



EVERGREEN Middle School

Principal, Rian Petrick
Assistant Principal, Linda Harrington
Dean of Students, Sarah Turner

JANUARY 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1	End of Q2/Sem1
February 2	Grade Prep Day—NO SCHOOL
February 3	Sem 2 Prep Day—NO SCHOOL
February 13	Skate Night @ SkateWorld (starts @ 6:30pm)
February 20	President's Day—NO SCHOOL
March 16	Budget Reduction Day—NO SCHOOL
March 23	Budget Reduction Day—NO SCHOOL
March 24	Spring Break Begins (school resumes April 2)

Dear Evergreen Families,

I hope this letter finds you feeling good about your child's 1st semester this school year. We love our Evergreen students and are enjoying assisting them as they navigate through their middle school years and into young adulthood. It is hard to believe that our 7th graders are a semester away from being 8th graders and that our current 8th graders are a semester away from beginning high school!

Our second semester is beginning with some administrative personnel changes. It is with mixed emotions that I announce that our current Assistant Principal, Linda Harrington, will be going to half time duty for the remainder of this year as she begins her new journey as the principal of Hillsboro's new online school. The online school will be up and running by the fall of next school year. Congratulations Linda! This online school will expand options for H.S.D. students and ultimately bolster district revenue. There will be more details to come this spring regarding the online program.

In order to absorb the loss of Linda to a ½ time status, we are fortunate to add the talents of Sarah Turner. Ms. Turner will be our interim ½ time assistant principal, and job share with Linda for the remainder of this year. Ms. Turner has worked in the district for 6 years in a variety of capacities. Her eclectic background and fun high-energy personality, will be a great addition to Evergreen. Welcome Ms. Turner!

In the case that more academic or social support is needed for your student, Evergreen has several options that are available to address their academic and/or social challenges. These opportunities are outlined below in this letter. Our website <http://hsd.k12.or.us/evergreen> is also a good resource for parents as it includes information regarding daily operations, events, announcements and general happenings at Evergreen.

The Homework Zone is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school at 3:30 pm in the Library. This provides an excellent opportunity for your student to do homework, as well as having access to math assistance. The next session will begin February 7th and is free. Space is limited and is available on a

first come-first serve basis. Registration packets are available in the main office. Students participating in The Homework Zone will have access to the activity bus for transportation home from school. We are also offering a Math Tutoring class on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 pm, providing instructional support and help with developing strategies needed to be more successful in mathematics. The next session will begin March 5 and has 25 openings. The fee is \$40. Registration forms are available in the front office.

Evergreen staff members, with the support of Hillsboro Parks and Recreation, will also be offering various enrichment clubs during the 2nd semester. Some of these classes include: Chess Club, Running Club, Zumba Fitness Club, Comic Book Reading and Art Club, Hunger Games Reading Club, Mural Art Club, Gamers Club and the Dog Club. To see all The Youth Zone offerings check out the Hillsboro Park and Recreation website at <http://www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/ParksRec/Recreation/ActivitiesGuide.aspx>

We hope you will take advantage of one or more of the aforementioned opportunities. Please contact your child's counselor (Ms. Margaret Duarte – 8th Grade, Mr. Jason Dortch – 7th Grade) at 503-844-1400 for more information on academic or social assistance for your student.

Respectfully,

Rian Petrick

IMMUNIZATION EXCLUSION DAY

Incomplete immunization names were submitted to Washington County on January 11. Incomplete immunization letters will be mailed out from Washington County on February 1. **Exclusion Day is February 15th. Students with incomplete immunizations will not be allowed to attend class on the 15th and thereafter until the office has received documentation of completed immunizations.** If you have any questions, please call Cindi Harris at (503) 844-1400.

GLENCOE HIGH SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC PLANNING NIGHT

This event is scheduled for Thursday, February 16 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Glencoe Auditorium. The purpose of this evening is to assist incoming and current students (and their parents) with forecasting for the 2012-13 school year. Incoming freshmen, current students and their parents will learn about graduation requirements, the forecasting process and will have an opportunity to talk to staff members including counselors. Athletic and activity information will also be available. We hope to see you there!

GLENCOE AVID CLASS

Glencoe High School will be taking applications for their AVID program. AVID stands for *Advancement Via Individual Determination* and is an elective class for B average students who are interested in attending college and need academic support. This international program has been in place at Glencoe for three years and will provide students with organization and study skills needed for college bound students. AVID students are generally first generation college bound students or underrepresented in higher education. The application process takes place at the end of February when the high school counselors come over to forecast students for next year. If your student is interested, please have them contact their counselors for more information.

GLENCOE FORECASTING

Glencoe High School counselors will be here to forecast the 8th graders on February 27 and March 2. Parents should look for information to come home with their students on those days.

PE SHORTS

If you have any aerobic equipment (treadmill, elliptical, etc.) you no longer have need for, the Physical Education department would gladly take your donation. Please contact Mr. Kivett for more information at kivetts@hsd.k12.or.us

YEARBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE

Yearbooks are a great lasting memory of middle school and students who have not purchased one can still do so. Yearbooks can be purchased through our bookkeeper in the counseling center. They cost \$20 and will be distributed on the last day of school. Students can check the list near Room 42 to see if they have already purchased a yearbook. Please email Ms. Bywater at bywaters@hsd.k12.or.us if you have any questions.

