

SHSD UPDATES



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St. Helens School District *Listening Session*

As part of our ongoing efforts to be responsive to our community and gather valuable feedback, the St. Helens School District has scheduled four district listening sessions with Superintendent Stockwell.

The listening sessions are designed to be open-ended without an agenda so that the community may provide feedback about what is going well in the district and what are challenges to overcome.

We hope that you are able to join us at Plymouth High School for the second of our four district listening sessions.

WHEN: Thursday, February 2, 2023

WHERE: Plymouth High School
470 N. 16th Street
St. Helens, OR 97051

TIME: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



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- Nate Peau,
St. Helens Middle School, St. Helens SD

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Promise Kid

Nate Peau - St. Helens Middle School

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- Cassidy McGregor,
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- Finley Brummer,
McBride Elementary, St. Helens SD


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Russell Treat - McBride Elementary

School Board Member

Highlights



Highlight

*St. Helens School
Board Member*

Trinity Monahan

St. Helens School District Board Members



Thank you for your service!



Trinity Monahan

A resident since 2008, Trinity Monahan was first elected to the St. Helens School District Board of Directors in 2017 and is currently in his second term.

In speaking to Trinity about why he chose to become a school board member, he stated, "I wanted to be more involved with the community and believe it's important to learn as much as possible and give back. I started with the budget committee and ran for the first time in 2015. While I was unsuccessful then, I ran again in 2017."

When asked about what he is most proud of while being on the school board, Trinity stated, "I'm most proud of the continued efforts to elevate our students in their pursuits to become the best version of themselves. Our efforts to continue to provide both college and career readiness programs and the creation and opening of the Family Resource Center. Thank you to all who support our district and our future, our children."

Ryan Scholl

A resident of Columbia County for the past 45 years, Ryan Scholl, was elected to the St. Helens School District Board of Directors in 2018.

In speaking to Ryan about why he chose to become a school board member, he stated, "I became a school board member as a way to be involved in the community and a way to give back to the community."

When asked about what he is most proud of while being on the school board, Ryan stated, "I am proud of the staff and the hard work they put in. They are dedicated to the students and make the most of what they have. I am also proud of all the different opportunities and programs the district has come up with over the years at the middle school and the high school."



Highlight

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Kellie Smith

A resident of Columbia County for most of her life, Kellie Smith is in her third term and 9th year as a St. Helens School District Board Member.

In speaking to Kellie about why she chose to become a school board member, she stated, "Simply, I wanted to make a difference. Being a protector, I also needed to know that the people at the top really cared for the needs, wants, safety, and well-being of our children and staff."

When asked about what she is most proud of while being on the school board, Kellie stated, "I love the passion; from the staff, from the parents, from the students. Communicating with individuals that are at their best and sometimes their worst is what makes this 'job' real. Our school community is full of very passionate individuals that put children first. I'm very proud of them."



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Board Member*

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School Board Member

Highlights



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Bill Amos

St. Helens School District Board Members



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Bill Amos

A resident of Columbia County since 1970, Bill Amos has been a St. Helens School District Board Member for over eight years.

In speaking to Bill about why he chose to become a school board member, he stated, "For me, it has always been about what is best for our students, so I applied for a vacant position when I saw in the Chronicle that things were not going smoothly. I was hopeful that I could be helpful without being too disruptive."

When asked about what he is most proud of while being on the school board, Bill stated, "I am proud of the fact that we have regained the trust of the community as shown by their incredible support of our students and our schools; both now and well into the future. Our teachers and support staff are doing great work, using innovative methods, through the most challenging of times as they help prepare our students for their future endeavors. There is much to celebrate."

Melody Killens

A resident of Columbia County for 57 years, Melody Killens, has been a St. Helens School District Board Member for twenty-one years.

In speaking to Melody about why she chose to become a school board member, she stated, "Because I love St. Helens schools! I grew up here loving all parts of the school experience, from the staff to the students. I'm even one of the rare ones that loved all principals! Lucky for me, though, Mr. Olmscheid, Mr. Hogan, and Mr. Freeburn were awesome, but they probably never dreamed I would become a school board member 14 years after graduation and be in charge!"

When asked about what she is most proud of while on the school board, Melody stated, "I am so proud of the staff here! Our district has been through so much, from new buildings constantly being built since 1992, with McBride being replaced by the fire, to our current work at the high school. Also, our 1970s staff stayed here for over 30 years to the early 2000s, to our new staff members. So many are past students, coming to work here their entire careers! During these years, too, we kept growing here in St. Helens, making class sizes a continuous topic, but always taken care of by so many who do care! Right now, I believe, is one of the best times our district has ever had with an awesome school board, Superintendent Stockwell, principals, and teachers all working so hard through the COVID times and after. I couldn't ask for more!"



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Lucas Green

Rotary Student of the Month

JANUARY



The Columbia County Rotary Club and St. Helens Virtual Academy are pleased to honor Lucas Green as the January Rotary Student of the Month.

