

# Jackson T-Wolf News

HENRY M. JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Message

**Hello, Timberwolf community!** It's that time of year when the days get shorter, the trees surrender their final leaves, and we gain an hour for daylight savings time. It's hard to believe, but the end of our first quarter is rapidly approaching. This is a good time to check in with your students about their progress in their classes and to applaud their successes and, in cases where they might be struggling, discuss what supports they might need in order to get back on track. Remember that teachers are available for office hours both before and after school, so if you have questions about the grade, feel free to either email teachers directly or set up a time to meet with them individually during office hours to discuss your student's progress. We know that students are learning in a context that they are still figuring out how best to navigate, and that they may need additional encouragement to reach out to their teachers for clarification when they are encountering barriers to their success. Our teachers want our students to succeed and are working hard to provide the kind of instruction and support that is effective in a distance learning environment. They continue to be creative and innovative as they learn how best to use the tools available to them as they work to reach across the digital divide.

## Grades

There is still some confusion about exactly where parents should go to check on their student's progress, as within Canvas there are sometimes posted assignments with what appears to be a grade. However, these grades are in no way official. To check on your student's official progress please remember to go to the "A+ Grades" button along the top of our website, which takes you to the district "[Grades](#)" page. From there you can select Home Access Center, EPS Gradebook, and more.

[Home Access Center](#): HAC is where to find report card and unofficial transcript information as well as attendance, discipline, IEP plans, and more. This is also where parents/guardians can update their own phone numbers and email information (addresses must be updated with verification provided to the school; contact [DWilliamson@everettsd.org](mailto:DWilliamson@everettsd.org)).

[EPS Gradebook](#): This is the active location for more detailed information about class assignments, attendance, and more.

**Lance Balla**  
Principal

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### *November 1*

Daylight Savings Time Ends—*set clocks back one hour*

### *November 6*

Registration Deadline for Fall World Language Proficiency Exams

### *November 6*

Entries Due for PTA Reflections Art Competition

### *November 10*

PTSA Fundraiser at MOD Pizza Mill Creek

### *November 11*

Veterans Day—NO SCHOOL

### *November 12*

End of 1st Quarter

### *November 13*

Adjusted School Day Schedule

### *November 16*

"Let's Connect" Zoom Meeting with District Leaders

### *November 25*

Early Release for Thanksgiving Break

### *November 26 & 27*

Thanksgiving Break



## Successful Food Drive

On Saturday, October 24, our students collected food donations for the Mill Creek Community Food Bank. Through generous donations from our community, we were able to collect close to 3,000 pounds of food for our local families in need. Our students are planning additional food drives this fall as we all know how critical it is to support one another during these extremely challenging times. Information about any upcoming food drives will be posted on our website and shared through messages sent through our communication system.



## Oktoberfest!

Jackson High School's annual Oktoberfest event happened again this year, though it looked a little different. We would have loved to have the kiddos dress up in costume and come to JHS, as usual. This year, however, it was a drive-through event, in compliance with social distancing and COVID protocols. There were various stations set up with some fun decorations, and each station had candy to give away. We were excited to be able to provide this event again this year, even if it looked and felt different. We love being able to serve our community and bring people together, so we worked hard to make sure we could do so again this year, while also considering the safety of all of those involved.

*Lance Balla, Principal*

## SnackChat Wednesdays

Jackson High School counselors welcome students to their weekly online open office hours, 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. (excluding holidays and non-school days). Encourage your students to grab a snack or lunch and join us for topics such as life beyond high school, current academics, and navigating the social/emotional aspects of life. From the [JHS homepage](#), click on the [School Calendar link](#), then click on the date of the SnackChat Wednesday to get the Zoom link.

## Senior Class Information

**SENIOR CLASS ASSEMBLY**

**THINGS WE WILL COVER:**

- SENIOR CAP AND GOWN
- SENIOR SHIRTS
- FUN SPECIAL ACTIVITY

**WHERE:**  
YOUTUBE VIDEO

1. OPEN YOUTUBE
2. SEARCH "JHS SENIOR ASSEMBLY 2020"
3. WATCH VIDEO

To the senior students and the parents of the Class of 2021: Greetings from your senior class officers! We hope this finds you well as we celebrate the final, so far virtual, chapter of our high school journey. Although it may seem early, the start of preparing for some major senior-related activities has begun!