7TH GRADE PE REMINDER

If your 7th grade student has PE 2nd semester, they will need to provide a combination lock, shorts and/or sweatpants, and some deodorant.

UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Have you moved recently? Do you have a new home or cell number? If you have not contacted our registrar with these changes, please contact Lindi McGee at 503-844-1401 or email mcgeel@hsd.k12.or.us to provide any updated contact information.

THANK YOU PARENT CLUB!

Thank you to our Parent Club for appreciating our staff and providing us with our tasty Taco Soup lunch. We ♥ our Parent Club!

HILLSBORO SKI CLUB

Hillsboro Ski Club transports snowboarders and skiers in grades K-12 (and their parents, if desired) to Mt. Hood Meadows for recreational skiing on Saturdays. We offer two 4-week sessions: the first begins on January 7, and the second session begins on February 4, 2012.

The club offers program packages for all levels with discounts on lessons, lifts, rentals or combinations of these services. Transportation is by Luxury Coach and leaves from Poynter Middle School at 6:15am on Saturday mornings. Buses are chaperoned and advisors monitor the on-site medical clinic hourly. This program is for students and their parents only.

For details, see our website at <http://hillsboroskiclub.squarespace.com/>.

EVERGREEN ELL

EMS-ESL department is busy preparing students for the rigorous state ELPA test in February; students will sit in front of a computer, with a headset and microphone. They will demonstrate their English language skills in five strands: 1) Thinking 2) Reading Comprehension 3) Listening Comprehension 4) Writing Competency 5) English Speaking Skills.

Currently, students are being challenged in reading and listening comprehension by working in pairs to discuss content and questions for different high-interest reading stories.

Our 8th grade ESL-Monitored-Migrant students are working extra hard to have passing grades at the end of Semester 1; this helps them get better schedules when Glencoe counselors come to evaluate incoming 9th graders.

Several students have shown significant growth and will be moving up to higher ESL classes with the beginning of Semester 2.

ENTERTAINMENT COUPON CARD FUNDRAISER

The Evergreen Parent Club is launching an Entertainment Coupon Card fundraiser for January 31—February 14. This fundraiser will benefit Evergreen technology. More information about this very important fundraiser will be sent home with students soon!

I LOVE MY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The “I Love My School” donations letter will be sent out with the next report cards in early February (approximately February 8). The Parent Club is sponsoring this very important fundraiser. They will accept any and all \$\$\$ donations from now until the end of school. Thank you!

EVERGREEN SKATE NIGHT

The next Evergreen Skate Night is Monday, February 13 from 6:30 – 8:30pm at Skate World. Cost is \$5.75. Come join in on the fun!

MS. AVERY'S ELA CLASS

Ms. Avery's ELA class has been participating in a buddy reading program with Mrs. Stephen's third grade class at Jackson Elementary school this past semester. The buddy reading program began last year and has continued with this year's new students. The seventh grade ELA class initially corresponded with the third graders by them writing friendly letters. Then the students went to Jackson Elementary on two separate occasions to read with their third grade buddies. It was a rewarding and enriching experience for all of the students. The buddy reading program will continue next semester with Ms. Avery's new ELA students.

INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Please bring your used printer ink cartridges to our main office. We are recycling them and getting money for our school for supplies. Thank you!

GIRLS GATHER FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE

Attention girls! Pacific University in Forest Grove is sponsoring the 2nd annual G²CS (Girls Gather for Computer Science) summer camp. **G²CS is a 4-week summer day camp (Monday, June 18 – Friday, July 13...9:30am-3:30pm) for 7th & 8th grade girls.** The camp will be run by female instructors including university faculty, local middle school teachers, and undergraduate computer science students. The camp includes hands-on learning activities, fun field trips, great food and the best part is it's 100% FREE. For more information or to pick up an application, please see Mrs. Grant or Ms. Haberman...or visit <http://www.g2cs.org>. Thirty girls from Oregon middle schools will be selected based on teacher recommendations and interest in science, technology, engineering and math. Applications are due Wednesday, February 15.

GOOGLE SCIENCE FAIR RETURNS

In January 2012, Google will launch the second annual Google Science Fair. The Google Science Fair is an international competition which encourages students between the ages of 13 to 18 to be curious, ask questions, and perform science experiments to answer those questions. In partnership with CERN, National Geographic, LEGO and Scientific American, Google invites these students to post their science projects online so that they may compete for prizes, scholarships and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Interested students should visit www.google.com/sciencefair to register to be notified when the competition opens.

EVERGREEN WEBSITE

Staying current on school news can be challenging. We encourage students & parents to regularly visit our school website for relevant news, information & upcoming events. **Our Daily Announcements are always posted on the Homepage and our monthly newsletters will be posted here as well (we will not be mailing newsletters home).** Add our address to your Favorites list today! Visit: <http://www.hsd.k12.or.us/evergreen>