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Skyview Jazz Festival

The St. Helens High School Jazz Band placed 2nd in their division and also won sightreading at the Skyview Jazz Festival.

St. Helens High School student, Darcy Erickson, also received an award for Outstanding Soloist!



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St. Helens High School is pleased to announce that the November Elks Teen of the Month is Abbie Andersen. When asked how she felt when she found out, Abbie responded, "I was very surprised! I never thought I would get recognized this way; I feel very honored".

Abbie is very involved in the High School's band, playing clarinet in wind ensemble, concert band, and marching band. This year, she was one of two drum majors during the marching band season. She is also part of the leadership team here at St.

Helens High School as our ASB Treasurer. A quote from the leadership advisor, Mrs. Freshener, says, "Abbie is the most talented student artist I have met in my career. She is so good at what she does, and I am so happy she is able to share her talent with SHHS leadership for all our projects and events."

She is also a very involved member of the art program, not only in the school but in the community. One of her favorite hobbies is participating in the local fair's art competition, where she has won first place in her categories for the last two years, along with first place for the Michael Curry Design Award. The art program teacher, Mr. Sumsion, stated, "Abbie is a great student. She probably has the most patience and dedication that I have ever seen." When asked what she plans for the future, Abbie says, "To study interior design and art at Oregon State University."

Congratulations, Abbie!

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Columbia City PTO Holiday Bazaar & Book Fair

Student-operated
booths selling
buttons and
magnets designed
by students.



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Angela Hileman radiates positivity at Lewis and Clark Elementary, consistently bringing joy to everyone around her. Whether you need a reason to smile or a comforting presence during tough times, Angela is always there for you.

Her dedication to providing top-notch meals for both the students and staff is evident, as she goes above and beyond to enhance the menu and explore new recipes.

Angela's caring nature and collaborative spirit make her an excellent colleague, turning each workday into an enjoyable experience.

Her genuine love for serving the kids is evident in her efforts to connect with each student individually.

Without a doubt, the kitchen owes its smooth operation to Angela's invaluable contributions!

Congratulations, Angela!

Pictured: Angela Hileman (left) & Brooke Vilante (right)

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As part of our ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of our students, the St. Helens School District and the St. Helens Police Department are joining forces to remind parents and guardians about the critical issue of drug safety, especially as it pertains to the deceptive appearance of certain substances.

In recent times, there has been a concerning trend of drugs being manufactured to resemble innocent-looking candy or snacks (gummies, sour candy, candy strips). This deceptive tactic poses a significant threat to the safety of our children, as they may unknowingly ingest substances that can have serious health consequences.

As parents, we understand that keeping our children safe is our top priority. Therefore, we urge you to be vigilant and take the following precautions:

- **Open Communication:** Talk to your children about the dangers of drugs and the importance of not accepting any candy or snacks from unknown sources, even if they look harmless.
- **Education:** Familiarize yourself with the latest trends in drug concealment. Stay informed about new substances that may be circulating in our community.
- **Report Suspicious Activity:** If you come across anything that seems unusual or suspicious, please report it immediately to the local authorities. Your vigilance can make a significant difference in ensuring the safety of our community.

By working together, we can create a stronger, safer community for our children to grow and thrive. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your student(s) school or the St. Helens Police Department.

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Front door installation

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DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES TRANSITIONING TO BUSZONE MOBILE APP

Students riding the school bus will be sent home with flyers from Durham School Services notifying parents that they will be transitioning from the BusTracker mobile app to BusZone mobile app. This easy-to-use mobile app allows you to check on your student(s) school bus at any time.

Lighten your daily load.

Raising children is a tough job. This easy-to-use mobile app allows you to check on the school bus whenever you want.

Set up BusZone:

1. Download the BusZone app from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Enter the above School Access Code.
3. In the search field, enter the bus or route number you want to follow.
Complete this step for all the buses your students ride throughout the week.
4. Enter your child's unique student ID.
5. Create alert zones around drop-off and pick-up points.

When your child's bus enters an alert zone, you will receive notification by email or text.

Trust that your information is secure.

Security is priority one, especially where student information is concerned. All parent/guardian information is locked down and password protected within the app to prevent unauthorized people from opening the app and viewing the child's bus information.

Have questions? Need more information?

Email buszone2040@nellc.com

Key features

- View a real-time, map-based bus locator
- Guarantee parent/guardian and student information privacy
- Create custom zones for each stop and facility
- Send email alerts and SMS messages
- Available on smartphones and tablets



**Learn how to
use BusZone**
Scan the QR
code to see the
user guide.

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St. Helens School District
Family Resource Center
Presents:
"Winter Open House"

14 DECEMBER | 5:30-7:30PM
474 N.16TH ST. PORTABLE #4

COME ENJOY CRAFT MAKING, HOT DRINKS,
HOLIDAY COOKIES! MEET STAFF AND OTHER
DISTRICT FAMILIES! FOR MORE
INFORMATION CONTACT JENNIFER B. AT
503-366-7227 OR ROSA G. AT 503-366-7238

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Centro de Recursos Familiar del
Distrito Escolar de St. Helens
Presenta:

"Casa Abierta de Invierno"

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GOLOSINAS FESTIVAS, CONOCE AL
PERSONAL Y A OTRAS FAMILIAS DEL
DISTRITO! HABRA MANUALIDADES Y RIFAS!
PARA MAS INFORMACION CONTACTE A ROSA
G. AL 503-366-7238 O JENNIFER B. AL 503-
366-7227

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Exciting Employment Opportunities Await!

Join the St. Helens School District and explore our current job openings. If you're eager to be part of an exceptional team, discover what we have in store for you!

For a complete list of requirements or to apply, please check out our job postings at <https://sthelens.tedk12.com//hire/Index.aspx>.

Questions may be directed to Director of Human Resources, Pete Moshinsky, at petem@sthelens.k12.or.us

Substitues



The St. Helens District #502 utilizes services from ESS for the hiring and placement of substitutes in our district. If you want more information, please call 1-866-208-7454 or visit <https://www.ess.com>. This site contains information on the requirements to be a substitute as well as what positions are currently open.

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