Traditionally, we would hold an event called a [Senior Assembly](#) in which we cover graduation caps and gowns, senior shirts, and yearbook pictures and quotes. However, due to the fact that we have not yet returned to in-person school, the senior ASB officers have put together a YouTube video that we hope you all find useful:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWAlcYopCKs>

Some information is subject to change. Updates will be communicated as the information becomes available. If you have any questions, please e-mail [JHSQuestions@everettsd.org](mailto:JHSQuestions@everettsd.org).



## Class of 2021 Resources

Click [here](#) for the Class of 2021 Information & Resources page on the Everett Public Schools website. The senior year can be full of so many questions and the overall unknown. It can be challenging to figure out where to go and who to go to when students need help navigating their way through the exploration of postsecondary options. The resources on this page provide links to additional information that may be helpful throughout the senior year. Check back often, as things are constantly updated!

Also, click for a handy “[Senior Year Journey](#)” checklist.

## High School & Beyond and the PNACAC College Fair

Did you miss the High School & Beyond Family Event in October? Don't worry—the information and resources are still available!

- Click [here](#) for the High School & Beyond resources page on the district website (available all school year).
- Click [here](#) for a convenient step-by-step guide to navigating the virtual college fair (available through December 31, 2020).

We encourage your students to explore these resources for information about financial aid, scholarships, the college search process, application/admissions, and more.

And as always, our JHS counselors, [Mr. Dahlke](#) in the JHS Career Center, and district Naviance Facilitator [Sarah Pewitt](#) are available to provide assistance.



## Earn World Language Credit

Can your student fluently read, write, speak, and listen in a language other than English? Students in grades 9–12 can earn high school [world language credit](#) by demonstrating their level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing on a qualifying world language assessment.

[Registration](#) is open **through Friday, November 6**, for online testing by appointment this fall. Students will be billed for the \$10 testing fee after approval. Testing will be online. For more information, visit the [World Language Frequently Asked Questions page](#) or contact [WLA@everettsd.org](mailto:WLA@everettsd.org).

## Technology Support for Parents

Visit the Everett Public Schools [Technology Support for Parents page](#) for technology information, resources, assistance, and support.

## Get Connected! Join a Club!

In case you missed the virtual Club Fair in October, you click [here](#) for the Virtual Club Fair 2020. Visit the [JHS Activities](#) page for more information about clubs—what clubs are available, how to join, how to start a new club, and more.



## Home Access Center

Are you signed up for [Home Access Center](#)? HAC provides access to student schedules, teacher names and emails, attendance, transportation, and more. Parents can update their email and phone number information here, too!



Do you need access to HAC? Send an email to [LMS@everettsd.org](mailto:LMS@everettsd.org) with your name, your student's name, your student's ID number, and the school your student attends. LMS will respond by email with your login and password—but the system will only send information to the email that is on file with the school. To change your email with the school for JHS students, send an email to [DWilliamson@everettsd.org](mailto:DWilliamson@everettsd.org).

## JHS PTSA News

The PTSA would like to invite you all to Zoom into our November membership meeting on **Wednesday, November 11**, at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker will be April Berg, a JHS parent currently serving on the school board. She will share her advocacy journey to becoming a school board member. Mr. Balla will give us an update on what's happening at JHS, and we have a little business to attend to. We would love to elect our volunteer Nominating Committee for the year. We need three volunteers to serve on this committee that will help find our PTSA leaders for next year. This can all be done remotely and via email/phone.

