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Late Fee Charged (\$40 per exam) for Ordering AP Exams
Student Registration Open for SEM2 UW in the High School Classes

This Week

Mon, Jan 20	Martin Luther King Jr Day – NO SCHOOL
Tues, Jan 21	12:10pm Safety Drill: Earthquake (no special schedule) 30 minutes Staff Extension: Interventions and Resources 3–4pm Free Youth ORCA Cards Info , Mill Creek Library
T–Th, Jan 21–23	Primary 2025-26 Interviews for Sno-Isle after school–3:15pm Peer Tutoring in JHS Library
Thurs, Jan 23	PACK Time: High School & Beyond Lesson 2 – Task 2 – <i>date change</i> 5:30–7pm CTE Family and Community Expo (for grades 5–9 only), CRC
Fri, Jan 24	ELIF Athletics Grade Checks Deadline to Apply for Staff Wellness Mini-Grants

The Next Few Weeks

M–W, Jan 27–29	after school–3:15pm Peer Tutoring in JHS Library
Tues, Jan 28	SEM1 Finals : Periods 1 & 4 (no special schedule)
Wed, Jan 29	SEM1 Finals : Periods 2 & 5 (no special schedule)
Thurs, Jan 30	SEM1 Finals : Periods 3 & 6 (no special schedule) No PACK Time Due to SEM1 Finals End of SEM1

Fri, Jan 31	Teacher Work Day – NO STUDENTS
Mon, Feb 3	SEM2 Begins
Wed, Feb 5	3pm SEM1 Grades “Push” from Gradebooks into TAC late afternoon DeeAnn Will Email Teachers When TAC Is Open
Thurs, Feb 6	MLK Assembly – date change No PACK Time Due to Assembly
Fri, Feb 7	ELIF 3pm TAC Closes for SEM1 Grades Review/Corrections
Wed, Feb 12	8–11am ASVAB , Career Center (prior registration in the Career Center required): ASVAB Fact Sheet ASVAB Career Exploration Program Overview
Thurs, Feb 13	9:15am Safety Drill: Evacuation (extended PACK Time schedule)
Fri, Feb 14	ELIF Athletics Grade Checks
Mon/Tues, Feb 17–18	Mid-Winter Break including Presidents Day – NO SCHOOL
Thurs, Feb 20	before school Teachers Pick up Reg Supplies in Conf Rm B225 PACK Time: 2026 Registration Kick-off Video (grades 9–11) PACK Time: HS&B Tasks Reminder (seniors only) 60 minutes Staff Extension: SAT Training – date change
Fri, Feb 21	ALIF: Collaborate to Assess

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MLK Assembly Note

Here is a quick note on the MLK assembly from BSU. The assembly is still happening, just on a different date than usual, and with a broadened message. 😊 We will communicate the assembly schedule soon! Thank you! [Madeline](#)

*This year’s MLK assembly will take place on **Thursday, February 6!** We adjusted the date to accommodate the schedule of a guest speaker we’re incredibly excited about. The assembly will focus on honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., celebrating Black History Month, and recognizing other cultural and historical contributions.*

With the theme “Youth as Change-makers,” we aim to highlight how young people have the power to create meaningful change in their communities and beyond. We look forward to seeing you there for this inspiring and empowering event!

District Van Usage

This is a friendly reminder to all JHS staff members who use our district vans: It is a requirement to fill the vans after every use. Lately we’ve been having issues with the vans coming back with no gas or halfway filled. Please help us with ensuring that everyone has a smooth start to their scheduled trip; nobody wants to get into a van with no gas. Thank you, [Jennifer Richardson](#)

Missing Items from the Main Office

I would like to ask that you please don’t take stuff from people’s workspaces: pens, staplers, label makers, paper, etc. The main office staff have been missing items recently. Thank you, [Sukawt](#)

P.S.: If anyone has seen our label maker; we are missing both. Could you please return as soon as possible? Thanks so much! [Jennifer L.](#)

Smart Panels & “Hackers”

Just had the joyous experience of somebody connecting to my panel under the profile name of “Hacker” via the Unplug’d app. This happened with no devices open in my class period. Tech’s network team cannot pull

who randomly connects.

