

Everett Seagull News

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Dear Seagull Families,

November has arrived, and with it comes a sense of gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful community we have here at Everett High School. As we navigate the ups and downs of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for our incredible students and their supportive families.

Gratitude for Our Students:

Our students are the heartbeat of our school, and we are profoundly grateful for each and every one of them. Their enthusiasm, resilience, and determination continue to inspire me. Whether they are striving for academic excellence, participating in extracurricular activities, or showing kindness to their peers, our students exemplify the very best of our school community. This November let's remind ourselves to celebrate and appreciate the remarkable individuals who make our school a vibrant and enriching place.

Gratitude for Family Support and Engagement:

Family support is an essential component of our students' success, and we are thankful for the trust you place in our school to provide the best education for your children. We appreciate the countless hours you spend helping with homework, attending parent-teacher conferences, and engaging in school activities. It is your partnership that truly sets our school apart, and for this, we are deeply grateful.

Gratitude for our Staff

We are thankful for the continued dedication of our teachers and staff, for our students' incredible potential, and for the unwavering support of our families. Together, we form a community that nurtures growth, learning, and achievement.

Thank you for being part of the Seagull family. We look forward to the months ahead with excitement, knowing that we have an amazing group of students and families working together to create a brighter future.

Wishing you all a joyful and thankful November filled with gratitude.

Kelly Shepherd
Principal

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

November 1

Gear Up Family Night, 6:00 pm (College & Career Center)

November 2

Blood Drive, (lower aux)
Band/Orchestra Fall Concert, 7:00 pm (Auditorium)

November 3, 4, 5

Fall Drama Production, (Little Theatre)
7:00 pm on 11/3, 11/4
2:00 pm on 11/4, 11/5

November 3 & 17

Full Day of school for high school (release at 2:05pm)

November 10

Veterans Day; no school

November 22-24

Thanksgiving Break; no school

PARENT UNIVERSITY

[Parent University / Overview \(everettsd.org\)](#)

[Region 2 - Meet your Regional Superintendent](#)



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EHS Academic Support Schedule



Academic Support Plan Starting 11/6/23



Activity Bus Available Monday-Thursday Departs promptly at 3:30. Bell Rings at 3:25
Super Snack- Monday-Friday immediate at 2:05 in the cafeteria. At 2:20 Kim Gleason will walk Academic Support Students to library

Starting the week of TBD

	Tuesday	Wednesday
Academic Support 2:05-2:15 Super Snack (Cafeteria) After School 2:15-3:20 (Library)	General Support Social Studies Sped Math/Science Spanish	General Support ELA Math/Science Multilingual Sped

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Math or Science HW Club Lunch 10:50-11:20 & 11:45-12:15		B218 Dr. Morgan		B218 Dr. Morgan	
All Staff 7:00-7:30 2:05-2:30 By Appt with teacher	Available by Appt	Available by Appt	Available by Appt	Available by Appt	Available by Appt
PE Make Ups 2:30-3:15		Cycling 2:45-3:45		Varies by date	

EHS Drama

EHS Thespian Society Troupe 4995 invites you to be entertained at DRAMAFEST 2023; Four One-Act Comedies directed and produced by our talented student artists. Family Friendly event that runs approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes. There will be a 15-minute intermission, with concessions being sold. Cash/check/card all accepted. 100% of all proceeds go directly toward funding student theatre educational experiences and support. You can get your tickets through the GoFan App, or in person in the Treasurer's Office. Dates: November 3 & 4 @ 7pm; November 4 & 5 @ 2pm. Want more info? Go to: <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/42239>

Class of 2024

There will be a senior class meeting during CHAMPS on Tuesday, November 7th. Jostens will be present for the meeting and will go over how to order graduation items including caps and gowns. There are a few important [Senior Yearbook deadlines](#) coming up for Senior Portraits.



December 6 - Senior Portrait / Baby Photo Due

December 13 - Late Portrait Deadline - \$30 late fee **No senior photos can be accepted after this date

January 31 - Senior Ad Deadline

Please check the Class of 2024 website for up-to-date information: <https://www.everettsd.org/domain/170>

A Message from EHS PTA

Please join us for our November PTA Membership Meeting November 7th from 6-7pm in the library (enter using the stairs at the back of the A building on Hoyt). We will be discussing the safety and security of our students with guest speaker Darcy Walker from the district office. We encourage you to join us in person, but you are also welcome to join us via zoom. Please check our Facebook group or your membership email for Zoom details.

In October, the PTA supported several events including Sammy's Closet and Homecoming. We are also in the process of designating teacher grants. These are always so appreciated and important to our school community. With the holidays approaching we have several events and committees looking for support. Please check our website and Facebook page for more ways to get involved.

Remember being a part of the PTA means you are supporting our students and staff in numerous ways and also helps you stay up to date on current events, issues and celebrations on our campus. We would love to have you as a member of our PTA community.

Native American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month

November is Native American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.



Daylight Saving Time Ends



November 5, 2023, Daylight Savings Time Ends and we "fall back" one hour.



Remember to vote Nov. 7

Remember to deliver your ballot to a ballot drop box near you or put it in the mail by Nov. 7. Postage is not required for ballots.



November Holidays – schools closed

This is a friendly reminder there is no school on November 10 for Veterans Day and for Thanksgiving break, which is November 22 - 24.

