

North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians of North Students,

Happy October to all of our NMS families and friends! We are officially off-and-running with the school year. Students are fully engaged in their classroom learning, athletics has begun their competitions, and our after-school programs are providing students additional challenging opportunities.

October is also the month that we celebrate our relationships with the community. We have multiple evening events scheduled this month, all of them focused on building strong relationships with all who have supported our start to the year. Our first event is our Curriculum Night on October 1st. This is a wonderful chance for families to visit our school and go through their students' schedule, learning about all NMS has to offer along the way. Later in the week, on October 4th, our PTA is hosting Movie Night in our commons. On October 17th, we are inviting all of our neighbors and alumni in to take a tour of the new facility at our Community Open House. This month is a great chance for us to showcase our excitement about the beginning of the school year.

We hope that you are able to join us for any of these celebrations!

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Community Open House — October 17th 6-8pm
This is an opportunity for the community to come and see the new building. We appreciate all your support.



This Halloween

North Middle School students can wear school appropriate costumes. We will review through classroom messaging, daily announcements and lunchtime announcements on what appropriate dress would look like. This announcements will be posted on the website as well.



Everett Public Schools is Hiring!

Are you interested in working for the school district? Full-time, part-time and substitute positions are available. The schedule for many classified positions is the same as the student day. Training is provided, and benefits are available for many positions. We have a high need for substitute teachers, classified staff including regular and substitute paraeducators, office staff, custodial and food service positions. Join us! <https://www.everettsd.org/jobs>

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October 1st

Fundraiser Begins

Curriculum Night
6:00pm

Team Sports Photos

October 4th

PTA Movie Night 7:00pm

October 17th

Community Open House

October 18th

No School

October 23rd

Picture Retake Day

October 28th

PTA Meeting 7:00pm

November 1st—8th

Early Release 12:20pm
Conference Week

1:35 Release

October 4th

October 11th

October 25th

November 15th

November 22nd

PTA Corner

October 2019 PTA Corner:

And just like that it's Fall! Soggy skies, golden leaves and warm spice in the air tells us that Autumn has arrived. The North Middle School PTA is excited to kick start Fall with our first event! Join us for MOVIE NIGHT, on Friday October 4th, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Bring your blanket and pillow to get cozy in the NMS commons for a showing of Disney's Aladdin (2019) starring Will Smith. Admission is free for students and family members with a NMS student ID. Concessions will be available for purchase. Events like movie night could not happen without our dedicated members and volunteers. Thank you to those of you who have joined the NMS PTA - we are 50 members strong at the time of this printing! In addition to movie nights, our PTA supports field trips, the NMS Star Shop, classroom grants, as well as many community programs. If you haven't had the opportunity to join our PTA we encourage you to do so - it's not too late!! We will have PTA Membership forms available on Curriculum Night (October 1), Movie Night (October 4), during the Community Open House (October 17) and at our monthly PTA Meetings. Being a part of the PTA is a great way to stay connected to your child's school community. Please join us for our next meeting on Monday, October 28th, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the NMS Library. We sincerely appreciate your support of the NMS PTA, staff and students!

Jennifer Kuehn, PTA President
Andrea Wells-Edwards, Vice President
Jennifer Goodhart, Treasurer
Mariko Thompson, Secretary



Access to public records (updated information)

District records are public records. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask to view or have copies of records defined as "public" under state and federal laws. These include parents' and legal guardians' student's records and records about discipline of school employees.

The district's finance and business services office handles public records requests. Request records by writing to that office at PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213, sending an email request to publicrecords@everettsd.org, or calling 425-385-

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 <https://www.everettsd.org/>
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) account

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.

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Back-to-school safety reminders

It's helpful to talk with your child from time to time about staying safe and alert, especially when traveling to and from school. Here are just a few quick reminders:

- Walk with a buddy
- Be aware of your surroundings (cell phones and ear buds put away)
- Wait with a friend or adult at bus stops
- Report anything suspicious to an adult right away
- For adults, [stop for buses](#) when they have the stop arm out

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.



Mapping your future

Students K through 12 and their families are invited to the High School and Beyond family nights to:

- Enjoy free pizza
- Keynote speaker: 2020 and Beyond: Preparing for the Future in the Digital Age
- Learn about cool careers – it is never too early for elementary, middle and high schools students!
- Visit the college & career fair

Wednesday, Oct. 2 – Cascade HS
Wednesday, Oct. 9 – Everett HS
Thursday, Oct. 10 – Jackson HS

Middle and high school students

Can you fluently read, write, speak, and listen in a language other than English? Students in grades 7 through 12 in Everett Public Schools can earn high school credit in a world language by successfully passing district-approved assessments and demonstrating language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in this language. Assessments are available at \$10 for many different world languages. See the district [assessment website](#) for details.

Test dates: Nov. 13, 2019 and March 18, 2020

Fall registration: Sept. 16 – Oct. 11, 2019

Spring registration: Jan. 13 – Feb. 14, 2020

Also, check out the [new practice site](#) which was created to give students an overview of each kind of exam. Students

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



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Everett Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250