



April 14, 2023

School News

Sequim Middle School

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STATE ASSESMENTS AND REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2023 SCHOOL YEAR START NEXT WEEK!

State Assessments

Beginning Tuesday April 18, our 6th grade will take their first assessment. Our 7th graders will take their test on **Wednesday, April 19** and our 8th grade on **Thursday, April 20**.

This pattern, Grade 6 testing on Tuesdays, Grade 7 testing on Wednesdays and Grade 8 testing on Thursdays will repeat into May. We will send reminder Skyward emails the night before each test.

8th Graders will finish up testing with their Science test on May 17th.

We will not be changing our period schedule for testing. If testing, students will report in the morning to the cafeteria and be taken to their testing location. The testing happens during 1st and 2nd period classes; the rest of the school will attend classes like normal.

Students that arrive late on their testing day will be in a study hall until testing is finished and will make-up the test another day.

Registration

8th grade Welcome Assembly: Monday morning April 17th. SHS Registration information will be distributed to all current 8th grade students in their Wolfpack class. On this day, all 8th graders will go to the High School Auditorium for an 8th Grade Registration Assembly put on by High School Administrators and Counselors. Please look for this registration packet and review the information with your student.

8th Grade Parent Night: Monday, April 17 at 6:00PM, SHS Cafeteria - During this meeting, high school administration and counselors will give 8th graders an introduction to high school and what to expect and go over registration and high school graduation requirements.

8th Grade Computer Registration: Monday, April 24th—8th graders will complete registration at school, with the help of high school and middle school staff.

6th and 7th Grade Parent Night: Thursday, April 20th at 5:00PM, SMS Cafeteria—Mr. Harris will be presenting to our current 6th and 7th grade parents about what they can expect at middle school next year. There will be some changes coming. Among these changes is a different plan for transitioning new 6th graders into middle school which will be impacted by feedback from students, staff and parents. It will also include information on the required courses for each grade level and the options students have for registration and the impact those choices have on staffing. Parents will be given the opportunity to ask questions. A survey will go out that Friday surveying students about what electives they are interested in. Students will register for their 2023-2024 classes on April 24th during the school day.

5th Grade Family Night: April 24th, 5-7PM in the SMS Cafeteria—We invite our incoming 6th graders and their parents to hear about the changes for next year, tour our school and chat with some of our staff. Allison Hastings, our Student Support Specialist extraordinaire, will be going to visit 5th graders at Haller on April 25th and Greywolf on April 26th. **Parents be on the look out for paper work the day of those visits.**

This Week 4/17-4/21

Logistics:

4/17: 8th Grade Welcome Assembly, 9:30AM, SHS Auditorium
4/17: 8th Grade Parent Night, 6PM, SHS Cafeteria
4/18: HIV/AIDS Education in PE classes
4/18: SBA Testing (6th grade)
4/18: Term 3 ends
4/19: SBA testing (7th grade)
4/20: SBA testing (8th grade)
4:20: 6th/7th grade Info Night, 5-6PM, SMS Cafeteria

CLUBS:

Mon: HOSA– Future Health Professionals, 2:45
Mon: Gamer Girls, 2:45-4:00
Tue: Timberwolves Thunder Drumline, 2:45-4:00
Tue: Art Club, 2:45-3:45
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
Thurs: TSA e-sports, 2:45-4:00

Next Week 4/24-4/28...

Sports:

4/26: Track meet @ Stevens

Logistics:

4/24: 8th grade computer registration, 9:15AM, SMS Cafeteria
4/24: 5th grade parent night, 5-7PM, SMS Cafeteria
4/25: SBA testing (6th grade)
4/26: SBA testing (7th grade)
4/27: SBA testing (8th grade)

A week or more out...

Sports:

5/3: Track meet @ Blue Heron
5/10: Track meet @ Forks

Logistics:

5/2: SBA Testing (6th grade)
5/2: K-12 District Choral Concert, OPA Gym
5/3: SBA Testing (7th grade)
5/4: SBA Testing (8th grade)
5/9: SBA Testing (6th grade)
5/10: SBA Testing (7th grade)

WHAT: 5th Grade Family Night at SMS
WHEN: April 24th 5:00-7:00 p.m
WHERE: In the SMS cafeteria (and classrooms)

You are invited to join us to find out what next year will look like at the middle school for your incoming 6th grader. We will have pizza and cookies for a bite to eat.

We have been learning and adapting, and now we are in the planning stages of changing the middle school experience for our upcoming 6th graders. **We would like to share our ideas with you and ask for your input to help build a positive experience** for our kids together.

Beginning around 5:15, while you and your family enjoy pizza and cookies, Mr. Harris will share the current plan of changes and upcoming registration information. One change is the period schedule and its anticipated positive impact on movement in the school. He will also share the planned AM block to revitalize grade level teaming which will help serve the collective grade levels needs for skill growth and also better serve individual needs.

When finished, Mr. Harris will address questions. There will be an opportunity to put them in writing or to stand up, be recognized and spoken. After this opportunity or as your family's needs dictate, many of our current staff will be in their classrooms for you to walk through and ask questions of them. Many of our staff have several perspectives as many have or have had their children be a part of the middle school.

