

Everett Seagull News

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Seagull Families,

It is hard to believe we are wrapping up another successful semester. As we reflect on the past few months, it's evident that our students have shown dedication, resilience, and a commitment to their learning.

Celebrating Success:

Let's celebrate the accomplishments of our students. From academic achievements to personal growth, each one of them has contributed to the school community we've built together. We're proud of their hard work and determination, school spirit and we're excited to see them succeed the coming semester.

Strategies to Launch the New Semester:

With the new semester starting on Monday, it's an excellent time to discuss strategies that can set your student up for success. Here are a few tips to help them start the semester on the right foot:

- **Goal Setting:** Encourage your child to set realistic and achievable goals for the semester. Whether it's academic, extracurricular, or personal development, having clear goals can provide motivation and direction. This is an opportunity to reset in classes and begin anew.
- **Check Grades:-** Be sure to log into the gradebook and monitor their progress <https://gradebook.everettsd.org/Wazzle/Gradebook/Logon.aspx>
- **Set a Schedule-** Help your child create a schedule that includes time for homework and studying.
- **Communication:** If you have questions about a class reach out directly to the teacher.
- **Healthy Habits:** Encourage good night's sleep, nutritious meals, regular activity, and monitor screen time.

Kelly Shepherd
Principal

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

February 2

Teacher workday; no school

February 5

First day of second semester

February 8

Senior Ads Due

February 14

Jazz Bridging Concert, 7:00 pm (Auditorium)

February 19-20

Mid-winter break; no school

February 23

Dulce Dulce dance, 7:00 – 9:00 pm (cafeteria)



New Tardy Monitoring and Communication System

We're excited to introduce Student Conductor aimed at addressing tardiness and communicating with families. If a student is late for class without a pass/excuse, they will sign in on a computer, receive a tardy pass to class and report to class. Parent/Guardians will receive an email that the student was tardy. You will also have the option to receive text messages. The first time your student checks in at the kiosk and you will receive an email. At the bottom of the email there is a text "opt-in" box that you can choose to receive these messages. Please have a conversation with your student about arriving on class on time. We know that being in class for the launch of the lesson helps improve student success.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a fantastic Spring Semester.

Go Gulls

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PE Department Request

Do you have any extra athletic clothes you no longer need? Consider donating these to our PE Department. They are in need of sweats, shorts, and t-shirts (no tank tops please). Donations can be dropped off in the main office.

Class of 2024

Deadline for Senior Ads is February 8th. For more information please visit the [Class of 2024](#) page. Also, if you haven't pre-ordered your cap and gown, it's not too late. Please visit [Jostens](#) to order. If you need assistance, please reach out to Ms. Osborn in the Counseling office.

A message from PTA



As we reflect on the first semester, including our volunteer work and activities, we will move on to the second semester soon. Overall, our work in the first semester was busy but successful. I'm pleased to outline some of our big and broad PTA plans for the second half this 2023 – 2024 school year.

1. Spring Classroom Grants, the second installment this school year
2. Everett High Auction, presented by this PTA plus the Blue & Gold Booster Club
3. Broader community partnerships
4. Enhancing student collaboration
5. Recognition of our remarkable high school staff

Have you found us on the [Everett High School website](#) yet? To be connected and perhaps to be more aware of our work, please visit our website PTA tab on EHS website.



Let's Connect on Feb. 6: Promoting Healthy Digital Habits

Let's Connect on February 6, from 6-7 p.m. at Cascade High School, where [Dr. Lucia Magis-Weinberg](#), from the University of Washington, be talking about how technology, especially social media, influences students and ways we can encourage healthy digital habits.

What to expect:

Dr. Magis-Weinberg will share insights on how digital technology shapes adolescent development. After her keynote, join small group discussions with other parents and school district leaders. These discussions will revolve around conversational prompts, making sure everyone gets a chance to share their thoughts.

Our goal:

To advance our understanding of how adolescent development is shaped by the risks and opportunities afforded by digital technologies, and to collaboratively explore healthy digital habits.

Who's welcome:

This event is for families with kids in elementary, middle and high school. We all play a part in understanding and navigating the digital world that impacts our kids.

Bring your questions and Let's Connect and discuss together on February 6. We'll also have interpreters who can speak Arabic, Marshallese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese! The keynote speaker segment will be live-streamed; however we encourage you to be there in person to benefit from the support network of other parents during the small group discussion segment, which will not be available online. See you there!

Enrollment for kindergarten opens on March 4!

Will your child be 5 years old by August 31? On March 4, you can complete your child's online enrollment for kindergarten. An easy and quick process as detailed in the [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) available in multiple languages on our website www.everettsd.org/kindergartenenrollment. You can also enroll in-person at your neighborhood school or [download a printable packet](#), complete it, and deliver it to your child's home school with the required documents.



Enrolling early in March will ensure invitations to your school's kindergarten events and participation in Everett Ready, a transition-into-kindergarten program offered for four days in August to all enrolled kindergarteners – more information will be available in June on www.everettsd.org/everettready.

A Kindergarten Enrollment - **Kick-Off Webinar** will be held on **Monday, February 26, 2024, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm**. Join us to meet the Superintendent and learn about Kindergarten in Everett Public Schools. Information with a link to the webinar will be available on our website www.everettsd.org and www.everettsd.org/kindergarten by February 15.



