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WEEKLY WARRIOR

Official Newsletter of Philomath High School

Welcome back message from Principal Mark Henderson

Welcome back to all of our students and their families! We are looking forward to a great school year. This year's focus for our staff is the implementation of Professional Learning Communities. The staff will be collaborating with one another on a continuous basis around student achievement data to improve instruction and thus improve student learning. We are excited to begin this new journey at PHS!

If you are new to PHS, this is our school newsletter, the Weekly Warrior. The newsletter will contain a lot of important information as well as news about what is going on at PHS. The Weekly Warrior will be sent out every Friday afternoon. It can also be found on the PHS website under the News Tab.

In an effort to be more accessible, I will again be holding a "chat with the principal" every third Wednesday of the month at 5 pm in the Community Conference Room which is just inside the front door to PHS. Please join me for some informal conversation about life at PHS and how we can continually improve.

I want to thank all the families in advance for supporting their students as they transition to becoming successful adults.

It's a great day to be a Warrior!



*Graduate EVERY
student and transition
each of them into a job,
training, or college.*



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Dates to Remember

September

- 4 No School - Labor Day
- 5 First Day of School for Freshmen
- 6 First Day of School 10th - 12th Grade
- 20 Coffee with the Principal in Community Conference Room, 5 pm

October

- 12 1/2 Day for Students - Grading and Conferences in Afternoon
- 13 No School - Grading/Conferences
- 18 Coffee with the Principal in Community Conference Room, 5 pm

How to make schedule changes

Students need to follow [this link](#) or use the QR code or schedule a time to meet with their counselor once school begins to make changes to their schedules.

If changes haven't been made by the first day of school, students need to follow the schedule they have and wait for an email or to be called into the office. Counselors are working as quickly as they can to make the schedule changes. These changes are taking a little longer this year due to the change in systems to Synergy.



At this time, we are asking that students and families do not use email to communicate about schedule changes. It is more efficient for there to be only one place to check.

We do appreciate your patience as we navigate this new system and get the year off to a great start.

New employees join PHS

This year the high school only has a couple of new faces on staff. Dedee Fish is managing Food Service at the high school and Breeann Liddle is her assistant. We are excited to welcome them both to our building.



Dedee Fish

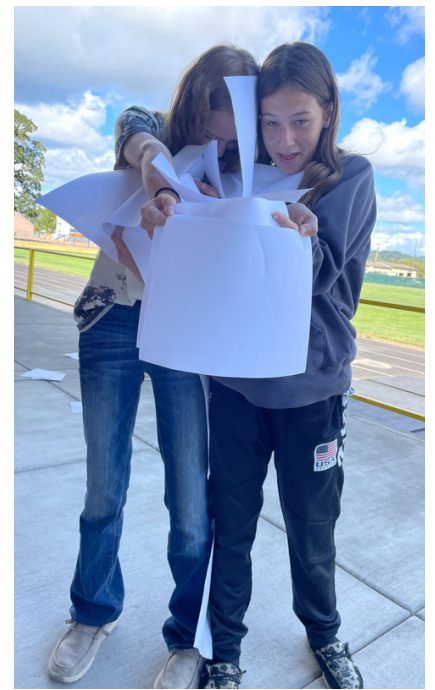


Breeann Liddle

Summer Bridge Program offers some freshmen intro to PHS

Each year a group of students are selected to participate in a two-week summer program designed for incoming freshmen to get a leg up on the process of transitioning to high school. This year they worked with Mr. Bennett, Mr. Dunham, Ms. Eldridge, Mrs. Ambrose, and Mrs. Bauer, with guest appearances by other high school staff and local business representatives.

Students are introduced to the school building and the planning and scheduling processes, in addition to information focusing on CTE opportunities and clubs and activities offered at PHS.



ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES



Philomath High cheer team poses with one of the blankets they are selling this fall.

Cheer team sells blankets

Our cheer team is selling Philomath Warrior blankets as a fundraiser. They are \$60 and will be available for purchase at games this fall. If you would like to purchase a blanket, please contact Head Cheer Coach Kathy Kohler.
phswarriorcheer@gmail.com



This Week

Due to potential changes in game times and our desire to provide the most up-to-date information, we will no longer be publishing the 'This Week' section in our newsletter.

Below you will find links to corresponding sites that will provide you with current information for athletics and activities.

OSAA

- Game schedules; dismissal, departure, and return times; rosters; coaches contact information, etc.

PHS Athletics Page

- Calendar, sports registration, athletic forms, athletic handbook and policies, athletic fundraisers, etc.

Athletic.net

- XC and Track and Field Meet information

Please note that game times are subject to change, so please check schedules prior to scheduled events.

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**Soccer
kicks off
season
with
jamboree
August 24**



**Cross country
competes in
The Opener at
Ash Creek
Reserve**

