

# Everett Seagull News

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

### Food Drive Success!

Our annual Food Drive was once again a great success, with our students raising close to \$7,000.00, and providing Thanksgiving meals for close to 200 Everett families. This is the kind of tradition that makes Everett High School a special place. The students really do care about their community, and feel a connection to EHS that goes beyond the school walls and extends out into all of Everett. If you want to see a news story that was featured on King 5, just go to the link below.

<https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/everett/everett-high-students-deliver-thanksgiving-meals-to-people-in-need/281-616319310>

### College Applications and Financial Aid Night December 5

We all know that college is expensive, and the application process to get into college and to receive financial aid can be confusing. To help our students overcome this barrier, we are holding a college application workshop in the library from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Come and get help navigating the process, and find out what kinds of financial aid and scholarships are available. While college is perhaps not in everyone's plan, we want to do what we can to make sure the application process does not stop our talented students from exploring college as a viable option.

### Combined Band and Choir Concert December 12

The recent cold snap has made it clear that the holiday season is upon us. Please join us for an evening concert featuring music that is sure to warm you up at our Combined Band and Choir Concert on December 12 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the auditorium. We hope to see a full house for our student performers as they provide a great evening for all.

### PTA and Blue & Gold Auction Night Meeting

The Everett High School PTA and Blue & Gold are once again planning for our upcoming Everett HS PTA Auction on February 9 from 5:00-10:00 pm at Everett Community College. This is an entertaining evening featuring a variety of items up for bid. The selection up for auction is varied, featuring everything from BBQ grills to tickets to shows to an evening out at a nice restaurant. This really is one of the most fun events of the school year, so mark your calendars and get ready to bid! The auction committee will be meeting on December 10 in the library from 7:00-8:15 if you want to consider being a part of the planning.

## The gift of attendance

Lance Balla  
Principal

### *December 5*

College Applications and Financial Aid Workshops, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Library)

### *December 10*

EHS PTA Auction Meeting, 7:00 – 8:15 pm (Library)

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Combined Band and Choir Concert, 7:00 – 9:00 pm (Auditorium)

### *December 24- January 4*

Winter Break - no school



Absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. Just a few missed days here and there, even excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success and eventually for graduation. This holiday season, give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.

## Graduation rates jump to 95.7%

Our graduation rate jumped even higher for the 11th year in a row. Now 95.7 percent of our students graduate on time! Learn how strategic staff actions helped bring the graduation rate from 53 percent just 15 years ago to this year's all-time high.

<http://bit.ly/2018gradrates>

## Parent safety tip

Before you take your child to a friend's sleepover or party, make sure you know a few important things first.

- Find out about the friend's "house rules" and who else will be at home, like parents, another adult, brothers, or sisters.
- Ask about what they plan to do during the visit.
- Talk with your child about things that are important to you: no guns, violent TV and video games, alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Take this time to review behaviors that are healthy and those that are dangerous.
- If your child does not have his or her own cell phone, be sure to have the telephone number of where he or she can be reached.
- If there is a change of plans, you need to be told.

### Get to know other parents

- Talk with them on the phone.
- Meet them at neighborhood or school events.
- Greet them when dropping your child off at their home.

### Communication is key

School-aged children need and want more independence. Good communication, with clear expectations, helps parents and children trust that what is going on is safe.

Source: *HealthyChildren.org*

## 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.



## Family resources

Could you or a family you know use some help? Find information and links to helpful resources on the district's [Parent Tools webpage](#):



- Washington State Library – local and regional information about services and agencies offering help to families in a variety of ways including food, shelter, clothing, childcare, legal services, employment opportunities, and counseling
- Everett Public Schools Kids In Transition (KIT) program – supports homeless children and youth to continue their education
- Help for military families
- Snohomish Health District for Snohomish County community dental resources for children and adults
- United Way of Snohomish County – 2-1-1 is a free telephone number that is your best "first call" to quickly find the right source of help. The information line is staffed by trained operators from Volunteers of America Western Washington who can connect you to a wide range of community services.

## Delayed start or closed schools

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:45 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local 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

### Important Dates

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<b>December 24 - January 4</b>	<b>Winter Break: no school</b>
<b>January 12</b>	<b>Seagull Saturday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm</b>



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104
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