In case you need it or need to know what to do to prevent that, you can do the following from your panel:

1. Home screen
2. Unplug'd App
3. Settings wheel in the bottom right corner
4. "Password" toggle on (may be grey out; when you click it will turn blue)
5. From tech: recommended password refresh is frequent (every 10 minutes)

You can also do this (from tech):

<https://everettsd.instructure.com/courses/3469304/pages/teacher-control-center>

Isn't teaching fun? All the best! [Kyle Pihl](#)

Google LTI issue: Everett Public Schools

Teachers have alerted us that there is an issue with Google LTI assignments for random students, where the document gets stuck in a spinning circle. Canvas has been contacted, and the problem is with something Google changed that Canvas now has to resolve. Their engineers hope to fix it soon. In the meantime, you may have to share the document with the affected students outside of Canvas and allow them to upload their submissions when completed. We'll send an update when we know more.

February 20 PACK Time

On Thursday, February 20, PACK Time will kick off our **2025-26 registration season**. As we've done in past years, 2nd period teachers will distribute materials (transcript, catalog, advisory schedule) to their current 9th–11th grade students and then show the video presentations provided by the counseling team.

Registration materials, videos, and resources are available via the JHS Counseling "[2025-26 Course Registration \(forms, videos, FAQ's & calendar\)](#)" link.

A calendar invite has gone out, and a video link will be added to the invite before Mid-Winter Break.

If you are a 2nd period teacher and you're going to be absent on Feb. 20, please be sure to share this info with your guest teacher.

School Stakeholder Annual Survey

Everett Public Schools will be conducting its annual survey of students, staff, and families starting **Monday, February 24**. The **School Stakeholder Annual Survey** is a critical element in our ongoing efforts to engage students, staff, and families in the school improvement planning process.

Students, staff, and families will be surveyed online within the following survey windows:

- **Students | February 24–March 14**
- **Staff | February 24–March 14**
- **Families | March 17–April 4**

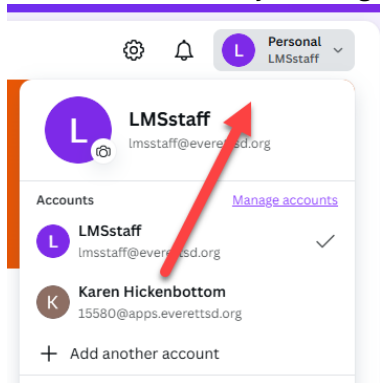
Canva for Education District Access

Technology can be a useful tool for being productive and efficient, but one of its superpowers is to allow us to create and innovate. Canva is a powerful graphic design tool that has made it easy for anyone to create professional-looking presentations, graphics, flyers, images, logos, and more. Visuals are an important way to engage students, staff, and community members in your message.

To support student and staff creativity and productivity, we are going to be making the full Canva for Education tool accessible for all staff and students over the next few weeks. **This version is the same as**

the Pro version but it's free for education. You will not need to renew any Pro licenses in the future if you switch to using the Canva for Education version.

When we make the switch, current Canva users will be able to move between their current account and their new district account by clicking on their profile and switching between them on the drop-down.



Admin, teachers, and students will be put in teams by school. Any paras or staff not assigned to schools will be in a Staff & Admin team. Being in a team allows you to share designs with others or to collaborate. We'll also be setting up the integration with Canvas so you can assign Canva projects directly from your Canvas course.

You will still have access to Adobe Spark and other Adobe Creativity tools but adding Canva will provide some choice. Canva is also being integrated into tools like Parent Square, Book Creator, and more so look for it to show up in more places.

Peer Tutoring Available

As we get close to the end of the semester, you may know some students who need some extra help. We will have peer tutors for all subjects standing by. Please reach out to individual students and suggest that they come get help to end the semester strong.

Where: JHS Library
Time: after school through 3:15pm
(out in time to catch the activities bus for those who need it)
Days: Monday through Thursday, **January 13–16**
Tuesday through Thursday, **January 21–23**
Monday through Wednesday, **January 27–29**

To make this sustainable beyond the end of this semester, we are hoping for a good showing of students looking for help. We are also developing other ways and times of the day to provide new teacher tutoring opportunities, and I'll release more about that soon.

