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### **This Week**

M-F, May 5–9

AP Exams

Mon, May 5 <u>Everett PTSA Council Award Nominations Due</u>

Tues, May 6 6–7:30pm | Let's Connect: Help Shape the Future of Our Schools, Heatherwood MS

Thurs, May 8 PACK Time: Earth Day Lesson

Fri, May 9 ELIF

**Athletics Grade Checks** 

Sun, May 11 Mother's Day

### **The Next Few Weeks**

M-F, May 12–16 AP Exams

Tues, May 13 60 minutes | Staff Extension: SBA Training Thurs, May 15 PACK Time: SBA Training Test (grade 10)

Fri, May 16 ELIF

M-F, May 19–23 AP Exams, Late-Testing

Tues, May 20 SBA ELA Thurs, May 22 SBA Math

6pm | JHS Senior Awards Night (by invitation only)

Fri, May 23 ELIF

Mon, May 26 Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

Wed, May 28 6pm | Everett PTSA Council Awards Celebration, JHS

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# **AP Testing Locations & Test Takers**

AP exams are May 5-9 and May 12-16 with make-up exams May 19-23. There will be no bells during this time.

Attached is the <u>room list</u> showing where the exams are being administered AND where displaced (mostly D-wing) teachers will be. Many classes are displaced to various classrooms during teacher planning periods. Teachers, please view the attached document to see how this affects your planning period.

Also attached is a list of all <u>test takers</u>. Students taking a.m. exams will be excused 1st–4th and students taking noon exams will be excused 4th–6th. On LIF Fridays we will excuse to match the bell schedule. Students are expected to be in class before/after their exam.

AP students can view exam locations on the JHS website school calendar.

Thank you all for your support and flexibility during AP testing! Lori Wirtz

# **Important Information & Reminders**

#### **Parking**

• Please do NOT park in the visitor parking spots located in front of the library.



#### **Morning Announcements & Intercom Calls**

- We will be doing morning announcements at 7:25 a.m.
- No bells May 6–23
- No paging or intercom calls during AP testing, EVEN if it's after school

#### **Employee Absences**

- Report your absence as soon as you know you will be out; do not wait until morning to enter the absence. Reporting before morning will increase the chances of getting a sub assigned to the position.
- Always upload your lesson plans in Frontline. The main office pulls the lesson plans for open positions, but it's your responsibility to add the lesson plans online, and it's the sub's responsibility to access the lesson plans from Frontline.

#### **Leaving Campus During Lunch**

• If you are planning on leaving campus for your lunch, please sign out and sign back in upon your arrival. If you are running late please call x7000. This applies to ALL staff.

### **WCAS Make-up Testing**

I want to thank everyone for our big round of WCAS testing on April 22–24. I know changing schedules can be a challenge, but we were able to get a large majority tested. Thank you in particular to our science teachers who either proctored or took on extra students from proctored classrooms. Big thanks to Emily and Rhonda in the library and to Bruce, who did a great job helping coordinate the test tickets and materials.

With that said, we still have a good chunk of students who need to test – these are primarily if they are Running Start students, attend Sno-Isle or RAP, or students who were absent when we needed to test. We are doing make-up sessions in Portable 6, both a.m. and p.m. I sent out a list of students we still need to test, so you have an idea of who we still need to grab for this. Please let me know if you have any questions. Erik

### **Passes for WCAS Make-up Testers**

If you receive a pass to dismiss a student to P6 for testing, please send them immediately. Thank you, Sukawt

## For May 8 PACK Time

We have another student-created lesson for you courtesy of Katie Nickel's environmental students! They wanted to create a lesson to acknowledge Earth Day that just passed. Here is the lesson.

Additionally, Jason and the ASB students invite classes to engage in a staff/teacher appreciation activity. They will be delivering small papers to your classroom so that students can write notes of appreciation for staff.

I have pasted all of this in a calendar invite for Thursday. Madeline 😊



### 2024-25 Everett PTSA Council Award Celebration Nominations

Please help nominate for Council Awards! Each year, Everett PTSA Council recognizes volunteers and educators who have given outstanding, continued, and dedicated service to our children. These deserving recipients go "above and beyond," and their efforts reach beyond the usual school boundaries. This is your opportunity to participate in the selection of PTSA Council's award recipients by nominating candidates for consideration to our award committee. Nominations can come from PTAs, parents, staff members, students, or community members.

