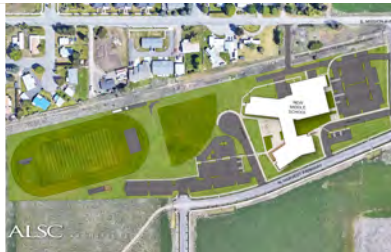




Selkirk Middle School

SCHOOL FUN FACTS:

- ♦ Selkirk was named after the Selkirk Mountains. Mica Peak, visible from the library, is the southernmost mountain in the Selkirk range which extends north into Canada.
- ♦ The school colors, purple, gray and black, were selected as original colors, different from any other school in our league and district.
- ♦ For 75 cents, in 1903, people of Spokane could take a 45-minute electric train ride through where Selkirk Middle School is located to get to the shores of Liberty Lake for a day of recreation.



SELKIRK MIDDLE SCHOOL

1409 N. Harvest Parkway, Liberty Lake, WA 99016

Contact Us:

New school opens Fall of 2019!

Temporary webpage: www.cvsd.org/sms/

Future website (Summer 2019): sms.cvsd.org

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Selkirk Middle School Families,

Welcome to the new Selkirk Middle School, Home of the Wolves!

We are truly excited for our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to be the first students to open our new school in September 2019. We've been hard at work as a core team developing who we will be and how our community will come together for the success of our students. Our mission is to provide pathways to a fulfilling future for each learner by cultivating curiosity.

We'll accomplish this mission by making certain we provide safe learning situations to our students. We'll meet our students where they are and provide determined coaching to support them in reaching their goals. We'll form lasting relationships with our community and offer differentiated opportunities so students can explore their interests. As educators, we'll work together to continually reflect on our instruction in order to adapt and meet the needs of each learner, while making learning the focus.

We commit to being positive, involved, inclusive, and respectful. This will absolutely be an exciting journey and we look forward to partnering with you to ensure the success of our students!

Ty Larsen
Principal



Tips for helping students transition to a new school:

As the parent, you know your child best. Each child may need different levels of reassurance in their transition to a new school. Below are some suggested ideas to help with this transition. It is highly recommended that if your child is struggling with the transition for parents to contact the school's counselor to get some assistance in this transition.

Suggested ideas to help adjust to a new school:

- ◆ As a family, attend as many events as possible at the new school. Events put on by the school or parent group is an easy way to meet new students and the staff at the new school. School welcome events are listed on the back page.
- ◆ Stay positive. Even though this transition may be challenging, a positive outlook on the situation will empower your child to have a great attitude with the change.
- ◆ Stay informed with the happenings of the new school. By scouring the school's web site, Facebook page, or other social media avenues you will be in a great position to know what is happening at the new school.
- ◆ Be prepared for the rough times that may come. It is normal for your child to express some reservations or concerns. As a parent, be ready to ask questions about their concerns, listen to them and empathize with their reservations. If necessary seek help from the school counselor to talk with your child about these concerns.
- ◆ Remind your child about other 'firsts' they've experienced. Each child tries things for the first time throughout their lives, so use these experiences to remind your child about past successes.
- ◆ Contact the school to meet some 'key people.' A time to meet key people in a school, such as the principal or secretary, is a great way to hear more about the school. This is also a time for you to ask questions and get to know routines and procedures about the new school.
- ◆ Become involved in the new school. As the school year gets underway, join the school's PTA/PTO. This is a great way to meet other families and to get involved.

School Welcome Events:

Mark your calendars...

- **Behind the Fence Tour**
February 26, 2019 • 4–6:00 pm at Selkirk Middle School, for the whole community to see the building progress
- **5th-Grade Parent Meeting**
April 10th, 2019 • 6:00 pm at North Pines Middle School; for incoming 5th grade parents to provide middle school information
- **Selkirk MS Dedication**
August 22, 2019 • 5:30 pm
- **7th/8th-Grade Open House**
August 27, 2019 • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at SMS
- **6th-Grade Sneak Peek**
August 28, 2019 • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at SMS



Middle School Transfer & Choice Guidelines

Due to new middle school attendance areas (boundaries) for the 2019-2020 school year, district Administrative Procedure 3130AP District Area Transfers (see below) was revised on 11/26/18 for the upcoming school year, and will be followed with regard to existing attendance area transfer students and new requests for attendance area transfer.

Below is a summary of the revisions to 3130AP District Area Transfers that will govern all middle school choice requests for the 2019-20 school year. This entire administrative procedure can be accessed from the CVSD website (www.cvsd.org) by clicking on "School Board" link, then clicking on the "BoardDocs: Meetings, Agendas, Policies and Procedures" link. Students who are approved for District Area Transfers (Accepted Choice requests) are responsible for transportation to and from these respective out-of-attendance area middle schools.

Policy: 3130AP • Section: 3000 - Students

Middle School Attendance Area Transfer Requests (2019-2020 School Year)

Due to new middle school attendance areas (boundaries), beginning in the 2019-2020 school year the following procedure will be followed with regard to existing attendance area transfer students and new requests for attendance area transfer:

1. All students who were previously attending non-attendance area schools in the district will be expected to attend their new attendance area schools in the fall of 2019. State laws that govern students of district employees will continue to be followed (RCW 28A.225.225).
2. Only students living in the Selkirk Middle School attendance area may apply for choice by March 29, 2019 to attend Greenacres Middle School in the fall of 2019. Only students living in the Greenacres Middle School attendance area may apply for choice by March 29, 2019 to attend Selkirk Middle School in the fall of 2019. The process for choice request approval will remain consistent with the parameters of this administrative procedure.
3. All students may apply for choice by March 29, 2019 to attend North Pines Middle School, Bowdish Middle School, Evergreen Middle School, or Horizon Middle School in the fall of 2019. The process for choice request approval will remain consistent with the parameters of this administrative procedure.
4. Preference will be given to non-attendance area students who are approved for in-district choice in the 2018-19 school year, and are applying to remain at their nonattendance area school, over new non-attendance area students (first applying for choice in the 2019-20 school year) wishing to access the school.