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## January 2026, Edition 5

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Happy New Year! As we welcome January, we're excited to begin another year of partnership between families, students, teachers, and staff. A new year offers a fresh opportunity to support our school community, celebrate our shared successes, and continue working together to help every student thrive.

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**Did you know?** Joining PTSA doesn't require volunteering time—you can support your school **just by being a member.**

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## January Calendar

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- January 19th: No School (MLK Jr Day)
  - January 21st: PTA Membership Meeting
  - January 23rd: No School
  - January 26th: Begin 2nd Semester
  - February 16th - 20th: Mid Winter Break (No School)
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## A Message from our PTSA Presidents

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Hello JHS Family,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful break and are ready for 2026!

### **January PTSA Membership Meeting**

We hope you can join us for our next membership

We hope you can join us for our next membership meeting on **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm!** We will hear from Rory Mundwiler, our School Resource Officer at 6:30pm and our meeting will follow his presentation and Q&A session.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85361872507?pwd=CAAd6LIB73kbGTegN2DWCg6ofsSdZr4.1>

Meeting ID: 853 6187 2507

Passcode: 869884

### **Volunteer Request - Nominating Committee**

We are looking for volunteers to join our Nominating Committee – this is the group of people who find people who are interested in serving on next year’s PTSA Executive Committee – President, Vice President of Fundraising, Vice President of Membership, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please contact [jhsptsapresident@gmail.com](mailto:jhsptsapresident@gmail.com) or attend our January Membership Meeting for more information.

Have a great month!

Heather Morgan & Alisha Crawley-Davis  
co-Presidents, JHS PTSA

[jhsptsapresident@gmail.com](mailto:jhsptsapresident@gmail.com)

Questions about Wolf Tracks? Contact our [newsletter editor Anita Dhinakar!](#)

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## PTSA Contacts

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Visit us at: <https://www.hmjacksonptsa.org/>

Follow us on:

[Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and reach us by [Email!](#)

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## Mission and Vision

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**Henry M. Jackson High PTSA is:**

- A powerful voice for JHS students
  - A relevant resource for JHS families, staff, students and community, and
  - An advocate for the well-being and education of our students.
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## PTSA Meeting

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**JHS PTSA  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**



**JANUARY 21ST 6:30PM**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY  
OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE  
OFFICER (SRO),  
RORY MUNDWILER,  
STARTING AT 6:30-7PM**

**PRESENTATION PLUS Q&A**

- What does SRO do at JHS
- What a SRO is & isn't
- Learn E-bike Laws
- Learn laws about underage drinking & parent/homeowner responsibility

**JOIN US**

**Via Zoom Only**

**Zoom Link Info on Calendar:**

**[Hmjacksonptsa.org/calendar](https://hmjacksonptsa.org/calendar)**

**PTSA meeting will follow SRO presentation**

**Questions:**

**[jhsptsapresident@gmail.com](mailto:jhsptsapresident@gmail.com)**



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**Gold Membership Growth Award 🏆**

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HM Jackson High PTSA has recently been recognized by Washington State PTA as a Gold Membership Growth Award recipient! PTSAs are presented with this award for enrolling at least 10% more members this year than last year. That means our PTSA is growing!

Thank you to everyone who has become a member so far this year: YOU are the reason our PTSA achieved this award! If you haven't yet signed up for a PTSA membership or renewed from last year, please consider joining today! By doing so, you are demonstrating your support for our PTSA and all it does for HM Jackson High School.

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**Reflections Update** 🎨

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The following students all earned blue ribbons at the council/district level of Reflections and are advancing to state round of judging:

**Visual Arts**-Callia Park, Chloe Kim, Chloe McKee, Leo Kim, and Tanner Kim

**Music**-Aaniya Bhattacharya

**Literature**-Eileen Kim, Yana Joshi

**Photography**-Dorover Cunningham, Elyse Merano

**Photography-** Donovan Cunningham, Fausto Moreno Nunez, Fedir Honchar and Malekai Wahl

Lucky Minden, Chiku Gupta, Sahasra Kalvakunta, and Addy Sivananthan also participated in the program.

