you again for taking the time to read our October edition of North News. We value and are honored to serve you and your family.

Thank you for being part of our North community!

With Gratitude, Allison, Drew, & Tyler

