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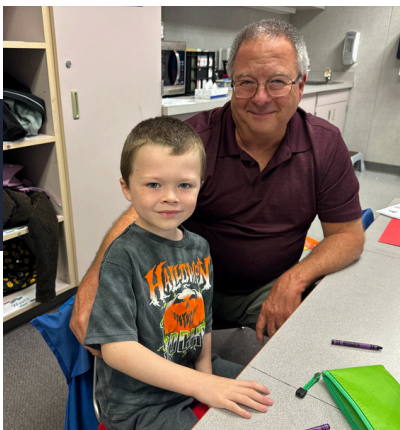
# GOOD NEWS

## EDITION NEWSLETTER



## GRANDFRIENDS DAY

COLUMBIA CITY  
LEWIS & CLARK  
MCBRIDE



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### District Mission:

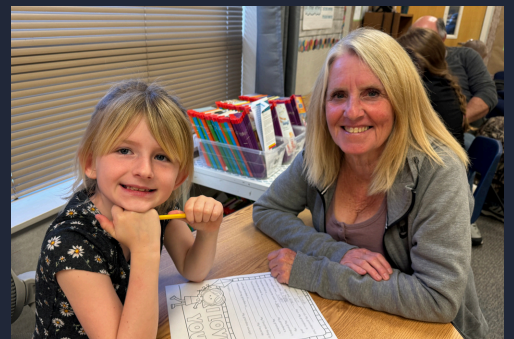
Strengthening Our Community  
Through Exceptional Schools

### District Vision:

St. Helens School District inspires  
all students to learn, connect,  
and commit to a thriving future.

LEARN  
CONNECT  
COMMIT





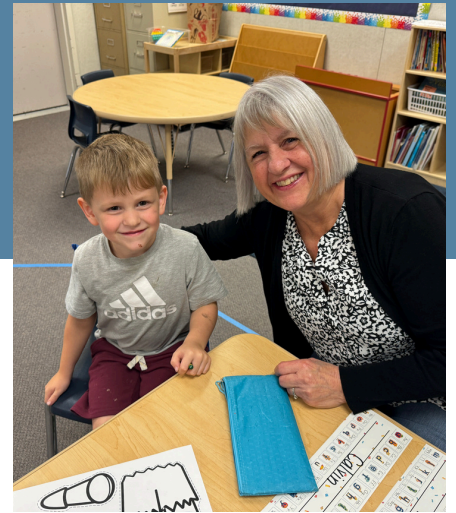
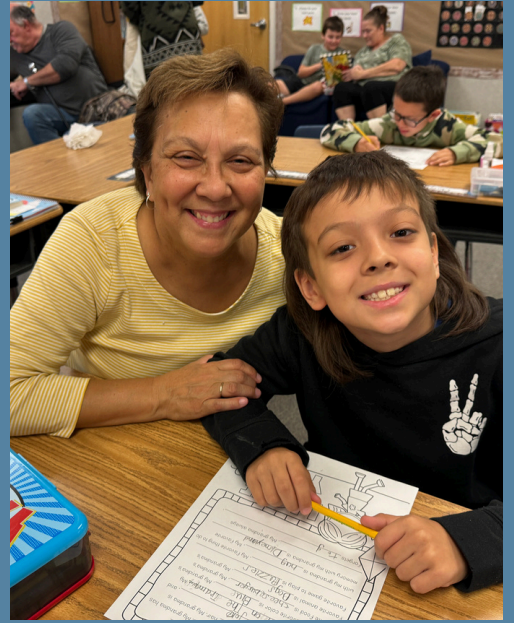
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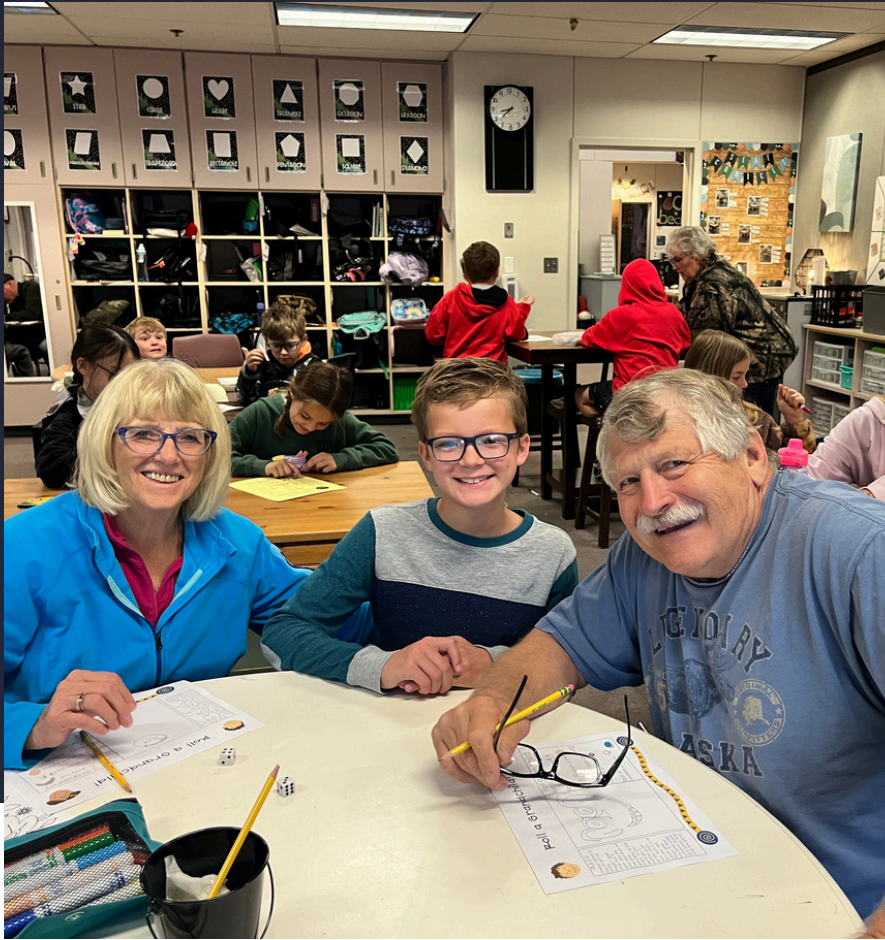
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# ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