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[Register Now for Spring Sports](#) 🏀

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Register now for SPRING sports if you haven't already done so!  
[FinalForms](#). Deadline to register is **Monday, February 23, 2026**.  
**SPRING Sports include:** Baseball, Softball, Boys & Girls Golf,  
Track & Field, Girls Tennis & Boys Soccer

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## Special Education Virtual MIXER 📺

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**YOU ARE INVITED**  
*Where relationship & curiosity meet disability*

**WA State PTA**  
**Special Education MIXER**

6-8p Thu, January 29  
Registration Required

**Door Prize!**

Washington State  
**PTA**  
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## WSPTA Special Education Committee MIXER

If you're a leader, caregiver, family member or

If you're a **teacher, carer, family member, or community advocate** passionate about supporting **Washington State special education students**, we'd love for you to join us!

This mixer is a great opportunity to:

- Connect socially with others in the special education community
- Learn what **Special Education & Special Needs PTAs** are working on
- Hear what's going well and where improvements are needed
- Receive a **legislative update** to stay informed

 **When:** Thursday, January 29

 **Time:** 6:00–8:00 PM

 **Door Prize!**

All attendees are eligible to win.

 **Registration required:** [HERE](#)

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## WSPTA Essay Contest

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**WSPTA**  
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**WHO INFLUENCES YOU?**

EVERY DAY, PEOPLE SHAPE

# ESSAY CONTEST

This statewide essay contest explores the important and varied influencers in the lives and education of children – from the children’s perspective.



EVERY DAY, PEOPLE SHAPE WHO WE BECOME – BY TEACHING, LISTENING, GUIDING, OR JUST BEING THERE.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SAY "THANK YOU" AND SHARE HOW SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE OR LEARNING.



SUBMIT BY:

**MARCH 12,  
2026.**



LEARN MORE



Essay Contest

This statewide essay contest explores the important and varied influencers in the lives and education of children – from the children’s perspective.

Every day children are exposed to a variety of people and

each one has an opportunity to influence the path a child decides to take.

Whether it is someone that sparks an interest in a new topic, helps them work through a problem, shapes the kind of person they want to become by modeling behavior, simply listens to them, or any number of other actions, this is the platform for students to share their appreciation.

Submission form and details can be found [here](#).

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## Temperance & Good Citizenship Day 📌

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Temperance & Good Citizenship Day is observed on January 16. Social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event on that day in each history or social studies class high school seniors attend. Students eighteen or older will be allowed to go online to register to vote during class. Paper registration will also be made available in the classroom.

Registering to vote is easy. Visit the [Snohomish County webpage](#) for details on the three ways you can register to vote, update your registration, or scan the QR code. Students who are 16 and 17 years old can now pre-register to vote.

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Legislative Session Update 

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Today marks the start of the 60-day legislative session

Today marks the start of the 60-day legislative session and it's already setting off at a fast pace with public hearings on Governor Bob Ferguson's proposed 2026 supplemental budgets and a variety of policy bills.

Head over to the WSPTA blog to read the scoop on what is coming up the first week of the legislative session and how to advocate using WSPTA's member elected priorities.

<https://www.wastatepta.org/and-were-off/>

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When you join our Action Network, you'll receive **timely alerts** about legislation, funding, and policy decisions.

**Each alert includes:**

- Background information
- Talking points
- Direct ways to contact your legislators

Whether you have **one minute or one hour**, you can make a difference.

[Join our Action Network Now](#)

PTA speaks for every child with one voice. Add yours today!

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**Did you know?** PTSA advocates at the **local, state, and national levels** to improve education, safety, and student well-being.

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 **LEG CON 2026**

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# LEG CON 2026

 **PTA**<sup>®</sup>  
Takes Action  
*for Public Schools*

March 2-4 | Alexandria, VA | Register Now!

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## 2026 Legislative Conference (LegCon) in Alexandria, Virginia, March 2–4.

This national event is a valuable opportunity for parent and community advocates to strengthen their advocacy skills and make a real impact on public education.

Over three days, participants will:

- Connect with PTA leaders and advocates from across the country
- Learn about key issues affecting students, families, and public schools
- Hear from elected officials and education policy experts
- Gain practical tools to advocate effectively
- Meet with members of Congress during **Hill Day** in Washington, D.C

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## Let's Connect

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## Community invited to “Let’s Connect” informational events on bond and levy

Let’s Connect events offer opportunities for our community to engage with Everett Public Schools. In January, there are several opportunities to attend an event and learn about the upcoming School Construction Bond (Prop. 1) and Renewal Education Levy (Prop. 2). Community members can ask questions and gain a clear understanding of how local tax dollars support students, staff, and school facilities. These sessions focus on sharing clear, factual information to help community members feel informed.



help community members understand

JANUARY 20	JANUARY 21	JANUARY 28
Cascade High School cafeteria	Everett High School cafeteria	Heatherwood Middle School cafeteria
6-7:30 p.m.	6-7:30 p.m.	6-7:30 p.m.



BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED ON JANUARY 22, 2026

**PLEASE VOTE BY FEBRUARY 10**



Everett Public Schools is asking voters to consider two measures on the February 10, 2026, ballot. The School Construction Bond will provide a new elementary school, replace Lowell Elementary School, update safety and security systems, and update high school facilities to expand our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

The Education Levy continues to fund staffing, services, and programs for students, making up 15% of the district's



JHS Class of 2028 Parent Group >

JHS Class of 2029 Parent Group >



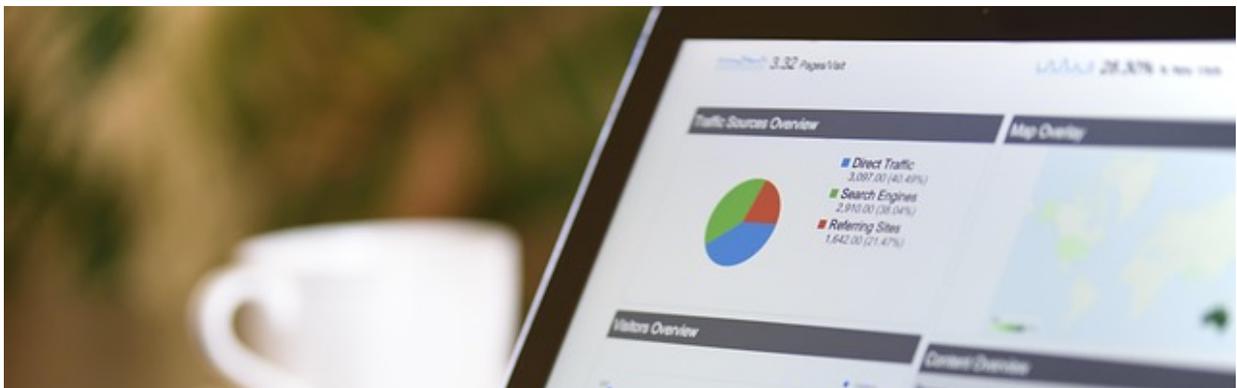
\*images show Facebook group pages, Instagram accounts are also shown where available

@jhs\_2029\_parent\_group

Did you know? 📖

PTSA is part of a **nationwide organization with over 100 years of history**, making it one of the oldest and largest volunteer-led advocates for children's education, health, and well-being in the United States.

## 2024–2025 District Impact Report





The **Everett Council PTSA** has prepared and presented the **2024–2025 District Impact Report** to Everett Public Schools. This annual report highlights the impact our local PTAs and PTSAs made across the district during the previous school year, as required by our contract with the district.

See the report [here](#).

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## Career Spotlight: Mechanical Engineer ⚙️

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## 🌟 What is a Mechanical Engineer?

A mechanical engineer designs, builds, and improves machines and mechanical systems. They work on things like engines, robots, tools, and energy systems 🛠️🤖

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## 🏠 What a student can do in high school

- Take **math classes** (Algebra, Geometry, Calculus) ➕
  - Take **physics** classes ⚡
  - Join **robotics, engineering, or STEM clubs** 🤖
  - Participate in **science fairs** 🧪
  - Learn **CAD software** (Fusion 360, SolidWorks) 🖥️
  - Try **3D printing** or building small machines 🖨️🔧
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## **What to study after high school**

- Mechanical Engineering
  - Mechatronics
  - Manufacturing Engineering
  - Aerospace Engineering 
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## **Skills to build now**

- Problem-solving 
  - Critical thinking 
  - Creativity and design 
  - Teamwork 
  - Time management 
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## **Types of jobs Mechanical Engineers do**

- Design machines and parts 
  - Test products and systems 
  - Improve how things are made 
  - Work with robots and automation 
  - Help create new technology 
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## **Extra tip**

