

Everett Seagull News

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Dear Seagull families,

Whew! What an opening to school! We hope your opening school experience was a good one. I know our teachers and staff worked really hard to make the start of school engaging and accessible to all. Building relationships online is hard, but our teachers know how important it is to do so.

I strive to make this monthly newsletter useful to parents, with information that is timely and relevant to supporting the success of your student(s). If you ever have requests for newsletter content, let me know.

As we all work to learn many new systems (parents too!) we discover unanticipated learnings. For example, did you know that Canvas grades, although great for feedback, do NOT translate directly to the Gradebook? This has caused some confusion. If you want to know your student's grades, please continue to use Gradebook as you have in the past.

In addition, there is a new rule about grading called the 50% floor. This rule asks teachers who use a traditional grading scale (0 to 100%) not to give anything less than a 50%, even if the student doesn't complete an assignment. This rule exists to give students the chance to recover from missed work, and avoids the undue mathematical power of the zero. The hole created by a zero grade on the 0-100% scale is larger than the hole created by any other grade designation. We believe this is a move towards equity, especially during a pandemic when students may or may not have the support needed to complete work. (This 50% floor does not apply and is not necessary when teachers are using a 4-point scale).

Some exciting events are coming up in October that I want to highlight. First, High School and Beyond, which has always been a huge event for high schools, when feeder school students attend with older siblings, will be held **online** by the Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling (PNACAC). PNACAC represents college admissions professionals in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. This will be a live virtual college fair,

Amanda Overly
Principal

October 7

Seagull Fly-By for library books and materials, 2:30 – 4:30 pm (in front of Auditorium)

AP Family Informational Night – Zoom (pre-registration required), 6:30 – 7:30 pm

October 9

Club Fair for students – Zoom, 12:30 - 1:20 pm

October 16

No school for students

October 19-22

High School & Beyond Event

October 19

Let's Connect Zoom meeting with regional superintendent Sally Lancaster, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

October 21

Seagull Fly-By for library books and materials, 2:30 – 4:30 pm (in front of Auditorium)



with real connections to colleges. The dates for this event are October 19-22, 2020. Please see the attached/below for registration information.

On October 9th, from 12:30-1:20pm, students can attend the EHS CLUB FAIR, in order to visit with club advisors and the students in the club. These details will be posted on the Student Body Canvas course, so please make sure your students check that Canvas course for details.

The last event of interest will be AP Family Informational Night, October 7th at 6:30 pm. This is a night for you and your student to join us to learn more about Everett High School's College Board Advanced Placement (AP) program, classes, exams, and benefits for the 2020-2021 year. You should have already received this information from Mrs. Ingraham. This event requires advance registration. To register for the meeting, click [here](#). Attached is also a flyer with more information on the event.

Lastly, thank you to the freshmen parents who came and supported the Freshmen Welcome celebration. If you were unable to come to the mall, the video of the event can be found [here](#). We look forward to our continued partnership. Our staff is working hard to make each student successful.

Yours in education,
Amanda M. Overly

Let's Connect

You are invited to connect with regional superintendent Sally Lancaster and engage in conversation about remote learning and provide feedback to help us improve. We want to hear from you and hope you can attend a zoom meeting to share your thoughts.

RSVP required to receive the link for the zoom meeting.

Let's Connect!

October's Topic: Bringing students back to the classroom

October 19, 2020, 5 – 6 p.m.

Questions that will be posed:

- When we start to bring groups of students back to the classroom, are you planning on sending your child to school or staying 100% remote?
- What are some factors in your decision?
- What information could the school district provide to make you feel more comfortable sending your child back to the classroom?

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://everettsd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlde2urzwiG9MQkWPozkkjR7QYYhIzauCU>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.





2020 High School & Beyond Event

The High School & Beyond event will be completely virtual this year. The Pacific Northwest Association for College Admissions Counseling has been in the process of designing remote opportunities for students and families to connect with colleges and universities from all over the country. The Washington-specific portion will take place live from October 19-23. The presentations will also be recorded and will remain available until December 31st.

