

Jackson T-Wolf News

HENRY M. JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message

Thanks to all our families for supporting our students and staff as we successfully launched the school year in a 100% remote learning environment. We know that challenges persist, we are addressing challenges, and we are engaging in all our students' education. We are improving because of the experience and feedback that we have gained from students, families, and the community. Our school theme this year is "We Are the Bridge," which means that every staff member knows they are a critical connection, or bridge, to our students' education. We are learning new ways to continuously engage students in a richer learning experience. My staff and I are truly excited to see our students face challenges by responding, engaging, and making this a rich learning experience.

We are starting October with our first ever **Virtual Curriculum Night**, which is detailed below. Please continue reading to discover what is going on at Jackson. *Go Timberwolves!*

Virtual Curriculum Night Launches October 1 at 4 p.m.

Curriculum Night will be offered virtually this year. On October 1 at 4 p.m. the Curriculum Night website will be live. The JHS site will have the Curriculum Night link on the homepage. The link will be accessible for the full month of October. Teachers have posted videos to the webpage allowing you to learn more about courses that your student is enrolled in, at your leisure. [Check out this quick tutorial of how to navigate the webpage.](#) While this style is a direct one-way communication, we want to remind you of the teacher office hours that are available before and after school, 7:30–8 a.m. and 2:35–3 p.m.

AP Exams

The deadline to pay for your AP exams is **Friday, October 30, 2020**. Go to the [EPS Online Payment website](#) to pay online or stop by JHS between 8 a.m. and noon, Mon./Wed./Fri., to pay at the ASB office. Please email [Mrs. Wirtz](#) with any questions.

ASB Is Rolling!

ASB is rocking the start of the school year! Our first ever "virtual" pep assembly on September 18 was a success. We used Zoom and simultaneously streamed a

Lance Balla Principal

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October 1

Curriculum Night Virtual Launch @ 4pm
(links will be available all of October)

October 5–9

Virtual Spirit Week

October 16

Teacher Work Day – No School for
Students
JHS Club Fair

October 19, 20, 21 & 22

High School & Beyond – Live Events
Week for WA State Students
(link available through December 31)

October 30

JHS Culture Corner Online
AP Exam Payments Due
Senior Portraits, Quotes & Tributes Due
for Yearbook
National Honor Society Applications Due

November 1

Daylight Savings Time Ends



YouTube Live. Our ASB executive officers entertained our student body and staff with some creative skits, social media contests, and an interactive Kahoot! game on all things Jackson High School.

Following a successful Freshman Drive-In Celebration, our ASB officers and clubs are continuing to find innovative ways to connect with our student body through the start of remote learning. To view our Freshman Drive-In Celebration, click [here](#).

Virtual Spirit Week and our annual **Club Fair** are coming! Spirit Week will be the week of October 5–9; the Club Fair will be October 16—more details to be announced soon.

Culture Corner at Jackson High School

We hope you were able to see our first Culture Corner last Friday, Sept. 25, that featured our security hero, Locan Tafa. The Equity Leadership Team at Jackson will host a Culture Corner on the last Friday of every month to highlight and celebrate cultures represented at Jackson. We are proud of the diversity of our students and staff, as it makes our school stronger and a more interesting place to learn! Locan's family is from Samoa and he demonstrated a haka and then described its origins. He also showed us a dance that he normally performs with his brother and cousins. If you missed the presentation, we suggest you watch it [here](#)! You will enjoy it!

If you/your student are interested in participating in a Culture Corner, please contact Michelle Renée at mrenee@everettsd.org.

Attendance Matters!

Our students are working from home, but their attendance is still crucial. Even though classes are structured differently, make sure that your student is maintaining a strong virtual attendance. If your student faces technical challenges, please make sure to contact the teacher so the student can be accounted for should they be missing during the initial class check-in.