Please encourage individual students to come in! [Sechin](#)

Finals Schedule

As in recent years, we will not have a change in bell schedule for finals. For those of you who give finals (you are not required to do so!), your team leaders and administrators ask that you space them out accordingly so as not to overwhelm students on any given day:

Tuesday, **January 28**: Periods 1 and 4
Wednesday, **January 29**: Periods 2 and 5
Thursday, **January 30**: Periods 3 and 6

S/U Grades – Important!

It is CRUCIAL that all students who qualify for S/U grading have the appropriate grades throughout the semester. As we approach the end of the grading period, this is a good time to double check that these are correct. Please review IEPs and change grades in the gradebook immediately if they need it. Consult a student's case manager if you have questions.

Staff Wellness Mini-Grants

Staff wellness and self-care is a strategic focus and highlighted by Board Policy 5515, workforce secondary traumatic stress. In support of this work, we facilitated a staff wellness professional learning session designed to empower staff with tools and strategies to enhance their well-being, build resilience, and thrive professionally and personally. The session was recorded and is posted on the district's [wellness website](#). Staff need to be signed into the district website to access the [wellness webpage](#).

The session focused on valuable resources and tools for:

- **Understanding the Burnout Cycle:** Learn how to identify, balance, and combat burnout effectively.
- **Discovering Your Stress Response Patterns:** Utilize the “3Bs” framework (body, behavior, beliefs) to manage stress.
- **Setting Healthy Boundaries:** Explore three types of boundaries and gain practical tips to implement them.
- **Focusing on Holistic Well-Being:** Uncover five major well-being areas and strategies to apply them in daily life.
- **Embracing Gratitude:** Recognize your unique gratitude style and integrate gratitude into your routine.

Schools and departments have an opportunity to apply for a **staff wellness mini grant**, up to \$500, to purchase resources specific to staff wellness and self-care. The mini grant form provides details, timelines, and information regarding resources and items to cultivate staff wellness. Access the [staff wellness mini grant form](#) to apply for funds.

The deadline for staff wellness mini grant applications is **Friday, January 24**, 2025. Grant awards will be announced by Friday, February 7, 2025.

CTE Family and Community Expo

TEACHERS OF **FRESHMEN**: The CTE Ambassadors, with support from the CTE Department, will host a CTE Family and Community Expo on **Thursday, January 23**, 5:30–7 p.m., at the CRC. This event is intended to give all students and families in **grades 5 through 9** a chance to learn more about programs and clubs available to them as they move up to middle and high school.

Reminder If You Need It! NY Times Digital Access

As in years past, you can access the New York Times using your ESD email address. Simply go to <https://www.nytimes.com/activate-access/digitalpass> and follow the directions to activate your account.

If you've done this before and your login doesn't work, you may need to create an account again. I believe they expire every year in the fall (not sure of the exact date). Happy reading! [Emily](#)

Opportunity for Students: Get a Youth ORCA Card

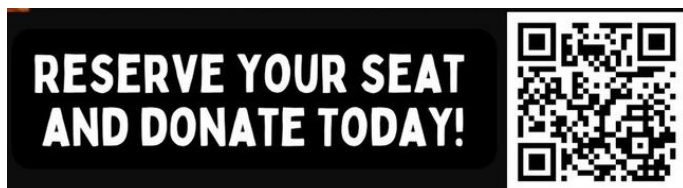
Important information for our students! Just wanted to pass this along, in case you have students or families who are interested. Community Transit will be at the **Mill Creek Library** on **Tuesday, January 21**, 3-4 p.m., giving out [free Youth ORCA Cards](#). There will also be a presentation on how to ride the bus, bus safety, and a route planning activity that is geared toward middle and high school students. I've seen this presentation before, and it's great! I've attached a [flyer](#). [Emily](#)

EPS Foundation's Annual Benefit Event Movie Premiere!

You are invited to attend our annual Movie Premiere benefitting the Everett Public Schools Foundation. This year's feature is **Iliana Jones and the Lost Donation**.

