



School News

Helen Haller Elementary

Letter from the Principal

Dear Helen Haller Families and Caretakers:

Well, we've officially entered into the first week of Fall.

Temperatures are dropping, and the rain is beginning to fall little by little. We are beginning to see our students wear more coats and sweaters on the playground, which is great!

However, over the week we've also collected some of these items that were left behind by students. So, if your child is missing an item, please remind them to check in the lost & found outside the office or during lunch time on the cafeteria stage. Perhaps they might be reunited with their long-lost jacket, coat, sweater, etc.

Last, I want to thank Cougar staff and students for a great job today as we conducted our first emergency response fire drill of the 2023-24 school year. I was very proud of how responsible and respectful students were of the process and procedures of the drill.

Great job, Cougs!

Dr. Lanning
Assistant Principal



A LOOK AHEAD:

October

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Board Meeting
SHS library 5:30

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School Custodian Day

10

PTA Meeting
HHE library 6:00

9/18/23 - 9/22/23

Specialist Classes of the Week (Top Scores & Trophy)

2nd grade: Minard AND Mooney—tied for top score!

3rd grade: Nash—with a perfect score of “20”

4th grade: Beaver, Caron AND Tuttle—3 way tie with a perfect score of “20”

5th grade: Castell AND Holt—tied with a perfect score of “20”

High-Performing Certificates (scores of “3” & “4” all week)

3rd grade: Burr, Lewis, Miller, Rayburn

4th grade: Klinger, Stewart

5th grade: Reno

SEQUIM YOUTH BASKETBALL SELECT TRYOUTS

**OPEN TRYOUTS FOR
4TH-8TH GRADE BOYS & GIRLS
2023-2024 SEASON**

**GIRLS:
TUES. OCT. 10TH & THURS. OCT 12TH
4TH&5TH GRADE 5-6:30PM
6TH-8TH GRADE 6:30-8PM**

**BOYS:
FRI. OCT 13TH & MON OCT 16TH
4TH&5TH GRADE 5-6:30PM
6TH-8TH GRADE 6:30-8PM**

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SEQUIM MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

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Port Townsend Chess

National Chess Day Student Tournament

Held on the historic downtown waterfront in Port Townsend. Restaurants, shops, a park, the beach, a playground, and parking are all within easy walking distance.

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023; **Check-in:** 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Location: Historic Pope Marine Building, 530 Water Street, Port Townsend, WA

Online Registration: Register online at <https://www.chessregister.com/events>. Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 11 at 6pm. No onsite registration.

Entry Fee: General = \$15 (via PayPal at registration)

Format/Rounds: 4 Rounds, 10am; 11:15 am; 1 pm; 2:15 pm; Swiss format/ No Elimination

Sections: Elem 3-5; MS 6-8; HS 9-12; ****must choose Section at registration**

NOTE: Depending on the number of players in each section, sections may be combined or players moved between sections to ensure 4 rounds.

Time Control: G/30 +0 from first move; Notation not required but encouraged.

Participation: All ages / Skill levels. Informal/Unrated. We expect that for some players this will be their first tournament experience. More experienced tournament players are expected to be understanding and supportive.

School Teams: If three or more players from the same school are registered it will be a "school team". The school team will be eligible for the Top School Team Tournament Trophy. The highest total points for the top three players from the same school combined (+ tiebreakers) will determine the school team winner.

Points: Win = 1; Loss = 0; Draw = ½; Bye = ½ if an odd number of players requires byes. Will use the chessmanager.com tie-break system.

Prizes: Top 3 players in each section get a US Chess Federation Master Tournament Chess Set, board, and quiver case; Top School Team = Tournament Trophy.

Equipment: Players are requested to bring a chess set/roll-up board and clock (smartphone apps are OK). We will have a few extra available at the event but not enough for everyone.

Hosted by: Port Townsend Chess **Sponsors:** Skillmation Aldrich's Market

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