

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **December 7, 2018**

Welcome to Eckstein.

We are creating a Community of Lifelong Learners!

SCHOOL HOURS: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 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

**** = New from last printing**

Dec 10	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Dec 11	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
Dec 13	Eckstein All-Bands Winter Concert, 7:30p.m.
Dec 19	Eckstein Choir Winter Concert, 7:00p.m. <i>Nathan Hale HS Auditorium</i>
Dec 21	** Winter Biker Donut Day, 8:15a.m.
Dec 21	1-hour early dismissal
Dec 24-Jan 4	Winter Break, no school
Jan 7	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Jan 7	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
Jan 8	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
Jan 14	PTSA General Meeting , 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Jan 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school
Jan 30	Day Between Semesters, no school
Feb 4	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Feb 4	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
Feb 7	Incoming 6 th Grade Open House,
Feb 11	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Feb 12	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
Feb 18-22	Mid-Winter Break, no school
Mar 4	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Mar 4	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
Mar 11	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Mar 12	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
Mar 14	Eckstein Orchestra Winter Concert, 7:30p.m.
Apr 1	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Apr 1	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Apr 1	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
Apr 8-12	Spring Break, no school
Apr 9	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
May 6	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
May 6	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
May 13	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
May 14	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
May 27	Memorial Day, no school
June 3	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
June 3	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
June 10	PTSA General Meeting , 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
June 11	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
June 20	Last Day of School, 1-hour early dismissal

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](#) or for Band Boosters visit:

<https://sites.google.com/view/ecksteinbandfamilies/home>

ECKSTEIN NEWS

****Only Eight Days Left to Order a Yearbook: Yearbook** Orders End December 15. There will be no yearbooks available to order or purchase after that date. You can order yearbooks online at Schoolpay.com accessed either by logging into your student's Source account or going directly to Schoolpay.com and using your Source login information. You can also bring a \$28 check or cash to the main office.

In past years, we have had families who think they ordered a yearbook only to find they were mistaken when we pass the books out at the end of the school year. Please take a moment now to check if you have ordered a yearbook. You can find out how to check if you've ordered a yearbook here:

https://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/about/calendar_and_news/news/yearbooks

****Sibling Photos for the Yearbook are December 17th during Homeroom:** We'll be taking sibling photos on Monday, Dec. 17th. These photos will be used in the yearbook and will be available to purchase online from Rowland Studio. The photos will be uploaded to view and order online after they are taken. Students photographed will receive a proof slip with a code and instructions on how to order online.

****Eckstein Staff Appreciation Cookie Exchange: LAST CALL FOR COOKIE MAKING/BUYING!** December 13 is the annual cookie exchange for Eckstein staff. Staff look forward to this fun event! We provide the cookies and tins, and they take home a fabulous array of treats to enjoy with friends and family. Sign up to bring (or send with your student) cookies and empty containers on Thursday morning, December 13th. Please bring them to the office and we'll take it from there. Thanks for making a beloved Eckstein tradition possible! Here is a link to the sign-up! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094BACA72EABF85-eckstein>

****Eckstein All-Bands Winter Concert (Thursday, December 13th at 7:30p).** On the roster is Beginning Concert Band, Junior Concert Band, Intermediate Concert Band, Intermediate Jazz Band & Wind Ensemble. Parents, as you drop off your kids, plan to bring a snack for the bake sale and to work a shift to support the band program. Bring your appetite, while you are at it. All funds benefit the band program. See available spots here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4faaa628a7f85-concert>

****Calling all Eckstein bikers!** Come to the WINTER Biker Donut Day Friday, DEC 21. Join us in the bike cage before school for some donuts, fruit, juice, and merry merriment. 8:15 am until class starts. Ride on! Questions? Interested in volunteering? michelesolis100@comcast.net

