

The Weekly Jag—December 17th – 20th

Principal's Message



This will be a four-day week. There is **no school on Friday, December 21st** as this is the start of winter break. This also means that Thursday, December 20th will be a 1st-6th period day. Below the newsletter, please find the bell schedule for Thursday as well as a letter explaining how we address harassment, bullying, and intimidation. We hope you all have restful and fun filled winter break. We look forward to seeing all our students back on Monday, January 4th. Classes will begin at 8:50 am.

Academics

Winter break is the last long break before the end of the semester on February 4th. Students who are currently not passing a class, or looking to improve grades, should use this week to connect with their teachers about work they might be able to do over the break.

Athletics and activities

The Jaguar swimmers edged out the Rogers Rams in a King of the Hill match-up for the first time in school history! Also, the boys basketball team earned a 4th quarter comeback victory over the Sumner Spartans in an extremely tough battle down at Sumner High School. Good things are happening around the Jungle- come see for yourself!

Counseling and career center

Coming this Wednesday is our Winter Wishes assembly. Leadership and other staff have worked on getting items to fulfill student needs and wants. The counseling team has holiday meals to share with those in need. Please connect with a counselor if someone you know could benefit from some extra cheer.

News

No School on Friday - Schedule on Thursday runs 1-6, no advisory. Check out Schoology for exact class times.

Dress up days coming this week – Ugly Sweater (Monday); “Who” Hair (Tuesday); Class Color – 10th White, 11th Green, 12th Red (Wednesday); and Pajama day (Thursday).

Upcoming Events

- Dec 18 Winter Band/Orchestra Concert; Auditorium at 7:00 pm
- Dec 19 Winter Wishes Assembly; 9:30 in the Main Gym
- Dec 19 Winter Choir Concert; Auditorium at 7:00 pm
- Dec 20 World Language Proficiency Testing
- Dec 20 ERHS Gymnastics “Parents Night Out”; 5:00 – 9:00 pm

Mission

Each student will be well-known, challenged, supported, and prepared.

Vision

Each student will graduate a resourceful, service-oriented, and thoughtful leader.

Commitments

Each educator engages in candid dialogue, collective responsibility, and continuous improvement.

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December 20, 2018

7:50 - 8:45	1st Period
8:0 - 9:45	2nd Period
9:50 - 10:45	3rd Period
10:50 - 12:20	4th Period/Lunch
12:25 - 1:20	5th Period
1:25 - 2:20	6th Period

1st Lunch 10:50-11:20 (Class: 11:25-12:20)

2nd Lunch 11:50-12:20 (Class: 10:50-11:45)

*Teachers will take same lunch as on Mondays

ERHS Families,

We wanted to share with you a few things around how we seek to foster a positive learning environment and how we respond when allegations are brought forward regarding harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB).

Here is what we currently do:

- We start the year with several lessons in advisory around community building and social contracts.
- We do an advisory lesson on the PSD Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. This is followed by grade levels meeting, led by administrators, to review behavior expectations, including HIB.
- Engage students in restorative practices, like conflict mediations, to help them resolve conflict.
- All staff complete SafeSchools training, an online program with specific lessons on identifying and dealing with harassment and bullying.
- Four staff members have gone through the SafeZone Program training. This program is designed to support students needing adult intervention from social and emotional distress, including harassment, intimidation, and bullying. SafeZone signage is placed outside and inside of trained staff member classrooms/office spaces.
- All administrators, and many teachers, are in the halls at every passing period.
- Administrators are present at every lunch to supervise. One counselor is available at the “Counselor Corner” every lunch to support students.
- A Help/Suggestion box is in the library for students to raise concerns related to HIB. Access to the toll-free Safe Schools Alert toll-free line, 1-855-782-0798

This is how we handle allegations of HIB:

- Ensure the immediate safety of students
- Initiate an investigation to identify witnesses, determine specifics, and gather statements
- Determine if the situation meets the definition of harassment, intimidation, and bullying as defined by the Washington RCW
- Contact families/guardians to update them and gather additional information
- Enact interventions to resolve the situation, including progressive school discipline, as deemed appropriate by the guidelines in the PSD Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Involve our SRO (School Resource Officer) on any matter associated with criminality

When we return from winter break:

- Advisory lessons on HIB resources and support, including the distribution of the PSD 2018-2019 Youth Help Resources card to each student.
- Two group counseling sessions facilitated by our school counselors during JAG
- Continued support for the student anti-bullying club that is being formed
- Continued professional development for our staff on preventing and responding to issues of harassment, intimidation, and bullying.

If you, or your student, believe he/she is the subject of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, please contact the school immediately. The safety of each student is of the utmost concern, and we want to be responsive to their needs.

Finally, one of our staff commitments at ERHS is to continually improve. We are proud of the many positive things our students learn, produce, and engage in daily. We also recognize that ongoing dialogue is important, and we are open to hearing solutions and ideas from both our community and our students.

In service,

Richard Lasso