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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2024



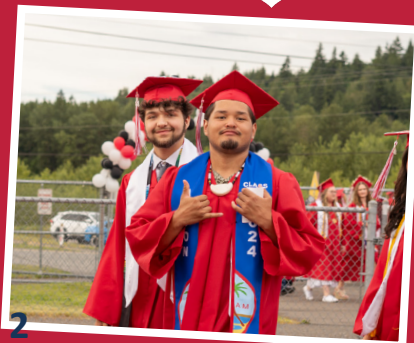
**"In getting to know this class,
I can confidently say that
each and everyone of them
has something unique to
offer."**

*- Joey Maranda,
Student Commencement Speaker*



**"Because of their courage and
the chances they take, the
graduates in front of you are
exactly the kind of leaders
that this country needs."**

*- Ben Peterson,
Staff Commencement Speaker*



**"Class of 2024, you will
leave a legacy of success
and excellence in the
halls of your fellow
Cardinals."**

*- Cliff Fries,
Orting High School Principal*



Here is your **GRADUATE** showcase



Taylor Mason



Cian Squires



**Stephanie Sandoval
Salazar**



Sophia Pruitt



Paris Piccolo



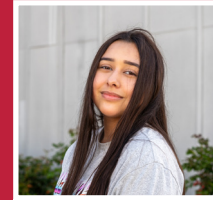
Daniel Reddekopp



Apollo Cruz



Antonio Rodriguez



**Janeth Soledad
Miranda**

As we honor the class of 2024, we celebrate the diverse achievements and future paths of our graduates. Among them are our top academic scholars, who have excelled in their studies and are poised to make significant contributions in colleges and universities. Equally, we commend our graduates entering the workforce, the trades, and the military. Their skills, dedication, and readiness will drive innovation, strengthen our industries, and serve our nation. Each of these students represents the spirit and strength of the Orting School District, and we are proud of their unique journeys and the positive impact they will have on our community. *Congratulations, class of 2024!*

Taylor Mason is our Valedictorian for the class of 2024. Mason plans on attending University of Washington and studying business administration and accounting. After high school, she plans on becoming an accountant and living in Washington.

Cian Squires is one of our co-Salutatorians for the class of 2024. Squires plans on attending Boise State University to study Environmental Science and Ecology.

Stephanie Sandoval Salazar is one of our co-Salutatorians for the class of 2024. Stephanie plans on attending the University of Washington to study accounting. She wants to open her own bakery or restaurant in Washington.

Sophia Pruitt is joining the Air Force after high school as a Cyber Intelligence Analyst. Sophia will go to college while in the Air Force and become a Special Education teacher.

Paris Piccolo plans on attending Seattle Pacific University to study pre-medicine and obtain her bachelor's in science. She then plans on studying general surgery and becoming a neurosurgeon.

Daniel Reddekopp was accepted into the Marine Mechanics Institute in Florida and plans on studying yacht mechanics. After finishing the program, his application will be sent out to different yacht companies for job opportunities.

Apollo Cruz plans on working in the trades after graduation. He is focusing on getting an apprenticeship as an electrician or a plumber. After getting his apprenticeship and working in the field, he plans on one day opening his own business.

Antonio Rodriguez plans on jumping straight into the workforce and doing online school at Renton Technical College for business and welding. He plans on opening his own mechanics' shop in Texas.

Janeth Soledad Miranda plans on attending the University of Washington to study Industrial Engineering.



2024-25

School Board Student Representatives

Our School Board believes that students' voices are a critical component of effective governance in order to advocate for the district and the students we serve. We have two student board representatives from Orting High School. These students dedicated their time coming to board meetings after school. We appreciate their input and guidance they provide our board and leadership!



Jaedin Soto

Senior Board Representative

Jaedin Soto is a senior at Orting High School. He is involved in soccer, ASB, and enjoys planning school events. Jaedin decided to be a board representative because he wanted to know the "inside scoop" of how things are done in our district and be able to provide his opinion.



Carly Castro

Junior Board Representative

Carly Castro is a junior at Orting High School. She is involved in volleyball, ASB, and jazz band. She has also played the piano for 11 years. She decided to become a student board representative because she values student voice and wanted to advocate for students in the district.

Congratulations to Our 2024 Retirees!

Congratulations to the Orting School District 2024 retirees! Overall, these employees have served more than 160 years combined for our students, schools, district and community. Thank you, and congratulations!

Orting Elementary School

Dolores (Lorsy) Pinkerton
Pam Schiesz
Barbie Rose

Orting High School

Laura (Lovey) Fischer
Jonelle Jacobs

Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary

Valerie Patterson

Transportation

Dee Trujillo

Orting Middle School

Sheri Whitehouse
Robin Joy

Make Your Vote Count! Register to Vote.

You can register online, 24 hours a day, at VoteWA.gov. Scan the QR code to register today!

Who Can Register?

To register in Washington state, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of Washington state for at least 30 days
- At least 18 years old by election day



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Superintendent Ed Hatzenbeler reads a book to students at the Read Across Orting event in March.

