

December greetings and Happy Holidays to you and yours across this month of gatherings and celebrations. We have entered the three week run-up to our Winter Break which spans the final two weeks of December (officially, December 18th through January 1st). School resumes on January 2nd, on a regular schedule. These coming weeks will be busy including a variety of arts, athletics and club events. For more information, please check out our calendar section below.

With special consideration of the many holidays and celebrations this month, our North team wishes you and your family the happiest of holiday seasons. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you as part of our North community. Happy December and *goNorth!* 

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# December Greetings & Happy Holidays



## **Important December Dates:**

- 12/1: North Choir Caroling
- 12/3: FTC League Competition @ Oak Harbor HS
- 12/6: AVID Visit to the University of Washington
- 12/9: Jazz Band Community Performance @ Gipson Sr. Center (10:00am)

- 12/12: Dental Screenings
- 12/15: 12:20pm Dismissal
- 12/18-1/1: NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

## **Other Upcoming Dates of Note:**

- 1/2: School Resumes (regular schedule)
- 1/11: January PTA Meeting (6:30pm)
- 1/15: NO SCHOOL (National Day of Service Honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)
- 1/24: Winter Choir Concert @ EHS Civic Auditorium (7:00pm)

2023/24 Student Calendar 2023/24 Athletics Calendar

# **Optional Dental Clinic Coming this Month**

This year, North and our Everett Public Schools have partnered with The Community Health Center of Snohomish County to provide on-campus dental services. These services are coming to North on Monday, December 11th and will include a CHS dentist and hygienist. They will perform optional screenings to include a visual examination of the mouth, and identification of potential cavities, infections, and/or broken teeth. Families that sign-up for this service will receive a dental report card summarizing the finings of their child's screening.

This is all offered at no out-of-pocket cost to your family. If you are interested, please sign up <a href="here">here</a>. For more information, please click <a href="here">here</a>. If interested, please take action as soon as possible as we will begin scheduling shortly.

# Phone + Earbud/Earphone Reminder

As a school, we continue to adhere to <u>policy</u> pertaining to cell phones and earbuds/earphones. Daily violations are down but still, we continue to pick-up phones and earbuds/earphones on a day-to-day basis. If your child is continually struggling with using their cell phone on campus, we will reach out to request assistance. We support parents/guardians choosing to keep their child's phone at home to eliminate the potential distraction. We also support a check-in/check-out practice to hold phones in the office for students who are unable to keep their phone off/away during regular school hours. If you are seeking options or assistance in this regard, please reach out as we would be happy to partner in this effort.

# **STAR Block Update**

On normal, 1:35pm dismissal Fridays, our students meet in their second period classes as a designated STAR cohorts. These blocks focus specifically on both social-emotional learning and other "readiness" skills including self organization, grade/assignment checks, etc. We continue to utilize the <u>RULER</u> and <u>Second Step</u> for teaching/learning social-emotional skills.

Other Fridays are dedicated to teaching and reteaching self organization skills ("readiness"). On these Fridays (including today, 12/1) our cohorts work through binder/organizer checks, backpack cleanouts, grade/assignment checks, and student-specific plans for making-up missing work. These Fridays are followed by once-a-month socials for students meeting/exceeding expectations in relation to completing and turning-in assignments. Others are provided time and assistance in identifying missing assignments and working to turn those zeroes into credits.

## **Lost & Found**

Our Lost & Found is near capacity and many of the stored items have not moved in weeks. Sweatshirts and jackets abound but other items include backpacks, lunch bags, beanies, and hats. If something hasn't come home as expected, please consider our Lost & Found. If you spot an item you recognize below and want us to connect it with it's owner, send us a message and we will facilitate a happy reunion.

## **Family Resources for the Upcoming Holidays**

The winter/holiday season is upon us and, as needed, please consider utilizing the many amazing family resources that we have in our Everett and North communities. These include <u>Maverick Care</u> <u>- Holiday Food Resources</u>, <u>Toys for Tots</u> and the organizations listed below.

Additionally, the Salvation Army Everett and Volunteers of America of Western Washington are partnering to provide Christmas Assistance to families in need. The Salvation Army will provide toys and gifts for children 17 and under, and the Volunteers of America will provide Christmas food baskets for each family. More information provided <a href="https://example.com/here/best/47/">https://example.com/here/best/47/</a>

Other resources provided below.

**Snohomish County Cold Weather Shelters** 

2023 Snohomish County Dinner and Toy Distribution Resources

Winter / Holiday Help

Snohomish County Services and Resources

**Toys for Tots** 







## **Modest Free Market**

Located nearby, at Emerson Elementary School

## **Everett Free Meals**

Free meal locations near our North community

# **Guiding Good Choices Workshop**

Parenting workshops for any/all

# **Updates from our Everett Public Schools**

Our final Everett Public Schools newsletter of this calendar year 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:

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- Family Resources for the Holidays
- Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten Enrollment Information
- and more!

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Thank you again for taking the time to read our December edition of North News. On behalf of our entire North team, we wish you and yours the absolute best across this month of holidays and celebrations.

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With Gratitude,

Allison, Drew, & Tyler

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