

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **December 15, 2017**

Welcome to Eckstein.  
We are creating a Community of Lifelong Learners!

**SCHOOL HOURS: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Frid - 8:55–3:45p.m.; Wed 8:55-2:30p.m.**

**BUILDING HOURS: 8:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.**

**Students should not arrive before 8:30a.m.**

**All Parents/Guardians and Visitors must check in at the Main Office Upon Entering the Building**

Dec 15	District-wide 1-Hr Early Dismissal
Dec 18 – Jan 1	Winter Break
Jan 8	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p, Room 118
Jan 9	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Room 117
Jan 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School
Jan 18	**General PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., LRC
Jan 31	Day Between Semesters, No School
Feb 6	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p, Room 118
Feb 8	**Incoming 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Open House, 6:30-8:00p.m.
Feb 12	**PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m., LRC
Feb 13	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Room 117
Feb 19-23	Mid-Winter Break, No School
Mar 5	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p, Room 118
Mar 8	Eckstein MS Concert Band Festival, 7:30p
Mar 12	**PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m., LRC
Mar 22	Eckstein MS Jazz Band Festival, 7:30p
Mar 24	Solo & Ensemble, All Day
Apr 2	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p, Room 118
Apr 9-13	Spring Break, No School
Apr 17	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Room 117
Apr 23	**PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m., LRC
Apr 26	Eckstein Top Ensembles, 7:30p
Apr 28	Eckstein Rummage Sale, Day
May 7	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p, Room 118
May 8	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Room 117
May 14	**PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m., LRC
May 18-19	Eckstein Musical Performances
May 28	Memorial Day, No School
June 4	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p, Room 118
June 7	All Bands Concert, 7:30p
June 11	**General PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., LRC
June 12	Eckstein Choir Concert, 7:30p.m.
June 14	Eckstein Swing Dance, 7:30p
June 15	Eckstein Orchestra Concert, 6:00p.m.
June 22	Last Day of School, District-wide 1-Hr Early Dismissal

**\*\* = New from last printing**

**Eckstein Website:** <http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/home> If you are already receiving the Bulletins directly to your Inbox, you do not have to re-enroll. If you are new to Eckstein or have changed your email address you need to sign up for Parent Emails and other important announcements that go directly to your inbox. Click here to enroll [Subscribe to Eckstein Parent Emails](#)

**Orchestra News:** [Eckstein Orchestra Website](#)

**Band News:** [Eckstein Band Website](#)

## **LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Families and Guardians,

I want to wish you a very happy and safe Winter Break and a Happy New Year! You should be very proud of your students and all that they have accomplished this fall. It is incredibly rewarding as a principal, educator, parent and community member to walk through our building and see the growth in student academic ability, self-advocacy and confidence. I am proud of the staff and students for their commitment, energy and joyfulness in learning. It is truly a great celebration!

This week over 35 students rode their bikes and participated in 'Biker Donut Day.' Many students participated in the All Bands Concert, including our new Drum Line. We also celebrated many learning milestones in class and culminations of learning projects. Thank you to the PTSA and all the families who support this work and who spoiled our staff with holiday cookies on Thursday. Our staff truly feels appreciated and values your participation. I hope you relax, enjoy each other and take a well-deserved break from school to be together.

If you would like more information on the happenings and opportunities available to your students and the community, please make sure you don't miss a beat by staying connected in the following ways:

- Adding your email to receive our Weekly Bulletin (this is separate from the automatic emails you receive from Eckstein) and the PTSA newsletter. [Open Here](#)
- Joining the Eckstein PTSA Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/EcksteinPTSA/>
- Following us on Twitter: @InsideEckstein
- Come to a Principal Coffee (Stay tuned – Next date will be in February)
- Attending the PTSA Meetings (Next one is January 18 at 7:00p.m.