The virtual event site is available here: <https://pnacac.swoogo.com/PNACAC>.

In order to participate, register using the blue button in the top right-hand corner of the page. Once registered, you will be able to preview the college fair booths beginning on September 15 all the way through December 31. College representatives and presentation will be “live” during the days and times below:

<u>Washington student week live times October 19 - 23, 2020</u>	
Date	Time
Monday, Oct 19	9 a.m. - noon
Tuesday, Oct 20	4 - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct 21	10 a.m. - 1 p.m. AND 4 - 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct 22	4 - 7 p.m.

Parent University

Everett Public Schools Parent University is available 24/7 online and mobile, for you to access important resources to help support your student’s remote learning. You can find details on how to access and log in to Canvas, how to view your student’s schedule, where to get meals, and much more. Resources will continue to be added throughout the year. You will find Parent University, and all other information related to remote learning, at www.everettsd.org/COVID2020-21



Website refresh

Feedback from families and the community to improve navigation and the layout of the district’s website was integrated into the redesign, which launched October 1. The new site features inviting visuals, reduced clicks and a standard experience with navigation among all school sites. The interface is user-friendly, attractive and a welcome change.

Community survey about strategic plan



The district is engaging the community as we start the process of creating a new strategic plan. Please look for a survey coming out on October 12 on the district website to provide your input.

Website tools for you

The website has tools to make your life easier. Sign in with your LMS password to:

- Add your student's school and teachers' calendars to your calendar view
- Filter calendar items by category
- Export calendar items to your personal calendar
- Access *Grades & More*, lunch menus and staff contact information from the home page
- Find directions and maps to event locations listed on the calendar

Mobile app

Families can [download the district mobile app](#) to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.



Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app 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.

Is your contact information up-to-date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

Homeless resources

We care about all our Everett Public Schools families and know many are experiencing economic impacts due to changes in the economy. If not your family directly, you may know others who are starting to question whether there is any help available. If you are staying temporarily with someone else because you lost your housing, or are staying in a motel, campground, shelter, outside or are in an inadequate place, you and your children have special rights at school. Everett Public Schools' Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vento Homeless Act](#). Students without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success. If you believe your child qualifies, please complete the [online Housing Questionnaire](#). For more information, visit the [KIT website](#) or contact the KIT office at 425-385-4032.

Rights include:

- Keeping your children in the same school even if you move, and receiving transportation to that school, as long as it is in the student's best interest;
- Enrolling in school immediately without the documents schools usually require;
- Receiving free school meals;



- Getting help with school supplies and other needs;
- Receiving extra support for youth who are on their own;
- Connecting young children with early childhood services;
- and referrals to other community resources.

Get resources and activities for your children from [Sesame Street in Communities](#), including tips for [how to talk to your child about homelessness](#) and [how to create a feeling of home](#) even if you are moving around a lot.

If you find yourself in a dangerous situation, or in need of medical, emotional, or physical support, please see [this list of national hotlines](#) that provide an array of services. All hotlines listed are national hotlines providing 24/7 support across the United States. In Snohomish County, you may call 425-25-ABUSE (425-252-2873) **In an emergency, call 911 for the police, get yourself and your children to a safe place, seek medical attention and call DVS for assistance.**



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• orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or
• service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth
• groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints
• of alleged discrimination:

• **Title IX/Civil Rights
• Compliance Officer:**

• Mary O'Brien
• 425-385-4106
• MO'brien@everettsd.org
• PO Box 2098
• Everett, WA 98213

