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# Snoqualmie Valley School District Newsletter

**January 2018**

**Winter Edition**



*Superintendent  
Joel Aune*

## *Message from the Superintendent*

Dear Parents and Neighbors,

Happy New Year! This edition of our newsletter is intended to provide you a sense of the work occurring in our schools. You will see an abundance of innovative programming and assorted opportunities that engage and challenge our students. There is a strong connection between these efforts and preparing students for college, careers, and citizenship. This is the core of our work.

I am thrilled to report that construction of our new high school is on schedule, and excellent progress is being made as we look forward to its opening in 2019. In addition to the new high school, improvements to existing facilities and infrastructure, the installation of new security systems in all of our schools, and the opening of Timber Ridge Elementary highlight the work being done to ensure our students are learning in environments that are safe, secure, and productive.

I hope you find this publication to be informative. Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

## **Community Connections: Focus on Education Community School Tour**

Community members are invited to attend the District's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Focus on Education" School Tour. The 2018 event will feature tours of **Snoqualmie Elementary School** and **Mount Si High School** on Tuesday, January 23, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. This special event provides guests the opportunity to learn first-hand about Snoqualmie Valley schools and experience an inspiring day of teaching and learning. This year's tour will also include a preview of recent construction on the new gymnasium at SES and Mount Si High School.



*Please RSVP by January 18 to Kim  
Roeber at [roeberk@svsd410.org](mailto:roeberk@svsd410.org)  
or 425-831-8007, if interested.  
Space is limited.*

*Photos from 2017 school tour*

### Empty Bowls Event Fights Hunger



Approximately 80 people attended the Empty Bowls fundraiser, hosted by the Mount Si High School Cheer team in December. They raised \$1000 that will be split between two local food banks.

This event was a group effort with art classes at Twin Falls and Chief Kanim middle schools creating unique ceramic bowls, Mount Si culinary students assisting in the kitchen, and Mount Si band musicians playing live music.

*Special thanks to 10 restaurants for donating delicious soup for the event: Ana's Mexican Restaurant, Black Dog Arts Café, Copperstone Family Spaghetti Restaurant, Copper Public House, Infusion Bar and Grill, Little Si Restaurant and Lounge, Mount Si Golf Course, North Bend Bar and Grill, Rio Bravo Mexican Restaurant, and Twede's Cafe, and to Snoqualmie IGA for donating drinks and bread for the event.*



#### 2018 School Board

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Directors:</b>        | <b>Student Representatives:</b> |
| • <b>Geoff Doy</b>       | • <b>Mallory Golic</b>          |
| • <b>Gary Fancher</b>    | • <b>Chirag Vedullapalli</b>    |
| • <b>Melissa Johnson</b> | <b>Superintendent:</b>          |
| • <b>Dan Popp</b>        | • <b>Joel Aune</b>              |
| • <b>Carolyn Simpson</b> |                                 |

The public is welcome to attend School Board meetings, which are typically held every other Thursday during the school year at 6:30 p.m., at Snoqualmie City Hall. For more School Board information, visit the district website at: [www.svsd410.org](http://www.svsd410.org). Select **District Information** and **School Board** for meeting dates, agendas and materials, minutes and podcasts of past meetings, district policies, and director contact information.

#### Increasing Dual Credit Opportunities

Mount Si High School has been working to increase "dual credit" opportunities that allow

Dual Credit Options	2015-16	2017-18
Advanced Placement (AP)	18	22
College in the HS	1	16
CTE/Tech Prep	13	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>64</b>

students to earn college credit during high school. This table illustrates different types of dual credit options available at Mount Si High School.

In addition, all 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students took the PSAT exam in October. Assessing individual results early in a student's high school career can help identify strengths and areas of needed improvement, and encourage more students to try college-prep courses. PSAT results are now available online; Parents, be sure to ask your students to show you their results.

## What's New in the Snoqualmie Valley School District?

### MSHS Jazz Band Performs at the Midwest Music Conference in Chicago

Mount Si High School's Jazz I Ensemble was selected to perform at the prestigious Midwest Clinic International Band, Orchestra and Music Conference, from December 20-23, in Chicago.

The Midwest Clinic celebrated its 71<sup>st</sup> year, and is the world's largest instrumental music education conference. The conference hosted more than 17,500 attendees from all 50 states and 30 countries worldwide.