The Columbia County Rotary Club and St. Helens High School are pleased to honor Makayla Heinz as the October Rotary Student of the Month.

Makayla is an exceptional student whose enthusiasm, kindness, and dedication shine through in every aspect of her high school journey at St. Helens High School.

Makayla's involvement in various activities and organizations highlights her commitment to making a positive impact. As a member of the marching band, pep band, wind ensemble, winter guard, and tennis team, she excels both on the field and in the arts. In addition, her participation in Leadership, National Honor Society, AVID, Self-Care Club, and Book Club demonstrates her well-roundedness and leadership abilities.

Her passion for service is equally impressive. Makayla has volunteered for major events such as the Seattle to Portland Bike Race, Hood to Coast Relay, Berry Bright Preschool, and Vacation Bible School. Additionally, she has gained work experience at Alterations by Heather and B&S Pest Control, proving her versatility and work ethic. Her best attribute is her kindness, which is evident in her interactions with peers, teachers, and the community. Outside of her academic pursuits, she enjoys working with ceramics, playing board and card games, being outdoors, and spending time with friends and family.

Her teachers have high praise for her, noting her hard work, positivity, and dedication. Whether she is leading a school project, working on her ceramics, or contributing to the SHHS Leadership team or Band, Makayla consistently goes above and beyond. She has been instrumental in planning the Veteran's Day Breakfast, and her energy and ideas have left a lasting impact on the school.

Looking to the future, Makayla plans to attend Northern Arizona University, where she is considering a business degree or pursuing childhood cancer research studies, although her options remain open. Her dedication to making a difference in the lives of others is evident in her academic and career aspirations.

For these reasons and more, The Columbia County Rotary Club and St. Helens High School are proud to honor Makayla as the Rotary Student of the Month.

***Congratulations, Makayla!***





Check out the latest progress on the ongoing construction at St. Helens High School! This video gives a quick glimpse of the current work, including new building updates and improvements that will enhance the school for students and staff.



**CURRENT CONSTRUCTION**



# EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL



VIRTUAL  
INFORMATIONAL  
NIGHT

OCTOBER 16, 2024 | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

The St. Helens and Beaverton School Districts have partnered together to provide students the opportunity to earn both a high school diploma and an associate's degree through the Early College High School Program.

Students participating in this program will still be able to participate in all St. Helens High School activities, events, OSAA sports, and graduation.

A **webpage** has been created for prospective St. Helens students and will address the following information.

