

# **Upcoming Dates**

November 30
Paydate for November

★ December 20-31
Winter Break – CRC offices are closed

December 31
Paydate for December

2021-22 Payroll Calendar

# **Today is Payday!**

To view or print your paycheck stub, please log into <a href="Employee Online">Employee Online</a> using your 5-digit <a href="Employee ID">Employee ID</a> number and password.

Problems? Contact the help desk at <a href="https://everettsd.service-now.com/">https://everettsd.service-now.com/</a>.

**Didn't get a payment?** Be sure you have an active direct deposit bank account submitted to the payroll office. If a paper check has been issued, please visit the CRC to pick up your check.

#### **Shared Leave**

To view the eligible list of employees qualified for shared leave donations, <u>click here</u>.

#### **Retirement Corner**

The IRS has recently announced the 2022 Maximum Allowable Contribution limits for 403(b) (TSA) and 457(b) (DCP) plans. The

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#### **GETTING READY FOR 2021 TAX RETURNS**

To make sure tax forms make it to you on time, please confirm now that the school district, other wage earner employers, banks, and investment companies have your correct mailing address. Taxpayers who have moved should enter address changes in <a href="Employee Online">Employee Online</a>, tell the US Postal service, and the IRS. To notify the IRS, mail IRS <a href="Form 8822">Form 8822</a>, Change of Address, to the address listed on the form's instructions. If you purchase health insurance through the <a href="Health Insurance Marketplace">Health Insurance Marketplace</a>, you should also notify the Marketplace when you move out of the area covered by their current Marketplace plan.

For name changes due to marriage or divorce, notify the <u>Social Security Administration (SSA)</u> so the new name will match IRS and SSA records. Also notify the SSA if a dependent's name changed. A mismatch between the name shown on your tax return and the SSA records can cause problems in the processing of your return and may even delay your refund.

The IRS deadline to provide both the W2 and 1095 forms to individuals is January 31, 2022. Employees enrolled in the Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) will additionally have Part III (with dependent coverages) supplied from the district. Employees enrolled in either Kaiser or Premera, dependent information will come from the health carrier itself.

This is a good time to consider a consent to receive your W-2 Wage and Tax Statement and/or 1095-C Affordable

maximum that can be contributed to either your TSA or DCP plans will increase to \$20,500. Employees age 50 and over will continue to be entitled to contribute an additional \$6,500 to either fund, thereby increasing the annual individual plan maximum to \$27,000. If you contribute to more than one fund, the overall annual limit for 2022 will be \$61,000.

Updating your elected contribution to your TSA account can be done through OMNI here.

Updating your elected contribution to your DCP account can be done by logging into the DRS portal <a href="here">here</a> and selecting the "Change Monthly Contribution Transaction" page.

Employees enrolled in the SEBB UMP high-deductible health insurance plan, qualify to enroll in a Health Savings Account (HSA). The HSA contribution limit will increase in 2022 to \$3,650 annually. Employees who wish to make changes to their HSA deduction amount may do so at any time throughout the year by completing the SEBB Authorization for Payroll Deduction form and returning it to the payroll department.

The contribution limits for Health Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA) and Dependent Care FSA increase in 2022 to limit of \$2,850.

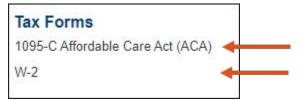
#### **Contact Information**

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HR Benefits (425) 385-4115 benefits@everettsd.org Care Act (ACA) form electronically via Employee Online – **if not already in place**. As a reminder, with electronic consent, you are not mailed the subject forms, but they are available for download and printing through Employee Online. This provides a layer of security from mail theft and provides quicker access to the completed forms when available.

We may already have your consent on file. Please check your consent by going to <a href="Employee Online">Employee Online</a> and clicking on "Payroll Information" in the menu, and look for the "Tax Forms" links in the window:



If we have previously received consent, the Opt-Out box will be checked

A renewed consent is not required.

If we *have not* received previous consent, the Opt-Out box *will not be checked* 



To consent, please check the Opt-Out box on **BOTH** the W-2 Wage and Tax Statement and/or 1095-C Affordable Care Act (ACA) **prior to December 31, 2021**, to guarantee its effectiveness for this tax year. **IRS rules stipulate that each form must be separately authorized**. Without consent recorded, the documents will be mailed separately and may be delivered on different dates.