Treena Sterk  
Principal, Eckstein Middle School  
[#principalsterk](#)  
*Ensuring the academic, social and emotional growth and success of each student.*

## **Volunteering at Eckstein Middle School**

**Lunchtime volunteers still needed!** We need parent volunteers to help support our students during lunchtime to ensure a fun and safe school environment for all students. Volunteer once a week or every other week for 90 minutes. M/Tu/F lunch time is 11:15-12:45, Weds 10:35-11:55 and Thurs 11:35-1:00. To volunteer or for more information, please email Celeste Hansen at [crhansen@seattleschools.org](mailto:crhansen@seattleschools.org)

## **ECKSTEIN NEWS**

**\*\*NAEP (National Assessment of Education Progress) Assessments at Eckstein on February 7<sup>th</sup> for 75 randomly selected 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** 75 8<sup>th</sup> graders were randomly chosen by the NAEP to participate in a Civics, Geography and US History Assessment to take place on Wednesday, February 7 for a period of 1-2 hours with either an assigned tablet or pencil/paper. Letters were mailed out today (December 15) to those selected students. If you receive this letter, please read it and if you choose not to have your student participate, please notify Sue Wong at [stwong@seattleschools.org](mailto:stwong@seattleschools.org) by no later than January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*District Open Enrollment: Key Dates for 2018-19:**

Jan. 8, 2018: Online Registration begins for the 2018-2019 school year

Jan. 20, 2018: Admissions Fair for Option Schools at Mercer International Middle School (10:00am - 2:00pm)

Feb. 5, 2018: Open Enrollment Begins; Choice forms available

Feb. 16, 2018: Open Enrollment Ends (on time applications)

May 31, 2018: School Choice deadline (late applications)

Jun. 1, 2018: Non-Resident registration begins

Aug. 31, 2018: Wait lists from Open Enrollment dissolve

Aug. 31, 2018: Non-Resident registration deadline

**\*\*District Option School Choice Fair, January 20, 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.** at Mercer International Middle School cafeteria. 1600 S Columbian Way Seattle, WA 98108. The Seattle Public Schools Option School Choice Fair offers students and families information about option schools and other student support services. To attend an option school, a student must apply during Open Enrollment, which is open from February 5 until February 16, 2018. School choice forms will be available beginning February 5. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Girls' & Boys' Basketball Update:** Girl's Practice will be on T/Th 4-7:00 PM and Boy's M/W 4:00-7:00 F 4:5:30 (times will depend on what team your student is placed on). Lists and updates are posted outside the Main Office. Questions, contact Ms. Horton at [rghorton@seattleschools.org](mailto:rghorton@seattleschools.org)

**Eckstein Middle School – Homework Club:** Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:50– 5:00pm until June 5<sup>th</sup>. Do you need further understanding of classwork, assignments or extra support in your Math, Science, Language Arts or Social Studies classes? Eckstein Teachers are here to support your student. Snacks will be provided and Metro Bus Tokens for transportation home.

- Rody (Rm 216) – Monday 6th grade Math
- Ohashi (Rm 133) – Mondays 8th grade Math
- Smargiassi (Rm 116) – Tuesday 7th grade Math
- Brothers (Rm 208) – Tuesdays 7th LA & SS
- Horton and Evans (Rm 215) – Mondays and Tuesdays 6th and 8th LA & SS

Email Ms. Evans for more information and application at [deevans@seattleschools.org](mailto:deevans@seattleschools.org)

**2018 Eckstein Snow Sports program:** The Eckstein Snowsports Program (a program of Mohan Skiing and Boarding) is looking for staff and/or parents as adult chaperones for our 6 week Friday night program. We are seeking volunteers for the 2018 Eckstein Snow Sports program.

Do you want to ski or board for free on Friday nights? Well, we have an offer you can't refuse. Help out with the Friday Eckstein Snowsports/Mohan Snow Sports program, and we'll set you up with a date stamped ticket for the Friday you volunteer as a Bus Chaperone or Emergency Driver (does not apply to gear loaders or gear greeters). Without awesome volunteers, this program does not work. Truly - the buses can't leave the school unless there are enough adult chaperones on each bus. So, here's your chance. Sign up. Do it for the kids. We've got lots of positions available, including Bus Chaperones, Emergency Driver helpers, and Gear Gurus.