****Eckstein Crossing Guard Volunteers:** Please consider helping with a quick 30 minute volunteer opportunity! We are looking for volunteer crossing guards to support our students and families during the busy morning drop off. The crossing guard's responsibility is only to help kids cross at the unassisted crosswalk on 31st Ave NE, which runs east and west. There is no directing traffic, just assisting kids at the busy intersection of 75th St and 31st Ave NE. Training provided. Please contact Dawn Robinson at dlrchubb@yahoo.com with questions. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094baca72eabf85-eckstein1>

****Girls Soccer Playoffs this Weekend!** – Come support our varsity girls soccer team as they head into playoffs this weekend! They play Madison on Saturday (12/8/18 at 9:30 A.M. at Memorial Stadium. If they win, they will be in the championship game at 3:30 P.M. These girls have been working hard all season, so let's bring our school spirit and cheer them on this Saturday! Go Eagles!

****Basketball Tryouts Have Started (12/4/18)** – Boys and Girls basketball tryouts started on 12/4. The boys tryouts run from 4:00-5:30 and the girls tryouts (which will start with a meeting in the lunchroom) run from 5:00-7:00 P.M. Tryouts will continue for the rest of the week. You MUST have a current physical on file in order to try out. Good luck to all!

****UPDATE ~ NAEP (National Assessment of Education Progress) Assessments at Eckstein on March 5, 2019**

for 50 randomly selected 8th graders: Letters were mailed home on 12/5 to those fifty 8th graders randomly chosen by the NAEP to participate in a Mathematics and Reading Assessment to take place on Tuesday, March 5 for two 120-minute sessions. 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 by no later than *December 21, 2018*.

****UPDATED Order Form ~ The PTSA is selling SCRIP!** What is SCRIP? SCRIP allows you to purchase gift cards from 100s of major retailers at face value while earning money for the PTSA – anywhere from 2% to 16% of the purchase price, depending on the retailer. The PTSA has opted to always carry cards from Amazon (\$100), PCC (\$50), Safeway (\$25 and \$100), Starbucks (\$25), and Target (\$50 and \$100). You can also special order cards from 100s of other retailers (to see a list of all the retailers available, go to www.shopwithscrip.com). Filled orders will be delivered to the front office for pickup. You will be notified by email when your order is ready. Payment is required in advance; you can make checks payable to Eckstein PTSA or use a credit card for an additional 3.5% fee. The order form can be found [HERE \(updated 12/6/18\)](#). If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Laura Spring at laura@springnet.org. Thanks for shopping and thanks for supporting Eckstein!

****NOVA HIGH SCHOOL's OPEN HOUSE – THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH 6:00-7:30 PM:**

Thu, Dec 6: Parent/Guardian Tour 12:30 – 1:30 pm, No sign up necessary
Wed, Dec 12: 8th Grade Student Intro. Morning 9:00 – 11:45 am, Pre-registration Required
Tue, Dec 18: Parent/Guardian Tour 12:30 – 1:30 pm, No sign up necessary
Thu, Jan 10: Parent/Guardian Tour 12:30 – 1:30 pm, No sign up necessary
Wed, Jan 16: 8th Grade Student Intro. Morning 9:00 – 11:45 am, Pre-registration Required
Tue, Jan 22: Parent/Guardian Tour 12:30 – 1:30 pm, No sign up necessary
Tue, Jan. 29: 8th Grade Student Intro. Morning 9:00 – 11:45 am, Pre-registration Required

A brief description of each is as follows:

TOUR: 1st 30 minutes -- Student lead tour of the building/classrooms etc.
2nd 30 minutes -- Q & A session for all adults w/the Principal in his office.
NO Registration Required

STUDENT INTRO DAY: 1st Hour – student led tour of school & “round table” discussion as a group about Nova HS (what it is like to be a Nova student etc.)
2nd Hour – visiting 8th graders choose a class to observe
Final 30 min. – all 8th graders have a debrief w/the Principal.

Pre-Registration Required by Calling the Nova Office @ 206-252-3500

OLD NEWS

ASB News:

Announcements from Leadership:

- Get ready for **Ugly Sweater day** on December 20th!