The Everett PTSA Council Awards are presented at the annual council-hosted Award Ceremony in May. Nominations are accepted for all awards, though each award may not be presented annually. The Awards Committee is appointed by the President and typically consists of past recipients. Award recipients will receive a certificate and pin, and a contribution in the name of the recipient is made by the Everett PTSA Council to the Washington State PTA Scholarship Program. From these contributions, WSPTA is able to provide grants to freshman students entering post-secondary education.

The 2024-25 Everett PTSA Council Awards available nominations are: Golden Acorn, Outstanding Educator, Outstanding Advocate, Outstanding Student Advocate, and Honorary Life Membership.

#### The Everett PTSA Council Awards Celebration:

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 Time: 6-6:45 p.m., Social Time 6:45 p.m., Celebration Begins

Arrive early and participate in the Raffle to benefit Everett PTSA Council programs.

Raffle is cash only (\$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5)

Location: H.M. Jackson High School, 1508 136th Street SE, Everett, WA 98012

NOMINATE TODAY! Nominations are due Monday, May 5, 2025.

**Everett Council PTSA Award Nomination Form 2024-25** 

For any questions, please email <u>president@everettptsacouncil.org</u>.

# Finishing Strong - Classroom Cell Phone Expectations

With so many students starting their "countdown clocks" to June, let's stay consistent with our classroom cell phone expectations. We've made strong progress reducing distractions, and it's important we don't let up now—students need our help to stay focused and finish strong. Preventing backsliding in these last months is key to maintaining the positive learning environment we've all worked so hard to build. Remember, if there's a student who is proving to be a particular problem, loop in your admin. We are here to help! Sechin

### A Friendly Reminder from Your Registrar

If you are informed by or have discussions with students who state they are moving or leaving JHS, especially before the end of the semester, please email me or call x7015 and let me know at your earliest convenience, providing student name and ID number.

It is very beneficial to receive this information in a timely manner so we can connect with the student and family to ensure a smooth transition to their new school. Thank you and have a wonderful day! Heather Coon

# **Update: Senior Letters List**

Update: We are already down to 241 on the Senior Letters List!! I have sorted the spreadsheet so that the students who still don't have anyone signed up for them are at the top. I really need people to look at these first 241 names and see if you can write a letter to them. If you haven't looked at the list yet, please do so and sign up for any kiddos you can write to. <u>Jason</u>

Here is the link to the spreadsheet: Senior Letters List co2025.xlsx

Remember: The directions are summarized on the spreadsheet itself, in case you forget what to do.

### **Have You Taught Any of These Seniors?**

[from <u>DeeAnn</u>] As I've done for the past several years, I've put together a list of our seniors that includes all the teachers they've had who are still here at JHS. There are two tabs to help you identify students you might want to write letters/notes for:

- **sorted by TEACHER:** Find your name (click on the Filter icon), and you'll see every senior who's had you for any class, along with every school year you had that student.
- sorted by STUDENT: Each senior is listed with the names of all currently active JHS teachers they've had.

## **Cap Décor & Graduation Regalia**

Staff, <u>attached</u> is a letter outlining and explaining our updated guidelines for graduation regalia to now include decorated cap. Thank you, <u>Sukawt</u>

## **Gradebooks and Synergy**

We received a question about Gradebook access after the conversion to Synergy. Following is the answer we got from LMS. <u>Heather</u>

Our current Gradebook will **NOT** be imported into Synergy Gradebook, so having a printed copy at the end of the year will be very important.

Moving forward, Synergy Gradebook does have the ability for teachers to view past year Gradebooks. 2025-26 will be the first year in Synergy Gradebook, and teachers will be able to view 2025-26 Gradebooks when in the 2026-27 school year.

### **Mental Health Awareness Month Resources**

May is **Mental Health Awareness Month**. The Crisis Text Line (<a href="https://www.crisistextline.org">https://www.crisistextline.org</a>) has created free downloadable toolkits (click here for <a href="high school toolkit">high school toolkit</a>) for teachers, counselors, and other staff to help promote self-care practices for students while destignatizing and fostering a safe environment for open dialogue about mental health.

A focus on empathy is encouraged during this time of the school year, and schools may consider opportunities to revisit Second Step and/or RULER lessons that reinforce the importance of empathy in our interactions and relationships with others.

### Course Proposals (cert staff only)

Want to see a new class added to the course catalog next year? <u>Course proposal forms</u> are now available. Completed proposal packets can be emailed to the <u>College & Career Readiness Department</u>.