Cross-Listed Courses in Canvas

Many teachers have cross-listed (combined) their courses for ease of access with students. For cross-listed courses, the course name is defaulted to one of the courses. For instance, a student might be taking English in 6th period. The teacher might teach English in periods 5 and 6 and cross-list them on Canvas. That means that the class name would automatically become “English, Period 5” for all students, even period 6 students. Please look at the name of the class, rather than the period, to confirm it is the correct class.

The Jackson Library Is Bustling

After checking out more than 4,000 textbooks during our curbside distributions, we are ready to begin offering a full menu of resources and services for the 2020–2021 school year. Find the following resources [here](#) on the library website.

- Destiny Discover: Our library catalog got a fresh new look!
- How to check out an eBook
- How to put physical library books on hold for curbside pickup
- How to get a Sno-Isle Library card (and take advantage of their extensive online resources!)
- First Chapter Friday! Books whose first chapters guarantee you'll want to keep reading!
- How to contact us
- Library book curbside pickup dates and times
- And more added weekly, including a full tour of the library catalog and databases, a tutorial on database searching, research tips and tricks, a book recommendation request form, and information about Teens' Top Ten!



Follow us on Instagram @twelves_library to stay up on our latest news, celebrations, and recommendations, and bookmark our website. We can't wait to serve you safely this year!

Message from Your JHS PTSA

Here are some ways you can connect with your PTSA:

- Website: www.hmjacksonptsa.org
- Facebook: "HM Jackson HS PTSA"
- Twitter: JacksonHSPTSA
- Monthly Newsletter: Wolf Tracks
- Email: JHSPTSAPresident@gmail.com
- Instagram (*new*): HMJacksonPTSA

The easiest way to help us support the school is by joining. You can purchase your membership [online](#) on our website.

The National PTA **Reflections Art Contest** is running now. JHS students who want to participate need to submit their entries by November 6. The theme this year is "I Matter Because..." Entries in visual arts, film, music composition, literature, dance choreography, and photography are allowed. For more information about this fine arts contest and entry forms, visit our [website](#) page.

A Message from Your Everett Special Education PTSA

This year the Everett Special Education PTSA is putting on a fundraising event that benefits **ALL OF US!** We are putting on a community virtual 5k event that is open to everyone—all students, families, staff, community members, and supporters from anywhere.

How does this event support ALL OF US? Every person who registers for the event will be required to select a school PTA/PTSA/BPC. Then 50% of the proceeds of registrants who selected your school will go directly back to your school's PTA/PTSA/BPC with the other 50% going back to the Everett Special Education PTSA grant fund that supports teacher grants for special education classrooms throughout our school district.

How does a virtual 5k work? Anyone and everyone who registers will have a week to run, walk, roll, hop, skip, or jump the 5k distance. Registrants will pick their own course from anywhere they want. The virtual 5k can be completed all at one time or broken up into multiple days. So, anyone can complete a 5k (3.1 miles).

What does the Everett Special Education PTSA need from you? We are asking for YOUR help to email or post this event on Facebook/Twitter/Instagram to encourage your families and friends to sign up. The more people who select our school, the more our PTSA can earn back. Click [here](#) for information and to sign up or donate.

Lance Balla, Principal

JHS College & Career Center

The Career Center has many resources to help students and families prepare for life after high school. For example:

- Choose and apply for college/university, apprenticeships, trades training programs
- Explore other post-high school paths such as trades or armed forces (military)
- Decide on college/university majors/areas of study



- Get information on college/university fairs and visits, career fairs, and other school/career events
- Find out about student employment, internship, and volunteer opportunities
- Learn how to pay for college and other training

Visit the Career Center web pages often, as information is updated on an ongoing basis. From the JHS homepage, click on the Counseling tab. From there, you can select the “[College & Career Preparedness](#)” and “[Career Center](#)” pages for a wealth of information. Under “College & Career Preparedness” you will find Scholarships & Sites, College Comparison Worksheet, College Essay Sample Questions, College Search Sites, College Testing, Financial Aid, Income Eligible College Resources, Letters of Recommendation, Naviance – College & Career Planning, NCAA, and a page of info about SAT, ACT, PSAT, AP, ASVAB, TOEFL, SBA, and WLA. Under “Career Center” you will find Employment, Internships, Scholarship Basics, Financial Aid Information, College Visits to JHS, and Volunteer Options. For assistance, contact our Career Specialist, Deron Dahlke, at ddahlke@everettsd.org or 425.385.7028.

