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We thank our incredible, dedicated, hardworking St. Helens School District School Board members.

Trinity Monahan
Ryan Scholl
Kellie Smith
Melody Killens
Bill Amos

January is School Board Recognition Month

The St. Helens School District joins school districts throughout Oregon to celebrate January as School Board Recognition Month.

"Our school board members spend countless hours of unpaid time working to provide the best possible education for our students," said district Superintendent Stockwell. "They also serve as the corporate board of directors for one of our community's largest employers. Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way to say thanks for all they do."

Please join us in celebrating the countless hours these elected volunteers give to our community. During our January 24 School Board meeting, the District will recognize each board member for their contributions and thank them for their unwavering support for the children and staff of the St. Helens School District.

Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation for our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part. They are dedicated individuals committed to improving student achievement and fighting for the best for all of our students.

BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH VIDEO

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January is School Board Appreciation Month, and we want to take this time to highlight one of our incredible school board members, Trinity Monahan.

A resident since 2008, Trinity Monahan was first elected to the St. Helens School District Board of Directors in 2017 and is currently in his second term.

In speaking to Trinity about why he became a school board member, he stated, "I wanted to be more involved with the community and believe it's important to learn as much as possible and give back. I started with the budget committee and ran for the first time in 2015. While I was unsuccessful then, I ran again in 2017."

When asked what he is most proud of while on the school board, Trinity stated, "I'm most proud of the continued efforts to elevate our students in their pursuits to become the best version of themselves. Our efforts to continue to provide both college and career readiness programs and the creation and opening of the Family Resource Center. Thank you to all who support our district and our future, our children."

Thank you, Trinity, for your service!

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ELKS TEEN OF THE MONTH - TYLER MAULDIN

St. Helens High School is pleased to announce Tyler Mauldin as December Elks Teen of the Month! Tyler is an excellent student, athlete, and community member. When first hearing of this new accomplishment, Tyler was very honored and excited as he had been hoping for the award.

As an outstanding athlete, Tyler has a varsity letter in baseball, three varsity letters in cross country, and a scholar-athlete in cross country. His baseball coach, Matt Lokken, says, "Tyler is a perfect example of what we want out of our students, athletes, and community members. Tyler is a doer and will always lead by example. On the baseball field, he is a supportive teammate who communicates well with coaches and is always looking for areas to improve even though he is already talented."

In his free time, Tyler enjoys hunting and fishing. He has also worked as an intern at CUG for the past two summers, where he helps build composite airplane parts and maintain the CNC machines. After graduation, he plans to go to college to study mechanical engineering and hopefully play baseball.

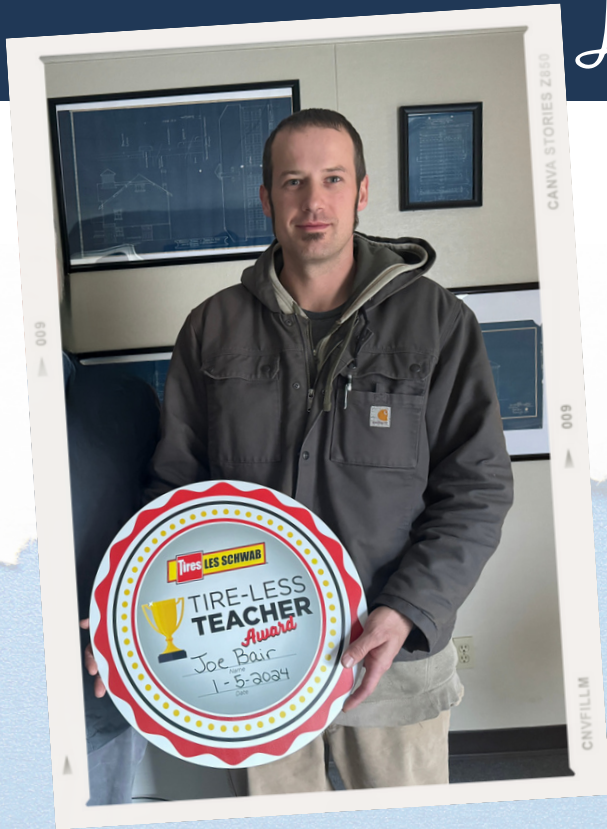
Tyler also volunteers at his church and for the St. Helens Little League, where he gives baseball lessons. He is an honor roll student and a part of the National Honor Society at St. Helens High School. He feels that his drive is his best attribute, where he constantly tries to be and do the best he can and always strives to accomplish more.

Congratulations, Tyler!