To join the Zoom membership meeting:

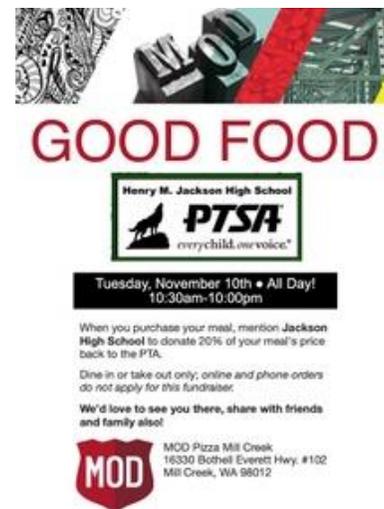
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88611397149?pwd=dUV5WDZVMlB5Z3MweE52K2pOdWt0UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1139 7149

Passcode: JHS1111

One tap mobile +12532158782,,88611397149#,,,,,0#,,5804367#

Also, we invite you to join with **MOD Pizza Mill Creek** in supporting our JHS PTSA with good food! This dine-out fundraiser will be **Tuesday, November 10**, 10:30 a.m.–10 p.m. When you purchase your meal, **mention Jackson High School** to donate 20% of your meal's price back to the PTSA. Note: Online and phone orders do not apply for this fundraiser. We'd love to see you there! MOD Pizza Mill Creek, 16330 Bothell Everett Hwy., #102, Mill Creek.



## 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).

## Remember to Vote by Nov. 3

Remember to deliver your ballot to a ballot drop box near you or put it in the mail by **Tuesday, November 3**—postage is not required for ballots.



## Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 1, 2020, Daylight Savings Time ends and we “fall back” one hour.

## Native American History Month

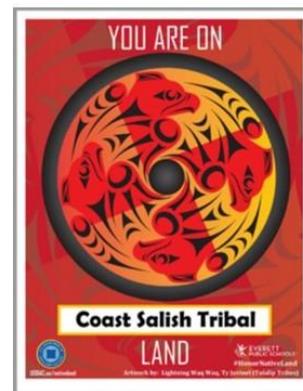
November is Native American History Month. What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

## Land Acknowledgement

In the district’s sustained work to build a culture of inclusive belonging for students, teachers, staff, and the community, we join local, state, national, and international efforts to acknowledge Native land.

According to the U.S. Department of Arts and Culture, “In countries such as Canada, New Zealand, and Australia, it is commonplace, even policy, to open events and gatherings by acknowledging the traditional Indigenous inhabitants of that land.” Our Equity & Access Department encourages opening school and district events with this impactful Native land acknowledgment:

*“We respectfully acknowledge that we gather today on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish Peoples, who have lived in the Salish Sea basin, the San Juan Islands, and the North Cascades watershed since time immemorial. You are on Coast Salish Tribal Land.”*



Learn more at Everett Public Schools Equity & Access [webpage](#) or at [www.usdac.us/nativeland](http://www.usdac.us/nativeland).

## Let’s Connect

You are invited to connect with district leaders and engage in conversation on **Monday, November 16, 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 is required** to receive the link for the Zoom meeting. Let’s Connect!

## Childcare Support

Snohomish County is offsetting a portion of childcare costs, in partnership with two nonprofits, through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

In cooperation with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County and YMCA – Snohomish County, please [share this information](#) and visit their [FAQs](#) page and [Child Care Locator Map](#).





## School Performance Report

School Performance Reports are 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.



## Social Media Directory

Follow our social media sites including school pages, district pages, teachers, clubs, and student groups. Stay connected to learn all the latest news!

Not sure your school has social media? Visit our [social media directory](#) for a list of accounts.

## 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.
- Talk 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](#).

## Is Your Family Prepared?

[Snohomish County Emergency Management](#) has helpful online resources to help you create and practice emergency response plans with your family and neighborhood in preparation for bad weather.

