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A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

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## 24 CREDITS – Why? What are they? Who must earn them? Do you know an eighth-grader?



This year's eighth-graders (the graduating class of 2019) are the first group scheduled to graduate with 24 high school credits tucked into their diplomas.

**Why?** To ensure that students across the state are fully, 21st century-prepared for career OR college.

Students in the class of 2019 and beyond will earn **17 credits** in “core classes,” which are common courses considered necessary for graduates – no matter their plans after high school. Students will have a choice of **three** “**Personalized Pathway Requirements**” (**PPR**) **credits** that further their own interests and align with each student's High School and Beyond Plan. The final **four credits** are electives that may or may not be related to a student's area of focus.

**Who is working on this?** On Tuesday, Oct. 14, during the regular meeting which starts at 4:30 p.m., the school board will review the district's 24-credit planning process and discuss what steps have been taken and need to be taken as we ready this first group of students and those that follow for 24-credit graduation requirements.

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, in a special 7 a.m. study session, the board will learn more about the existing senior seminar and culminating exhibition – and how those fit or do not fit into the 24-credit planning process.

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**PTSA SHOE FUND** provided \$8,000 in shoes for students last school year. Already, the requests for shoes have reached the \$5,000 mark. As we go into the cold season, there is even greater need for students to have warm, snug shoes. You can help with donations to "Everett PTSA Council 7.3" and send payments to Alisa Yee, Everett PTSA Council Shoe Fund, 12618 20th Drive SE, Everett, WA 98208. Or drop your donations off at the CRC in the PTSA Council office.

### **DON'T GET THE FLU. DON'T SPREAD THE FLU.**

Seasonal flu vaccine clinics for Everett Public Schools staff and their families (students and parents also welcome) next week at North, Eisenhower and Gateway Middle schools.



If you would like to expedite your flu vaccine experience, please print and fill out the [patient consent form](#) and bring it with you to the flu vaccine clinic. One form for each vaccine recipient. Consider dressing in layers to make getting the vaccine even easier.

**Please bring your insurance card.**

Vaccines are **not** free – your insurance will be billed. Clinics are a convenience to save you a trip to your doctor's office. There is no out of pocket expense as flu vaccines are a covered benefit with most insurance plans.

**If you can't attend one of our clinics**, you can visit your doctor's office or local pharmacy for your vaccine. Contact [wellness@everettsd.org](mailto:wellness@everettsd.org) if you are a district employee and do not have health insurance.

Date	School	Hours
10/14	North Middle School	3:30 - 7 p.m.
10/15	Eisenhower Middle School	3:30 - 7 p.m.
10/16	Gateway Middle School	3:30 - 7 p.m.
10/21	Henry M. Jackson High School	2:30 - 7 p.m.
10/22	Cascade High School	2:30 - 7 p.m.
10/23	Everett High School	2:30 - 7 p.m.

Basic infection prevention precautions help protect us against other infectious diseases also!

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### **NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT**

**Like knowing what's happening in the district?** The [Everett Public Schools Facebook](#) page is a great way to read [Points of Pride](#), [news releases](#) and learn about [events](#) (see photos as they happen). If you have a Facebook account, please **like** our page so you can stay in the loop!

2014.10.10 [Cascade DECA receives the Ratio scholarship award](#)  
2014.10.06 [Elizabeth Nunes appointed to Scholastic National Advisory Board](#)  
2014.10.02 [1973 Cascade football team saw perfect season end in controversy | Herald article](#)  
2014.10.01 [Parents, help select middle and high school social studies materials](#)  
2014.09.30 [Cooper James of Everett High selected as CenturyLink Athlete of the Week | Seahawks announcement](#)  
2014.09.26 [Star Wars Reads Day Strikes Back October 11](#)  
2014.09.26 ['Colton's Army' rallies around teen | Herald article](#)  
2014.09.24 [Jackson's 'security blanket' | Herald article](#)  
2014.09.22 [CHS student earns Microsoft certification](#)  
2014.09.15 [Thursday Sept. 18 launches property use discussions about Colby and Longfellow](#)  
2014.09.15 [National merit semifinalists | Herald article](#)  
2014.09.12 [This Eagle is grounded | Herald article](#)

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

- **Mr. Yuk poster contest** – entries to be postmarked by Jan. 9, 2015. Winning poster will be part of 2015 Poison Prevention Week campaign in March. Forms and details [online](#).
- **Cascade Bruin Mile/Scrap Metal Drive** – Saturday, Oct. 18 at 8:30 a.m. The Cascade cross-country team, in conjunction with Bruin Community Parents, will host their annual Bruin Mile/Scrap Metal Drive. The mile run/walk will take place on the Cascade track at 8:30 a.m. The event is free. The Scrap Metal Drive will take place at Cascade High School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feel free to contribute any extra scrap metal you have to our annual fundraising event.
- [The Graduate School Public Lectures](#) at the University of Washington – brings leading minds to campus to discuss a variety of issues, ranging from political affairs to art and culture. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn how a forward-thinking approach to the future can create a better world for the individual and society as a whole. Lectures are free, but advance registration is required.
- **Sound Living – a Washington State University class for staff Oct. 25** at Everett Community College. Keynote speaker, David Dilgard, Regional History Specialist, will talk about how growth and development of Snohomish County was shaped by the waters that adjoin it. Certified teachers can earn 5.5 continuing education clock hours through WSU. Find more information and registration at [www.wsusoundliving.org](http://www.wsusoundliving.org).

- **Cultural Art Grants available** – The [City of Everett Cultural Arts Commission](#) is accepting applications for cultural arts grants to fund art programs and capital projects for 2015. Applications are available [online](#). Email [Carol Thomas](#) for more information or call 425-257-7101. Applications due by **5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31**.
- Help people file their taxes for free – **Deadline Dec. 30**  
[United Way is looking for volunteers](#) for the 2015 Tax Season. You even get free training – a lifetime skill in preparing taxes. Last year, volunteers donated nearly 4,000 hours as part of the free tax preparation program and helped Snohomish County residents get back \$5.8 million in refunds.
- **Know a student who is helping improve race relations in their schools or communities?** Encourage them to apply for **The Princeton Prize in Race Relations**. Winners are awarded up to \$1,000 and invited to Princeton University for an expense-paid weekend symposium on race. [Apply online](#) or by mail. Application **deadline is Jan. 31, 2015**.

#### OPPORTUNITIES IN BRIEF – quick reminders of past notices

- **2014 Prudential Spirit of Community awards** for outstanding student volunteers, grades 5-12. **Due Nov. 4!** [Applications are available online.](#)

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**KEY DATES** – [important dates and celebrations](#) you won't want to miss planning for now!

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES** – All policies and procedures are [available online](#).

Recent revisions include:

[1441 Audience Participation](#)

[2210P Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students](#)

[1805 Open Government Trainings](#)

[5140 Tobacco Use Policy](#)

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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

**Affirmative Action Office** – Carol Stolz, [cstolz@everettsd.org](mailto:cstolz@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106

**Title IX Officer** – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104

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