



Horizon Middle School Parent Information

Guide to the Upcoming Spring & 2019-2020 School Year

A Letter from the Principal

March 2019

Dear Horizon Families,

I wanted to send out this communication in regards to our move to Horizon North (Old University High School). As you know, we will be moving to Horizon North at spring break. Our last day here at Horizon will be March 29. We will begin at Horizon North on April 8. I would like to commend our students, staff, and Horizon families for making this adjustment mid-year and the flexibility and positive approach that has been shown since we announced the move. Moving now will allow us to be off site for this spring and all of the 2019-2020 school year so that we can start back at the new Horizon the fall of 2020.

The purpose of this communication is to outline information that will help students and families have a smooth transition to Horizon North. It also includes a map that will help families become familiar with the campus and procedures. If you have questions that are not answered in this document, please don't hesitate to reach out to me by calling the office at 558-4940 or by emailing me at jwolcott@cvsd.org.

Please Join Us! We have two upcoming events that I would like to invite all students and parents to attend:

- The first event is our **Horizon North Open House on Tuesday, March 26** starting at 6:00 p.m. Sixth graders are invited to attend at 6:00 p.m., 7th graders at 6:30 p.m., and 8th graders at 7:00 p.m. The Open House for each grade level will start in the commons in the 500 building (see map on back). After a brief welcome, students will have a chance to walk their schedules and see the locations of their classrooms. If you have children in multiple grades, please come to whichever session is most convenient for your family, there is no need to split up your children and attend two sessions.
- The second event I would like to invite everyone to is the **Groundbreaking Ceremony on Wednesday, March 27** at 5:30 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate the kick-off of the construction phase of Horizon. The groundbreaking will be held at our current Horizon location.

I am looking forward to making the move and kicking off the construction process. I want to thank you for your flexibility and positive approach as we have worked through this process to date. We have a great community and I am looking forward to us coming back to a new Horizon Middle School in the fall of 2020.

Regards,

Josh Wolcott

Horizon Middle School Principal

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Office Location, Hours & Phone Numbers

The Horizon North office is located in the 500 building on the northeast corner of campus (see map on back). Visitors to the office or those picking up or dropping off students during the day can use the parking lot outside of the 500 building. Please remember—all visitors need to check in at the office and students who need to be picked up or dropped off during the school day must have parents check them in/out at the office.

ADDRESS: 10304 E. 9th Ave., Spokane Valley, WA 99206

OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 to 3:15 each day.

Business office closes at 3:00

OFFICE PHONE: 558-4940

ATTENDANCE LINE: 558-4950

Shared Campus

Our school is on the campus that is owned by Valley Christian School. We are guests on their campus and are fortunate to have them as partners. We will emphasize with our students the need to be respectful of staying in the locations on campus that we have been granted permission to use.

The campus is made up of several buildings. Horizon North will occupy three buildings, plus we will utilize one gym located in the same building that houses the Valley Christian gym. Students, based on schedules, will take classes in the 500 building, 200 building, 800 building, and gym. Students will walk outside to travel from building to building. Some pathways have covered walkways, but not all.

Security on Campus

All visitors to Horizon North must check in at the office that is located in the 500 building. The main entrance to the 500 building is located nearest the small parking lot that is on the northeast side of the campus. Office staff will be located right as you enter the main entrance. Other entrances and buildings will be locked throughout the school day. As we transition to Horizon North, we will also teach to and have students practice our established safety drills for the new setting in conjunction with Valley Christian School.

Daily Parent Pick-up and Drop-off

Parent pick-up and drop-off will take place along Herald Road on the west side of campus. Please drop off students along the sidewalk and do not pull in the parking lot that is adjacent to campus. The parking lot is for bus loading and unloading. (see map on back side). Students will enter and exit campus on the north side of the 800 building/gym. In the morning, when students are dropped off and enter campus, they will walk to the commons that is located in the 500 building.

Transportation to and from Horizon North

All students have the ability to take a school bus to and from Horizon North each day.

- Students who currently ride a bus route to Horizon will continue on the same route and times when we make the move to Horizon North.
- For students who typically walk to Horizon, buses are available in their neighborhood for transportation to Horizon North. Routes 500, 501, and 502 will be serving these neighborhoods.

Of course, there will probably be adjustments that need to be made during the first few days as we begin this transition and a few hiccups may occur as we adjust to the transportation timing. If you have transportation specific questions or have needs or concerns, you can call transportation at 558-3003 or by email at bus@cvsd.org

Bus route information can be found here:

www.cvsd.org/hms-renovation/

Nutrition Services on the Move

During the move to Horizon North, the Nutrition Services staff will be providing breakfast, lunch and a limited ala carte menu. The meals will be prepared off-site and transported to Horizon North each day. The breakfast menu will consist of two entree choices, a variety of fruits and fruit juice and milk. The lunch menu will consist of four entree choices, a variety of fruits and vegetables and milk. In addition, we will also be offering the limited ala carte menu. If you have any questions, please call Denice Kwate, Nutrition Services Supervisor at 558-5414.

Lockers, Backpacks and Cell Phones

Students will not have access to lockers at Horizon North. They will need to keep what they need in their backpacks. The backpacks will be carried with them throughout the day. Each classroom will have a designated area for backpacks while they are in that classroom.

In Health and Fitness (PE) classes, students will have access to a locker room to change into their PE clothes, but due to having more students than lockers, students will not have assigned lockers. They will need to carry their PE clothes in their backpacks as well. While kids are in PE, their items will be locked in the locker room.