# Gather tax documents and keep them for at least three years

Everyone should come up with a recordkeeping system. Whether it's electronic or paper, you should use a system to keep all important information in one place. Having all needed documents on hand before preparing your return helps to file a complete and accurate tax return. This includes:

- Your 2020 tax return.
- Form W-2 from employers.
- Form 1099 from banks and other payers.
- Forms 1095-A from the marketplace for those claiming

#### **Payroll**

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The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Kevin Allen, 425-385-4100, kallen@everettsd.org
Section 504 Coordinator – Dave Peters, 425-385-4063
dpeters@everettsd.org
ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, 425-385-4104, rseaberg@everettsd.org

Address: PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
Translated versions of this statement can be accessed at: <a href="https://docushare.everett.k12.wa.us/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-4736">https://docushare.everett.k12.wa.us/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-4736</a>

the premium tax credit.

- Form 1099-NEC, Nonemployee Compensation
- Your advance Child Tax Credit payments

Most income is taxable, including <u>unemployment</u> <u>compensation</u>. Therefore, you should also gather any documents from these types of earnings. The IRS recommends keeping copies of tax returns and all supporting documents for at least three years.

## **More Important News**

### **RATE CHANGES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022**

Between changes to state regulated payroll deductions and medical benefit premium changes, there could be as many as four new or modified deductions from paychecks beginning in January.

- Increased benefit employee premiums as most SEBB benefit plan rates are increasing
- ★ SEBB Long Term Disability employee premium (unless individually opted out – premium will vary based on wages)
- Washington State Cares Fund (Long Term Care coverage at 58 cents per \$100 of wages)
- Increased premium for Washington State Paid Family and Medical Leave (from 25 cents to 44 cents per \$100 of wages)

On the payroll positive side, the Washington State minimum wage rate will be increasing to \$14.49 per hour. Workers who are 14 or 15 years old may be paid 85% of the adult minimum wage, or \$12.32 per hour. More information regarding workplace rights can be found on the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries website.

#### PROPER FOOTWEAR AND WINTER WALKING

There is never a more important time of year to pay attention to what you have on your feet. Winter is a time

when you occasionally have to ditch your favorite stylish boots to make sure you have footwear with proper grip that is designed to provide better traction on icy surfaces. Your feet are your last line of defense to prevent a slip or fall on snow, ice, and wet surfaces. Making sure you have proper footwear is one of the most important things to consider, and possibly one of the best ways to stay safe. Here are a few tips you can consider when choosing footwear.

#### **Selecting the Proper Footwear**

- ★ Tread Rubber soles are best for avoiding slips on icy surfaces. Avoid leather soles, high heels, and shoes with open backs. Proper non-slip shoes typically have durable, anti-skid soles, and patterned or grooved tread for added friction on snow, ice, and wet surfaces.
- ★ Lining Choose fabric that increases insulation to keep feet warm and dry.
- Size and fit Your shoes need enough room to allow for thick socks and be tall enough to protect ankles from the cold. If needed, wear winter boots to work and change to dress shoes once you are safely indoors.
- ★ Ice Cleats Although seldom needed, pull-on ice cleats are easy to use and light weight and greatly enhance traction in the snow.

# Winter Walking – Tips to Remember

- ★ Wear a heavy, bulky coat that will provide cushion should you fall.
- Wear brightcolored or reflective



clothing to ensure drivers can identify you while walking.

- ★ Always use handrails when walking on stairs or any type of angled surface.
  - ★ Keep your hands out of your pockets
- ★ Determine the safest path to get to your destination and take it. Do not attempt a short cut to save time.
- ★ Shuffle your feet and take short steps it reduces your chances of falling.
- ★ Walk like a penguin knees bent slightly, and feet pointed out slightly.

- ★ Use the wipe off mats at entrances to remove moisture from your shoes.
- ★ Report potentially hazardous areas/unsafe conditions immediately so action can be taken to correct the issue or keep pedestrians out of the area (i.e., slick areas, wet floors, etc.)