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2022



CTE Calendar

June 22, 2022

Last Day of 2021-22 School Year

June 22-25, 2022

HOSA International Leadership Conference

June 28 - July 2, 2022

FBLA National Leadership Conference

Sept. 7, 2022

First Day of 2022-23 School Year

What's inside?



Awards Season

CTE students attend a variety of conferences and competitions this spring



Spring Spectacular

Timberline High School arts students put on show encompassing their work this year

CTE Connect



This spring, the NTPS Career & Technical Education department has been focused on reestablishing valuable field experiences for our students. Historically, our students have learned not just in the classroom, but in a variety of community settings. The pandemic put the brakes on many of those community opportunities for our students over the past couple years, but over the past few months we have been able to once again organize field experiences for our students and a number of them are highlighted in this issue. We are looking forward to offering a full slate of field experiences again next school year.

Also, the end of the school year marks the end of careers for a number of our long-established CTE educators in the district. I'd like to recognize the following retiring staff for their contributions to the CTE department and the thousands of students' lives they've influenced over the years. We will miss you and wish you the best in your retirement!

- **Terri Bader** (Timberline HS) - Family & Consumer Science
- **Tim Marshall** (North Thurston HS) - Construction Trades & Drafting
- **Sally Harn** (North Thurston HS) - Family & Consumer Science
- **JoAnn Estes** (River Ridge HS) - Business & Marketing
- **Amy Rye** - CTE District Office Professional

I'd also like to recognize the contributions of **Michael Dallas** (Agriculture Science at Envision Career Academy) who is moving on to a new professional adventure next school year.

- Brad Hooper

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River Ridge & North Thurston DECA groups attend Pro Sports Career Day in Seattle

Nearly 50 DECA students from River Ridge & North Thurston high schools spent a May morning at T-Mobile Park in Seattle learning about careers available in professional sports before taking in a Seattle Mariners baseball game together with other DECA students from around the region.

The DECA student organization at River Ridge (above) is advised by **Bruce Brewer** and the DECA student organization at North Thurston (below) is advised by **Kari Toms & Ronna Reed**.





Timberline team wins WIAA E-Sports state tournament

The Timberline High School E-Sports team, in its first season, won the WIAA State Championship this spring in Rocket League, a vehicular soccer console-based video game.

The team defeated Oakville HS in the finals on May 19, winning 3-1. The team came out on top of a field of about 35 Washington high schools this spring.

Getting the E-Sports program off the ground this year has been a team partnership by the district CTE, Athletics, and Technology departments, with support from the Timberline building staff and administration.

The E-Sports team at Timberline this year consisted of **Ashton Clagett, Owen Shaw, and Philip Schnurbusch** and was coached by **Kevin Gary** and **Melissa Greco**.



Komachin MS Forensics visits police station & escape room

The Forensics classes at Komachin Middle School spent a day in downtown Olympia last month, touring the Olympia Police Department station and working together to solve a forensic science-based mystery to escape a room at Exit Puzzles.

At the police station, students explored a variety of jobs in law enforcement and met with detectives and officers in the department.

At the escape room, the students partnered with classmates using their skills learned in class this year to examine clues that led to them solving the challenge and successfully breaking out of the room before time expired.

The Forensics classes at Komachin are taught by **Sue Koontz** (front right) and **Isabel Mazarakis**.



North Thurston HS students participate in FFA Pig Show

Students from North Thurston High School's FFA program participated in a local pig show earlier this month in Thurston County.

The students demonstrated their skills in raising, showing, and training swine in front of NTHS alumni and community partners. **Logan Ladue** (right) earned top showmanship honors.

The students raised pigs for much of the school year in preparation of selling them at market price.

The North Thurston High School FFA program is advised by **Mark Sloan**.



National Leadership Conference Qualifiers

Envision Career Academy

Conner McBrayer
Mandalynn Seifert
Kinzley Walz
Anastasia Glessing

Peter Allan Arellano Brousseau III

Timberline High School

Kayla Cortez
Khushi Agrawal
Tia Wieclaw

North Thurston High School

Hunter McKay
Clara Hoyte
Sophia McCalmant
Jennifer Neeley
Zurianna Pratt
Carter Stegall

River Ridge High School

Alice Ly
Richard Thomas
Alan Ly
Nicholas McClelland
Minh Tran
John Byerly

Komachin Middle School

Satapat Tatarian
Spencer Hall
Keliyah Richards
Savannah Hughes
Abigail Green
Natalie Terekhina
Alyssa Childers
Marcus McLeod
Rodel Penaflor
Maria Kollin
Jordan Kaye
Connor Keating
Daejalynn Lenard
Jalia Aboy
Aubrey Hegner



NTHS ASL Sign Language duo admitted into Honor Society

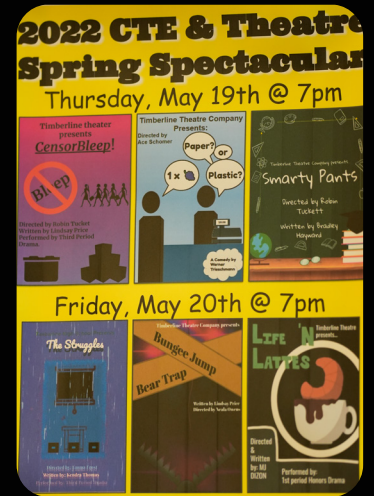
Two North Thurston High School students, **Madison Hayes** (left) and **Molly Kover** (right), earned honor cords this spring and were admitted into the American Sign Language Honor Society.

The American Sign Language program at NTHS is taught and advised by **Sharon Gilmore**.



Chinook Middle School Animal Science carves out time for sheep heart dissections

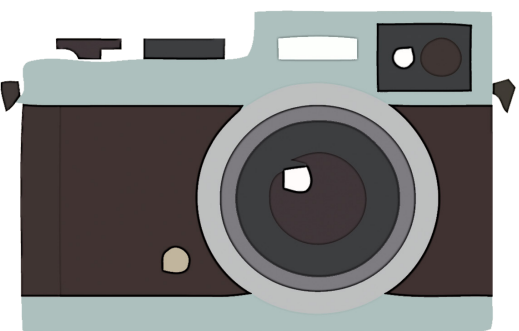
Students in **Jojo McWhinney's** CTE Animal Science class dug into sheep's hearts this spring to explore the anatomy of the sheep's circulatory system. Each year students in the class dissect multiple different specimens in true engaging, hands-on learning in the CTE animal science classes across the district.



With packed-house performances for two nights in May, the Timberline Theatre program partnered with the NTPS Career & Technical Education department to put on the 2022 CTE & Theatre Spring Spectacular. The Theatre, Stagecraft, and AP Studio Art programs showcased their culminating projects, including student-directed short plays and presentations on sustained investigation art portfolios.

Timberline High School's

CTE Spring Spectacular!



1. Komachin Middle School HOSA students receive state awards from adviser **Katie Standlee**.
2. The River Ridge HS Business class holds a grand opening of their student-run coffee cart.
3. Tiny homes near completion in the North Thurston High School Construction class.
4. FBLA students across the district attend the regional conference at Great Wolf Lodge.

CTE Snapshots