The upcoming deadlines for proposals are as follows:

- October 1, 2025, deadline:
  - o High School and Middle School Course Proposal Approval Form for New CTE Courses 2026-27
  - o High School Course Proposal for New Course Equivalency 2026-27
- December 1, 2025, deadline:
  - o High School Course Approval Form for New Courses 2026-27
  - o High School and Middle School Course Revision Form 2026-27
  - o High School and Middle School Course Removal Form 2026-27

## SST Feedback (teachers only)

When counselors ask for information on a student for an SST meeting, please respond in a timely fashion. Information from you is critical for determining what (and if) supports are needed for students who need them the most. Sechin

### Finals (teachers only)

Fewer than a third of teachers give finals anymore, so we're going to try something a little different this year. Rather than grouping finals by period, we're going to group by subject area (see below). The hope is that this will be a better distribution of big academic events to help increase student focus and reduce anxiety.

GRADE 12 FINALS		
Thursday, June 5	Monday, June 9	Tuesday, June 10
Science	World Language	Electives
Social Studies	Math	Other subjects
GRADES 9-11 FINALS		
GRADES 0-11 FINALS		
GRADES 9-11 FINALS		
GRADES 9-11 FINALS Thursday, June 12	Monday, June 16	Tuesday, June 17
	Monday, June 16 World Language	Tuesday, June 17 Electives

There will be no adjusted bell schedules or extended class periods for finals.

Finals include any major project or big test that requires a lot from students. It does not include presentations or something that would normally be spread out over several days, although I would encourage you to be flexible with individual students who come to you in advance. Sechin

### Staff vs Seniors Basketball!

It's that time of year again when we ask/cajole/beg you to participate in the annual Staff vs. Seniors Basketball Game on **Friday**, **June 6**. This game is a much-anticipated, longstanding tradition and is a fundraiser for our Staff Scholarship Fund.

There are many ways to help: play, cheer, halftime show, tickets/concessions, donate, etc. If you are in any way interested in playing, our first "practice" was Friday, April 25. **Let me know if you want to join us for future practices.** Thanks, <u>Troy Schwenke</u>

### **Application for New CiHS Teachers & Courses for 2025-26**

Everett Public Schools has established interlocal agreements with local and state colleges to offer College in the High School (CiHS) for some courses taught by qualified high school teaching staff.

For the 2025-26 school year, all new CiHS teachers must apply using the <u>Everett Public Schools CiHS</u>
<u>Application</u>. The window for applications varies based on the postsecondary institution, as listed below.

#### **Application windows:**

- Edmonds College CiHS application window open through May 30
- Everett Community College CiHS application window through May 30
- NEW! <u>Central Washington University</u> and <u>Eastern Washington University</u> CiHS programs will also be available for the 2025-26 school year; application windows are open through May 15

To review teachers and courses already approved for CiHS, please review the <u>CiHS Approved Teacher List</u>. A teacher must be approved for each CiHS course. Currently approved teachers and courses do not need to be re-approved for the upcoming school year unless the postsecondary institution has a renewal process. When in doubt about CiHS status, please contact <u>cihs@everettsd.org</u>.

## Let's Connect: Help Shape the Future of Our Schools

Curious about building for the future of Everett Public Schools? Join us for *Let's Connect: Help Shape the Future of Our Schools.* Hear directly from our School Construction Bond Planning Committee—made up of 29 community members, four high school students, and staff—as they share how they are tackling challenges like growing enrollment, limited capacity, and aging school buildings.

#### One remaining opportunity to attend:

• Tuesday, May 6 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Heatherwood Middle School

Your support is helping shape the future of Everett Public Schools. We hope to see you there!

## Preparing for Synergy: ParentVue, StudentVue, & TeacherVue

from March issue of Doc's Dugout

As Everett Public Schools transitions to Synergy, our new student information system (SIS), staff should be aware that families and students will recognize it by different names. ParentVue and StudentVue are the platforms families and students will use to access information, while TeacherVue is the version designed specifically for educators.

Training for many staff will begin in April, with teachers receiving their training in August. Please visit the <u>Synergy implementation webpage</u> for more information.

# Select Resources (jump to top)

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: <u>SEM1</u> | <u>SEM2</u>

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

<u>Transportation Schedule for Students in Off-Site Programs</u>

JHS Letterhead, as of Aug 2024

JHS Maps: <u>lower level</u> | <u>upper level</u> (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 | 2025-2026

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 <u>already CiHS approved</u> | for info/questions, <u>cihs@everettsd.org</u>

Course Proposal Forms for 2026-27: New CTE Course (due by Oct 1, 2025) | New Course Equivalency (due by Oct 1, 2025) | New Course (due by Dec 1, 2025) | Course Revision (due by Dec 1, 2025) | Course Removal (due by Dec 1, 2025)

Athletic Shares:

Erik Heinz: X (Twitter) @CoachHeinz57, Instagram @eheinz4, email <a href="mailto:EHeinz@everettsd.org">EHeinz@everettsd.org</a> Kyle Peacocke: X (Twitter) @KylePeacockeJHS, Instagram @jhsathleticcoordinator, email

KPeacocke@everettsd.org, cell 206-755-0888

Synergy Implementation Webpage

## Newsletters (jump to top)

<u>District Staff News</u> – EPS monthly staff newsletter

Archived issues are in DocuShare here.

