

North Star News

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Welcome to 2020, North Middle School community! We are very excited to enter the New Year after having a couple weeks off to enjoy our friends and families. We hope that you were also able to enjoy that time with your loved ones.

As we transition back to school, students are finishing their work to end the first semester of learning. It's hard to believe that they year is almost half-way complete, but staff and students have been putting in a lot of hard work to get to this point. The end of a semester is always an exciting time of year, with it being an opportunity to reflect on all the challenges and successes of quality instruction. Our culminating products over the next couple of weeks will give our students a wonderful sense of how much they have learned this year.

In addition to our quality instruction and learning, our physical building is also nearing completion. Our main parking lot is now open for business, which is making access to our school much easier for our families. Additionally, the turf for our second athletic field is being installed, which will give our students some very exciting opportunities for the rest of the year. We are so proud of the construction work that has been completed here, and look forward to the final stages of installation being completed.

I hope everyone has had a promising start to the New Year, and our school continues to be grateful for the support we regularly receive from this community.

Thank you, all!

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Welcome to 2020!!

THANK YOU to all our amazing volunteers for helping to make the first dance of the school year such a fantastic success. Thank you especially to Jennifer Goodhart who lead the PTA side of this event and Suzy Smothers & the NMS ASB who spear-headed the event! The students who attend had a great time dancing, playing games and visiting the concession stand. It's fun to see our students enjoy events like these outside the normal classroom day!

Planning for our annual NMS Auction is underway. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and we hope you can attend! May 2nd 2020 is the date, and the Everett Elks is the place! More details for this event will be coming soon, including ticket sale information.

We sent all our best to our NMS families in hopes you all have a great start to the New Year!

Jennifer Kuehn, President
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January 1-3

Mid-Winter Break

January 13-15

Girls Basketball

Try-outs

January 13

Band & Orchestra Concert
@ 7:00pm NMS Gym

January 20th

No School Holiday

January 27th

**No School /Teacher
work day**

PTA Meeting @ 7:00pm

1:35 Release

January 10

January 17

January 24

January 31

February 7

February 14

January is School Board Appreciation Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. You can learn more about [board members online](#). You can also watch past school board meetings on the district's YouTube channel.

Good Citizenship Day



Good Citizenship Day shall be observed on January 16. On that day, social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. Students who will be eighteen years of age or older by the time of the next general election will be given the opportunity to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper registration will also be made

Delayed start or closed schools

If we must cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:30 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](#) accounts

Food and Nutrition

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you potatoes grown in the PNW! Be sure to check out our menu for dishes containing this tasty Harvest of the month!

Did you know that potatoes are the most popular vegetable grown in the US and are an excellent source of Vitamin C, B6 and potassium? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at <https://www.everettsd.org>

I have so many potato jokes. I just don't know where to starch.



Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? Or have you perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods.

Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

3 easy ways

Text or call

855-637-2095

1350@alert1.us

<http://1350.alert1.us>



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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