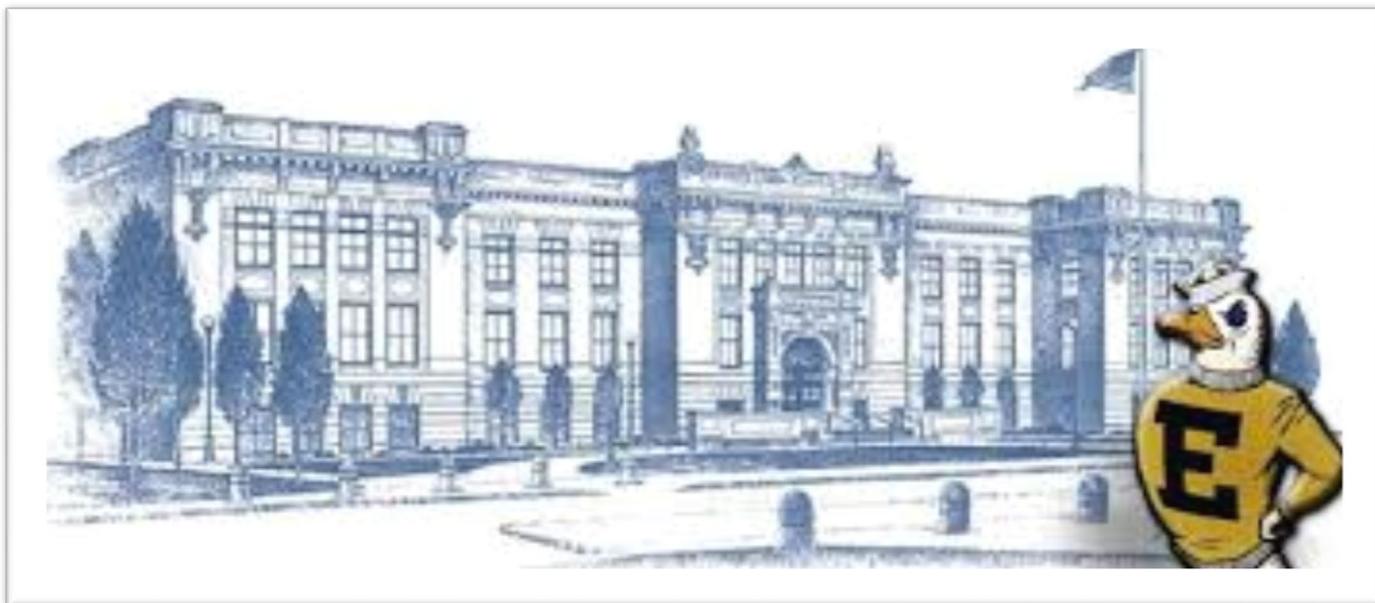
Section 504 Coordinator:

Dave Peters
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ADA Coordinator:

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EHS AP FAMILY INFORMATIONAL NIGHT



Please join us to learn more about EHS's College Board Advanced Placement (AP) program, classes, exams, and benefits for the 2020-2021 year.

October 7, 2020

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Meet you on Zoom

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Overview of EHS AP Program

MyAP Online Platform & Supports

2020-2021 AP Course & Exam Updates

AP Exam Fees, Cost Savings, and Payments

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP AND RECEIVE A ZOOM LINK](#)

QUESTIONS: MARY INGRAHAM MINGRAHAM@EVERETTSCHOOLSD.ORG

PNACAC'S 2020 COLLEGE FAIRS



*Scan now to
register!*



START YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH

EXPLORE YOUR TOP SCHOOL'S BOOTHS SEPTEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 31

LIVE VIRTUAL FAIRS



OCTOBER 19: 9AM - 12PM

OCTOBER 20: 4PM - 7PM

OCTOBER 21: 10AM - 1PM
4PM - 7PM

OCTOBER 22: 4PM - 7PM

REAL CONNECTIONS

- ATTEND LIVE PRESENTATIONS TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH
- CONNECT WITH OVER 100 COLLEGES FROM ACROSS THE US AND BEYOND
- CHECK OUT LIVE WORKSHOPS ABOUT THE COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS, FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES, AND MORE

PNACAC college fairs connect students, families and counselors from Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington with colleges and universities from all over the country in one convenient location. Advance registration is required.

Learn more online at

pnacac.swoogo.com/PNACAC