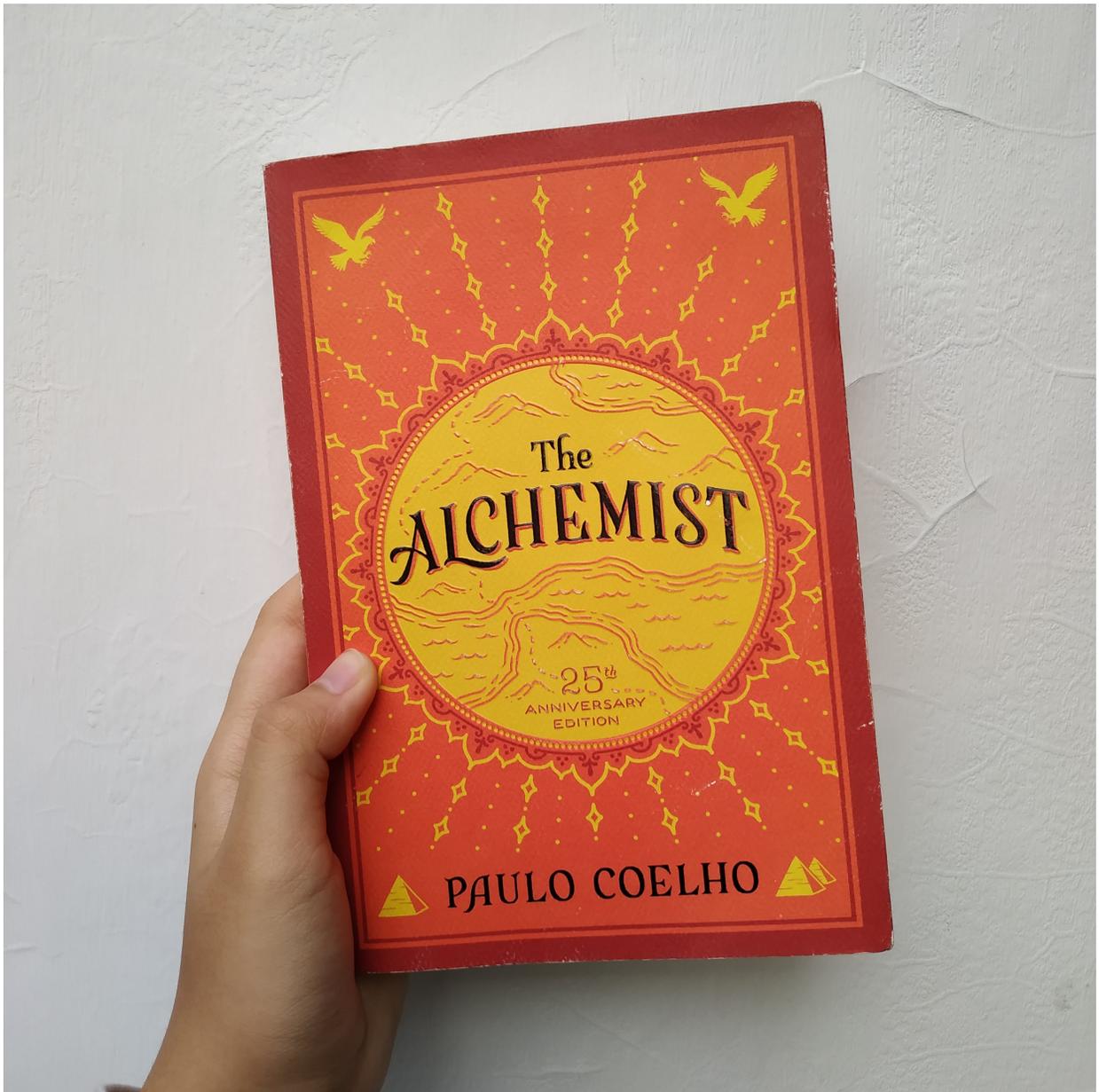
Learning **basic coding** (Python or MATLAB) and **hands-on building** makes mechanical engineering even more

on building makes mechanical engineering even more interesting and exciting 🖨️ ⚙️

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## Book of the Month 📖

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**Book Recommendation: *The Alchemist***

**Author:** Paulo Coelho

*The Alchemist* is a meaningful and easy-to-read novel about a young shepherd named Santiago who follows his dream and learns important life lessons along the way. The story focuses on universal themes such as goal-setting, perseverance, self-discovery, and believing in oneself.

Written in clear, simple language, this book is accessible for all reading levels and fits well into busy high school schedules. Its positive message encourages students to reflect on their goals and personal growth, making it a great choice for a school community reading recommendation.