Mount Si's Jazz I Ensemble was one of only three high school groups to be selected as a featured jazz performer. The other high school jazz bands invited were from California and Australia.

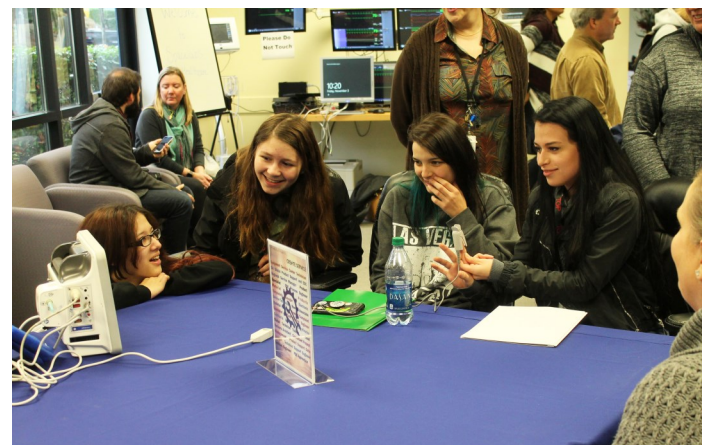


### Career Exploration Fridays Offer Career Insights

Through a partnership between the Snoqualmie Valley School District, Chamber of Commerce, and Community Network, a new "Career Exploration Fridays" program provides an opportunity for high school students to learn first-hand about career opportunities. On November 3, SpaceLabs Healthcare and Technical Glass Products hosted Mount Si and Two Rivers high school students at their manufacturing operations in Snoqualmie. Students had a chance to observe jobs in action and talk with professionals about their careers and the education/training they needed.

"The ultimate goal is to build connections between students, teachers, and businesses," explained Jeff Hogan, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning for Snoqualmie Valley schools. "Career Exploration Fridays were started to better inform students about career pathways, education options, and opportunities available to pursue high-wage, high-demand jobs."

*Businesses interested in hosting a student tour can contact Jeff Hogan at [hoganj@svsd410.org](mailto:hoganj@svsd410.org) or 425-831-8004.*



*Snoqualmie-based companies, Technical Glass Products and SpaceLabs Healthcare, hosted tours for high school students and answered questions about their careers in manufacturing.*

## 2018 National Merit Scholars



Nine Mount Si High School students from the Class of 2018 are **National Merit Commended Scholars**. This distinction comes with earning top scores in the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which students across the nation take the fall of their junior year. Additionally, **Andy Pantoja** earned a **National Hispanic Scholar** award for scoring among the top 2.5% of Hispanic and Latino students nationwide who took the PSAT.

*Recognized for their academic success and potential, pictured left to right, the students include: Julia Crumb, Briana Dowling, Olivia Henning, Liam Cole, Mallory Golic, Tyler Bateman, Andy Pantoja, Nicholas Young (in front); and Amanda Linder (not pictured).*

## New Community Truancy Board Works to Improve Student Attendance

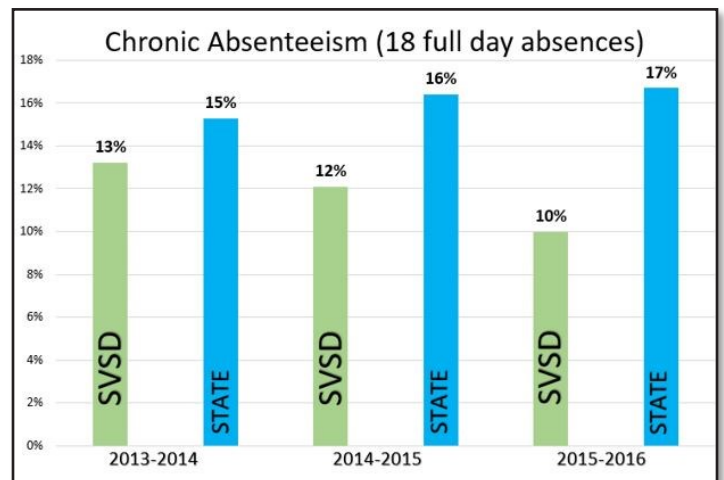
The Snoqualmie Valley School District recently established a new standing committee, called the Community Truancy Board, in an effort to reduce student absences. The mission of the Community Truancy Board is to improve student attendance and school engagement. Members of the committee work to find positive solutions to the reasons for each student’s absences. Community Truancy Boards help families address obstacles that prevent students from attending school.