In regards to cell phones, we encourage students not to bring them to school. The policy will remain that cell phones need to be put away during school hours, including passing time between classes. If students bring cell phones they should be turned off and stored in their backpacks. Students will be allowed to access phones before school, during lunch, and after school.

Spring 2019 Athletics at Horizon North

This spring, all spring sports (Track and Field, Boys Baseball, Girls Tennis) practices and home competitions will take place at our current Horizon location. Students participating in spring sports will change in the locker rooms at Horizon North at the end of the day and then catch a shuttle bus that will take them to practice at Horizon. Athletes playing certain sports may be issued a locker at Horizon North so that athletic equipment may be stored there during the day.

Parents will pick up student-athletes at our current Horizon after practices each day. In regards to accessing students after practice, the east parking lot will be open this spring during construction. There will be construction fencing around the rest of the building to limit access from the construction site and we ask that student-athletes and those attending events or practices to stay clear of the construction zones.

Construction Updates

As we make this move to Horizon North, we will very quickly see movement taking place at our current Horizon building in regards to construction. Construction fencing should be going up during spring break and the initial demolition will be starting soon after we move out.

Construction updates can be found on the CVSD website: www.cvsd.org/hms-renovation/.

We are excited to see the construction process begin and to be able to monitor it in the coming weeks and months!



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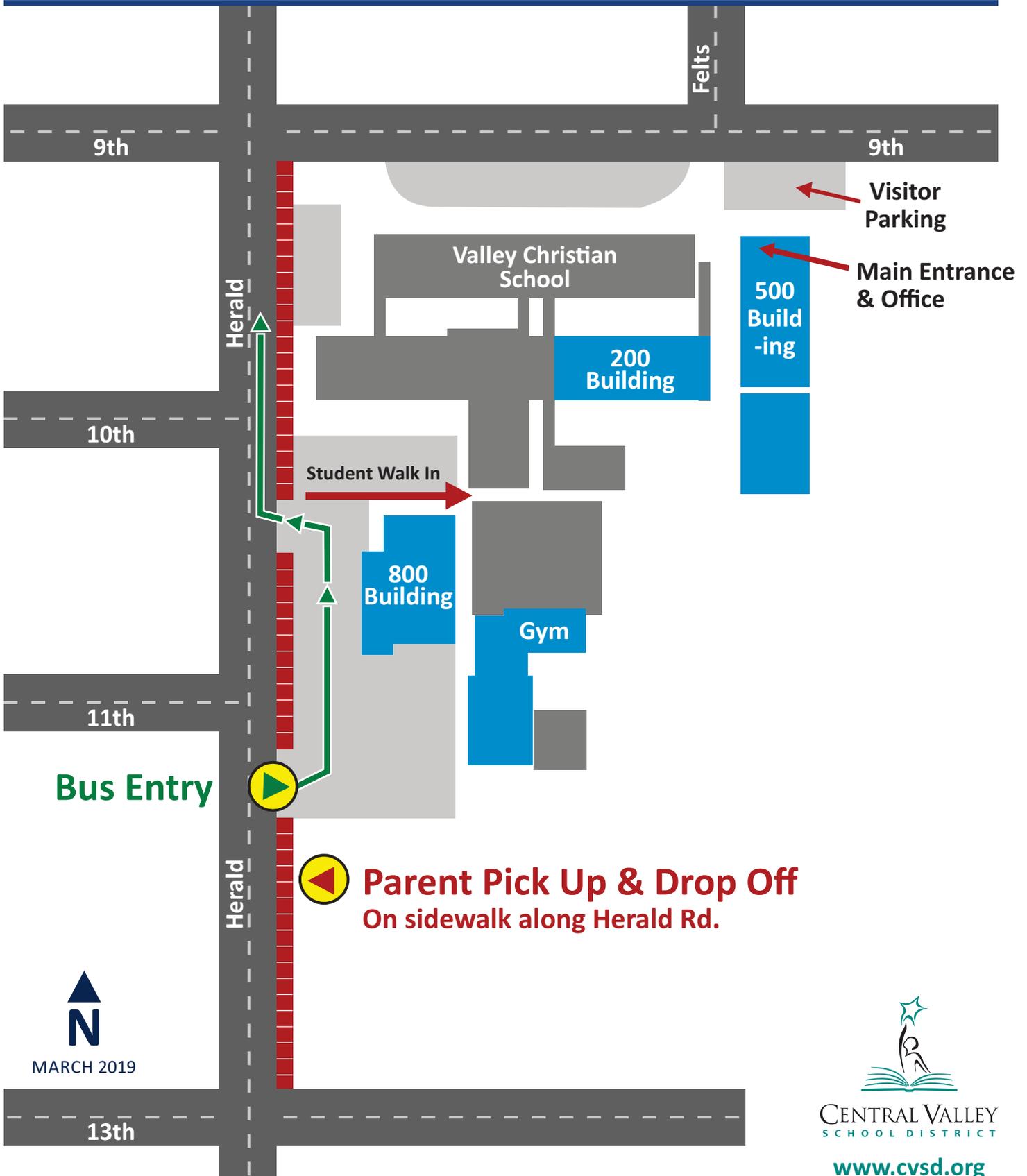
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Horizon North

Building & Campus Map / Drop Off & Pick Up



Bus Entry

Parent Pick Up & Drop Off
On sidewalk along Herald Rd.



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