SPORTS News:

GIRLS SOCCER: Our girls soccer teams play their last regular-season games this Saturday before heading into playoffs. ***The Girls Varsity Soccer Game has been cancelled this weekend because the opposing team had to forfeit.*** The JV team plays at Eagle Staff at 8 A.M. against Hazelwolf. Come cheer on your Eckstein athletes! **IMPORTANT:** Players, remember to get your progress reports turned in so that you can play in the games this Saturday!

BASKETBALL: Those of you interested in trying out for girls or boys basketball, the tryouts are **NEXT WEEK!** The exact schedule is posted on our Website and in the hall across from the front office. Make sure you have a current physical on file here at the school. Physicals last two years, so 8th graders, make sure you check

the expiration date. Don't wait and find yourself unable to try out – take care of your paperwork immediately! Question? Ask Ms. Williams in P5.

Basketball Season Is Right Around the Corner! Are you planning to go out for basketball this year? You can start warming up your skills at some open gyms prior to the start of the season! They start next week and everyone who enjoys hoops is invited! Participation in the open gyms will have no bearing on making the team or not.

- **Boys open gym** dates will be Monday, Nov. 5th, Tuesday, Nov. 13th, and Monday, Nov. 26th from 4-6 PM in the Eckstein gym.
- **Girls open gym** will be on Thursdays – Nov. 8th, 15th, and 29th from 5:30-7 PM in the Eckstein gym.

Tryouts for both boys and girls basketball will start on Tuesday, December 4th. The exact breakdown of times and who should attend specific days will be posted and announced soon! Remember that you need a completed physical signed by your doctor on file here at Eckstein in order to be able to try out for any sport. Take care of your paperwork right away! Questions? See Ms. Williams in P5!

Eckstein Fall Sports Game Schedule as of 9/28/18: Click [HERE - updated 10-15-18](#) to view the latest Eckstein Fall Sport Schedule. The soccer Varsity and JV schedules contain the games for the entire season.

Eckstein Athletes: Don't forget to turn in your progress reports/Source print-outs each Wednesday before a weekend game! Turn them into the box in the front office asap! We want to get you eligible to play.

MAIN OFFICE News

Eckstein MakerFest: Eckstein students and families are invited to the winter MakerFest sponsored by the library and computer science departments on Thursday, December 6th from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Come try out different science, tech, engineering, and art student projects. If students are attending without families, they need to get a signed permission slip!

Order Yearbooks Online Now until December 15, 2018: You can order yearbooks online via [schoolpay.com](#). You can logon with your Source login information. Yearbooks are \$28. After December 15 there will be no more chances to order books.

Workshop on Talking to Kids about Nicotine, Drugs and Alcohol: Please join the Eckstein Counseling Department & special guest, Lisa Davidson, for a workshop on talking to your kids about the risks of nicotine, alcohol & drugs. Wednesday December 5th from 6:30-7:30p.m. in the Eckstein library. With the variety of ways nicotine, alcohol and drugs are available these days, parents face more challenges than ever to keep their children safe and healthy. Lisa Davidson, Seattle Public Schools Prevention and Intervention Manager, will review different risky behaviors among adolescents and strategies for helping your child navigate the teen years. Questions? Contact Niki Duncan, 7th Grade Counselor & Head Counselor at nmduncansort@seattleschools.org

Participants will learn:

- Five key strategies for preventing risky behavior
- New products and trends—vaping, over the counter drugs, and more
- How to have tough conversations

Questions & open discussion afterwards.