Opening night: **Wednesday, March 19**, doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Everett Civic Auditorium, 2415 Colby Ave., Everett

Matinee: **Friday, March 21**, doors open at 9:30 a.m.
CRC, 3900 Broadway, Everett



Sexual Assault & Abuse Resources to Print

A list of resources for sexual assault and abuse support was recently created with the help of Dawson Place and the Providence Intervention Center for Assault and Abuse. The most current version will always be accessible by scanning this QR code:

A poster/flyer was created in previous years for classrooms and other high-visibility areas at school. The QR code is the same and is still active, and the linked resource page has been recently updated.

[Sexual Assault & Abuse Poster](#)

[Sexual Assault & Abuse Resource List](#)



Check Out January's Family District News

District news is shared with families on the first Tuesday of every month. [Click here](#) to view what our families are reading.

EduBytes Newsletter

Check out the **January** issue of the [EduBytes newsletter](#)!

- Staff Spotlight
- Synergy Updates: *Deadlines May Be Closer than They Appear*
- Instructional Focus of the Month: *Semester Transition Reminders – Gradebook, Crosslisting*
- AI in the Workplace: *Student AI Pilot*
- Supporting Equity with Technology: *Translation Is Everywhere*
- Digital Citizenship & Media Literacy: *Digital Literacy in 5 – I'm Informed*
- Digital Tool Tips: *Using Sweep in the New Outlook to Clean Up Quickly*
- What Changes Are Coming? *Canvas Speed Grader | New Studio Interface | Canva for All*

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Master Schedule with teacher and room assignments for SEM1 and SEM2: [2024-25](#)

Lunches for 2024-25: [SEM1](#) | SEM2

Bell Schedules: [reg-Pack-LIF on one page](#) | [2-Hour Late Start \(regular day\)](#) | [2-Hour Late Start \(LIF day\)](#)

Phones: JHS Phone List for 2024-25: [SEM1](#) | SEM2

[Frequently Used Phone Numbers, 2024-25](#)

[District Phone Directory](#)

[Phone Instructions](#)

[Counselor and Admin Alphas, 2024-25](#)

[Admin Responsibilities](#) and [Admin Supervision](#), 2024-25

Calendars for 2024-25: [Student At-a-Glance Calendar](#)
[Student Impact Calendar](#) (cultural and religious observations)
[Student Art Calendar](#)
[EEA Work Calendar](#)
[Payroll Calendar](#)
[Employee Calendars](#)

[JHS Letterhead](#), as of Aug 2024

JHS Maps: [lower level](#) | [upper level](#) (now updated per latest portable removals)

[JHS Graphics Standards](#) | [JHS Spirit Email Signature How-to](#)

[JHS Staff Handbook for 2024-25](#)

District High School Course Catalog: [2024-2025](#)

[District Policies & Procedures in DocuShare](#)

[COVID Info](#) on District Website

[CPS/DCYF Report Form](#)

[Student Multiple Tardies Lunch Detention Form](#) | Questions? [Kristina Monten](#)

Worksite Learning: [Video](#) | [Sign](#) | [New Worksite Learning Student Forms](#) | byoungberg@everettsd.org

JHS PTSA: [website](#) | [membership form](#)

[Everett Public Schools College in the High School Application](#): apply March 1 – June 14 for EvCC or Edmonds College | apply Jan 10 – Feb 11 for UW | list of teachers/ courses [already CiHS approved](#) | for info/questions, cihs@everettsd.org

Course Proposal Forms for 2025-26: [New CTE Course](#) (due by Oct 1, 2024) | [New Course Equivalency](#) (due by Oct 1, 2024) | [New Course](#) (due by Dec 2, 2024) | [Course Revision](#) (due by Dec 2, 2024)

Athletic Shares:
 Erik Heinz: X (Twitter) @CoachHeinz57, Instagram @ehein4, email EHeinz@everettsd.org
 Kyle Peacocke: X (Twitter) @KylePeacockeJHS, Instagram @jhsathleticcoordinator, email KPeacocke@everettsd.org, cell 206-755-0888

[Stay Connected](#): Where to Look for Various District Communications

[Staff News Hub](#) (must be signed in to see content): newsletters, current notifications, and more

Looking Ahead [\(jump to top\)](#)

