

SHSD UPDATES



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Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici visits SHHS

CTE Programs

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici joined Career and Technical Education teachers at St. Helens High School on Tuesday to tour their school programs.

The tour started in Jay Groom's Auto Tech classroom, where he spoke about the opportunities in the auto trade for students. Advanced students can be found working on community members' vehicles who bring their vehicles into the shop for service or repair. Jay also shared that St. Helens High School is developing a diesel program to address growing industry needs next year for its students. In addition, many of the advanced

students in this program will be participating in a school-to-work program next year, where students attend school in the morning and work in local automotive shops in the afternoon.

The tour then went into Bonnie Adams' Metals and Manufacturing classrooms, where she informed Congresswoman Bonamici about the opportunities for students in her program. Bonamici even witnessed EVRAZ employee, Cole Fairbrother, working with students and sharing his expertise. EVRAZ is an industry partner, and Cole comes out to work with advanced students to teach them Gas Tungsten Arc Welding.

Students from the student-run business, Lions Manufacturing, explained their enterprise and showed the Congresswoman some of their product lines. She supported their business by purchasing a handmade leather keychain.

The tour finished with a walkthrough of our Early Learning Center and a discussion of our Early Childhood Education and Introduction to Education with teacher Rachael Sara.

We want to thank Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici for coming out and allowing us to share our exceptional CTE programs with her!



Left to Right: Cole Fairbrother, Bill Amos, Dr. Katy Wagner, Bonnie Adams, and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici



Jay Groom, Dr. Katy Wagner, and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici speak about the Auto Tech program at the high school.

Dr. Wagner, Bonnie Adams, and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici speak about the Metal program at the high school.



Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici spoke with SHHS students about their CTE programs. Students took this opportunity to show her a few of the things that they had created.



VIDEO OF TOUR

St. Helens High School



Soderstrom Architects

Bond Oversight Committee

A St. Helens High School Bond Oversight Committee was formed specifically for the SHHS bond project and consists of twelve members from various professional backgrounds. Each committee member is passionate about the St. Helens School District and the students it serves.

Committee members meet monthly to review and monitor the progress of the projects detailed in the St. Helens High School Construction Bond Measure.

Members also review construction progress, monitor program spending and schedules, and address any questions or concerns that arise.





Question of the Week:

Why has the District placed a bond measure on the May ballot?

In 2020, St. Helens School District received voter approval for projects to update, repair, improve security and modernize St. Helens High School.

Demolition is complete, and construction began on new classrooms, commons, CTE learning spaces, and the auditorium.

Unfortunately, project costs have escalated due to COVID-19 restrictions, supply chain issues, and inflation, resulting in the inability to complete some elements of the High School Improvement Bond as promised to voters. These elements include HVAC, Automotive Space, Parking Lots, Auditorium, and Athletic Fields.

To fund these projects, the district applied for and was approved for a \$4 million matching grant from the State of Oregon. In order to receive these funds, the St Helens School District has to seek approval from voters for a \$4 million Bond. This is a 1:1 matching grant. That Bond is Measure 5-295.

Approval of Measure 5-295 will not increase the amount taxpayers currently pay, nor will it extend the life of the current Bond.

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ST. HELENS MIDDLE SCHOOL FORCASTING



Welcome to St.
Helens Middle
School!



Home of the Riverhawks



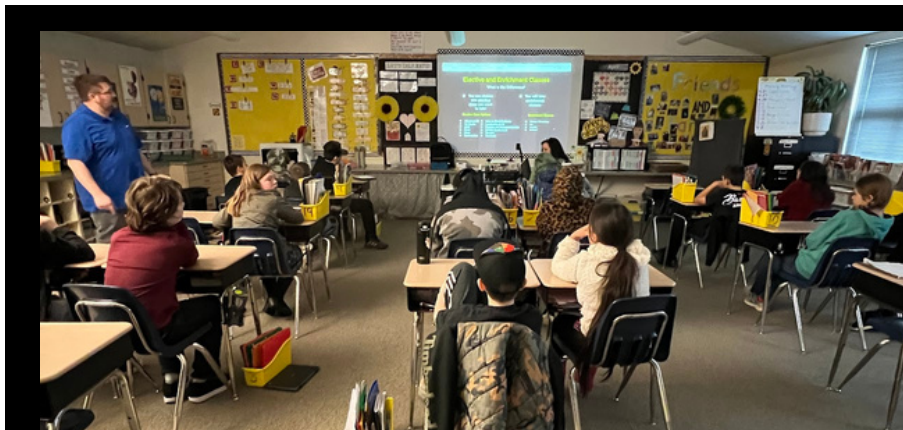
**SHMS will
host a "fly-
up" event in
June where
all 5th-grade
students will
tour the
school.**



Students from Lewis & Clark and McBride Elementary had a forecasting event this week. Mark Janke and Laury Carter from SHMS spoke to 5th-grade students about forecasting for classes and the transition to 6th grade.



Columbia City students will have their forecasting event on Monday, April 17.