Clubs at JHS

JOIN CLUBS! Stay connected! Meet new friends! Explore new interests! Below is a list of clubs at JHS as of the end of September. More clubs will be coming soon—these are just the clubs that have been confirmed so far to proceed this year. Be sure to participate in our **Virtual Club Fair on Friday, October 16!**

Astronomy & Aerospace	Key Club	NHS (National Honor Society)
Dance	Knowledge Bowl	Speech & Debate
FCCLA	Korean Culture (KSA)	Robotics
FFA	Latin(x)	Theatre Society
French Club	Mock Trial	TSA
Girls Who Code	Model U.N.	Turning Point USA
HOSA – Future Medical Professionals	Multi-Cultural Club	Link Crew

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 October 19-23**. The presentations will also be recorded and will remain available until December 31.

The virtual event site is available here: <https://pnacac.swoogo.com/PNACAC>. In order to participate, register using the “REGISTER HERE” button. Once registered, you will be able to preview the college fair booths beginning on September 15 and continuing through December 31. College representatives and presentations will be “live” during the days and times below:

Washington Student Week LIVE Times, October 19–23, 2020

- Monday, October 19.....9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Noon)
- Tuesday, October 204–7 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 2110 a.m. – 1 p.m. AND 4–7 p.m.
- Thursday, October 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 standardized experience with navigation among all our 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.

Let's Connect

You are invited to connect with district leaders and engage in conversation on Monday, October 19, 5–6 p.m. (topic to be determined). We want to hear from you and hope you can attend a Zoom meeting to share your thoughts. Please check your email for an invitation to connect with your school's regional superintendent and other district leaders. Be sure to check your email—RSVP will be required to receive the link for the Zoom meeting. Let's connect!

Website Tools for You

The district 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.

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 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.**

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. For JHS, send an email to DeeAnn Williamson at DWilliamson@everettsd.org.

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.



Ways to Stay in Touch



On the communications department webpage, you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements and school board meeting agendas highlights delivered to your email box twice monthly. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).



Student Opportunities and Activities eFlyers

We use *Peachjar* to email approved flyers from community organizations to parents and guardians. Schools also post those flyers on their websites. Look for the [Peachjar flyers](#) button in the *Quicklinks* section of your school home page to see those flyers. You can also register there to have those flyers delivered to your email address if you aren't already receiving them.

Safety Tip Line

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

3 easy ways

Text or call

 855-637-2095

 1350@alert1.us

 <https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>

FOR
EMERGENCIES,
PLEASE CALL
911!

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.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

For up-to-date info on activities, events, deadlines, etc., please periodically check the online calendars on the JHS and EPS websites. NOTE: To view the online calendars, you will need to use a browser other than Internet Explorer (such as Chrome, Firefox, Opera, Safari, Edge).

- Sept. 15–Dec. 31 High School & Beyond [Virtual College Fair](#) Available Online
- Thurs., Oct. 1 Curriculum Night: live launch @ 4 p.m., links will be available throughout October
- Oct. 5–9 Virtual Spirit Week
- Mon., Oct. 12 Strategic Plan Survey Available on District Website
- Fri., Oct. 16 Teacher Work Day – No School for Students
- Fri., Oct. 16 JHS Club Fair
- Mon., Oct. 19 Zoom Meeting with District Leaders, 5–6 p.m. (for Zoom link, you must RSVP to email going out soon)
- Mon., Oct. 19 [High School & Beyond](#): Washington State Student Week LIVE Times: 9 a.m.–Noon
- Tues., Oct. 20 [High School & Beyond](#): Washington State Student Week LIVE Times: 4–7 p.m.
- Wed., Oct. 21 [High School & Beyond](#): Washington State Student Week LIVE Times: 10 a.m.–1 p.m. AND 4–7 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 22 [High School & Beyond](#): Washington State Student Week LIVE Times: 4–7 p.m.
- Fri., Oct. 30 JHS Culture Corner Online
- Fri., Oct. 30 [AP Exam Payments Due](#)
- Fri., Oct. 30 [Senior Portraits, Quotes, and Tributes](#) (aka “grad ads”) Due for Yearbook
- Fri., Oct. 30 National Honor Society Applications Due
- Sun., Nov. 1 Daylight Saving Time Ends (2 a.m. PST)
- Fri., Nov. 6 Entries Due for National PTA [Reflections Art Competition](#)
- Wed., Nov. 11 Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL
- Wed., Nov. 25 Early Release for Thanksgiving Break