Dear community,

As we close out the 2023-24 school year, I am reminded about the incredible support we have here in the Orting School District. Whether your role is a parent, student, staff, volunteer or community member, we know that it is our collective commitment to our children that makes our school system strong.

One of my favorite times of the year is graduation. Thousands of you came to Cardinal Stadium to cheer on our 213 graduating seniors. With the mountain out, what a sight it was to see them walk down the Orting Trail to a stadium full of cheering fans. Thank you for your encouragement and support!

I hope this newsletter helps you catch up on some of the remarkable stories throughout the year. We highlight our outstanding seniors and say farewell to retiring employees. I wish all of you a safe and wonderful summer!

Ed Hatzenbeler
Superintendent

Board of Directors

Carrie Thibodeaux ● Melissa Kinzler
Michael Melot ● JoAnn Tracy
Kathy Madigan

FacilitiesUpdate

We are very fortunate in the Orting School District (OSD) to have an amazing facilities team. Our custodial, maintenance and grounds staff are truly exceptional. They will be busy all summer long making repairs, doing deep cleaning and preventative maintenance work to be ready for learning in the fall.

In addition to their regular duties, we have several projects in the works to help mitigate the impact from growth and crowded facilities. To help address parking woes, the team will add a gravel parking lot on the vacant land adjacent to Orting High School (OHS). This will help alleviate some congestion across the OHS and Orting Elementary School (OES) shared campus. We will continue our cost cutting efforts by installing a new energy efficient boiler at Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary School (PTR) to replace the failed unit. We will also install energy efficient lighting at OHS. We are thankful for the grant money received from Puget Sound Energy to help support this work. We will be excited to see the savings over years to come.

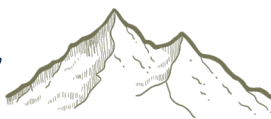
Three of OSD's Four Schools Continue to Face Overcapacity Issues

At PTR, we will install four additional portable classrooms to accommodate the growing number of students. Our Developmental Preschool and ECEAP learners will call PTR home next year. This will allow us to demolish the ailing building behind OES next winter and add six portable classrooms for use by OES and OHS. Currently, both schools are out of space to grow. This is the last spot we can add portables before we must move to the main parking lot to add learning space.

Three of our four schools are significantly over their designed capacities. From 2020 through 2033, we are expecting 6,139 new homes within the 44 square miles of our district. Where we sit in 2024, about 5,500 homes are left to be built. In our planning, we will continue to look at adding temporary facilities, but this will only serve as a short-term band aid solution. Our Board of Directors remains committed to passing a school bond to remedy overcrowding, improve safety, health and security as well as prepare students for careers of their choosing. They will officially decide in July whether or not to place a school bond on the ballot in November 2024.

As stewards of public funds and assets, we hope you see the care that goes into maintaining our facilities as well as the stewardship in forward planning. You can reach out to Superintendent Hatzenbeler (HatzenbelerE@orting.wednet.edu) if you have any questions or visit our website at OrtingSchools.org.

Our Summit Story



Reaching the highest peaks (no matter how big or small) should be celebrated!



Our Facilities Department works hard to ensure our buildings are running smoothly. Facilities Director Curtis Nybo has saved the district approximately \$228,659 by replacing LED light bulbs in our schools and offices. In addition, Facilities will replace the boiler at Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary that will have a 96 percent efficiency, and save the district \$48,856 with a Conservation Grant from Puget Sound Energy. All the labor done to complete these jobs was done by our Facilities Department. Thank you, Facilities, for all your hard work!



In May, Orting School District hosted their first district-wide Cultural Unity Fair. The fair highlighted our students' and staff cultures across our district that represented cultural performances, art, and food. The event kicked off with a Land Acknowledgment performed by an Orting parent and Puyallup Tribal member, Ty Satiacum, in txʷəłšucid (*Twulshootseed*), while his son, an Orting High School student, translated into English. In the traditional Puyallup way, we raise our hands to the Puyallup Tribe and the Satiacum family as a thank you for supporting this event!



Community members can make an impact inside the classroom.

This school year, Orting Elementary School (OES) implemented a Watch D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students) program. "I love the Watch D.O.G.S program!" Ms. Green, first grade teacher at OES, said. The program helps engage students using fathers and father figures. Well done, Cougars!

A LOOK Ahead



Tuesday, September 3: First Day of School for Grades 1 -12
Friday, September 6: First Day of Kindergarten and Preschool

Student supply lists will be provided on our school websites in August. Check for updates at OrtingSchools.org

Questioning why you are receiving this publication?



An estimated 75 percent of the residents and voters within the school district boundaries do not have school-aged children in the Orting School District. The purpose of this publication, therefore, is to let those members know about the programs and activities taking place in their school district. To greatly reduce the cost of postage, we use a bulk mailing process that has it delivered to every residential customer on each carrier's route.



Have you registered your kindergarten student yet?

Kindergarten through 12th grade new student registration is open! Scan the QR code to register your student today!

