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Superintendent's Message



Dear Friends,

When I was a young boy growing up in Enumclaw, I don't remember going out of town to shop. I do remember "going downtown" to run errands and pick up our needed items with my mom. We would stop at Pohlman's Variety store (current Porter Antiques and Collectibles former Lindon Bookstore), Steve's Five and Dime (Bridget's Boutique) and Sunrise Pharmacy (former Café Panini). We would pick up our orders that came in from Montgomery Ward (Courier Herald) or Sears (The Parlor Room). I loved stopping at the Mighty Nice Bakery (This and That) for a fresh pastry. I loved hearing the creaky wooden floors when I walked into Mighty Nice and I'll never forget the aroma of fresh baked pastries.

You would see your friends and neighbors doing their shopping and errands. I remember shaking the hand of Superintendent Tom Poe. As a little boy, he looked so big. I remember running into Monsignor Farrelly who had walked two blocks down from the Catholic Church (located at the site of the GRCC building). He wore his full black robe with his rosary dangling at his side. He always gave me and any child he saw a tootsie roll. I remember standing patiently at my mom's side while she seemed to talk "with everyone".

On Halloween evening, about a 1000 kids plus their families strolled up and down Cole Street going from business to business receiving a "treat" for Halloween. I didn't hear of any of our students receiving a "trick." After continuous rain for many hours prior to the 4:00 start time, it was dry for the two hours of downtown trick or treating which made this experience even more pleasant.

As I walked up and down Cole Street several times chatting with families and students, I couldn't help but think of Superintendent Poe, Monsignor Farrelly and my mom. We are a fortunate school district to have our business community create such a fun and safe venue for our students to receive some Halloween treats. If you haven't been to downtown Enumclaw or the shops by the Black Diamond Bakery, I would encourage you to do so. In this month of Thanksgiving, I am grateful for the direct and indirect ways our local businesses support our students and school district.

In Partnership with you Mike

Tips for Planning Beyond High School

For those of you who are thinking about or currently involved with your children in the beyond EHS transition process, here are a few things that you might find helpful in preparing your child to make an informed decision about his/her future:

- Make visitations to college campuses and technical schools. Like reading to your child, it's never too early to start. Make a day trip to walk around a campus, go to the college bookstore and have lunch in their student union center.
- Conduct web searches on university and technical schools and/or military organizations and search their offerings, degrees and certifications. Often you are able to put your child's name on a mailing list.
- Find out any prerequisites that your child will need in order to be accepted into a university, technical school or the military. What entrance tests need to be taken? Are their certain course requirements (for example: number of years of a foreign language)? Some of these decisions need to occur far before a senior year.
- If you are looking outside the state of Washington, make a contact with the school's or military's regional representative. Make sure they have contact information for your child.
- Contact the university your child plans to attend for financial aid information, how to complete the FAFSA forms, and find out what scholarships may be available. Often, to be considered for academic scholarships, a student must apply early in his/her senior year. Deadlines vary with schools, but usually fall in November. Also, visit a bank or lending institution regarding college loans.
- ACT and SATs can be taken late in a student's junior year so test scores are available for applications.
- If you are applying for college, explore what the "common application" looks like. Many universities are using this single application form that can be easily looked at by our underclassmen so they can see what is being asked.
- Some prestigious universities ask for a high school's profile. This profile contains specific data points that universities are looking for. Our Enumclaw High School profile can be accessed in the EHS Main Office, through our EHS Counselors or downloaded from our district website. <http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/schools/highschool/default.aspx>



Our desire is that all of our students find incredible success upon leaving our system. We will continue to seek ways to connect students and families with opportunities to learn what is available after Enumclaw High School!

HONORING OUR VETS



Schools all over our district honored our veterans with all-school assemblies!

Thanksgiving Baskets

Peyton Anderson

EHS leadership; Junior

Thanksgiving Baskets committee member

Once again, the EHS leadership program has been blessed with the opportunity to serve our community through assisting with the school district's annual Thanksgiving Baskets project. Students on the committee, led by Taylor Coppertino, were made busy last week, as they traveled during class to the district office to pick up donations to store in a classroom at the high school. The following week will consist of organizing the donated food items into categories and assembling the baskets to be picked up by families on the 19th. Any additional items will then be donated to either Black Diamond or Enumclaw food banks.

With the Thanksgiving holiday right around the corner, we have a lot to be thankful for, from the outstanding administrators within the Enumclaw School District, to a community that is willing to give and accept help in times when it is needed. We truly appreciate the assistance of everyone who has contributed to this program. As young children, many of us were uninterested in the act of giving, for it meant that we would have less; but the simple and indescribable truth behind giving is that often times you end up with more of what really matters. You walk away feeling love for humanity, compassion derived from empathy, and a sense of purpose, knowing that you have contributed towards bettering the life of another.

This Holiday season, the Enumclaw High School leadership team challenges you to embrace the act of giving. Many view this time of year as a chance to receive, when in reality the best kind of gift is derived from a selfless heart. It's a difficult concept to grasp for many, but the result of happiness and fulfillment will be more than enough to convince you, if you just give it a try.



Enumclaw High School Fall Sports

Congratulations to the Fall Sports teams of our high school.

This last five of our teams won or tied for league championship!



First Place teams include the following:

Boys & Girls Golf, Girls Swim & Dive, Girls Volleyball, Girls Soccer

Upcoming Events November & December

When	What
November 21	Half-day Release
November 22 23	Thanksgiving Holiday – District Office Closed
November 29	Westwood Music Extravaganza at 6:30 pm
Nov. 29 - Dec. 1	EHS Play: Almost, Maine
November 30	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
December 3	Board Work Study at Black Diamond Elementary – 6:30 pm
December 4	Magic Strings Concert – EHS Auditorium at 7:00 pm
December 6	Black Diamond Winter Concert & PTA Bake Sale at 6:30 pm
December 7	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
December 10	EHS Winter Band Concert at 7:00 pm
De. 11 & 12	EHS Winter Choir Concert at 7:00 pm
December 12	Westwood PTO Board Meeting at 3:45 pm
December 13	Black Diamond Winter Concert & PTA Bake Sale at 6:30 pm
December 14	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
December 17	Board Meeting at District Office – 6:30 pm
December 18	Thunder Mt. Holiday Program – 7:00 pm
December 19	Half-Day Release

http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/our_district/calendars.aspx

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DUI Unit Informs Enumclaw Teens

WSP's Mobile Impaired Driving Unit Makes a Visit to EHS

On November 8th, the Washington State Patrol brought their MIDU and Sgt. JP McAuliffe from the Impaired Driving Section to educate students on the dangers of distracted and impaired driving. The Washington Traffic Safety Commission reports that in 2010, nearly 25% of fatal crashes in King County involved a distracted driver.

By appearing at local schools, business safety fairs, and other community functions, the Washington State Patrol can speak directly on distracted and impaired driving issues and the dangers they present to the citizens of our state. This hands-on distracted driving demonstration provided a safe but realistic experience to our students that all drivers can learn from.