Nov. 26 & 27..... Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
Dec. 7–13..... [Community Run, Walk and Roll Virtual 5k](#) to Benefit Everett Special Education PTSA
Dec. 19–Jan. 3..... Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
Mon., Jan. 18..... Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
Fri., Jan. 29..... End of 1st Semester
Mon., Feb. 1..... Teacher Work Day – No School for Students
Tues., Feb. 2 Beginning of 2nd Semester
Feb. 13–16..... Mid-Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
Sun., March 14 Daylight Saving Time Begins (2 a.m. PST)
April 3–11..... Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
Mon., May 31..... Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
Fri., June 11 Early Release for Students (2½ hours)
Sat., June 19 JHS Graduation
Mon., June 21..... Early Release (2½ hours) – Last Day of School (subject to change in case of inclement weather)

School News & Information Sources

JHS website: Scrolling items of interest, link to daily announcements, posts on homepage

Henry M. Jackson High School: [Homepage](#)

Everett Public Schools: [Homepage](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)

JHS PTSA: [Wolf Tracks Newsletter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

[InTouch](#)

[Peachjar flyers](#)

Helpful Links & Resources

- Check Jackson’s [home page](#) for links to our most current **athletic events, club meeting times, daily announcements, activities calendar**, and more.
- Parents, keep up with your student’s academic progress, assignments, attendance, and more via [LMS](#) (click the “Grades & More” icon at the top of any district or school webpage, then the blue “Info” button). If you don’t know your LMS login ID/password, contact LMS@everettsd.org.
- For **Naviance help**, any student or parent can contact Sarah Pewitt, High School & Beyond Facilitator, at Naviance@everettsd.org or 425-385-4183 (email is preferred).
- Follow these JHS Twitter accounts: @HMJacksonHS, @announceJHS, @jhswolfpack, @DrIanBSaltzman, @EverettSchools
- Follow these accounts on Instagram: hmjacksonhs, jhsasb2021, jhsasb2023, jhs.den
- Go to the district [communications webpage](#) for information about Everett Public Schools’ [FREE mobile app](#) for parents, students, and staff, or download the “Everett Public Schools” app from your phone’s app store.
- Follow Everett Public Schools on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- At the bottom of any district webpage, you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements right to your email box about twice a month.

AP Capstone: [College Board AP Capstone Overview](#)

AP Capstone: [Program Brochure](#)

AP Capstone: [Student Brochure](#)



[Bullying Prevention](#) (free resources at stopbullying.gov)

Calendar: Student Calendar for 2020-21 in [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

District High School Course Catalog: [2020-2021](#)

PTSA: [Membership](#)

PTSA: [Wolf Tracks newsletter](#), current school year issues

PTSA: [Wolf Tracks newsletter archives](#)

School Day Schedules: High School Remote Student Schedule in [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Russian](#) | [Vietnamese](#)

Student Handbook: Everett Public Schools Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, 2020-21 in [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Russian](#) | [Vietnamese](#)

Student Handbook: Henry M. Jackson High School Student Handbook, 2020-21 – *coming soon!*

[Transcripts](#)

[Volunteer Application Online](#)

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• **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
425-385-4063
DPeters@everettsd.org
PO Box 2098
Everett, WA 98213

ADA Coordinator:
Randi Seaberg
425-385-4104
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