FYI: Busses will leave Eckstein Middle School at 4:00 PM and return about 11:30PM. Chaperones are expected to be at Eckstein Middle School by 3:30 PM; Emergency Driver(s) may meet at the mountain by 5:30 PM (and do not need to come to Eckstein). Send an email of interest to [ecksteinsnowsports@gmail.com](mailto:ecksteinsnowsports@gmail.com) And sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a49aead2da4f85-eckstein1>

**Online Student Verification Form:** Parents/Guardians – The online Student Verification form is now available for you to review and make changes. To fill out your student's data verification form, please do the following: Log into the Source by going to <https://ps.seattleschools.org/public/> and click on "Data Verification form." If you have multiple students at the district, you will fill out a data verification form for each student. You will be able to make changes through January 5<sup>th</sup>. The district has indicated that this process replaced the paper data verification forms that used to be sent home at the beginning of each school year. The system is a secure and green process, which allows the district to verify all student demographic, emergency and medical information for your child(ren).

Remember that only one parent per student can fill out the form. Please feel free to contact us at Eckstein if you have any questions. Julia Detering [irdetering@seattleschools.org](mailto:irdetering@seattleschools.org) or Ann Peterson [apeterson@seattleschools.org](mailto:apeterson@seattleschools.org)

**We are looking for a paid volunteer for lunchtime gym supervision.** It would be for both lunches M-F and we would have other projects that we would need help with to make it a two hour-paid volunteer position. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ann Peterson at Eckstein MS (206) 252-5010 or [apeterson@seattleschools.org](mailto:apeterson@seattleschools.org). Our goal is to have the same person M-F so we can provide some stability/consistency for this lunchtime program. Thank you for your interest. Ms. Sterk, Principal

**Planning on taking your student out of school for a vacation?** You and your student need to complete a Preplanned Absence form and turn it into Attendance prior to the absence in order for it to be excused. You can download the form here:  
[http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_6059/File/About/Attendance/pre-planned\\_absence\\_form-EMS.pdf](http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6059/File/About/Attendance/pre-planned_absence_form-EMS.pdf)

**Box Tops!** Thank you for sending in your Box Tops! The first submission had over 2000 Box Tops. Each one earns Eckstein \$10. Please continue to send in your Box Tops to the Front Office. If you are able to take a moment to cut them down to size and make sure they are not expired that is super helpful. Thanks for your support!

**Shop at Amazon and Support Eckstein Band:** Shop at Amazon through <http://www.smile.amazon.com> and designate your “**Eckstein PTSA and Band**”. Then, 0.5% of eligible purchases support your charity of choice. There is no added cost to you. If you bookmark this link and use it to access Amazon any time you make purchases, Eckstein bands will automatically receive the benefit! Please spread the word to all your friends and family. These funds will go a long way to offset the costs of the many performances, trips, sheet music and instrument repairs as well as help provide scholarships for those students who need them. Thank You!

- Go to “Your Account”
- Select “Change your Charity”
- Under “or pick your own charitable organization”
- Type in “**Eckstein PTSA and Band**” (WA State PTSAs are based out of Tacoma/Olympia)
- Hit “Select”, and all your future purchases that you buy at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) goes directly to support Eckstein Band.

**Birthday Opt Out:** We are celebrating student and staff birthdays this year by putting their names on our monthly birthday bulletin board and sending home a personalized card during their birthday month. We know that not all families celebrate birthdays, so if you would like to opt your student out of this, please email the student’s name and grade to [stwong@seattleschools.org](mailto:stwong@seattleschools.org)

**Got cool crafting/robotics/programming supplies around you’d like to donate to the library?** Student have been using the Eckstein Library MakerSpace at lunch and after school. The MakerSpace currently includes materials such as a green screen and iPad, LittleBits electronics kit, 2 Sphero robots, Makey Makey kits, whiteboard tables, and some fun engineering materials. I will be training some students how to use a Cricut printer and a stop motion animation camera soon! The goal behind the Eckstein MakerSpace is to encourage students to work together and become designers and creators. If you have supplies you’d like to donate, contact the librarian Erin Sterling at [emsterling@seattleschools.org](mailto:emsterling@seattleschools.org) to arrange a time to drop-off. Supplies that would be great to have: Lego boards, Lego blocks, small robotics equipment, scissors that could cut cardboard, Playdoh, LEDs, copper foil tape, Keva structures, K’Nex, electronic/robotics parts such as motors, switches, and batteries, duct tape, painter’s tape, craft sticks, conductive fabric, conductive thread, or Velcro.