School performance report

Each school's performance report is available online on our school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). At the bottom under data and research, click on "School Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition department brings you squash grown in the PNW! Be sure to give them a try this month in our roasted squash or pumpkin custard!

Did you know there are two groups of squash, winter and summer? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on the district [website](#).

May the gourd be with you!



Is my child too sick for school?



Is my child too sick to go to school? It is no fun being sick, but we also care about protecting students and their families from contagious diseases, so we ask you keep your student home when they are sick.

Keeping ill students at home and encouraging frequent hand washing protects us all. While we regret any inconvenience this may cause, following these guidelines will result in fewer absences and less illnesses overall.

Please visit the [district's website](#) to learn more. If you still have questions about whether your student is healthy enough to come to school, contact the school nurse or your child's health care provider.



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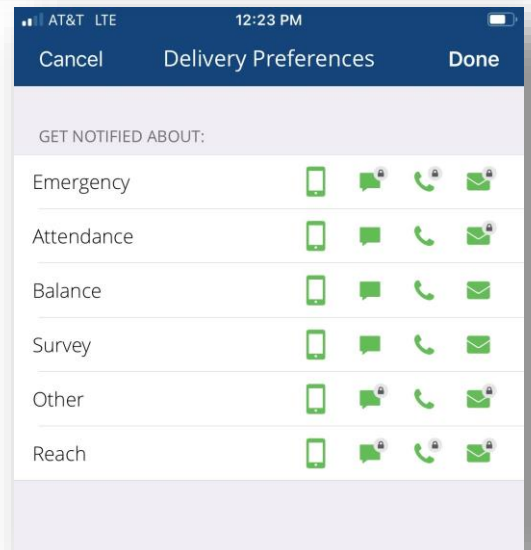
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Receive information the way you prefer

This is a friendly reminder that parents and guardians can select their preferred method of communication so they will not get the same message in multiple formats unless they choose to. Below are some steps to take:

- Download the district's mobile app. One of the many features is to select your delivery preferences. Once you have signed into your account, click on your profile tile and then "Edit Delivery Preferences" at the top.
 - Click on the icon for app, text, phone or email to turn off that mode. Green indicates the mode is turned on. Some modes are locked, as indicated with the lock in the upper corner of the icon.
- Keep your contact information current by updating the "Annual Student Update Form 2023-2024" in Home Access Center or by letting your school office know anytime there is a change.
- Please visit the communications department webpage for a list of timely and relevant information to strengthen connections among families, staff and community.





Play and Learn



Play and Learn is a free program for children from birth thru age five and their parents or caregivers to have fun playing together, creating art, listening to stories and singing songs! Sessions are held five days a week from 10:30 a.m. to noon at four locations.

[Click to learn more and see calendar.](#)

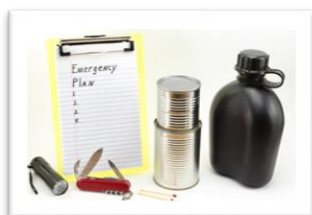
There is still time to enroll your preschooler!

There is space available in our Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP)! This incredible program is for 3- and 4-year-old children from families with limited income and are enrolled in our schools. Learn more at www.everettsd.org/ECEAP.



Is your family prepared?

[Snohomish County Emergency Management](#) has helpful online resources to help you create and practice emergency response plans with your family and neighborhood in preparation for bad weather.



Important FAFSA/WASFA changes



Big changes are coming to financial aid applications this year! The 2024-25 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will not be available until December 2023. The WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid) will also be delayed until the FAFSA opens.

Applications usually open October 1 of a student’s senior year, so this is a major shift in the college planning process. The good news is that this delay is due to positive changes. The FAFSA form will be shorter and less complex, more students will be eligible for federal Pell Grants, and the average Pell award will be larger. Stay tuned for more information and find [resources](#) from the Washington Student Achievement Council.

Online safety tips

- Keep the computer in a busy area of your home.
- Use an app to keep an eye on your child’s online activity on their device.
- Talking about cyberbullying; ask if someone they know has been a victim. Ask if they have been victimized.
- Set up email and social media accounts with your children. Know their screen names and passwords and explain the reasons for not including any personal information in profiles.



Know who is in the “buddy lists.” Get to know the cyberfriends just as you do those who visit your home. Parents and guardians may find the following resources helpful to begin a conversation about the dangers of engaging in cyberbullying and how to stay safe online:

- [Stop Bullying Now](#)
- [Ms. Parry’s Guide to Correct Online Etiquette](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)

Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the [district website](#).

Veterans Day free concert

The United States Army Field Band is performing a free concert at the Everett Civic Auditorium on November 11 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The maximum number of free tickets per transaction is four.

Please visit [GoFan](#) to get your tickets today or scan the QR code.



Modest Free Market



Modest Family Solutions is an organization that is working to create a more just and equitable food system. They provide produce to families and communities in need across western Washington sourcing product from local growers, with an emphasis on supporting and building a BIPOC food value chain.

Emerson Elementary School
8720 7th Ave SE
Everett, WA 98208

Produce available the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. Cultural, home-grown, fresh foods. Stay in your car and pick up in the drive thru loop or come to the walk-up area.

Have a safety concern related to schools? Report it!


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!