## 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](http://www.everettsd.org/COVID2020-21).





## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

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

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



FOR EMERGENCIES,  
PLEASE CALL  
**911!**

## 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
- Sun., Nov. 1 ..... Daylight Saving Time Ends (2 a.m. PST) – “fall back” (set clocks back one hour)
- Tues., Nov. 3 ..... Deadline to VOTE
- Wed., Nov. 4 ..... 6:30–7:30 p.m. | Senior Webinar #3: [Deep Dive into the College App Process](#) (Zoom)
- Wed., Nov. 4 ..... Noon–12:30 p.m., 2:30–4 p.m. | Library Book Curbside Pick-up – [must be pre-arranged](#)
- Thurs., Nov. 5 ..... 7–8 p.m. | Juniors: What Comes Next? [Information Session](#) (Zoom)
- Fri., Nov. 6 ..... Registration Deadline for Fall World Language Proficiency Exams
- Fri., Nov. 6 ..... Entries Due for National PTA [Reflections Art Competition](#)
- Tues., Nov. 10 ..... JHS PTSA Fundraiser with MOD Pizza Mill Creek
- Wed., Nov. 11 ..... Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL



Wed., Nov. 11 ..... 7 p.m. | JHS PTSA Membership Meeting (Zoom)  
Thurs., Nov. 12 ..... End of 1st Quarter  
Fri., Nov. 13 ..... [Adjusted Remote School Day Schedule](#) (due to no school on Nov. 11)  
Mon., Nov. 16 ..... “Let’s Connect” Meeting with District Leaders (watch your email for invitation – must RSVP to get Zoom link)  
Wed., Nov. 18 ..... Noon–12:30 p.m., 2:30–4 p.m. | Library Book Curbside Pick-up – [must be pre-arranged](#)  
Wed., Nov. 25 ..... Early Release for Thanksgiving Break  
Nov. 26 & 27 ..... Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL  
Wed., Dec. 2 ..... Noon–12:30 p.m., 2:30–4 p.m. | Library Book Curbside Pick-up – [must be pre-arranged](#)  
Dec. 7–13 ..... [Community Run, Walk and Roll Virtual 5k](#) to Benefit Everett Special Education PTSA  
Wed., Dec. 16 ..... Noon–12:30 p.m., 2:30–4 p.m. | Library Book Curbside Pick-up – [must be pre-arranged](#)  
Dec. 19–Jan. 3 ..... Winter Break – NO SCHOOL  
Mon., Jan. 18 ..... Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL  
Fri., Jan. 29 ..... End of Fall Semester (SEM1)  
Mon., Feb. 1 ..... Teacher Work Day – No School for Students  
Tues., Feb. 2 ..... Beginning of Spring Semester (SEM2)  
Feb. 13–16 ..... Mid-Winter Break – NO SCHOOL  
Wed., March 3 ..... Free SAT for Juniors  
Sun., March 14 ..... Daylight Saving Time Begins (2 a.m. PST)  
April 3–11 ..... Spring Break – NO SCHOOL  
Thurs., April 15 ..... End of 3rd Quarter  
May 3–7 & 10–14 ..... AP Exams  
Tues., May 18 ..... SBA ELA CAT Testing for all 10th and select 11th & 12th (date subject to change)  
Thurs., May 20 ..... SBA ELA PT Testing for all 10th and select 11th & 12th (date subject to change)  
Wed., May 26 ..... SBA Math Testing for all 10th and select 11th & 12th (date subject to change)  
Thurs., May 27 ..... WCAS (Science) Testing for all 11th (date subject to change)  
Mon., May 31 ..... Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL  
Fri., June 11 ..... Early Release for Students (2½ hours)  
Sat., June 19 ..... JHS Class of 2021 Graduation  
Mon., June 21 ..... End of Spring Semester (SEM2)  
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](#) | [Twitter](#) | [twolves library](#)

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

JHS PTSA: [Homepage](#) | [Wolf Tracks Newsletter](#) | [Email](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [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](mailto:LMS@everettsd.org).
- For **Naviance help**, any student or parent can contact Sarah Pewitt, High School & Beyond Facilitator, at [Naviance@everettsd.org](mailto: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](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).
- Access [Parent University](#) for resources to help parents partner with the district in students' education.
- Visit the Everett Public Schools [Communications](#) page for information on the district's various [communication resources](#).
- Subscribe to [InTouch](#), a district email newsletter sent 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](#)

[Transcripts](#)

[Volunteer Application Online](#)

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• Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual 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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Everett, WA 98213

**ADA Coordinator:**

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