**Got Eckstein Sports and/or Music Photos?** Can we use them in the yearbook? If so, please email digital images to [jrdetering@seattleschools.org](mailto:jrdetering@seattleschools.org).

**Phone Calls Home:** Robocalls and emails are sent to all contact numbers for listed guardians. To modify this please go to the Seattle Public Schools website:  
[https://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/communication\\_preferences](https://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/communication_preferences) You can only change permission for yourself, so each guardian will have to login separately.

**How to Enter Eckstein’s Building:** Enter through the door at the NW corner of the building, facing NE 75<sup>th</sup> Street. All other doors are locked during school hours.

**To remove your name from the Eckstein mailing list:** If your student no longer attends Eckstein MS or if you no longer wish to receive these messages, you can remove your name from our mailing list by scrolling to the bottom of this bulletin and clicking the “SafeUnsubscribe” link.

## **High School Open Houses**

**\*\*The Center School is having two open houses on Thursday, January 18th and Thursday, February 8th**  
from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Armory Loft, 305 Harrison Street on the Seattle Center campus. The Center School is a

small, arts-focused, arts-integrated public high school available to students from any neighborhood. The Center School is a great choice for your graduating 8th graders who are artistically inclined and want intellectual rigor. The Center School is perfect for students who prefer a high school experience out of the mainstream, yet still providing the structure and support needed for success. [The Center School](#)

**Nathan Hale Informational Nights:** Future and prospective parents/guardians and students are invited to join us for one of the following informational evenings:

- **Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

- 6:00PM – 7:00PM Information Tables and Tours in Commons (last tour leaves Commons at 6:40)
- 7:00PM – 8:30PM Presentation and Questions in Performing Arts Center
- Topics: Courses offered; structure of 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades; school culture and philosophy; schools communication and opportunities for connections within the Nathan Hale community.

Please note: The last tour to leave the Commons before the 7:00 presentation will be at 6:40 on both evenings.

We invite and encourage families who will be assigned to NHHS to attend an information evening in order to get a head start on transition to high school. We also welcome families who are assigned to another school but are interested in NHHS and are considering going through the Open Enrollment process. Families who are not able to attend one of the Information Nights are more than welcome to come to the main office between 3:40 and 4PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays to sign in, pick up an information packet and walk through the building on a self-guided tour.

**Letter to Prospective Students at Roosevelt High School:** We invite you to attend one of the many public events offered by the school, ranging from athletics to drama or musical performances. You may also visit the building immediately after school (3:35) during the week, provided that you: sign in at the Main Office, are accompanied by your parent, and limit your visit to 30 minutes or less. Due to increased enrollment, we are unable to provide tours during the day. You are invited, however, to join us on ***February 1 at 6:30 for an Open House event***. We expect the event to begin at 6:30 pm, but stay tuned to their website at [www.roosevelths.seattleschools.org](http://www.roosevelths.seattleschools.org) for additional details. There will likely be several other events in the spring for families who have enrolled at Roosevelt for the coming year.

**Ingraham High School - School Tours and Open House Schedule:**

- **Shadow Visits:** Shadow visits will begin January 2nd and will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays until February 15, 2018.. Students will have an opportunity to shadow a current 9th grader for the first 4 periods of the day (8:55 AM – 1:10 PM). You can call Ms. Medina to make a reservation starting Nov 27th 206-252-3889.
- **Ingraham Open House for incoming students:** February 6th – 7:00 PM – Ingraham Auditorium. This is a general information night open to everyone - Mr. Floe/Principal and the Ingraham Staff will answer any questions about academics, sports, clubs and student life at Ingraham.
- **Ingraham High School IB Information Night:** February 8th – 7:00 PM – Ingraham Auditorium. This is an information night for parents and students interested in the IB Program.
- Ingraham High School Day Time Tour: February 8th – 9:00 AM – 11:00AM. Tour begins in the school Auditorium - parents must accompany students on the tour.

