

# Everett Seagull News

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

Dear Seagull Community,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful and restful break filled with joy and quality time with your loved ones. As we kick off the new year, we are excited to embark on a journey of growth, learning, and achievement with your children.

### Setting the Stage for Success: New Year Goals

January marks the beginning of a new calendar year but the home stretch of first semester ending February 1<sup>st</sup>. Now is time for students to focus on their classes and work with teachers to improve grades.

Academic Focus: A Resolution for Excellence

Here are a few tips to help your child finish the semester strong:

- Create a time and space to study that is consistent to focus on homework, missing assignments, reading and studying.
- Look at current grades in LMS and identify any missing assignments or tests that need make up or retakes.
- Set goals for each class that are achievable.
- Access extra supports-
  - Teacher support before/after school
  - Academic Support in Library Tuesday-Thursday
- Check grades at least weekly. Celebrate successes.

Thank you for your continued support of your child, Everett High, and our staff.

Wishing you and your family a fantastic year ahead!

Kelly Shepherd  
Principal

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*Mission – We collectively ensure that each student learns and grows at high levels.*

### **January 11**

MLK Assembly, 9:15 – 9:50 (Auditorium)

### **January 15**

Martin Luther King Day; no school

### **January 17**

Gear Up Family Night

### **January 27**

Band Honor Ensembles Concert (Auditorium)

### **January 30 – February 1**

First Semester Finals



## 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. You can learn more about [board members online](#). You can also [watch past school board meetings](#) on the district's YouTube channel. Find out more about the district's two new board members on the [school board](#) webpage.

The Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) honors exemplary school boards that improve student learning and follow best practices of governance. Everett Public Schools Board of Directors has earned this honor for the eighth time this year for presenting exemplary evidence of ongoing professional development, addressing opportunity gaps and practicing governance that reflects the Washington School Board Standards.

## Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you beans grown in the PNW! Be sure to give them a try this month in our black bean burger or vegetarian chili!

Did you know that there are over 40,000 different varieties of beans and they are an excellent source of protein and fiber? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on the district [website](#).



I've "bean" thinking about you.

## Delayed start or closed schools

If we must [cancel school or delay the start of school](#), we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:00 a.m. (or sometimes the night before if it can already be determined) with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media, social 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](http://www.everettsd.org)
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts

## 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 snow route information on the district [transportation department's webpage](#) under the "Snow Routes" icon in the center of the page.

## Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods. Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

**3 easy ways**

Text or call  
 855-637-2095

 1350@alert1.us

 <https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>

FOR EMERGENCIES,  
PLEASE CALL  
**911!**

## First semester ends soon

This is a reminder first semester ends February 1. Report cards and Elementary Progress Reports will be both online and mailed/distributed by February 16.

## Good Citizenship Day



Good Citizenship Day is observed on January 16. On that day, social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. Students who will be eighteen years of age or older by the time of the next general election will be allowed to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper registration will also be made available in the classroom.

Registering to vote is easy. Visit the [Snohomish County webpage](#) for details on the three ways you can register to vote or update your registration or scan the QR code. Students who are 16 & 17 years old can now pre-register to vote.

You can sign up today, it's easy! Scan this QR code:





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