

# Oct 12, 2017

## A Day

*For Students (read in the morning over our PA system)*



Hey skiers and snowboarders. It's time to think about the Winter Ride bus again. Winter Ride is an eight week program where you get to ride the bus to Mt. Baker with your friends, learn to ski or snowboard, and just have a bunch of fun. Unlike previous years the parent meeting this year will be mandatory. It will take place on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 at Kulshan Middle School. See Mr. Zurcher in room 201 for details.

Whatcom's QSA, Queer-Straight Alliance, will have its first meeting tomorrow morning. Everyone is welcome to join this club where we will explore diverse identities here at Whatcom. Meetings will happen every Friday at 8:15 in the library, so come to our first meeting tomorrow, have some snacks, and get involved with QSA at Whatcom—all are welcome! See Mr. Mark, Ms. Sigel, or Ms. Kulaas if you have any other questions.

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### For Parents:

**The girls soccer team** had 2 tough games against Shuksan last week. Although the B team lost 0-4, their effort kept the other team scoring more with great saves from Rachel F. and Samantha S. Mia C. and Kailia P. earned players of the game with their determination to with the ball. The A team played an even match up and came back from a 0-2 deficit to end with a 2-2 tie with Nicole C. and Taylor G. finding the back of the net. Our shots on goal outnumbered theirs by 4 times. It was a back and forth nail biter. Along with Nicole and Taylor, Harmony S. was player of the game as sweeper extraordinaire. Please come out this Thursday and Friday to cheer on the girls soccer teams for their last home games against Kulshan.

**The Whatcom Middle School Jingle Bell Run team** is forming. [Follow This Link](#) to visit our team web page and sign up now. Your registration supports the Arthritis Foundation and is greatly appreciated.

**The next PTSA Meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** Our District Superintendent, Dr. Greg Baker, will be at the meeting to talk about the new start and end times, 1-1 technology, the new 4x8 schedule, and highlights of facility projects currently underway or in the planning stages.

### Food Education Volunteer Opportunities

By now, your WMS student has hopefully told you about Garden Day each week! WMS is incredibly lucky to host and maintain a garden in connection with Common Threads Farms, a local non-profit dedicated to teaching kids where food comes from, how to grow it, and how to become a healthy eater. Each week, your middle schooler gets a hands-experience with the science and ecology of our food system.

Common Threads would love to have parents engaged in Food Education at Whatcom Middle School. For available volunteer opportunities, please complete the [attached volunteer form](#) and return it to the office or e-mail it to [robyn@commonthreadsfarm.org](mailto:robyn@commonthreadsfarm.org). To keep up to date with happenings and events, please follow Common Threads Farm on Facebook, Twitter ([@ctfgrown](#)) and Instagram.

Additionally, all volunteers must complete [online registration through the Bellingham School District website](#) at least one week prior to service.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Laura Plaut, Executive Director

Common Threads Farm

[www.commonthreadsfarm.org](http://www.commonthreadsfarm.org)

(360) 927-1590

### **Better Babysitter Course**

Hi Middle school families. Whatcom Middle School is hosting another babysitting class, November 2nd, for all Bellingham Middle Schools. This is our fourth year to have Children's Hospital come and run a Better Babysitters Course. This is a great opportunity for both boys and girls to gain foundational knowledge on childcare for babysitting as well as how to market themselves with a business mindset. Spaces are limit so make sure you register right away. Announcements for registration will be made within the next few weeks.

### **Winter Warmth Drive**

Interfaith Coalition will be collecting and distributing coats, hats & mittens to anyone in need. \*\*Please see the flyers below.

### **Book Sale:**

Pursuant to RCW 28A.335.180, surplus textbooks and instructional materials will be available, to any student desiring to purchase them, for the period from Wednesday, September 13, 2017 to Friday, October 13, 2017.

Complete instructions for purchasing items can be found on the District website:

<http://bellingshamschools.org/about/departments/business-services/> , Surplus Books.

[Be sure to check out our newsletter on the WMS Website for more information!](#)

### **Students are expected to turn their cell phones off and not use them during the school day.**

Please call the office if you need to contact your student. We will have your student return your call as soon as possible. Phones will be confiscated if a student is seen using it during school hours. A parent or guardian will then need to come in and sign for the phone. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Please remember to not drive in front of the school in the morning.** Because there are many students walking back and forth across the road, the road is closed to all traffic except school buses.

**Do you think you might volunteer at WMS this year?** Volunteers need to register at a least one week prior to service and this year there is a new online registration system (No more paper packets!). Go to the Bellingham School District website/Jobs to register or click on this link:

<https://bellingshamschoolsvolunteers.hrplus.net/>

### **I HAVE TO PULL MY STUDENT OUT OF SCHOOL EARLY – WHAT DO I DO?**

When students need to leave school early – please send a signed note with them the day they need to leave early. Students take the note to the attendance window first thing in the morning in exchange for a “permission to leave” slip. This slip is shown to the teacher and your student leaves the premises at your specified time to meet you outside at your prearranged location. You do not need to come in.

### **Bus Passes:**

Requests for bus passes must be submitted in the morning. Any requests after school will be denied.

Students must bring a signed note from parent/guardian to the attendance window before school starts. Mrs. Erickson will write out a bus pass which can be picked up later in the day.

\*\*flyers on next pages



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## winter WARMTH drive

Help Interfaith provide **coats and warm items** for our neighbors in need.

**DONATIONS** of gently-used and new coats, hats & mittens are appreciated through Oct. 18.

**NEED A COAT?** Coats distributed on Sat., Oct 21 from 11am – 1:30pm and Sat., Oct. 28 from 10:30am – 12:30pm at Assumption Church Gym, 2116 Cornwall Ave in Bellingham.

## Warm bodies and hearts.

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