Questions? Call the Main Office #206-252-3889. All tours are for parents and students. No need to RSVP for tours or the night open houses.

## **Community News**

(These items are not endorsed or sponsored by Eckstein Middle School)

**Middle School Essay, Poster, and Video Contest:** "BIOMEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS AND MY LIFE"

Get Your Students Excited About the Life Sciences! Open to all the middle school students in the Northwest\* –NO ENTRY FEE! Entries must be submitted by March 15th, 2018! <https://www.nwabr.org/events-programs/student-events/middle-school-essay-poster-and-video-contest>

**North Seattle Lacrosse for Boys Grades 3-8:** Registration is now open for North Seattle Lacrosse 2018 spring season. Space is available for players in 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades. Prior lacrosse experience is not required. Our mission is to teach the fundamentals of lacrosse, team play and sportsmanship. We encourage learning in a supportive environment where individual effort is affirmed and mistakes are recognized as the foundation of mastery. We believe that winning is important, but consider the opportunity to teach life lessons and for everyone

to play higher priorities. Join us! For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.northseattlelacrosse.org/>.

**Hale Holiday Hoops Camp: December 18-21:** Coached by Head Basketball Coach Walter Washington. Learn the fundamentals. Practice good sportsmanship and team work. @ Nathan Hale High School, 10750 30<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. Grades 2-6. Click [HERE](#) for details on payment and camp information.

**Ingraham HS Dance Camp – December 18, 8:30AM-5:30PM (Time correction from flyer):** Ingraham's new Dance Club is excited to work with the local middle schools in building confidence and teaching them to be leaders through physical expression of dance. This will also offer the students coming to Ingraham High a glimpse into our program should they be interested in joining the club next year. [Ingraham Dance Camp](#). Click the link to complete the registration payment and send a screenshot back to [mgthibodeaux@seattleschools.org](mailto:mgthibodeaux@seattleschools.org).  
<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Dance-Camp--Step-Team/IdEMI>

**Seattle Cascades – Ultimate Clinics and Events:** Sessions from beginner to advanced. Open to all genders.  
<http://www.seattlecascades.com/2017-events/>

**Storytelling and the Holidays Kids Camp at Uplift Writing:** Dec. 18th, 19th, and 20<sup>th</sup>. Does your child love writing, storytelling, and DIY (do-it-yourself) crafts? Uplift Writing in Bryant is now enrolling for our December break camp. Your child will read and listen to talented storytellers describing a funny or poignant holiday memory and then learn techniques for writing and/or recording their own. Beautiful paper, embossing tools, calligraphy, and other brightly-colored, sparkly, and/or fluffy materials will be used for the DIY projects! Please visit [www.upliftwriting.com](http://www.upliftwriting.com) to register. - \$ 75 per day // \$210 for 3 days, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 5758 35th Ave. NE | Seattle, WA 98105 | [info@upliftwriting.com](mailto:info@upliftwriting.com) | (206) 929-1311.

**One on One Holiday Hoops Camps:** Meadowbrook CC & Queen Anne CC!

December 18th-22nd / 9AM-3PM / Ages 6-12 / Cost: \$225

December 26th-29th / 9AM-3PM / Ages 6-12 / Cost: \$180

Staying in town for Winter Break? We will improve our basketball skills through drills, contests, games and scrimmaging. To register, [CLICK HERE!](#)

**Cascade Academy Youth Ultimate Clinic:** ES, MS, HS Divisions, Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> Magnuson Park.  
<http://www.seattlecascades.com/2017-events/>

**Youth in Focus After-School Photography Classes:** Winter interviews with youth 13-19 years old will start in November.

- Winter 2018 will start in January
- Darkroom or digital photography classes
- Youth can earn Service Learning Hours
- Application attached and online: <http://www.youthinfocus.org/what-we-do/>