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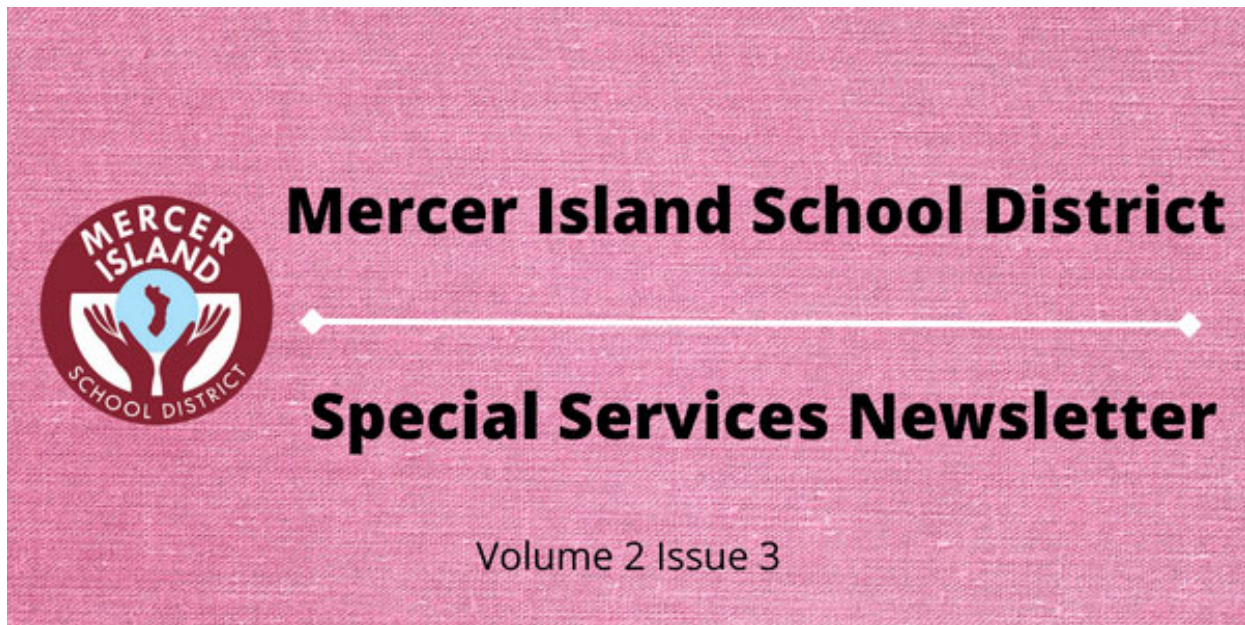
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Transitions

IMS to the High School: The High School Team hosted their first Informational Zoom meeting for incoming 9th Graders and their parents on January 12. Registration for High School Courses will open on January 17. The High School Counselors will be at IMS during lunch time on the 17th as well to meet with students to talk about credits and classes. On the 19th of January, parents will be able to participate in a curriculum fair and will have the opportunity to meet with Department Chairs. There will be additional Zoom meetings for parents and students to meet with the High School Counselors. For students with IEPs, there will be specific individual conferences held the week of March 13 - 16. The IMS teachers will be in contact with parents to schedule their individual meetings. If at that meeting, the team determines the original classes the student selected in January are not appropriate, the High School Case Manager will make the necessary changes.

High School to Pathways: Pathways is a program designed for students that have completed their High School credits and state testing requirements and need more support in completing their IEP transition plan to create a smoother transition from High

School to Employment or College. Our 2023 Open House is scheduled for **March 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Pathways** building behind Northwood.

Elementary to IMS: The IEP transition process for students moving from 5th grade to IMS is quickly approaching. All 5th grade students will receive 6th grade registration packets in early March, in conjunction with the online registration process. On March 14th at 6:00pm, IMS will host an information session for incoming families of students receiving Special Education services. This session will be in person, and more information about the session will be coming in early February. Individual transition meetings will be held the week of April 3-7. Students' 5th grade case managers will be reaching out to schedule those meetings in the coming weeks. **IMS is very excited to be welcoming the class of 2030 in the Fall!**

Pre-School to Kindergarten: For our families who are looking ahead to your child's transition from Preschool to Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year, there are some notable events for incoming kindergarten parents. The MISD Kindergarten Information night will be held on **January 31, 6:00-7:00pm**. This event is in-person at your neighborhood elementary campus - and is geared for parents.

For students who are in our MISD Preschool classrooms, the transition IEP meetings will be held later this spring, after Spring Break. These meetings will be scheduled by your preschool case manager. Kindergarten and special education staff members from your neighborhood Elementary campus will be there to learn more about your incoming Kindergarteners and their IEPs. Our MISD Elementary staff enjoys this opportunity to learn more about how to support their newest students for the upcoming school year. These transition IEP meetings are designed for parents.

Social Emotional Support for Students and Recovery Services

Our office is working on a plan to provide additional social emotional recovery services at each elementary school and middle school for 10 weeks starting in mid-February. These specialized social emotional groups will be open to general education students as well for a fee (free to students needing recovery services). Potential clubs include iCook, iSTEM, The Coder School, Let's Make a Movie, Pulse Fitness, just to name a few. Students will be engaged in academic enrichment with imbedded social emotional instruction.

Recovery Services

Mercer Island School District serves approximately 430 students with disabilities through the IEP Process. Of those students, we started this school year with 55 students still requiring recovery services as determined by their IEP Teams. We have been able to fully complete plans for 8 students so far this year and are actively engaged with 34 more families to complete their plans by the end of June!

Upcoming Topics In January

- Staffing Updates
- Universal Design -- Special Services Update

- Summer School and ESY

Have a question about Special Services? OSPI has a [Parent and Student Rights webpage](#) that includes [Procedural Safeguards](#) that explain your rights (translations available).

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