The SVSD Community Truancy Board is made up of educators and community members, including representatives from Sound Mental Health, Friends of Youth, and Trail Youth. They meet monthly to consider support and resources that might be available to help re-engage students in school. For more information, please contact Two Rivers Principal Rhonda Schmidt ([schmidtr@svsd410.org](mailto:schmidtr@svsd410.org)) or Twin Falls Middle School Principal Jeff D’Ambrosio ([dambrosioj@svsd410.org](mailto:dambrosioj@svsd410.org)).

Missing just two days a month adds up to 18 days per year — which is 10% of the school year. This level of absence is considered “chronic absenteeism.”

*While statewide chronic absenteeism has increased, the District has made progress in reducing absenteeism.*

**Parents/guardians:** Your encouragement and support to ensure your students attend school will help set them up for success.



### District Refinances Bonds to Save Taxpayers Money

On November 15, the Snoqualmie Valley School District took advantage of favorable municipal bond market conditions and refinanced outstanding bonds that were originally sold in 2009. The refinancing will save a total of \$3.5 million in debt service (principal and interest) through 2028, when the 2009 bonds fully mature. This reduction lowers the amount of taxes that would have been needed in future years to meet the debt service costs of the bonds.



As part of the bond refinancing, the District received updated credit ratings from Moody's and S&P. The District is pleased to share with community members that Moody's upgraded the Snoqualmie Valley School District's credit rating to "Aa1," joining only three other districts in the Washington State with that rating: Everett, Northshore, and Spokane. Only five other school districts in the state have a higher credit rating: Bellevue, Issaquah, Lake Washington, Mercer Island, and Seattle. Obtaining the same credit rating as districts with much larger student populations and/or larger total assessed property valuations is a significant accomplishment. Higher credit ratings result in lower interest rates when the District sells or refinances bonds, resulting in savings to taxpayers.

### Thanking Veterans for their Service



Each November, Snoqualmie Valley schools honor veterans for their service and sacrifice to our country. *Pictured here, Timber Ridge Elementary students and staff recognized and thanked their guests of honor.*



### Student Fundraiser Supports Families of Fallen Heroes

Students from CKMS, TFMS and MSHS raised \$4923 for the **Fallen Heroes Project** ([www.fallenheroesproject.org](http://www.fallenheroesproject.org)). The Fallen Heroes Project was started by Michael Reagan, a U.S. Marine, Vietnam War veteran and artist. Now retired, he devotes his life to helping families cope with the loss of loved ones by drawing special portraits of their "fallen heroes," free of charge. The amount raised will cover postage and art supplies for 450 more families to receive special portraits.

Chief Kanim Teacher Thomas Burford, who helped organize the fundraiser, shared a special story that resulted from this year's activity. "A student approached me to ask if Michael Reagan could draw a portrait of her uncle — her mom's brother who was killed in Iraq in 2007. I sent his photo to Michael on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, and on Thanksgiving Day, he called me to come pick it up and deliver it to the family. I had the honor of delivering the portrait to the very grateful family the next week."

# School Levy Facts

Two Replacement Levies

In February, the Snoqualmie Valley School District will ask the community to consider two levy propositions — an **Educational Programs & Operations Levy (EP&O)** and a **Technology Levy**. Both are needed to replace levies that were approved by voters in 2014 that are set to expire in 2018. The proposed levies provide for improvements to programming for students, while also sustaining funding for essential existing programs, support staff, services, and resources that are not funded, or only partially funded by the state.

## Key Dates:

Voter registration deadline:  
**January 15, 2018**

- Register online at: [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)
- Call the King County Elections Office at 206-296-8683
- Or, mail in a registration form (available online or at all SVSD schools)

Ballots mailed:  
**January 24**



Ballots must be postmarked on or before  
**Election Day February 13**

## Tax Exemptions for Seniors and Disabled Persons

Homeowners age 61 or over, or those permanently retired due to a disability, may qualify for a **complete exemption** from all local voter-approved property taxes. In addition, their assessed property value is frozen at the time they qualify. Call the King County Assessor's Office at **206-296-3920** or go to: [www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor/TaxpayerAssistance/TaxRelief.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor/TaxpayerAssistance/TaxRelief.aspx) for more information.