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**News You Can Use** 🏆

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***FREE TRIAL WEEK***

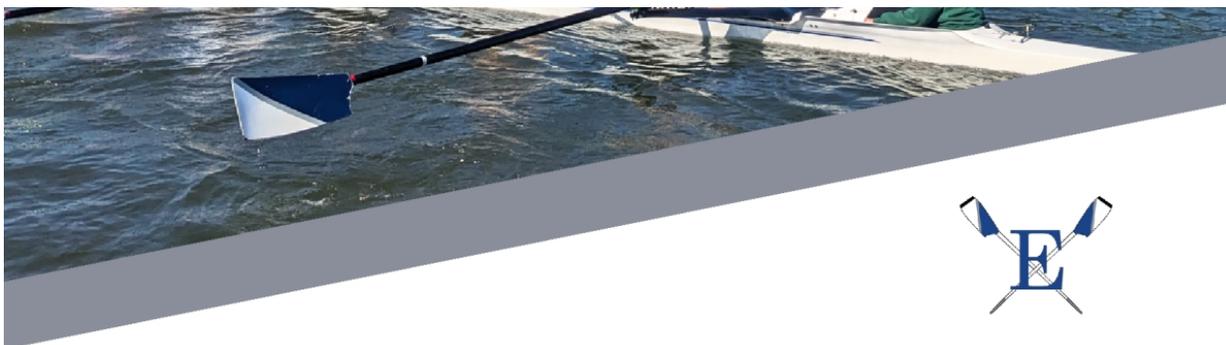
***WITH EVERETT ROWING'S SPRING PROGRAMS***

*There is no bench! There are no cuts!*

*Everyone Rows! Start at anytime in the season!*

*No experience necessary!*





### **HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

February 2 - May 18  
M-F 3:30-6:15PM & Sat Mornings  
*Everett Rowing Boathouse  
300 Smith Island Rd.*

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM**

March 2 - May 11  
M, W, F 3:45-5:45PM  
*Thornton A. Sullivan Park  
at Silver Lake*

**REGISTER NOW AT [EVERETTROWING.COM](http://EVERETTROWING.COM)**

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**One Team, Three Schools.**

Jackson Lacrosse is Everett Public Schools' varsity boys lacrosse program, open to students from **Jackson, Cascade and Everett High Schools.**

*We compete statewide in the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association (WHSBLA).*




Jackson HS • Cascade HS • Everett HS

Students from all three schools train and compete together as **Jackson Lacrosse.**

- No-cut varsity club program
- Open to all skill levels
- Spring Season (March-May)
- League Competition Across Washington
- Multi-Sport Athletes Welcome
- Equipment Loaners Available
- New Player Discounts
- Confidential Financial Aid

Jackson Lacrosse is part of **Everett Lacrosse Club** and recognized by Everett Public Schools as a varsity club sport.

**REGISTER NOW**  
[everettlax.com/hsboys](http://everettlax.com/hsboys)

Questions? [hsb@everettlacrosseclub.org](mailto:hsb@everettlacrosseclub.org)

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**Join Us!** 😊



Please consider joining our 2025-2026 Jackson PTSA board! We still have openings for an Advocacy Chair and DEI/FACE (Diversity Equity and Inclusion / Family and

SENATOR (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion / Family and Community Engagement) Chair! Contract [JHSPTSAPresident@gmail.com](mailto:JHSPTSAPresident@gmail.com) for more information!

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## Our Team

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### **Executive Committee**

President: Alisha Crawley-Davis & Heather Morgan

VP Fundraising: Nicole McKnight  
VP Membership: Craig Willis  
Treasurer: Jonelle Radford  
Secretary: Raina Fein

### **Board of Directors**

Advocacy: Open  
Newsletter: Anita Dhinakar  
Staff Grants: Jaishrie Bhattacharya  
Social Media: Katie Stark  
Staff Appreciation: Lisa Syravong

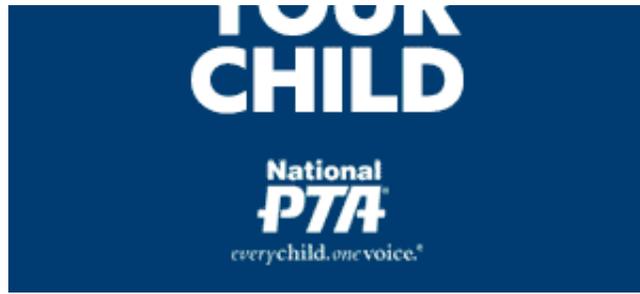
Website: Laura Peterson  
DEI/FACE: Open

### **Committee Chairs**

Reflections: Laura Peterson  
Senior Scholarships: Laura Peterson  
Volunteers: Open

Please email us at [jhsptsapresident@gmail.com](mailto:jhsptsapresident@gmail.com) if you have any questions, comments or feedback for our executive committee.





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