January 13, 2023



School News

Sequim Middle School

Office Hours: 7:00-3:30 p.m.
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What do I need to know before the week starts: 1/16-1/20

Semester One's End is Coming

Our students are nearing the end of the first formal grading period, 1st semester. February 2nd is the last day of the first term. Friday the 3rd is a non-school day to reset for semester 2. The new semester means new classes for those that are completing a semester long class , part two of some courses and new teachers for others. We mention this to not just prepare you but also to remind you about the small amount of time left until the semester change.

With the time left, teachers are planning for the end of projects and setting specific days for assessments of skill and knowledge. Teachers want to collect whatever evidence they can so they can feel confident that they understand what each student knows. That said, it could be very important for some to review missed opportunities and prioritize which tasks could have the greatest impact on changing grades BEFORE they are finalized.

The Journey began last night

The community, yourself included has been invited to add your two cents to the redefining of vision for all our kids within the Sequim School District. Last night, the Superintendent hosted students, parents, community members and staff to start the process to build our school's mission from the ground up to capture our students needs into their futures. The final product will be a strategic plan that will guide all aspects of the district work for our kids. I, Mr. Harris, participated in the process as a past teacher, current principal but also as a dad of kids in the system and as someone that will have grandkids served by our system. The session runs from 6:00-7:30 about every two weeks, the next one is on Thursday January 26th. You and your kids are invited to this and any of the future sessions. The meetings are in the Guy Coleman Center at Carrie Blake Park next to the pickleball courts and the dog park. I hope to see some faces I know and others I will get to know at future sessions.

Sports

1/18: Basketball vs. Forks @ Sequim

1/20: Basketball @ Stevens

Wrestling: Sign ups now open. See Ms. Forshaw for paperwork or click <u>here</u> to download the forms. **Practice starts February 6th.**

Logistics:

1/16: NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

CLUBS:

Tue: Timberwolves Thunder Drumline, 2:45-4:00

Tue: Art Club, 2:45-4:00

Tue: Tea with Taylor, 2:45-3:45 **Wed: Hiking Club**, 2:45-4:00

Wed: Woodwind & Brass Club, 2:45-4:00 Wed: NASA Science Club, 3:00-4:00 Thurs: Fly Fishing Club, 2:45-4:00

Thurs: Sequim Thunder Drumline (Advanced), 2:45-4:00

Thurs: Dungeons and Dragons Club, 3:00-5:00

Thurs: Game Club, 2:45-4:00 Thurs: TSA e-sports, 2:45-4:00

Next Week 1/23-1/27...

Sports:

1/23: Basketball @ Chimacum

1/25: Basketball vs. Neah Bay @ home

Logistics:

1/26: Strategic Planning, 6-7:30pm, Guy Coleman Center **1/28:** Winter Dance (7th & 8th grade), 6-8PM in the gym

A week or more out...

Sports:

1/30: Basketball @ Blue Heron

2/1: Basketball @ Forks

2/6: Basketball vs. Stevens @ Sequim

2/6: Wrestling starts

Logistics:

1/31: Hi-Cap referral window closes

2/2: End of Term 2 **2/3:** NO SCHOOL

Winter Dance Eligibility

Students must be 7th or 8th graders to attend the dance.

Students who meet either of the following criteria between January 10th and January 27th <u>will not be eligible</u> to attend the winter dance:

- Students with 3 or more tardies
- Students with any discipline referrals