## Educational Programs & Operations Replacement Levy

The Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Replacement Levy would continue to bridge the gap between what the state funds, and the actual costs needed for day-to-day school operations and programs for students. The proposed four-year EP&O levy would authorize collection of an average of \$15.5 million per year for 2019 through 2022. If approved, the levy will help pay for:

### Maintaining current services:

- School nurses, counselors, STREAM teachers, support staff
- Instructional coaches and training to improve teaching
- Special Education
- Educational programs
- Curriculum and supplies
- Substitutes
- Food services
- Pupil transportation
- Student activity programs (music, art, clubs, sports, extracurricular)
- Summer school
- Materials, insurance, utilities, other operational costs
- Locally-bargained compensation and supplemental work
- Community use of facilities

### Anticipated future costs related to:

- Opening new high school (2019)
- Transitioning to 7-period HS schedule
- Reinstating third middle school (2019)
- Opening preschool facility
- School start times (in committee)
- Enhancing communications

### Improvement opportunities:

- Program enhancements: world language, music, art, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
- Behavioral health services
- Reduce student fees for classes/labs, extracurricular, supply lists
- Increase school unit budgets
- Collective bargaining to attract and retain staff
- Staffing support to increase focus on student data collection and analysis

## Why is the EP&O Levy needed?

The EP&O Levy is needed to renew local levies that will expire in 2018. Funding for day-to-day operations of public schools comes from state, federal, and local sources. Last summer, the State Legislature increased funding for employee compensation, and to hire more teachers to lower K-3 class size. However, state funding still does not cover all the costs needed to sustain key programs, operations, and current levels of staff support (noted above). The District Strategic Plan is also driving key improvement initiatives that are not funded by the state.

Election Date: **February 13, 2018**



## Technology Replacement Levy

The Technology Replacement Levy would continue funding for technology, equipment, support, infrastructure needs, and training for students and staff. It would also provide funding to expand STEM learning opportunities to help prepare students for success in college and careers. The levy will better ensure equity and access to technology for all students. The four-year Technology Levy would authorize collection of an average of \$4.7 million per year for 2019 through 2022. If approved, the levy will pay for:

### Update and refresh existing:

- School technology equipment and programs for students and staff
- Network/wireless infrastructure (upgrades and expansion)
- Emergency communications, safety and security systems
- Professional development and training for staff

### Improvements:

- Equity and access: implement one-to-one computer initiative for students in grades 6-12 for school and home use, and provide classroom sets of computers for all K-5 students
- Add computer science instruction in elementary and middle schools to expand digital fluency and proficiency
- Replace aging classroom projectors with interactive displays

## Why is the Technology Levy needed?

The Technology Levy is needed to replace the current Technology Levy that expires in 2018. State funding for technology is limited, so school districts rely on local levies to fund most technology needs. In addition to sustaining current levels of support and equipment, this levy will improve equity and access to technology resources for all students. Increased access to technology will be paired with new computer science curriculum and teacher training to ensure students have the digital skills and knowledge needed for success in college and future careers.

## What is the cost of the local levies?

	2017 Rates	2019 Rates estimate	Difference
EP&O Levy	\$2.26	\$1.50	- \$0.76
Tech Levy	\$0.35	\$0.44	\$0.09
State Schools Tax	\$2.03	\$2.97	\$0.94
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>\$4.64</b>	<b>\$4.91</b>	<b>\$0.27</b>

The combined 2019 EP&O and Technology levy rates are decreasing when compared to the 2017 rates of the expiring levies. The state is increasing its statewide property tax in order to fund additional staffing for K-3 class size reduction and employee compensation. These rate changes are summarized in the adjacent table.

*Calculating estimated costs: Assessed Value/\$1,000 x Rate*

## How do the levies compare with neighboring school districts?

Many neighboring districts are also seeking replacement levies in 2018. The table on the right compares per pupil funding based on proposed 2019 levy collections and current student enrollment. Note that because some districts are requesting amounts that exceed statutory limits, actual collections may be lower.