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Les Schwab Tire-Less Teacher

Joe Bair is a remarkable individual, and his humility is truly admirable. Despite his extensive knowledge and skills, he remains down-to-earth, always willing to lend a helping hand and share his expertise with colleagues. His dedication to his profession is evident in every aspect of his work.

Joe's expertise and proficiency in his field are unparalleled. His commitment to excellence is reflected in the impeccable quality of his work.

Working alongside Joe is a pleasure, as he approaches every task with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. His patience and methodical approach to challenges contribute to a collaborative and supportive work environment. Joe's ability to remain composed under pressure and find effective solutions makes him an invaluable asset to our department.

Joe is also a fun and engaging individual whose positive energy and genuine passion for his job create a welcoming environment. His unwavering commitment to fostering a positive atmosphere is reflected in the smiles that accompany him wherever he goes.

Joe's humility, knowledge, skills, and overall commitment to his profession are truly remarkable.

Congratulations, Joe!

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St. Helens Virtual Academy Informational Night

Did you know that the St. Helens School District offers its students an online option for their educational experience?

The St. Helens Virtual Academy is an innovative educational platform designed to provide a comprehensive and flexible online learning experience for students in grades K-12 from the comfort of their own homes or other off-site locations through virtual learning.

Our virtual academy delivers a rigorous curriculum that covers a wide range of subjects, ensuring a well-rounded education for students of all ages. Students have the flexibility to engage with both their ongoing class subjects and materials, as well as catch up on previous class subjects and/or materials within the Virtual Academy. Additionally, students can concurrently enroll at St. Helens High School and the Virtual Academy, allowing them to participate in specific in-person courses, often focusing on Career Technical Education (CTE) fields such as Woods, Metals, Autoshop, and more.

What type of student would most benefit from Virtual Academy? - This program is well-suited for self-motivated and self-directed students who excel in independent learning. It also caters to students who are balancing full-time work commitments and require a flexible schedule. Additionally, the program accommodates students who have diverse reasons for needing distance learning.

Eligibility - As the district's options high school, all resident students in grades K-12 are eligible to enroll in accordance with Oregon law.

Grading Period - The school year is broken into two 18-week semesters.

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Enrollment Process - Apply through the St Helens District website and complete the online registration form. If you have any questions, please contact our Registrar to schedule an enrollment appointment at (503) 366-7200.

Schedule - It is expected that students who are enrolled and working virtually will adhere to a steady work schedule, ensuring they remain on course with the courses they are enrolled in.

At St. Helens Virtual Academy, we understand that success in online learning goes beyond academics. We provide the support and resources needed for every student to thrive.

The St. Helens Virtual Academy is provided at no cost to St. Helens School District students. We are committed to ensuring that all students within our district have access to quality education without financial barriers.

We look forward to speaking with prospective students and their families at our informational night.

If you have questions at any time, please reach out to Principal Martin Hehman at martinh@sthelens.k12.or.us or call the school directly at 503-366-7260.

St. Helens Virtual Academy Informational Night

WHEN: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

TIME: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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

ST. HELENS VIRTUAL ACADEMY VIDEO

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Parent Informational Night

Parent Informational Night

Are you curious about the unique and enriching virtual learning experience that St. Helens Virtual Academy offers? We invite all students and parents/guardians to an informative evening where you can explore the ins and outs of our cutting-edge virtual education platform.

Email us for additional information

shva@sthelens.k12.or.us

Save the Date

Wednesday, January

17th

6:00-7:00 pm

Plymouth High School

470 N 16th St



ACADEMIA VIRTUAL DE ST. HELENS

Noche informativa para Padres

Noche de Informacion

¿Tiene curiosidad acerca de la experiencia de aprendizaje virtual única y enriquecedora que ofrece St. Helens Virtual Academy? Invitamos a todos los estudiantes y padres/tutores a una velada informativa donde podrán explorar los entresijos de nuestra plataforma de educación virtual de vanguardia.

Mande Email para mas
informacion

shva@sthelens.k12.or.us

Recuerda la fecha

Miercoles, Enero 17

6:00-7:00 pm

Plymouth High School

470 N 16th St



CARING ADULT NETWORK (CAN) CONVERSATION

Calling grandma and grandpa, uncles and aunties, neighbor's, friends and community members, community leaders and influencers
Our kids need YOU!



Location:
To be determined

Please register at
<https://forms.gle/Zg9EVAq7djRB9xW8A>
or scan the QR code



Thursday January 18th
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
or
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

What to Expect :



Taco bar &
drinks



Learn about, and
help build the
caring adult
network



Hear youth point
of view from
youth experts



Share ideas for
a safe and
healthy
community

In collaboration with SH School District, Connect ED, and Columbia Health Services



"The most powerful protective factor in the life of a young person is the presence of a caring adult."

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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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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.