COWAPA LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

St. Helens High School Wind Ensemble Band and Chor Leonis Choir each took first place in the COWAPA League Championships.

Wind Ensemble and Chor Leonis will both compete at the State Championships.



CHOR LEONIS

Chor Leonis is the high school's premiere festival chorus. An auditioned ensemble, each member of this choir commits to a rigorous rehearsal schedule, along with weekly sectionals and personal practice time. The ensemble tours around the Northwest, representing the school at music festivals, competitions, and through informed performances for the public. Members are required to perform at multiple concerts each year, at the high school, in our local community, and all over the northwest.



Photo Credit: Jeanelle Clark

WIND ENSEMBLE

Wind Ensemble is an auditioned/director-recommended ensemble. The class objective is to learn and perform music of the highest level and quality possible at venues across the State. Students work to develop tone, technique, musicality, and an understanding and appreciation of music through various exercises, drills, and musical selections. The goal for all students is to leave the program with the skills needed to enter a college ensemble or play on their own after high school.



Photo Credit: Aaron Augustus

OREGON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR FAIR



Left to right: Chelsa Anderson, Nicole Hilton, and Dr. Katy Wagner

St. Helens High School staff welcomes potential applicants at the Convention Center for the Oregon Professional Educator Fair.

This is the NW's largest educator career fair, bringing school districts and professionally licensed candidates together under one roof.



CELEBRATE

April is **SCHOOL LIBRARY** *month*

Celebrated during April, School Library Month is a celebration of school librarians, media specialists, and school libraries.

School librarians and media specialists do so much each day in collaboration with teachers to support the work in the classroom. They help instill a love for reading, imagination, and adventure.

Please help us celebrate School Library Month and show appreciation for our hard-working librarians and media specialist within the district.



- Carlie Christiansen - Lewis & Clark Elementary
- Hannah Hinsz - Columbia City Elementary
- Gail Kearsley - St. Helens High School
- Lisa Long - St. Helens Middle School
- Gwen Mays - St. Helens High School
- Julie Nelson - McBride Elementary

PROMISE OF OREGON

"I am the Promise of Oregon because I want to be an artist because my art matters. Your art matters. Our art matters."

- Karlie Sprague,
McBride Elementary, St. Helens SD

the
Promise
OF OREGON

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Promise Kids

- Russell Treat
- Cassidy McGregor
- Finley Brummer
- Nate Peau
- Esteban Gabriel Molina
- Paula Perez-Tapia
- Ayla Sorber
- C.J. Washington
- Landyn Alberston
- Derick Smith
- Emilio Munoz
- Logan Bell
- Joshua Olson
- Sarah Cobabe
- Hailey Holcomb
- Natalia Navaro-Orozco
- Jemma-Lou McCartney
- Phoenix Lince
- **Karlie Sprague**
- Logan Hair
- Gena Smith
- Griffin Sexton
- Kaiya Lujano
- Loreali Moore
- Isaac Polvogt

The Oregon School Boards Association, a non-profit member services organization based in Salem, founded "The Promise of Oregon" campaign in 2014 to focus attention on the accomplishments of Oregon's K-14 students and the need to adequately fund public education. Through its photographs, videos, and stories, the campaign highlights the aspirations of students and demonstrates their incredible accomplishments and potential.

St. Helens School District will be one of four districts featured in this year's Promise campaign. As a district, this is a huge honor to have our students participate and be featured in this campaign. Districts across the state apply to have their school district recognized, as it is a very competitive campaign with only four districts being chosen to participate. We are so proud to be one of the four districts selected!

Our St. Helens student featured as the "Promise Kid" today is Karlie Sprague from McBride Elementary.

Congratulations, Karlie!

ST. HELENS VIRTUAL ACADEMY

SHOWCASE

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Elementary &
Secondary
Presentations

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Q&As

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Elementary &
Secondary
Presentations

Location: Plymouth High School
470 North 16th Street
St. Helens, OR 97051

Come and find out all that we have
to offer and see if we are a good fit
for your student's success.

Two
times to
choose
from

Students who attend St. Helens Virtual
Academy can also participate in SHHS
sports, activities, and clubs.



ST. HELENS SCHOOL DISTRICT

KINDERGARTEN WELCOME EVENT

**Columbia City Elementary
Lewis & Clark Elementary
McBride Elementary**

**MAY 4TH
5:30 PM- 7:00 PM**

EVENT INCLUDES:

- tour the school
- ride a school bus
- student activities
- registration information

WHAT TO BRING:

- birth certificate
- proof of address
- immunization records



S T. DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE HELENS

JARDIN DE NIÑOS EVENTO DE BIENVENIDA

**Primaria de la ciudad de Columbia
Escuela Primaria Lewis & Clark
Primaria McBride**

**4 DE MAYO
5:30 PM- 7:00 PM**

EL EVENTO INCLUYE:

- recorrer la escuela
- viajar en un autobús escolar
- actividades estudiantiles
- información de registro

QUE TRAER:

- certificado de nacimiento
- comprobante de domicilio
- registros de inmunización