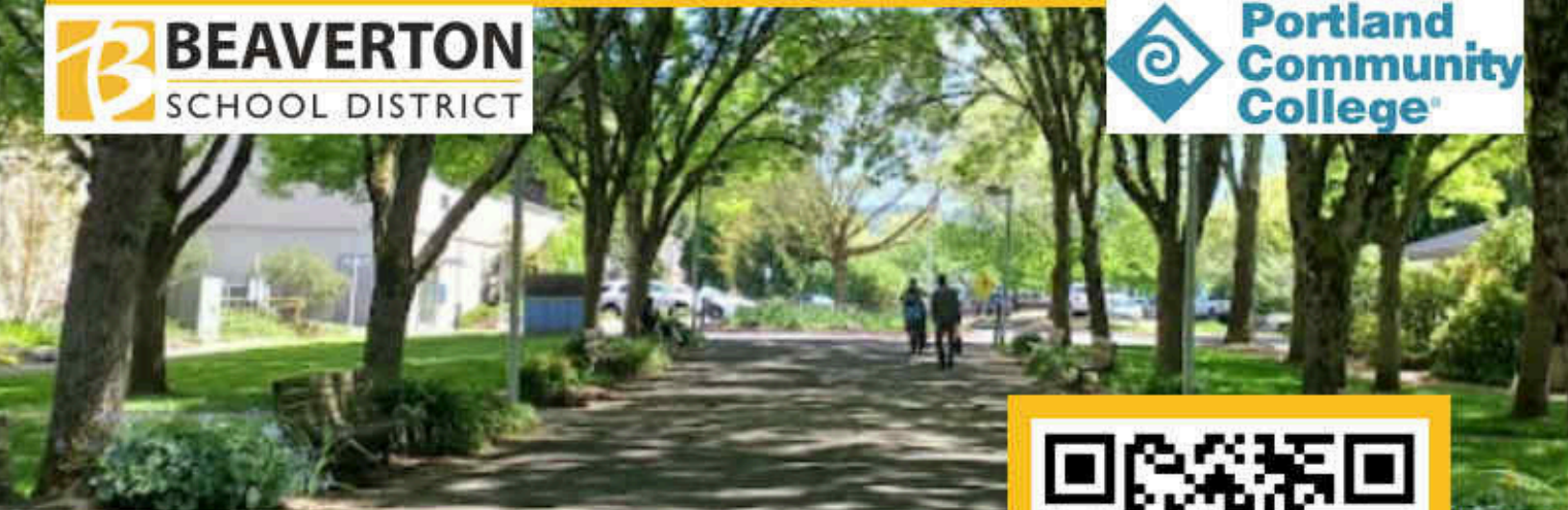
- Do You Qualify?
- ECHS Information Night Presentation
- Apply to Portland Community College
- Complete the College Placement Tests
- Obtain a Recommendation
- Application

The Early College High School has created a promotional video using Beaverton High School students who explain their experiences in this incredible program. You can watch it **HERE!**

Interested Students and Parents, please join us for a Virtual Information Session on Wednesday, October 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please fill out this **form** to get the meeting information.



# TWO YEARS OF TUITION FREE COLLEGE WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL



**ECHS**  
EARLY COLLEGE  
HIGH SCHOOL

## INFO SESSIONS

Students and parents are encouraged to attend at least one session. Register for a session by using the QR code or visiting:

<https://echs.beaverton.k12.or.us/>

**October 16th (Virtual)** - 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
Register for an invitation link

**APPLY OCTOBER 1ST  
THRU OCTOBER 31ST**

## CONTACT US

971-722-7473

echs-communications@  
beaverton.k12.or.us

## TO QUALIFY

- Junior in '24-25 school year
- Apply to PCC
- Complete the PCC ALEKS math placement test with a placement of Math 60 or higher
- 14 HS credits complete after transfer of current class credits
- 2.0+ G.P.A.
- 3 semesters of passing grades in HS Language Arts and Mathematics



# The Great Oregon ShakeOut

**Get Ready to ShakeOut.**

**October 17, 2024**

Register now at [ShakeOut.org](https://ShakeOut.org)



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**Join Us  
in the  
World's Largest  
Earthquake Drill.**

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International ShakeOut Day occurs on Thursday, October 17, at 10:17 a.m. This is a day when millions of people worldwide will participate in drills to practice their response and evaluate their preparedness for a major earthquake.

Learn more at [shakeout.org/oregon](https://shakeout.org/oregon).



# NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

## SECONDARY LEVEL

### **KATY WAGNER**

St. Helens High School Principal



### **CRIS GWILLIAM**

St. Helens Middle School Principal



### **MATT LACY**

Plymouth High School Principal



### **MARTIN HEHMAN**

St. Helens Virtual Academy Principal



# NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

## ELEMENTARY LEVEL

### **MARTINE BARNETT**

Columbia City Elementary Principal



### **CHERI MARTIN**

Lewis & Clark Elementary Principal

### **ALLYSON DUBUQUE**

McBride Elementary Principal



# NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH



# DISTRICT

# LISTENING SESSIONS



**OCTOBER 17, 2024**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
McBride Elementary  
2774 Columbia Blvd.  
St. Helens, OR 97051

**JANUARY 16, 2025**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Plymouth High School  
470 North 16th Street  
St. Helens, OR 97051

**MARCH 20, 2025**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
St. Helens High School  
2375 Gable Road  
St. Helens, OR 97051

**MAY 15, 2025**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
St. Helens Middle School  
354 North 15th Street  
St. Helens, OR 97051

In our ongoing commitment to actively engage with the community and gather meaningful input, the St. Helens School District will be hosting four district-wide listening sessions. These sessions offer a valuable opportunity for you to connect directly with school district staff in an open forum.

There will be no set agenda for these meetings. Instead, they are designed to be a space where you can discuss any district-related matters, share your thoughts, and voice concerns. Your feedback is invaluable to us, and we believe that open, honest conversations will help us serve our students, families, and community more effectively.

We look forward to collaborating with you to strengthen our school district, and we hope you will join us for the second of these four listening sessions.



# St. Helens School District

# Volunteer Application



*Make a Difference in Your  
School Community*

**APPLY  
NOW!**



*Volunteers can really make a big difference in the educational experience for our students. Whether you're interested in a one-time, one-hour project, or an ongoing opportunity, we can find something for you!*