

# North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

Welcome to November NMS Families,

I am really looking forward to an event-filled month where we have multiple opportunities to invite families to our campus. We begin the month with our three conference sessions scheduled during the afternoons of November 7th and 8th. These meetings will give our families a strong understanding of student performance in the classroom and provide time to ask questions about how we can better partner between home and school.

In addition to our conferences, we are also inviting families to our campus on November 6th for our first Parent Link workshop. This meeting will focus on providing families with resources around student mental health and create a setting where families can ask questions about how we are able to support their student's emotional health.

November is also a time for us all to be mindful of our families and loved ones, as well as our greater community. NMS will be supporting EHS with their annual Food Drive and giving our assistance to enhance the lives of those in need.

I hope everyone has a wonderful month!

- Mr. Entler and Mr. Samuels

## PTA CORNER

Greetings from your PTA! We hope everyone is having a great fall. With the school year in full swing, we have been busy as well! It was wonderful to see so many families at Curriculum night, we appreciate everyone that helped to make the evening run smoothly. It truly put us back into back to school mode. Being in touch with the North Staff is a great way to ensure success for your child. The construction progress is fun to watch and we are excited to see so much hustle and bustle all the time. The Reflections Committee has started work on this year's contest, entitled "Heroes Around Me." Please encourage your students to submit their entries by November 9th. Also, the Staff Grant Committee is waiting for the final submission of grant requests from our staff and will be reviewing them at the beginning of November. If you haven't joined the PTA we still welcome your membership-forms can be found in the office. As of print we are 106 members strong. Every year we put on a fundraising auction to support our North community. This big event is our only PTA fundraiser and it takes a small village to ensure success. We need your help! We are still looking for an enthusiastic lead (or leads!) and volunteers for our auction, which will be held in the spring. This is our main fundraiser, and without it we would not be able to fund our many wonderful programs. **Our first planning meeting will be November 5th after the regular PTA meeting.** (Location to be determined) **The regular meeting will be held at 7:00 PM at the CRC.** We welcome all PTA members to both meetings.

Hope to see you soon!  
Jenny, Jocelyn, Andrea, Mariko and Sarah

PTA Meeting  
Nov. 5, 7:00  
at the CRC

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## November 2

12:20 Release

## November 5-9

Parent Teacher Conferences

12:20 Early Release all week

## November 5

PTA Meeting 7:00 at CRC

## November 6

Parent Link 5:30-7:00; NMS Gym

## November 7

Conference: 2:00-6:00 NMS Gym

## November 8

Conferences: 1:30-3:30/4:30-7:30

## November 12

Veterans Day Observed—No  
School

## November 15

Winter Jazz Band Concert  
7:00—8:00 EHS Auditorium

## November 16

1:35 Release

## November 21

12:20 Release

## November 22-23

Thanksgiving Break—No  
School

## December 7

1:35 Release

## 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.

## 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 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.

## 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.



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