Holiday Grocery Gift Card Donations Needed: The Eckstein community is collecting grocery gift cards in November to help provide a holiday meal for students and families in need within our school. If you can contribute, please either drop off your grocery gift card donation in Eckstein's main office OR if you prefer, you can drop off a check and we will purchase Safeway gift cards through the SCRIP Program. Cards in denominations of \$10 or \$20 will work best. Checks should be made out to Eckstein PTSA and please clearly indicate in the memo line that the donation is for holiday gift cards. If your family is in need of some extra support this fall and you would like to be on the list to receive a grocery gift card, please contact your student's grade-level counselor: 6th grade- Ms. Ziadeh raziadeh@seattleschools.org, 7th grade-Ms. Duncan nmduncansort@seattleschools.org, 8th grade-Ms. Wedemeyer arwedemeyer@seattleschools.org.

Eckstein Open House for Incoming 6th graders: Eckstein Middle School will host an open house for current 5th graders and their families on evening of Thursday, February 7th. More information will be coming.

Eckstein Crossing Guard Position Available at NE 75th Street ~ Looking for Applicants: Eckstein PTSA is seeking applicants to cover beginning and end of school day crossing at 31st Avenue NE. Click on the link below for more information. If interested please contact Dawn Robinson at dlrchubb@yahoo.com (PTSA Liaison) or Yvonne Carpenter, Field Staff Lead at 206-252-0907 or ylcarpenter@seattleschools.org. Applications are available in the Eckstein Main Office. [Crossing Guard Information](#)

Do you remember Scholastic Book Orders? I loved them, and they still exist! They have reading clubs for pre-K - 9th grade. If your child's teacher does NOT send book orders home and you want to order books, you can order any book from any Scholastic book order by going to their website: <https://clubs.scholastic.com/> and using this code to link your student to Mrs. Clark: NPKQ2. You can place all orders and purchase books online. Please do not send cash or checks to school. Mrs. Clark will place book orders on November 15. They take about 2 weeks to ship, so they should arrive the week of November 26. Then she will give students requests to reports to come pick up their books. She's always ordering for her own elementary school child, and you can order for all age groups, too. They have board books and early readers, as well as Young Adult Literature. If you are ordering a book as a gift, and don't want your student to know, send Mrs. Clark an email, ttclark@seattleschools.org, and she will arrange a pick up time.

Sidewalk Closure on 35th Ave & 75th Street NE: Sidewalk repair work is underway between NE 75th St and NE 89th St with multiple pedestrian detours in place along the corridor. In particular, work is restarting at NE 75th St and 35th Ave NE, and the southwest corner will be closed beginning as early as 11/5. This work will take at least 1 week to complete. Please follow the attached [Pedestrian Detour](#) to and from Eckstein Middle School and pay attention to posted detour signs. As a reminder, the project email updates are the best way to stay informed about upcoming construction. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our construction information hotline at (206) 512-3950 or email the project at 35thAvePaving@seattle.gov.

Private School Recommendations & Transcripts: To ensure our timely response, application requests must be turned in to us by December 1st. **We cannot guarantee that requests will be completed if submitted after December 1.** It will be at the teacher's discretion, if they have time available. Please visit our website to learn how to request records and recommendations:

http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/academics/private_school_recommendation_process

Are you planning to take your student out of school for a vacation? If you take your student out of school for a vacation or family event, we need your student to turn in a Preplanned Absence form prior to the absence in order to excuse it. You will need to fill out the bottom and top of the form. Then the student needs to take it to every teacher to sign off on it. Then return it to Attendance. You can download forms here: http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6059/File/Resources/Attendance/Pre-plannedAbsenceForm_ADA.pdf

Do You Take Pictures at Eckstein Sports Games? If so, I would LOVE those pictures for the yearbook. Please send them to me, Julia Detering at jdetering@seattleschools.org.

Updating Your School Messaging Options: You can modify the phone numbers that receive robocalls on the District website here: <https://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=26610700>

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.

MUSIC News

2nd Order for Eckstein Band T-Shirt/Sweatshirts: Because of interest, Eckstein Bands will be placing a 2nd order for 2018-19 sweatshirts or t-shirt for your child, members of your family or both! The hooded sweatshirts, short-sleeve t-shirts and long sleeve t-shirts are dark grey with the band logo design in white centered on the front. **Orders, with payment, are due by the end of school on Monday, December 3, 2018** and can be dropped into the mailbox in Room 118. Please email Alina Perez Campos at alinapc53@gmail.com with any questions. Click [HERE](#) to download form.

