

SHSD GOOD NEWS EDITION

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SCHOOL NUTRITION UPDATE

Thanks to a change in certification requirements for the Community Eligibility Provision Incentive (CEPI) of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program, St. Helens High School students are now eligible to receive school breakfast and lunch at NO COST.

Prior to this change, St. Helens High School was the only school in our district that did not qualify for free meals for students. ***Now, all St. Helens School District students qualify for free breakfast and lunch, regardless of whether they fill out a free/reduced meal application.***

Please note that each meal comes with milk. If your child only wants milk and not a meal or would like additional milk, those may be purchased for \$0.50. Payments can be made by cash or check to the school or online at TouchBase Payments.

In addition, any outstanding balances accrued prior to January 1, 2024, are still owed. Information about negative balances will be mailed directly to families from our Student Nutrition Department.

Families who have positive balances in their meal accounts may contact Misty Crawford, Nutrition Services Director, at either 503-366-7234 or mistyc@sthelens.k12.or.us for a full refund.

We are excited about this change and the opportunity it provides to ensure all St. Helens School District students have access to free nutritious meals during the school day.

ENGINEERING WEEK

The City of St. Helens celebrated in partnership with St. Helens High School by bringing information about civil engineering and encouraging careers in engineering to students.

Collaborating with industry professionals and experiencing hands-on learning is vital in developing future engineers in addition to gaining an understanding of civic engagement and the infrastructure of our communities.

We are grateful for those who took the time to share their knowledge, expertise, passion, and time with our students and staff.





**ENGINEERING WEEK
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Students from Lewis & Clark Elementary were visited by educators from OMSI.



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ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH JAYCE GRAHAM

The Columbia County Rotary Club and St. Helens High School are pleased to honor Jayce Graham as the February Rotary Student of the Month.

Jayce plays percussion in the SHHS Wind Ensemble and drum set in the SHHS Jazz Band. As a leader in the band program, other students look up to him with respect. As part of his National Honor Society service project, Jayce has been giving free private lessons on drum sets to students, helping train his replacement when he graduates this June. He was also selected this year as a member of the OMEA District 3 Honor Band.

Jayce was a captain for us on the football team, where he played as a linebacker and tight end. Jayce was named to the Cowapa All-League team at the linebacker position. He was a tremendous vocal leader and helped spearhead the culture change within the program.

Jayce is known for his attendance, punctuality, and taking his academics seriously. He loves to engage in class no matter the topic and consistently challenges himself, his classmates, and his teachers to think critically about the world. He is a superstar in business, finance, and economics, as shown by his outstanding academic performance throughout the class.

He is well-liked by his peers and has become a great example of what it means to be a student-athlete. We are lucky and proud to have him lead the way at SHHS.

Jayce has been accepted into the Commercial Aviation program at the University of North Dakota and received their Presidential Scholarship as well!

Congratulations, Jayce!

LOVE THE BUS MONTH



February is Love the Bus Month. The St. Helens School District appreciates Durham School Services school bus drivers and transportation staff for their unwavering efforts to transport our district students to and from school safely each day!

If you would like to show your appreciation, you can mail a card or coloring sheet to Durham School Services at 540 Milton Way, St. Helens, OR 97051.

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Budget Committee Vacancies

The St. Helens School District No. 502 is seeking applicants for three (3) vacancies on the District Budget Committee. Each term has an initial three-year appointment. Due to the mid-term resignation of some position holders, not all vacancies have a full three-year term remaining.

Each term requires the attendance of several evening meetings during the course of the year. Applications are available for pick up at St. Helens School District Office, 474 North 16th Street, St. Helens, Oregon, or online will be accepted until the close of business on Friday, March 1, 2024.

In the case of multiple applicants, the Board will interview interested persons at the board meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

For more information or to apply, [CLICK HERE](#)



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



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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

Substitutes



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.