



Horizon Middle School

SCHOOL FUN FACTS:

- ♦ Horizon Middle School will be housed at Horizon North (Old University High School) during the 2019-2020 school year because the school will be under renovation. The renovated Horizon Middle School will open in the Fall of 2020.
- ♦ Horizon students participate in many activities. One club students can be a part of is the High 5 club. Students who participate in High 5 commit to be drug and alcohol free. In the past, Horizon's High 5 club has been recognized as the State of Washington High 5 Club of the year.
- ♦ Horizon has its own Fight Song. It was written by a former teacher.
- ♦ Horizon has a shop program for students to be a part of. It is the only middle school in the district which has a shop program.
- ♦ Students at Horizon are known for giving back to our community. Each year students raise money for and put together meals for Valley Partners through a Generation Alive project. They also collect food each January to “Fill the Bus” on Super Bowl weekend to benefit the food bank at Valley Partners.



HORIZON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Horizon Middle School Families,

Welcome to Horizon Middle School!

On behalf of our school, I am pleased to welcome you to Horizon Middle School. We are the home of the Hawks! Just under 500 students in grades 6 through 8 attend Horizon Middle School. At Horizon, we also welcome students from throughout the district who participate in one of two special education programs. We have a committed staff of 50 who strive to build relationships and challenge students to reach their full potential.

We have a very supportive community and we so much appreciate the support they provide our school and our students. We value the relationships we have with our students' families. As we work to develop relationships with students, we hope to do the same with their parents and families. Doing so allows us to work together for your child's success. We look forward to getting to know your child and you and to our future together. If there is ever anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Joshua Wolcott
Principal



Tips for helping students transition to a new school:

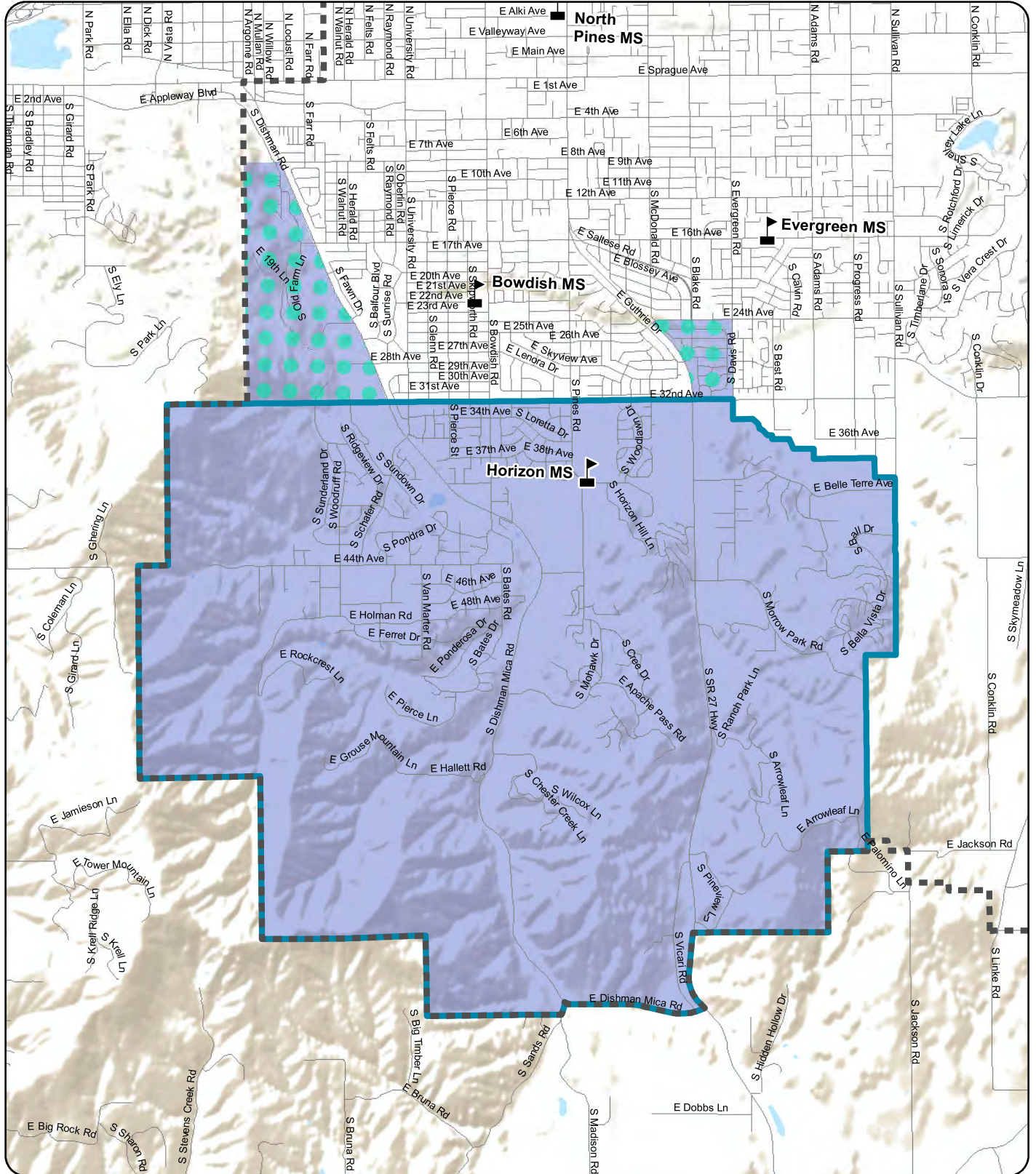
As the parent, you know your child best. Each child may need different levels of reassurance in their transition to a new school. Below are some suggested ideas to help with this transition. It is highly recommended that if your child is struggling with the transition for parents to contact the school's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



Horizon Middle School Boundary Changes



District Boundary

Middle School Location

Existing Attendance Area

2019-2020 Attendance Area

Attendance Area Expanded

Attendance Area Reduced



School Welcome Events:

Mark your calendars...

- **5th Grade/New Student Parent Night**

April 17, 2019 • 6:30 pm at Horizon North; for Parents of our 5th grade students and new students coming because of boundary change

- **New Student Ice Cream Social**

June 3, 2019 • 3:00 pm, at Horizon North; for new 7th and 8th grade students coming because of boundary change

- **Sneak Peek**

August 28, 2019 at Horizon North

8:00 am–12:00 pm: Incoming 6th grade students

12:00 pm–1:00 pm: New Horizon 7th and 8th grade students.



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.

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