Junior Jazz Band After School Program: This afterschool program for students (mostly 6th graders) who want to learn to play jazz meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-5:30p.m. all year in Room 118. Please complete the permission form [Jr Jazz Permission Form 2018-19](#). Questions, email Mr. Escobedo at cuescobelod@seattleschools.org

Eckstein Band Updates: The updated TENTATIVE calendar is [here](#), as well as integrated into the Google Calendar on the Eckstein Band [Families Website](#). Check either of these spots for dates of concerts, trips, etc. *This website is maintained by Band parent volunteers and not the school.*

Orchestra Families! Welcome to the 2018/19 school year at Eckstein: Stay informed by 'Opting in' to receive email updates about upcoming orchestra events. You may unsubscribe at any time. Email the orchestra chair at ecksteinorchestras@gmail.com with your student's name and the orchestra (s) played in. We tentatively set an Orchestra potluck date! We will be posting more information soon!

Band Families! Welcome to the 2018/19 school year at Eckstein: Stay informed by 'Opting in' to receive email updates about upcoming band events. You may unsubscribe at any time. Email the band chair at ecksteinbandfamilies@gmail.com with your student's name and the band(s) played in.

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!

- 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 goes directly to support Eckstein Band.

PTSA News

Eckstein Staff Appreciation Cookie Exchange: Calling all cookie makers (or buyers)! December 13 is the annual cookie exchange for Eckstein staff. Staff look forward to this fun event! We provide the cookies and tins, and they take home a fabulous array of treats to enjoy with friends and family. Sign up to bring (or send with your student) cookies and empty containers on Thursday morning, December 13th. Please bring them to the office and we'll take it from there. Thanks for making a beloved Eckstein tradition possible! Here is a link to the sign-up! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094BACA72EABF85-eckstein>

Join the Eckstein Middle School PTSA Today! The number one reason to join the PTSA is to benefit your child, and in doing so, you also help your school. The PTSA provides funding to support many programs that help our Eckstein students and the Eckstein community such as student events and assemblies, the Reflections Art Competition, the Speaker Series, and holiday food and gift drives. Our events and activities support closer links between home and school, bringing staff and families together in support of our Eckstein Middle School community. Membership is our collective voice and with that collective voice we can make a difference for our children. Join today! Click [HERE](#) for Eckstein membership form.

YOU can help ALL Eckstein students succeed by supporting this year's Annual Campaign! This year's fundraising goal is \$75,000, an average of \$75 per Eckstein student. **We can do it!** Just a few areas your donations are hard at work right now:

- Implementing technology upgrades
- Updating and modernizing library materials
- Providing science lab enrichment and materials

Prefer to get it out of the way now? Donate online at: www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org Questions? Contact April Wright at caccwright3@icloud.com or Larry Mavencamp larry1m@yahoo.com

Box Tops! We will be collecting Box Tops again this year. Please turn them in to the front office. The first submission due date is Nov. 1, so please send in any you have before then, but know that we will collect them

all school year. 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!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

High School Open House & Tour Information: For overview, click [HERE](#).

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

Wednesday, December 12, 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; school communication and opportunities for connections within the Nathan Hale Community

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

6:00PM – 7:00PM Information Tables and Tours in Commons (last tour leaves Commons at 6:40)

6:00PM – 8:00 PM **Distinct (SM4), Access (SM4), Social Emotional Learning – SEL (SM3), Focus (SM2) and Medically Fragile classrooms** will be open and teachers will be available to share information and answer questions

Join us in any way that works for you:

- Take a tour of the whole school – tours start at 6PM in the Commons – last tour leaves the Commons at 6:40, then head to the main office to be directed to the classrooms noted above
- Or - head straight to the main office to be directed to the classrooms noted above

Students are welcome!

