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SHHS Early Childhood Education & Child Development

St. Helens High School Child Development 1 students take home RealCare Baby simulators this month for their projects!



St. Helens High School Early Childhood Education students (Otter Teens) work with Otter Pup students at Columbia City Elementary.



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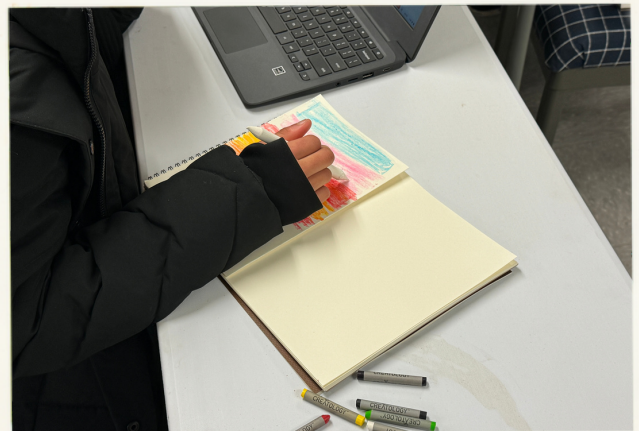
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St. Helens Virtual Academy Middle School Art Club

Middle School students attending St. Helens Virtual Academy work with their teacher, Alison Charbonneau, on blending pastels.

All St. Helens Virtual Academy middle school students are welcome to join in person every Wednesday at 1:00 pm at the Family Resource Center or online at the same time.

Art supplies are given to each student when they join.



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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, Ryan Scholl.

A resident of Columbia County for the past 46 years, Ryan Scholl, was elected to the St. Helens School District Board of Directors in 2018.

In speaking to Ryan about why he chose to become a school board member, he stated, "I became a school board member as a way to be involved in the community and a way to give back to the community."

When asked what he is most proud of while on the school board, Ryan stated, "I am proud of the staff and the hard work they put in. They are dedicated to the students and make the most of what they have. I am also proud of all the different opportunities and programs the district has come up with over the years at the middle school and the high school."

Thank you, Ryan, for your service!

BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH VIDEO

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ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH JUSTIN JOHNSON

The Columbia County Rotary Club and St. Helens Virtual Academy are pleased to honor Justin Johnson as the January Rotary Student of the Month.

Justin's unwavering commitment to meeting and exceeding deadlines is displayed in his commendable work ethic, which sets him apart.

We have witnessed Justin's diligent efforts in the virtual classroom. His approach to the material is both focused and thorough, evidenced by the strong scores he consistently earns. The level of difficulty in the content highlights Justin's intellectual prowess, and his ability to navigate complex texts such as Dante's *Inferno*, Homer's *The Odyssey*, and Shakespeare's *The Tempest* speaks volumes about his commitment to academic excellence.

Justin's journey is not only characterized by academic achievements but also by his development into a personable and engaged online learner. His willingness to share aspects of his life, adds a personal touch to the virtual classroom, fostering a sense of community among students. It is evident that Justin has not only adapted to online learning but has embraced it, utilizing the platform to showcase his academic excellence and share his unique personality.

Watching Justin grow and thrive in the virtual setting has been a joy, and it is with great pride that I recognize Justin today. His story is one of determination, resilience, and the transformative power of education, making him a deserving candidate for this prestigious recognition.

Congratulations, Justin!

L.E.A.D.

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

We recognized our local law enforcement officers who have courageously dedicated their lives to keeping our community safe.



St. Helens Police Department

THANK YOU!



Columbia City Police



Oregon State Patrol



Columbia County Sheriff's Office

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Les Schwab Tire-Less Teacher

Lisa Flinn is an instructional assistant at Plymouth High School and is an integral member of the Plymouth team. Lisa goes out of her way to connect with students individually and provide them with one-on-one support with their academics, navigating peer relationships, and general problem-solving as needed.

I notice every day that students are comfortable with approaching Lisa with their concerns and sharing their successes. Lisa works hard to earn the trust of the students, and it pays off exponentially as the students use her as a resource to support more positive outcomes for themselves.

Lisa also supports staff members by helping teachers in the classroom, grading class work, tutoring students, assisting in the office, and even jumping in to help serve breakfast and lunch.

Lisa absolutely deserves recognition for her tireless efforts to support our students, and I wish every student in our district had a Lisa to go to when they need that listening ear and cheerleader in their corner.

Congratulations, Lisa!

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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





Ready Freddy 2024 EVENTS

Open to all incoming 2024-25
Kindergarten students!

FEB 10

Kindergarten Ready Event 1

9:30-11 am, Lewis & Clark Elementary



MARCH 9

Kindergarten Ready Event 2

9:30-11 am, McBride Elementary

APRIL 6

Kindergarten Ready Event 3

9:30-11 am, Columbia City Elementary

MAY 1

Kindergarten Welcome

5:30-7 pm, McBride, Lewis & Clark, Columbia City
(go to the location your student will attend school)

MAY 17

Family BBQ/Movie Night

5:30-7 pm, McBride Elementary

Please RSVP to:

<https://forms.gle/fNLDuN123wgBJwXP7>

Or Scan The QR Code



NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 15, 2024



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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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.