### Proposed Levy Funding Per Student

School Districts	EP&O	Technology	Total
Bellevue	\$3,324	\$1,320	\$4,644
Mercer Island	\$2,643	\$698	\$3,341
Northshore	\$2,577	\$701	\$3,278
Riverview	\$2,531	\$703	\$3,234
Lake Washington	\$1,997	\$796	\$2,793
<b>Snoqualmie Valley</b>	<b>\$2,027</b>	<b>\$603</b>	<b>\$2,630</b>
Shoreline	\$2,209	\$337	\$2,546
Issaquah	\$1,765	\$640	\$2,405
Tahoma	\$1,500	\$326	\$1,826

For more levy information, please visit: [www.svsd410.org](http://www.svsd410.org)

## School Improvement

### School Security Systems Require All Visitors to “Check In”

As part of the 2015 bond to enhance school security at all schools, the District has installed new visitor management systems throughout Snoqualmie Valley schools.



*All visitors need their drivers license or official government-issued photo identification to check in at each school office during school hours.*

The new electronic system helps school staff verify and account for all visitors on campus. Your support to help to improve school safety and security is appreciated.

### Kindergarten Enrollment

for the 2018-19 School Year

Starting **January 16**, families can enroll online at [www.svsd410.org](http://www.svsd410.org) for Kindergarten for children who will be five years old by August 31, 2018.

Also, please attend **Kindergarten Orientation** at your school — **March 6, 2018, 6-7:30 p.m.** — to learn about the Snoqualmie Valley Kindergarten program, schedule a “screener” appointment, and meet Kindergarten teachers.

Parents who do not enroll online in advance, can enroll in-person at the March 6 orientation. Bring proof of residency, birth certificate, immunization history, emergency contacts, and health information.

### Nominate a 2018 Educator of the Year

Each year, the Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation recognizes outstanding educators from Snoqualmie Valley schools in four categories: elementary school, middle school, high school, and classified staff. The deadline to nominate a staff member who makes a positive difference in the lives of Snoqualmie Valley youth is **Wednesday, January 31**. The nomination form and more details can be found on the Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation website at: [www.svsfoundation.org](http://www.svsfoundation.org).

### Progress Continues Toward Reducing Class Size in Grades K-3

Reducing class size has been a priority of the Snoqualmie Valley School Board and a focus of the District’s Strategic Plan for a number of years, with particular emphasis in grades K-3. Research shows lower class sizes in those early grade levels provide meaningful and measured improvements in student achievement. This year, general education K-3 class sizes in Snoqualmie Valley average 21 students per class, which represents the lowest class sizes in recent history. Class sizes averaged approximately 25 students as recently as 2013. *(The chart shares K-5 average class sizes for the past five years.)*

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
K	21.1	22.1	20.5	18.5	17.8
1	21.0	22.7	21.7	20.8	20.1
2	25.0	23.1	20.6	21.1	20.1
3	27.0	23.5	23.0	25.4	20.7
4	27.0	25.1	25.3	25.4	24.2
5	26.1	28.3	26.0	24.4	25.4
Average	24.5	24.1	22.8	22.1	21.2

Over the past four years, the District has hired nearly 50 additional teachers in grades K-3 to respond to enrollment growth, to support the transition to Full Day Kindergarten for all students, and to reduce class size. When combined with additional support staff, the recent focus on reducing class size represents an investment of more than \$5 million each year to support the teaching and learning of our primary-age students.



## Come Work with Us!

### Expanding Computer Science Education

This year, Chief Kanim Middle School has been piloting new computer science curriculum geared for middle school, during an after-school enrichment class. The curriculum has been well received by staff and students. The District would like to expand this opportunity for students to learn coding districtwide and offer the instruction during the school day — as an elective option in middle school and as a “specialist rotation” class at all elementary schools.

To this end, the District applied for and was recently awarded a grant by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to help fund professional development for computer science, and purchase curriculum. In order to roll out the program districtwide over the next few years, additional funding from the Technology Levy is needed to expand the District’s wireless network capabilities, hire and train teachers to teach computer science, and purchase instructional supplies and curriculum related to teaching coding.