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; school 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.

Starting December 13th, families 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.

Ingraham Open House and Tour Schedule for 18-19: Ingraham Open House and Tour Schedule

Ingraham High School Open House for Private School Families

November 7th – 7:00 PM – Ingraham Library – this is a general information night open to parents and students new to the Seattle Public Schools. Ingraham Staff will answer any questions about academics, sports, clubs and student life at Ingraham.

Shadow Visits: Shadow visits will begin Dec 4th and will run on Tuesday and Thursdays until February 14, 2019. 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 26th -206-252-3889. Dec 4, 6, 11, 13 Jan 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24 Feb 5, 7, 12, 14

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 5th – 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 7th – 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 open tour or the night open houses. You need to register for a shadow visit.

NEIGHBORHOOD News:

MEETING NOTICE: Pickleball Court Construction project at Eckstein MS – Please come to a public meeting on Monday, December 3rd at 6:30 - 7:30 at the NE Branch of the Seattle Public Library. This is a general information meeting to discuss the project overall, current status, funding, and the next steps of the design phase. If you cannot attend, but would like to hear updates, please join our newsletter mailing list, Text keyword EMSpickleball to 22828 and you will be asked for your email.

Friends of Eckstein MS Pickleball is a community based non profit group, separate from the Eckstein PTSA. We are proposing to convert a damaged, locked and no longer used, single tennis court into 4 permanent pickleball courts for use by Eckstein PE classes, lunch time open play and open to the general public during non school hours and School holidays. Seattle Schools has approved this project. Pickleball is a fast growing sport, easy to learn, and can be played by all ages. Financial oversight for our project is provided by Seattle Parks Foundation, and all donations are tax deductible. We are seeking Neighborhood Matching Funds through the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. Following the 12/3 meeting, our next public meeting will be in January 2019, if our initial phase of funding is approved in December. Please join the discussion!

Questions? pickleballeckstein@gmail.com

Donations: <https://www.seattleparksfoundation.org/project/eckstein-ms-pickleball-court-construction/>

DISTRICT News

District Special Education Resource Fair: December 6, 2018, 6:30 to 8:00p.m. Location: Roosevelt High School Commons, 1410 NE 66th St, Seattle, WA 98115. Join us for a gathering of representatives from numerous Seattle Public Schools departments. Use this time to ask questions, collect information, and learn face-to-face from the people who help coordinate services to support your student. Special Education directors and other staff will be onsite during this open-house style event as well, so bring your questions! Childcare will be provided.

Community News

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

****Seattle Cascades is Seattle's pro ultimate team.** 2018 Winter Baller, Friday, December 28th 7-10:00p.m. 5v5 tournament in Memorial Stadium. We combine forces with our elite women's teams to coach our clinics. Clinics are for ALL: beginner to advanced, all genders. Cost is \$50/\$90/\$120 for one, two or all three days.

<http://www.seattlecascades.com/>.

- All abilities are welcome
- We have cleats to share if needed
- Allergy sensitive snacks are provided
- Scholarship is given to all who need it. No questions asked.

****Watts Basketball Holiday Hoops:** Register at <https://wattsbasketball.com/holiday-hoops>. This winter break, join Seattle SuperSonics legend Slick Watts and UW standout Donald Watts for the Watts Holiday Hoops Camps at Villa Academy! These three-day-long, half-day camps are the perfect way to get your young player's skills sharp for the upcoming season. Camps run December 26–28 and January 2–4 from 1pm–4pm daily. Scholarships are available to those in need. Registration closes on December 23! Questions? Contact our program coordinator Colin Davenport at Colin@WattsBasketball.com

****Doublecrosse:** Calling all NE Seattle girls interested in Girls' lacrosse – grades 2-8. All new and returning players welcome. No prior experience necessary. Registration for Spring 2019, starting November 15. Registration closes February 2. Season begins the week of February 25. Details and registration at doublecrosse.com. Questions? Email info@doublecrosse.com

****Aileycamp 2019:** Join us this summer for a free 6-week program where youth ages 11-14 experience a fun-filled day camp learning dance and important life skills. When: June 26-August 2, 2019, 8:30-3:30p.m. M-F. Where: Beach Park Event Center in Des Moines, WA. Interested: Call 206-518-5232 or email shawnr@stgpresents.org for application form.