EPS offers the following **Choice Programs** beginning in kindergarten– early enrollment is recommended as space is limited. Click on the links for more information on the programs:

- [Lighthouse Cooperative](#) – Housed at Jefferson Elementary School

This K-5 program features standard district curriculum with an overlay of parent involvement via weekly classroom volunteering and support for enrichment activities such as field trips and parent-led specialty lessons.

- [Dual Language Spanish Immersion Program](#) – Located at Emerson Elementary School

Students are immersed in the Spanish language and culture with the majority of instruction being in Spanish. Priority will be given to students within the Emerson Elementary school attendance area. If a high number of students apply, a lottery will be conducted to select students.

- [Port Gardner Family Partnership K-12](#) – located on Sequoia High School Campus

Port Gardner K-12 is a parent partnership program, where parents/guardians are the primary educators of their children. Our program is a blend of on-site classes taught by certificated teachers, and remote classes taught by parents/guardians in the home.

Note: Choice Programs will require a [school transfer](#) approval if not located at your child’s home school.


We are looking forward to welcoming you and your student to kindergarten!


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

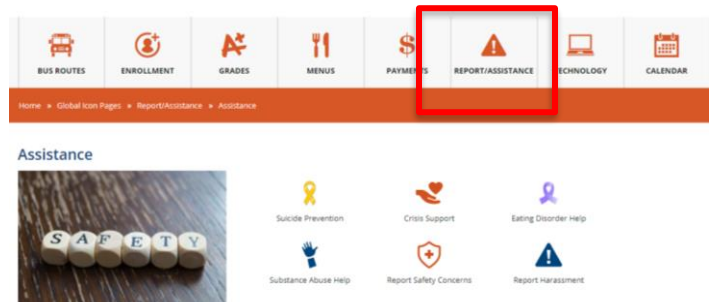
 <https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>

FOR
EMERGENCIES,
PLEASE CALL
911!

Assistance icon on website

The district’s main webpage has an icon, “report/assistance,” with resources and assistance for students and families on:

- Suicide Prevention
- Crisis Support
- Eating Disorder Help
- Substance Abuse Help
- Report Safety Concerns
- Report Harassment
- Substance Abuse Trends



- Safe Storage of Medication



- Overdose Symptoms and Prevention - Safe Storage of Firearms

Did you know?

Every year OSPI publishes a report card for each district and each school within the district. You can [access the 2022-23 data](#) on the OSPI website.

To review the data for the school district or a school, start typing in the name and a drop box will appear with choices. Select your choice to view the report card.

Optionally you can select 'See all schools and districts' and navigate to the district or school you want to select.

Calendar reminder

February 19-20 is mid-winter break.

High School and Middle School Summer Academy

Registration for Everett Public Schools High School and Middle School Summer Academy starts Monday, March 11.

High School Summer Academy includes district-facilitated credit recovery courses and credit advancement opportunities. In addition, career exploration, mentorship and internships are available through Everett Career Link.

Middle School Summer Academy focuses on exciting and engaging math and English Language Arts content for current 5th through 7th grade students. Academic lessons include math problem-solving and foundations as well as literature through close reading and novel studies, to help students build foundational skills needed for the next year.

High School and Middle School Summer Academy classes are located at Eisenhower Middle School and are scheduled for July 8 – 26, 2024. In-person summer programming is free to in-district students. Transportation and meals are provided.

In addition to in-person programming, online classes for high school students are hosted through OnlineHS. Online classes are scheduled for June 24 - August 1, 2024; tuition is \$350 per class for in-district students and \$450 per class for out-of-district students. Scholarships are available based on need. For more information or to register for classes, please visit <https://www.everettsd.org/domain/2422>.



Latest Parent U Video: College & Career Readiness Seminar

[Check out Everett Public School's latest video on Parent University!](#) It covers our College and Career Readiness Seminar, a must for all seniors gearing up for life after high school. They dive into essential 21st-century skills, navigating FAFSA for post-high school education, crafting resumes, honing interview skills, understanding financial stability, and much more!



Crosswalk safety reminder

Drive smart. Keep kids safe. It is important to be extra cautious this time of year when it is darker in the mornings and late afternoons. Make sure everyone gets home safely by staying alert, slowing down and following all traffic laws and signals.

Drivers:

- Eliminate distractions – put your phones down and keep your eyes on the road.
- Pedestrians can be unpredictable. Be alert at all times and don't assume they see you.
- Be extra cautious early in the morning, at night and in rainy weather.



Students:

- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and use intersections with crossing guards.
- Cross the street in a designated crosswalk. Be extra careful in rainy, foggy, or snowy weather.
- Always look left, then right, then left again before crossing a street and allow enough time to cross the street safely.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Never assume a driver sees you.
- Don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.

National School Counseling Week

The week of February 5 to 9 is National School Counseling Week and highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. We love our counselors!



Do you have a student receiving 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](#).

Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you potatoes grown in the PNW! Be sure to check out our menu for dishes containing this tasty Harvest of the month!

Did you know that potatoes are the most popular vegetable grown in the US and are an excellent source of Vitamin C, B6 and potassium? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on the district [website](#).



Remember to vote

Please remember to vote by February 13, 2023.



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