everett Page 1 of 1

## **News Release**

Everett Public Schools January 11, 2007

For more information: Mary Waggoner, 425-385-4049 Terry Edwards, 425-385-4050

## WASL classes for H.M. Jackson parents launches district series

Do you know which graduating class must pass the WASL science test to graduate? Do you know what WASL information is recorded on student transcripts? And what happens if a student in your family passes two out of three or three out of four of the WASL sections? What subjects are tested on the WASL, anyway? And where can I get all of this information?

The world of WASL is complex, but it need not be overwhelming or intimidating. High schools in the Everett Public Schools are hosting a series of information sessions to answer those questions and more.

At 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 H.M. Jackson High School kicks off the first in the district's series of high school WASL information sessions.

We've set this special night aside to help ease what might be families'concern about this spring's WASL tests, said Terry Cheshire, principal at HMJ. The WASL is important. By making sure families understand the details, students will be more relaxed and able to do their very best work. We've invited students and parents to come together to this evening program with counselors and teachers.

H.M. Jackson High School's WASL January 16 evening begins at 6:30 p.m. in the school commons and ends at 8:35 with the last breakout session.

Watch for details of the following upcoming high school family WASL evenings:

- Sequoia High School, Monday, February 26, 6:30 7:45 p.m.
- Everett High School, Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 7:30 p.m.
- Cascade High School, Thursday, March 1, first timers 7:00 p.m., retakes 8:00 p.m.

WASL information sources for parents:

- For registration information and requirement details, see the district's <u>January 11, 2007 news release</u>.
- www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/ is a Web site with WASL sample questions and practice sections