North Seattle Lacrosse for Boys Grades 3-8: Registration is now open for the North Seattle Lacrosse 2019 spring season. Space is currently 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. For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.northseattlelacrosse.org/> Click [HERE](#) to view flyer.

Bryant Elementary invites you join our 100th birthday celebration! Bryant Centennial, December 13, 2018 School Assembly 1:20-2:20 pm, Public Open House 5:30-7:00 pm. On December 13 we'll ring in our Bryant Centennial, starting with an all-school assembly for our students and families. Come hear stories from former students and teachers, learn more about our namesake, and take in presentations from our current students. Come back in the evening to celebrate with our extended community, including District and city officials, our neighbors, and long-time friends of Bryant. We'll have light snacks and entertainment from Bryant years past.

Eckstein Snow Sports: Registration for the 2019 January and February Friday night ski and snowboard lesson and bus program is **NOW ONLY ACCEPTING WAITLIST REGISTRATION** through SKI MOHAN. **In order to run that waitlist, and the entire program, we need committed parent chaperones.** *There are adult perks for such responsibilities. Send a note of interest to ecksteinsnowsports@gmail.com*

Please note: This is a program of Mohan Skiing and Boarding; this is not a school sponsored activity or field trip. The Eckstein Snowsports name and email address is merely to coordinate the students of Eckstein who participate in the Ski Mohan program. Eckstein Snowsports is facilitated by teacher and parent volunteers.

Nathan Hale is currently looking for someone who is interested in helping coach with the Nathan Hale gymnastics team . Practices run M-F 4-6 and this is a paid position. You do not have to be an all-world gymnast to be a part of our team. You need a love for the sport, a drive to learn and teach the sport and a willingness to help students get better. If you are interested please contact me or our head coach Alexis Stevens alexis.stevens6011@yahoo.com

WWFHA.com: Western Washington Female Hockey Association is having a free try hockey session on SUNDAY, January 6th, 2019 at Highland Ice Arena on Aurora Ave in Shoreline.
<https://www.wwfha.com/jan6-try-hockey-free>

Computing Open House, December 1st 2018, 1-5pm, Paul G. Allen Center for Computer Science & Engineering, UW Seattle: Calling all students, teachers, and families! Want to learn more about studying and working in computing fields? Come learn from those already doing it! Hands-on activities and cutting edge demos will show middle and high school students what computing is all about. Learn from UW students, faculty and local companies. Parking on campus is FREE after noon. Learn more and RSVP at <https://www.cs.washington.edu/openhouse>.

Nathan Hale High School Presents “Raiders Holiday Hoop Camp”: December 27-29 and January 2-5, 9:00-3:30p.m. Open to ages 7-14. Registration fee: \$199 in advance, \$230 at the door. 10750 30th Ave NE, Seattle 98125. Register at www.nathanhalebasketball.com For more information, contact Coach Brooks at nathanhalemb@outlook.com. Lunch is not provided.

The Roosevelt Jazz Band performs Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn’s Jazz Nutcracker on Saturday, December 8th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 9th at 2:00 pm in Roosevelt’s Performing Arts Theatre, 1410 NE 66th Street | Seattle. Ticket prices are \$18.00 for adults & \$13.00 for students and seniors and can be purchased here. <http://www.rooseveltjazz.org/events/jazz-nutcracker/> We hope you’ll join us as we swing into the holidays with the 2018-2019 Jazz Band under the direction of Seattle Public School’s educator, Scott Brown.

GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math and Science): Free, volunteer-run after-school science activities program for Seattle 7th to 8th grade girls to explore STEM fields. Apply at seattleewis.org/awis-events/gems/. Questions? Contact seattlegems@gmail.com Click [HERE](#) to view flyer.

Girls on the Run is looking for interested Eckstein students to join their middle school program, Heart & Sole:

Heart & Sole is a character development program designed specifically for middle school girls. Girls learn about important life skills such as: friendship, empathy, self-confidence, goal-setting and intentional decision making. Girls also train to run a non-competitive 5k (3.1 miles) at the end of the season! This program is not run through Seattle Public Schools or Eckstein Athletics but will be an outside group mobilizing interested students. We are recruiting parents to help us lead the team of interested Eckstein students. To set up a team, we need a Site Liaison to get things started. We also need 2-3 volunteer coaches to lead the girls through the curriculum for 10 weeks in the Spring. Coaches can be male or female and do not have to be runners. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about these two volunteer positions. Please email Erin Gorup at erin@girlsrun.org or call 206-528-2118 if you are interested in either or both roles.

Theater of Possibility. Supported by a Youth Arts Award from the Seattle Office of Arts & Culture. Helps young people be themselves through acting, improvisation, and play-creation. Who: Serving youth with Asperger's, autism or other learning differences as well as typically-developing peers. When: Weekly, Fall & Spring sessions in Seattle (University Heights Center) or Bellevue. [Theater of Possibility Flyer](#) For registration/information contact Lauren@LaurenMarshall.com

Seattle JazzED is a non-profit music education organization in the Central District/Madison Valley. You pay-what-you-can for any Seattle JazzED program, with free instrument loan assistance. For those who need it, we also offer a full tuition waiver, no questions asked. Families simply need to enter code the WAIVER when checking out. We're looking for aspiring musicians in grades 4-8 to join our after-school Seattle JazzED Prep Ensembles. No experience required! You will learn how to play an instrument, perform, read music and set yourself up for a life of musical success. The Prep Ensembles begin the week of October 1, 2018 and run through Thursday, May 16, 2019 with performances throughout. You can learn to play the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, upright bass, guitar, piano & singing, OR drums in the JazzED Prep Ensembles. And don't forget, you can get an instrument from us! Ensembles rehearse at the MLK FAME Community Center at 3201 E Republican St in the Madison Valley neighborhood. Learn more and sign up on our website: <https://www.seattlejazzed.org/jazzprep/>

Do you have backyard chickens or an interest in sewing, woodworking or gardening? Then maybe our urban 4-H group would be a good fit for you. We meet most second Saturdays of each month at the Good Shepherd Center in Wallingford, from 10-12. Come on by September 8 or October 13 to check us out. For more information, contact lucycorthell@gmail.com

Kids With An Edge is now enrolling for: - Math Classes to establish Strong Fundamentals. Highly interactive and SPS Core Standards based.

- Python 1 Computer Coding, Friday or Saturday classes
- Early Learning Reading/Math Programs for Ages 4-7. Highly interactive, effective and engaging format.

<https://www.KidsWithAnEdge.com>

email: info@kidswithanedge.com

Pacifica Children's Choir is Looking for Singers: Pacifica Choirs currently has space for children in grades K-12. We are a Meadowbrook neighborhood co-ed children's choir founded in 1993 that provides quality music instruction, and performs all types of music (folk, classical, jazz, and contemporary). Our organization consists of 4 choirs divided by age/experience level. Please visit our website (<http://pacificachoirs.org/>) for more information, or feel free to contact our music director, Susan Senft (pacificachoirs@gmail.com) with any questions or to schedule an audition.

Stone Soup Theatre: Visit StonesoupTheatre.org to learn about winter and spring break and Summerstage 2019. Nuturing imaginations, developing acting skills and providing actor-centered education. Contact Jeremy at (206) 388-9212 or education@stonesouptheatre.org. Wallingford Presbyterian Church. 1414 N 42nd St. Seattle 98103