

# SHSD UPDATES



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## St. Helens High School

*Leadership*

St. Helens High School is one of 22 high schools in Oregon to receive recognition as having a high-achieving leadership program. St. Helens High School was awarded a **Gold Council Award** at the OASC Spring Leadership Conference on May 1, 2023. Led by Noelle Freshner, the St. Helens High School Leadership program has been recognized for the past four years for its exemplary efforts.





# KINDERGARTEN WELCOME EVENT!





2023

# Mock

# *Trials*



St. Helens High School students participate in mock trials and the study of the justice system.

Students engage in the courtroom during a question-and-answer session with a judge, prosecutor, and defender.





# TIMBERLAB TOUR!



St. Helens High School Renovation & Remodeling students tour the Timberlab facility and watch as the beams for their job site house are being milled.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROPOSED BOND

Where can we see an exact statement of what the Proposed St. Helens School District Bond money will be spent on? There is language in the document that states "including" the projects you have mentioned but does not explain what the money will be allocated to in the entirety.

The following is a breakdown of how the budget is allocated:

- Architects and Engineers cover all drawings and engineering required for the structure.
- Professional Services include items such as Geotech Engineering, Traffic Engineering, Land Use Consultant, Wetland Investigation, and other consulting services.
- Construction is where the majority of the money is budgeted for the actual building of the school structures, sports fields, and parking lots.
- Hazardous Materials are for abatement which is primarily asbestos, common in older building's drywall and floor tiles.
- Furniture and Equipment pay for desks, science equipment, and supplies, as well as new technologies like smart boards.
- A majority of the Permits budget goes to paying for building permits to the city.

For a list of more Frequently Asked Questions about Measure 5-295, please visit <https://sthelensschoolbond.org/faqsxpayers> currently pay, nor will it extend the life of the current Bond.

**[CLICK HERE FOR MORE Q&AS](#)**







# Cinco de Mayo

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# WHAT IS CINCO DE MAYO AND WHY DO WE CELEBRATE IT?



Since 2009, St. Helens High School Teacher, Joe Osorio, has had students engage in piñata making during the week of Cinco de Mayo, learning about the holiday and why it is celebrated.





The Columbia City Otter Pups are preparing for their upcoming art show!



Art Show  
May 16, 2023





Students at St. Helens High School had the opportunity to visit the Oregon Holocaust Memorial, the Oregon Jewish Museum, and the Center for Holocaust Education. Students were led through the Memorial by docent David Rutiezer, who is the son of a Holocaust survivor. After that, students traveled to the OJMCHE to tour their permanent exhibits and listened to Jeannie Smith speak. Jeannie is the daughter of Irene Gut Opdyke, a Polish victim, and rescuer who wrote a book about her experiences entitled *In My Hands*.





# SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY



2023

School Lunch Hero Day is a special day designed to recognize the hard work and dedication of school nutrition professionals! These unsung heroes work tirelessly to provide nutritious and delicious meals to students every day.



# SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY



# Madison Blackburn

Elks Teen of the Month

APRIL



***Congratulations to Madison Blackburn, who has been selected as the Elks Student of the Month for April.***

***1) What were your thoughts once you learned you were selected?***

Madison was surprised she was chosen but felt honored that she was picked for this award.

***2) What activities, sports, and clubs do you participate in, and what honors have you received?***

Madison has been an active Columbia County 4-H Horse program member since the 4th grade. Qualifying for the Oregon State Fair several times and earning multiple ribbons and Awards. As an athlete, Madison has participated in Varsity Volleyball and the Equestrian Team all 4-years of high school. She has earned many accolades in both sports, including team captain, scholar-athlete, multi-state qualifier, and SHHS Sports Boosters athlete of the season, to name a few. Madison has currently qualified to participate in the Oregon High School Equestrian Team (OHSET) State Championships this month in 8 events (team & individual) after having earned 1 Gold, 3 Silver & 4 Bronze medals, as well as three belt buckles at the year-end NW District Awards. Madison also participates outside of school in the Northwest Youth Rodeo Association, traveling across the Pacific Northwest throughout the summer, going on her 3rd year. Madison has also worked very hard scholastically and will be graduating with honors.

***3) What volunteer activities or work have you participated in? Describe them.***

Madison has spent countless hours on community service projects with her 4-H club, ranging from blanket drives for homeless veterans to game days at local senior living communities, care packages for new foster children, and pony rides at the Megga Egg Hunts. She's a fundraising machine as well. Her club is entirely self-funded by the members rather than their parents. Madison has been an active volunteer for the Columbia County Rodeo Committee for the last five years, helping at the annual fair & rodeo and any fundraising events.

***4) What are your future plans? Where will you go, and what do you plan on doing?***


Madison plans on attending Portland Community College to obtain her Associate's degree in Nursing to become a Registered Nurse (RN) and then transfer to a University to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

***Congratulations, Madison!***





# PROMISE OF OREGON



"I am the Promise of Oregon  
because I want to be a teacher  
so I can help kids learn."

- Griffin Sexton,

St. Helens Middle School, St. Helens SD

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*the*  
**Promise**  
OF OREGON

## 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 Griffin Sexton from St. Helens Middle School.***

**Congratulations, Griffin!**





**Family  
Event**

**St. Helens School  
District**

**ELD  
EVENT**

**THURSDAY  
MAY 25**

**at McBride Elementary  
School 5:30 to 7:30 pm.**

**Activities**

Storytelling  
Fun and Games  
Gifts  
Jumper Houses  
Arts and Crafts  
And a Lot More...

**Dinner  
provided**

**For more info: Contact Rosa Gonzalez at  
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**Evento  
Familiar**

***Distrito Escolar de  
St. Helens***

# **EVENTO ELD**

**JUEVES  
MAYO 25**

**en McBride Elementary  
5:30 to 7:30 pm.**

## ***Actividades***

**Cuentos Diversion  
Juegos  
Regalos  
Brincolines Artes y  
Manualidades y  
mucho mas...**

***Cena  
Proveida***

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