

SOUTH KITSAP SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY CONNECTION
Summer 2023



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We are proud to recognize these top seniors for their outstanding academic achievements:

- Lily Fachner is one of three South Kitsap High School Valedictorians with a 4.0 GPA. Lily plans to attend University of Washington.
- Marissa Jackman is one of three South Kitsap High School Valedictorians with a 4.0 GPA. Marisa plans to attend Pacific Lutheran University.
- Breanna Viergutz is one of three South Kitsap High School Valedictorians with a 4.0 GPA. Breanna plans to attend Western Washington University.
- Ripley Elberfeld is the Salutatorian for South Kitsap High School and plans to attend the College of Idaho.
- Cassidy Jones and Andy Smith are the top students for Discovery High School. Cassidy plans to attend Olympic College for Gaming Animation and Andy plans to attend Green River College to study coding.
- Brianna Holloway is the top senior for Explorer Academy. Brianna plans pursue art and music.

Top Seniors for the Class of 2023



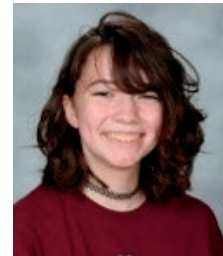
Lily Fachner



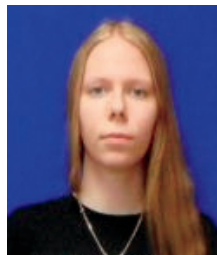
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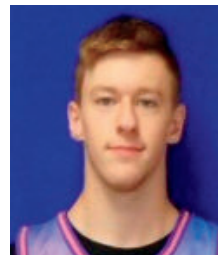
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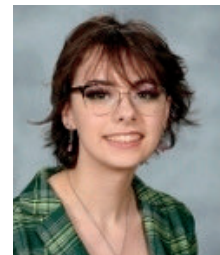
Ripley Elberfeld



Cassidy Jones



Andy Smith



Brianna Holloway



Discovery High School graduates



570 Students graduated with the class of 2023
425 - South Kitsap High, 86 - Discovery High, 59 - Explorer
56 Students graduated with an associate's degree

Thank You and Best Wishes to the 2023 Retirees

Thank you and congratulations to the staff members who are ending their careers with South Kitsap School District. When staff members leave the district, they take years of dedication, care, and expertise with them. We are thankful for the positive impact each person made on the students in the South Kitsap community.

Burley Glenwood Elementary

Robin Ragsdale, De Anna Miller Western

Cedar Heights Middle School

Richard Anderson

Explorer Academy

Debi Lindsley

East Port Orchard Elementary

Esther Bulthuis, Lorraine Connell, Kimberly McMorris

John Sedgwick Middle School

Cheryl Richardson

Manchester Elementary

Greg Larson

Marcus Whitman Middle School

Ruth Munchbach Hodges, Thomas O'Loughlin

Sidney Glen Elementary

Jana Behrens, Peter Bulthuis, Don Moore, Deborah Tracy

South Colby Elementary

Julie Bailey, Cheryl Chase, Annette Kingsbury

Sunnyslope Elementary

Laura DeWitt, Paula Hill, Barb Olson

South Kitsap High School

David Bufano, Ede Buisch, Jean Lange, Cheri Lyman, Lynne McKenzie, Kris Miller, Casey Ogan, Mike Sheppard, Doug Urner

District Support

Robbie Bell, Bernie Brown, Lisa Myers, Andy Rogers, Earl Smith

Food & Nutrition Services

Brenda New, Pamela Reichert, Katherine Safsten, Sandra Scofield

Transportation Services

Larry Durfey

Ready for the Workforce - CTE Students Focus on Their Future

South Kitsap School District Career and Technical Education programs partner with local industry leaders like Boeing to provide students with knowledge and skills needed for today's workforce. Programs include Integrated Mechanics, Automotive, Construction and Engineering.

Boeing's Workforce Development and Dedicated Hiring Team recently visited South Kitsap High School to interview students. Congratulations to Cohen Siaquinta, Makayla Mesa, Sam Weight, Noah Zimmer, and Hunter Blackburn who all accepted a job with Boeing. The Boeing hiring team was impressed with the knowledge and skills of these students. Hands-on learning and real world skills developed through CTE coursework made dreams a reality for these hard working students!



Newly hired Boeing employees from South Kitsap High School

Industry Certifications and Practical Skills

Starting early to develop real world practical skills and industry certification aids students in their future careers. For example, South Kitsap High School students in the Trades and Controls class earn OSHA 10 basic workplace safety, flagger and forklift certification.

Other student certifications include CPR/First Aid, Food Handler, Microsoft Office Specialist, and STARS childcare. Students leave high school with built in knowledge and are beyond college ready, they are career ready!



Student working toward forklift certification



Student athletes at the SKHS signing day event

Scholar Athletes Commit to Collegiate Play

Many students participate in school athletics, club teams, and travel teams. It takes extreme dedication and commitment to play at the collegiate level and that is what a group of South Kitsap High School graduates intend to do.

This year, nineteen scholar athletes signed letters of intent with colleges for fastpitch, soccer, baseball, wrestling, dance, volleyball, golf, track and cross country.



East Port Orchard students enjoying lunch outside

FREE Lunch This Summer

Thanks to Federal funding, the FREE summer lunch program will serve South Kitsap kids this summer Monday - Thursday, July 12 - August 16. Free meals will be served to children 18 years and under. No pre-orders are required, simply visit one of the locations and enjoy lunch. There will be pop up sites at Burley Glenwood, Manchester, Sidney Glen, and SK Regional Park. East Port Orchard will offer hot lunch and lunch will be available at the downtown Port Orchard gazebo on Wednesdays. Check the district website for exact times.



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VOTE BY NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Key Dates 2023-2024 School Year

September 5.....First Day of School Grade 1-12
September 8.....First Day of Kindergarten
September 11.....First Day of Developmental Preschool
September 13.....Late Start Wednesdays Begin
October 6.....Early Release 1/2 Day
October 9....Non-Student Day for Indigenous Peoples Day
October 23-27.....Conference Week
November 10.....Veterans Day Observed - No School
November 22.....Early Release 1/2 Day
November 23-24.....Thanksgiving Break
December 21-January 3.....Winter Break

January 15.....MLK Junior Holiday - No School
January 29.....Non-Student Day
February 19-20.....Presidents' Day - No School
March 8.....Early Release 1/2 Day
March 25-29.....Conference Week
April 1-5.....Spring Break
May 27.....Memorial Day - No School
June 7.....Last Day of Developmental Preschool
June 14.....Last Day of School, Early Release
June 19.....Juneteenth observance - No School

- Emergency make up days may be added after the last day of school if necessary

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