EduBytes - EPS technology newsletter

Stay Connected: Where to Look for Various District Communications

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

**Special Services Newsletter** 

<u>District News</u> – Everett Public Schools monthly family newsletter

Jackson T-Wolf News – monthly newsletter for JHS families

Wolfpack Press - online student newsletter

# Looking Ahead (jump to top)

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

Thurs, June 5 SENIOR Finals: SCI, SOC (normal bell schedule)

6pm | District Athletic Awards Night, JHS

Fri, June 6 Early Release Day

2pm | Senior Tea, Commons

6:30pm | Staff vs Seniors Basketball Game, Staff Scholarship Fundraiser

during Staff vs Seniors Game | Senior Yearbook Distribution

Mon, June 9 SENIOR Finals: WL, MTH (normal bell schedule)

Tues, June 10 SENIOR Finals: Electives, Other Subjects (normal bell schedule)

Earthquake Drill (no special schedule)

Wed, June 11 Senior Assembly & Senior Tasks

5th period | Safety Drill: Lockdown

Senior Grades Due in Gradebook (TAC not yet available)

Grad Walk: Heatherwood MS, time TBD

Thurs, June 12 FINALS, Grades 9–11: SCI, SOC (normal bell schedule)

PACK Time: TBD

7:30am-12pm | Senior Laptop Check-in, HS&B Plan, Clearance & Academic

Check

Grad Walks: Monroe ES, 1:30; Woodside ES, 2:15; Cedar Wood ES, Penny Creek

ES, and Silver Firs ES, 2:30; Forest View ES, time TBD

Sequoia HS Graduation

Fri, June 13 9am (approx 2½ hrs) | Graduation Practice for Seniors, Gym

9am | Grad Tickets Distributed to Seniors at Grad Practice

following grad practice | Senior Lunch

**ELIF** 

Sat, June 14 11am | Everett HS Graduation, Angel of the Winds Arena, Everett

3pm | Cascade HS Graduation, Angel of the Winds Arena, Everett

**7pm** (seniors arrive by 5:34) | **Jackson HS Graduation**, Angel of the Winds

Arena, Everett

following graduation | Senior Grad Night Party (pre-registration required)

Sun, June 15 Father's Day

Mon, June 16 FINALS, Grades 9–11: WL, MTH (normal bell schedule)

3pm | SEM2 Grades "Push" from Gradebooks into TAC (subject to change) after 3pm | DeeAnn Will Email Teachers When TAC Is Open (subject to change)

Tues, June 17 FINALS, Grades 9–11: Electives, Other Subjects (normal bell schedule)

Thurs, June 19 Juneteenth – HOLIDAY

Fri, June 20 Early Release Day / Last Student Day (new date)

End of SEM2 (new date)

3pm | TAC Closes for SEM2 Grades Review/Corrections (new date)

Fri, June 27 Last Day that eSchool Will Be Available for Use Prior to Synergy Transition

Mon, June 30 FAFSA Deadline

June 30–July 17 SIS Blackout Period for Transition to Synergy

2025-26 work calendars are in <u>Docushare</u> with specific return to work dates for your specific assignment.

Mon, Aug 4, 2025 First Day Back for Most Office Staff

Tues, Aug 12 Classified Job Fair, CRC
Mon/Tues, Aug 25 & 26 Learning Improvement Days
Wed, Aug 27, 2025 First Student Day, 2025-26

8-Day Student Enrollment Count Begins

Mon, Sept 1 Labor Day Holiday

Tues, Sept 2 Day 4 Student FTE Count

Mon, Sept 8 8-Day Student Enrollment Count Ends Fri, Oct 10 Professional Learning Day for All Staff

Dec 22–Jan 2 Winter Break

Feb 16–20 Mid-Winter Break April 6–10 Spring Break

Mon, June 15, 2026 Last Student Day (subject to change)

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#### Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer | ADA Coordinator

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

#### Section 504 Coordinator

Dave Peters | 425-385-4063 | DPeters@everettsd.org | PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213

#### **Gender-Inclusive Schools Coordinator**

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