Lucas is dual enrolled at SHHS and SHVA. He is a part of Choir Leonis at St. Helens High School and has been since his freshman year. Lucas started the year as a junior but is also working on his senior credits to graduate early.

Lucas loves to be outside in nature and has a heart for animals. He is also fascinated with the natural world of mushrooms, native plants, and trees. His family supports his winter goal of finding the largest native trees in Oregon through frequent trips around the state.

He loves to hike and search for reptiles and amphibians in his free time. Lucas has volunteered with the Harborton Frog Rescue Team in Linnton for the last three years. Lucas has also worked on a herpetology field study of Columbia County with a few local herpetologists. Lucas also enjoys photography and traveling to new areas.

Lucas is eager to move on to Oregon State University, where he plans to study Biology and Environmental Science. Lucas would love to work "in the field" when he finishes at OSU for an agency that works for the protection of animals and their environments or land his dream job at National Geographic!

*Congratulations
Lucas!*



Tyler Tolles

Elks Teen of the Month

DECEMBER



St. Helens High School is pleased to announce that Tyler Tolles has been selected as the December Elks Student of the Month. Tyler is an outstanding young man who excels as a student, athlete, and community member. When Tyler learned he had received this award, he stated, "It is good to be recognized for this award; many other students qualify as well." Tyler's response is not unexpected, as he is a very humble soul who cares about others and their feelings.

As a student, Tyler is constantly learning and participating in what is happening. According to one teacher, Mr. Meeuwsen, Tyler is just outstanding, he wants to learn and is interested in the world around him and how it works, he is the type of student that makes it fun to be a teacher." Tyler's work is excellent as well, and his responses to questions are always thoughtful and engaging. Tyler helps to make a classroom a better place to be.

As an athlete, Tyler participates in football, basketball, and golf. He has been the team captain in all three sports due not only to his athletic ability but also his leadership.

An inspirational quote by Sam Ewing states, 'Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, some don't turn up at all.' According to his football coach, Mr. Young, "Tyler has always been willing to turn up his sleeves and put in the work needed in and out of the classroom. He is an excellent representation of what is best about St. Helens High School."

Tyler not only finds the time for school and athletics, but he has also found time to work with local youth as a kids' basketball coach. He is enjoying it a lot and smiles when people bring it up.

Tyler plans to attend Lewis and Clark College in Portland, where he will study Media and Rhetoric Studies.

Tyler feels his best quality is his work ethic. "I give 100% in everything I do."

Congratulations, Tyler!

Amy Forman

Les Schwab Tire-Less Teacher



Pictured: Principal Barnett (left) & Amy Forman (right)

Amy Forman is the rock of Lewis & Clark Elementary and is the vital link in the communications thread between the school and parents. Amy is one of the first individuals that families see when they arrive. Amy is kind, thoughtful, hard-working, and goes out of her way for staff and families.

She graciously agrees to help with whatever is needed; whether it is to assist with a sick child, deliver a package to a classroom, or update the reader board, you can count on her to help.

Amy is hard-working, and all those who come in contact with her think she is simply amazing! We appreciate Amy!

*Congratulations
Amy!*



ST. HELENS SCHOOL DISTRICT



Budget Committee Openings

The St. Helens School District No. 502 seeks applicants for three (3) vacancies on the District Budget Committee. Each term has an initial three-year appointment. Due to pre-existing vacancies, not all vacancies have a full three-year term remaining.

Each term requires the attendance of several evening meetings during the course of the year. Applications are available for pick up at St. Helens School District Office, 474 North 16th Street, St. Helens, Oregon, or online at www.sthelens.k12.or.us and will be accepted until the close of business on Friday, February 3rd, 2023. In the case of multiple applicants, the Board will interview interested persons at the board meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

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SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION EXCLUSION DAY 2023

School Immunization Exclusion Day is Wednesday, February 15, 2023, and we wanted to remind district families to ensure their student(s) immunizations are up-to-date.

Immunizations are required by state law for children and students in attendance at public and private schools, preschools, childcare facilities, and Head Start programs in Oregon. Nearly every facility that provides care for a child outside of the home requires immunizations or a medical or nonmedical exemption to remain enrolled.

Children who are not current on their immunizations by Wednesday, February 15, 2023, will be excluded from school until their immunizations are updated.

Students and families in SHSD can access immunizations through several outlets:

- Primary Health Care Provider
- Sacagawea Health Center | 1.800.244.4870 | option 1 then option 2
- Lions Wellness Center | 1.800.244.4870 | option 1 then option 2
- Walgreens Pharmacy | 503-397-7862
- Walmart Pharmacy | 503-366-5157
- All Childhood Vaccination Clinic | 503-366-7699
 - Monday, January 9, 2023 | 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm | Schedule [HERE](#)

Completed records may be sent to your student's school secretary, emailed to Nursing Services, or faxed to 503-366-7690.