Thurs, Feb 27	PACK Time: RULER Lesson 4 – <i>date change</i>
Feb 28–April 9	Student Registration Open for SEM2 Edmonds College in the HS Classes
Fri, Feb 28	ALIF: Collaborate to Respond
	Athletics Grade Checks
March 4–April 18	Student Registration Open for SEM2 EvCC College in the HS Classes
Wed, March 5	School-Day SAT for Juniors Bell Schedule
Fri, March 7	ALIF: Collaborate to Assess
Sun, March 9	Daylight Saving Time Begins – <i>set clocks ahead 1 hour (“spring forward”)</i>
Wed, March 12	Heatherwood Middle School Transition Meetings for 2025-26
Fri, March 14	ELIF
	Athletics Grade Checks
Tues, March 18	Gateway Middle School Transition Meetings for 2025-26
	60 minutes Staff Extension: Equity/ML
Wed, March 19	9:30am Safety Drill: Lockdown
	7pm EPS Foundation Benefit Event Premiere, Civic Auditorium
Fri, March 21	ALIF: Collaborate to Respond
	10am EPS Foundation Benefit Event Matinee, CRC
March 21 & 22	Spring Play
Thurs, March 27	8:30am–1:30pm EvCC Students of Color Career Conference (<i>advance registration required</i>)
Fri, March 28	End of 3rd Quarter
	ELIF
March 28 & 29	Spring Play

Tues, April 1	Notification of 2025-26 Sno-Isle Student Status
Wed, April 2	Multicultural Night
Thurs, April 3	9:15am Safety Drill: Earthquake (during PACK Time) 3pm 3rd Quarter Grades “Push” from Gradebooks into TAC late afternoon DeeAnn Will Email Teachers When TAC Is Open
Fri, April 4	Early Release Day Athletics Grade Checks
Mon–Fri, April 7–11	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
M–F, April 14–May 1	7:30am–4:30pm High School Art Show, CRC
Tues, April 15	3pm TAC Closes for 3rd Quarter Grades Review/Corrections
Wed, April 16	8–11am ASVAB , Career Center (prior registration in the Career Center required): ASVAB Fact Sheet ASVAB Career Exploration Program Overview
Fri, April 18	ALIF: Collaborate to Assess
Tues, April 22	30 minutes Staff Extension: TBD
Fri, April 25	ELIF Athletics Grade Checks
Thurs, May 1	6–7:30pm High School Art Show Award Reception, CRC
Fri, May 2	ALIF: Collaborate to Respond
M–F, May 5–9	AP Exams
Fri, May 9	ELIF Athletics Grade Checks
M–F, May 12–16	AP Exams
Wed, May 14	60 minutes Staff Extension: SBA Training
Fri, May 16	ELIF
M–F, May 19–23	AP Exams, Late-Testing
Tues, May 20	SBA ELA
Thurs, May 22	SBA Math
Fri, May 23	ELIF
Mon, May 26	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
Thurs, May 29	9:30am Safety Drill: Evacuation (modified schedule)
Fri, May 30	ELIF
Tues, June 3	30 minutes Staff Extension: Year in Review 8–11am ASVAB, Career Center (prior registration in the Career Center required): ASVAB Fact Sheet ASVAB Career Exploration Program Overview
Fri, June 6	Early Release Day Senior Tea Staff vs Seniors Basketball Game, Staff Scholarship Fundraiser
Wed, June 11	12:10pm Safety Drill: Lockdown Senior Grades Due in Gradebook
Thurs, June 12	Sequoia HS Graduation
Fri, June 13	ELIF
Sat, June 14	Cascade HS, Jackson HS, and Everett HS Graduations
Mon, June 16	3pm SEM2 Grades “Push” from Gradebooks into TAC late afternoon DeeAnn Will Email Teachers When TAC Is Open
Tues, June 17	Early Release Day / Last Student Day End of SEM2 3pm TAC Closes for SEM2 Grades Review/Corrections
Thurs, June 19	Juneteenth – HOLIDAY
Fri, June 27	Last Day that eSchool Will Be Available for Use Prior to Synergy Transition
June 30–July 17	SIS Blackout Period for Transition to Synergy
Wed, Aug 27, 2025	First Student Day, 2025-26

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 | ADA Coordinator

Chad Golden | 425-385-4100 | CGolden@everettsd.org | PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213

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Joi Odom Grant | 425-385-4137 | JGrant@everettsd.org | PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213

Section 504 Coordinator

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