

# Everett Seagull News

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

### Food Drive Under Way!

The annual Food Drive to support Everett families in need this holiday season kicked off this week. We are partnering with community groups, local businesses, and our elementary and middle schools to collect food and fiscal donations to provide Thanksgiving meals for our Everett families. Students will be collecting donations during the month, with food delivery day happening on November 20. Every day until the students deliver food we will have a short Nesika built in to manage this large operation. This is an important event in our school, as it is a way for our students to show how much they care about their neighbors. The past two years the event has grabbed the attention of the local news media, and we have been told that the actual food delivery day will likely once again be featured on the news. We are a community that has a long tradition of looking out for one another, and this November our students will once again show how much the students at the *School of Champions* care about taking care of those in need.

### Full Day Schedules First Two Fridays of November

Due to conferences happening at the middle and elementary schools, we will have full Friday schedules with no early release on Friday, November 2 and Friday, November 9.

### College Applications and Financial Aid Workshops

We will be holding a workshop focused on college applications, financial aid (FAFSA/WAFSA), and scholarships in our Career Center in the main building on November 7 from 6:00-8:00 pm. This will be the first in a series of workshops intended to support students who are making post-secondary plans and would like some assistance navigating the process. Everett High School continues to send higher percentages of our students to two-and four-year universities, as well as excellent certification programs in the trades. Students who are making plans for the next steps after high school will benefit from this workshop and are encouraged to attend.

**Lance Balla**  
Principal

**November 2&9**

Full day schedule

**November 7**

College Applications and Financial Aid Workshop, 6:00-8:00 pm (Career Center)

**November 9-10  
& 16-17**

Fall Musical Production (Little Theater)

**November 12**

Veteran's Day, no school

**November 13**

Fall Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00-9:00 pm (Auditorium)

**November 17**

Seagull Saturday, 9:00 am -12:00 pm

**November 21**

Early release, 11:35 am

**November 22-23**

No school; Thanksgiving Break



### **Fall Musical *Peter and the Starcatcher***

The fall musical is *Peter and the Starcatcher*, a pre-quel to Peter Pan based on the novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson and adapted for the stage by Rick Elice. Come learn the imagined backstory of Peter Pan, Tinker Bell, and Hook as told through music. The performances will take place in our Little Theater, and include the following dates and time: November 9, 10, 16 & 17 @ 7:00 pm, and November 10 & 17 @ 2:30 pm. This musical is appropriate for the entire family, so please come and enjoy a wonderful show!

### **Fall Instrumental Music Concert**

Our fall Instrumental Music Concert will be held on Tuesday, November 13 in the auditorium at 7:00 pm. Come and hear our talented students perform a variety of selections that are sure to entertain!

### **Seagull Saturday Academic Support**

On Saturday, November 17 we will have Seagull Saturday, during which teachers will be here to provide additional academic support for our students. The support session will take place from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, and includes a pancake breakfast. All students who are struggling or who want to work on academic skills with support from teachers should attend.

### **Veteran's Day**

We will honor our veterans at an assembly on November 8. We will not have school on November 12 for Veteran's Day. We are so fortunate to be a part of a community in which so many people proudly serve our country, and we look forward to honoring their service and remembering the sacrifices that have been made to protect our freedom.

### **World Language Assessment on November 14**

Students who are fluent in a second language have the opportunity to earn up to three credits through a world language assessment. Students who signed up for the first round will be taking their exams on November 14. If you would like more information about how your student can sign up for future assessments, please contact our Assessment Coordinator, Anne LaRue at [Alarue@everettsd.org](mailto:Alarue@everettsd.org).

### **Remember to vote Nov. 6**

Remember to deliver your ballot to a ballot drop box near you or put it in the mail by Nov. 6 – postage is not required for ballots.

### **Did you miss a call from us?**

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail or your email for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls.

### **Slight calendar change**

There is a slight change to the school year calendar. **Friday, June 7** will be a 2.5 early release for all students to allow teachers time to complete grading. **Friday, June 14** will be a 75-minute early release for Learning Improvement Friday. The updated [year-at-a-glance](#) and [student art](#) calendars are available online if you'd like to print them for your reference. The [district website calendar](#) is also a convenient, up-to-date reference that integrates with the [district mobile app](#). If you have the mobile app, you have the most current district and school calendar dates.

### **Accepting Highly Capable nominations until Dec. 1**

Find forms and more information and evening information events on the [Highly Capable website](#). Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place in January 2019.



## School performance report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

## Test scores show ... our students rock!

Did you know that our district has the highest English Learner graduation rate in Washington state? And our student assessment scores last year outperformed the state's average assessment scores **in every subject!** Students are working hard in their learning, and staff are providing students with the targeted, coordinated supports they need to excel.

## Is your family prepared?

Does your family have a plan in case of bad weather, school closure or delay? Who will pick up your student, if needed? How will you communicate if phone lines are jammed? Do you have needed emergency supplies in your car and at home?

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

## FAFSA season has begun!

*Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* is an office of the U.S.

Department of Education. FAFSA coordinates with postsecondary schools and financial institutions to help students and families pay for college. Watch for FAFSA completion events happening around the district. Find more information at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).



## 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 as well 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 [Learning Management Services website](#).

## Important Dates

**November 2 Full day schedule for high schools**





**November 7** College Applications and Financial Aid Workshops, 6:00-8:00 pm (Career Center)  
**November 8** Veterans Day Assembly  
**November 9** Full day schedule for high schools  
Fall Musical, 7:00 pm (Little Theater)  
**November 10** Fall Musical, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm (Little Theater)  
**November 12** No school; Veterans Day  
**November 13** Fall Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00 – 9:00 pm (Auditorium)  
EHS PTA Auction Meeting, 7:00 – 8:15 pm (Library)  
**November 14** World Language Assessment  
Improv Hogan Cup Night, 7:00 (Little Theater)  
**November 16** Fall Musical, 7:00 pm (Little Theater)  
**November 17** Seagull Saturday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Fall Musical, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm (Little Theater)  
**November 21** Early Release 2 ½ hours (11:35 am)  
**November 22-23** No school; Thanksgiving Break



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
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