### Annual Toy Drive Helps Local Families



*Students in the Leadership Class at Two Rivers School organized their annual Toy Drive, in partnership with the Snoqualmie Valley Kiwanis. Donations supported local children and families during the holidays.*

### Attention Teachers: Come Work with Us!

The Snoqualmie Valley School District will host an **Education Career Fair** for certificated teachers and students completing their teaching certification before the 2018-19 school year. Join us Thursday, **February 15**, from 2:30-6:30 p.m. at the District Office (8001 Silva Ave., Snoqualmie, WA 98065).

### Bus Drivers Wanted

#### State-wide Bus Driver Shortage Continues to Impact District

School districts across the state, including Snoqualmie Valley, continue to struggle with a shortage of bus drivers. As enrollment continues to grow, the District is challenged to meet the increasing transportation needs of schools and students. The District provides paid training and CDL licensing reimbursement. Current wages start at \$22.45 per hour plus benefits.

*Please join our team and help spread the word to friends, neighbors, and relatives who may be interested in this opportunity.*

*To learn more about becoming a school bus driver, watch the Transportation video on the district website, or call 425-831-8020.*



Learn more at: [www.svsd410.org](http://www.svsd410.org).  
See **Job Opportunities** to apply online.

## Seniors Research Careers of Interest for Culminating Projects



*Mount Si Senior Olivia Henning researched and presented information regarding an environmental biologist career.*

*Movie director, mechanical engineer, marketing manager, neurosurgical nurse, global outreach director, economist, musician, farm manager, fashion designer, social worker, software developer, small business owner, cardiologist, technical writer, civil engineer, orthodontist, lawyer, real estate agent, ceramics artist, and environmental biologist...* were just some of the professions presented by 325 senior students on the morning of December 8. To fulfill their Culminating Project graduation requirement, Mount Si seniors interview a professional in a desired career, research details such as education and salary potential, and give a presentation to classmates on what they learned and why the career interests them.

## Extending the College Prep AVID Program for Grades 6-12

After successfully launching the acclaimed college-readiness program called **Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)** at Mount Si High School and Twin Falls Middle School last year, the District extended the program to Chief Kanim Middle School this fall. AVID is designed to help students envision a future that includes attending college, by providing skills training and support to help them pursue their goals. Support from the Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation is helping the District offer AVID to more students.



*Chief Kanim AVID students at Family Night on October 19.*

### Mark your calendars...

### Important Dates Remaining in 2018

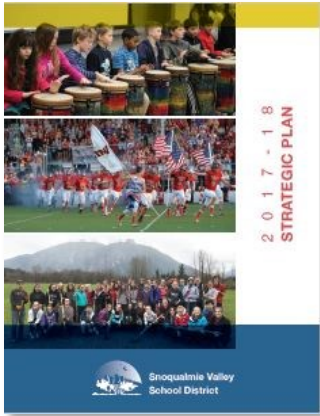
Click the E-Calendar at [www.svsd410.org](http://www.svsd410.org) for specific dates pertaining to each school and the District overall.

*Make-up days, if needed:  
May 25, June 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20.*

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| • Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday ( <i>no school</i> )  | January 15     |
| • Mid-Winter Break                                     | February 19-23 |
| • Kindergarten Parent Conferences                      | March 12-13    |
| • Spring Break   | April 9-13     |
| • Non-school Day ( <i>1st make-up day if needed</i> )  | May 25*        |
| • Memorial Day ( <i>no school</i> )                    | May 28         |
| • Two Rivers School Graduation                         | June 6         |
| • Last Day of Preschool                                | June 7         |
| • Mount Si High School Graduation                      | June 8         |
| • Last Day of Class for grades K-12 ( <i>1/2 day</i> ) | June 12        |

## Strategic Plan and District Scorecard

### 2017-18 Strategic Plan: Key Initiatives for Improvement



The District refreshes its Strategic Plan each spring and develops objectives for improving student learning the following year to address district initiatives, state mandates, and other priorities. The plan serves as a roadmap to guide efforts and resources toward strategic priorities. *The 2017-18 Strategic Plan is posted online, under Quick Links on the district website.* In addition to the plan, a District Scorecard helps measure progress toward student achievement and other goals. This tool is also updated annually and available on the district website.

This year marks the final year of the five-year Strategic Plan that spans 2013-2018. Efforts have begun to revisit and update the next five-year Strategic Plan (2018-2023). As part of this process, parents, staff, students, and community members were recently invited to provide feedback through a Thoughtexchange engagement activity. The Thoughtexchange results will be shared with the community mid-January. The District plans to launch another survey, focused on communications, at the end of January.

Updating the Strategic Plan provides an opportunity to assess the District's systems and services to ensure they align with the educational needs of students and the priorities of the community. Input from stakeholders is greatly valued and appreciated.

### 2017-18 Snoqualmie Valley School District Directory



#### Elementary Schools:

**Cascade View Elementary**  
34816 SE Ridge St.  
Snoqualmie, WA 98065  
425-831-4100

*Jim Frazier, Principal*

**Fall City Elementary**  
33314 SE 42nd  
Fall City, WA 98024  
425-831-4000

*Katelyn Long, Principal*

**North Bend Elementary**  
400 E. 3rd Street  
North Bend, WA 98045  
425-831-8400

*Stephanie Shepherd, Princ.*

**Opstad Elementary**  
1345 Stilson Ave. SE  
North Bend, WA 98045  
425-831-8300

*Ryan Hill, Principal*

**Snoqualmie Elementary**  
39801 SE Park St.  
Snoqualmie, WA 98065  
425-831-8050

*John Norberg, Principal*

**Timber Ridge Elementary**  
34412 SE Swenson Drive  
Snoqualmie, WA 98065  
425-831-3825

*Amy Wright, Principal*

#### Middle Schools:

**Chief Kanim Middle School**  
32627 Redmond-Fall City Rd.  
P.O. Box 639  
Fall City, WA 98024  
425-831-8225

*Michelle Trifunovic, Principal*  
*Mark Allen, Assistant Principal*

**Twin Falls Middle School**  
46910 SE Middle Fork Road  
North Bend, WA 98045  
425-831-4150

*Jeff D'Ambrosio, Principal*  
*Megan Botulinski, Asst. Principal*

#### Alternative Programs:

**Two Rivers School**  
330 Ballarat Ave. N.  
North Bend, WA 98045  
425-831-4200

*Rhonda Schmidt, Principal*

**Parent Partnership Program**  
425-831-8214

*Rhonda Schmidt, Principal*  
*Alexandra Clark, Lead Teacher*

**Mount Si Online Academy**  
425-831-4217

*Bev Weller, Program Secretary*

#### Mount Si High School:

**Main Campus:**  
8651 Meadowbrook Way SE  
Snoqualmie, WA 98065  
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Attendance: 425-831-8200  
Counseling: 425-831-8150

*John Belcher, Principal*

*Greg Hart, Associate Principal*

*Vernie Newell, Associate Principal (Freshman Campus)*

*Jerry Maher, Assistant Principal*

*Sana Tariq, Assistant Principal*

**Freshman Campus:**  
9200 Railroad Ave. SE  
Snoqualmie, WA 98065  
FC office: 425-831-8450

#### District Administration Office:

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*Jim Garhart, Director of Transportation* 425-831-8020

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*Carolyn Malcolm, Public Information Officer* 425-831-8423

Learn more about Snoqualmie Valley Schools at: [www.svsd410.org](http://www.svsd410.org).

# Snoqualmie Valley School District

*Our mission: to educate all Snoqualmie Valley children to prepare them for college, career, and citizenship.  
Our vision: to become the best school district in Washington State by any measure.*

## Mount Si High School Construction is Bustling with Activity



Impressive progress continues on the construction of Mount Si High School. Steel workers returned to the site in October and are on track to finalize the framing work this month. Simultaneously, other activities taking place throughout the facility include roofing, pouring concrete floors, plumbing, fireproofing, framing in walls, installing stairwells, electrical work, and much more.

*In this aerial photo, taken December 14, the framed but roofless gym building can be seen on the left side of the photo.*



*(Photo above) Steel girders are hoisted into position.*



*(Center) Cement has been poured and is drying in sections underneath Building B to create ground-level parking.*



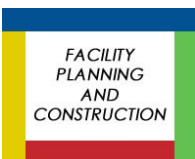
*(Far right) In the Freshman Campus/Building A, walls and hallways are taking shape while plumbing and electrical is added.*

## Snoqualmie Elementary Gym to Open in January

The new gymnasium at Snoqualmie Elementary School is set to open around the end of January. The adjacent covered play area also



received drainage improvements. SES will now have a gym, along with a multi-purpose area, consistent with other elementary schools in the District.



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