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# GOOD NEWS

## EDITION NEWSLETTER



The St. Helens School District's Mission Statement is "Strengthening Our Community through Exceptional Schools." We believe that, as a school district, a strong community and a strong school system are not mutually exclusive. You can't have one without the other. The St. Helens School District has multiple options that lead to success in college and the trades. Over the past 10 years, we have been retooling ourselves to prepare students for success after school, regardless of their choice. It's all about being college AND career-ready, not college OR career-ready. When a student graduates from the St. Helens School District, we want them to pursue their dreams. If those dreams change, we want them to be able to continue their pursuit. If a child dreams about being a welder when they graduate, we can support them with that dream.

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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

If that same child's dreams change after being a welder for 10 years and they want to become a nurse, we want them to have the skills to return to school and successfully chase their new dream.

The St. Helens School District has more Career Technical Education (CTE) programs than many comprehensive technical schools. Current programs include:

- **Automotive**

- Introductory - Auto Tech 1
- Intermediate - Auto Tech 2
- Advanced - Auto Tech 3&4 | Advanced - Diesel

- **Manufacturing**

- Introductory - Rapid Manufacturing 1 | Metals Manufacturing 1
- Intermediate - Rapid Manufacturing 2 | Blue Print Reading
- Advanced - Metals/Manufacturing 2 | Metals/Manufacturing 3 | Metals/Manufacturing 4

- **Business Management Administration**

- Introductory - Business Principles
- Intermediate - Business Technology 1 | Web Design | Marketing
- Advanced - Entrepreneurship

- **Construction**

- Introductory - Woodworking | Drafting Technology 1
- Intermediate - Woodworking 2 | Heavy Equipment Operating
- Advanced - Independent Carpentry | Renovations and Remodeling

- **Computer Science**

- Introductory - Intro to Computer Science
- Intermediate - AP Computer Science Principles | Intro to Computer Science 2 | Computer Programming
- Advanced - AP Computer Science

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- ***Culinary***

- Introductory – Culinary Arts | Teen Cuisine
- Intermediate – International Cuisine | Ethnography through Food and Music | Wild Food
- Advanced – Chef School 1, 2 & 3

- ***Early Childhood Education***

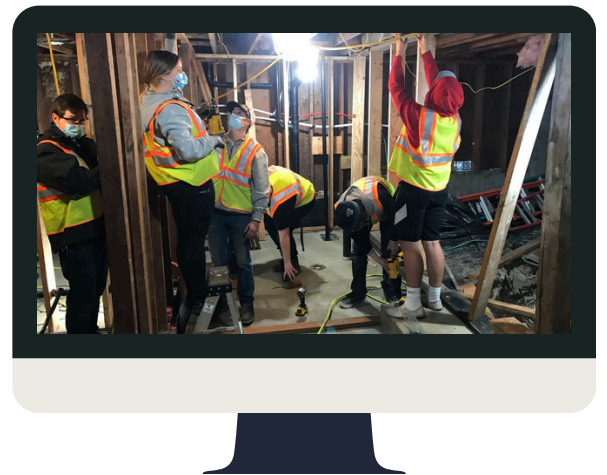
- Introductory – Child Development 1 | Human Development
- Intermediate – Childcare Teacher Assistant
- Advanced – Child Development 2 | Early Childhood Education | Child Practicum

- ***Health Sciences***

- Introductory – Intro to Health Careers
- Intermediate – Health Careers
- Advanced – In Development

- ***Graphic Design***

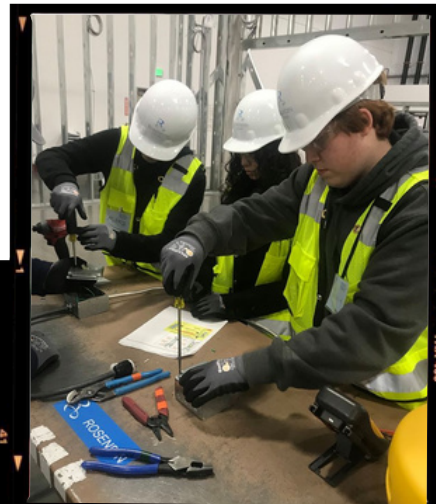
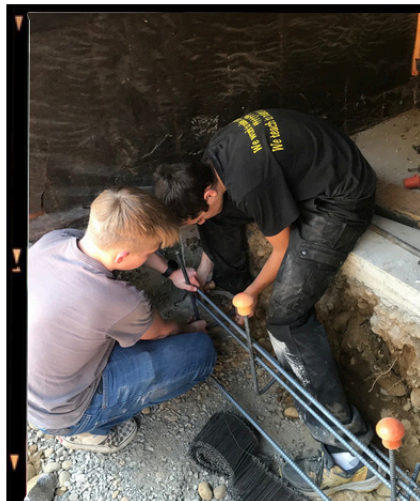
- Introductory – Graphic Design 1



In addition, we are in the process of adding a medical CTE program where students will earn their Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) credentials. We are also interested in expanding our offerings by adding a first responder pathway to develop future police, fire/rescue, and paramedics. Many of our students completing our course of studies in a focused CTE program go right to work or into an apprenticeship program.

We believe in growing our own as a way of strengthening our community. We know firsthand that students growing up in St. Helens are more likely to stay in St. Helens when hired and are committed to giving back to their community. Many of our best teachers are homegrown. They know our community and understand what it means to be a kid growing up in Columbia County. We are producing college-bound students, and we hope they return to be accountants, doctors, lawyers, and business owners in our community. We are also graduating carpenters, nurses, mechanics, welders, construction workers, chefs, and childcare/preschool teachers ready to join the workforce on graduation with skills to be successful.

"Strengthening Our Community Through Exceptional Schools" is more than a mission statement; the St. Helens School District is setting up our community for success. In the St. Helens School District, we are not just educating students—we are cultivating a skilled, adaptable workforce that is prepared to contribute meaningfully to the community. Our comprehensive CTE programs and dedication to college and career readiness ensure that graduates leave St. Helens High School with both the technical expertise and the resilience to thrive in any industry. This commitment to preparing students across diverse career paths makes St. Helens a powerful choice for businesses looking to locate in a community with a strong, skilled, and dedicated workforce. As our graduates enter the workforce, whether in skilled trades, healthcare, education, or professional sectors, they carry with them the knowledge, skills, and pride to drive our community forward, building a thriving future for St. Helens.





# SHHS LEADERSHIP



St. Helens High School Leadership students attended the Oregon Association of Student Councils (OASC) Fall Conference in Seaside. They joined students from across the state for a weekend of workshops, speakers, and networking.

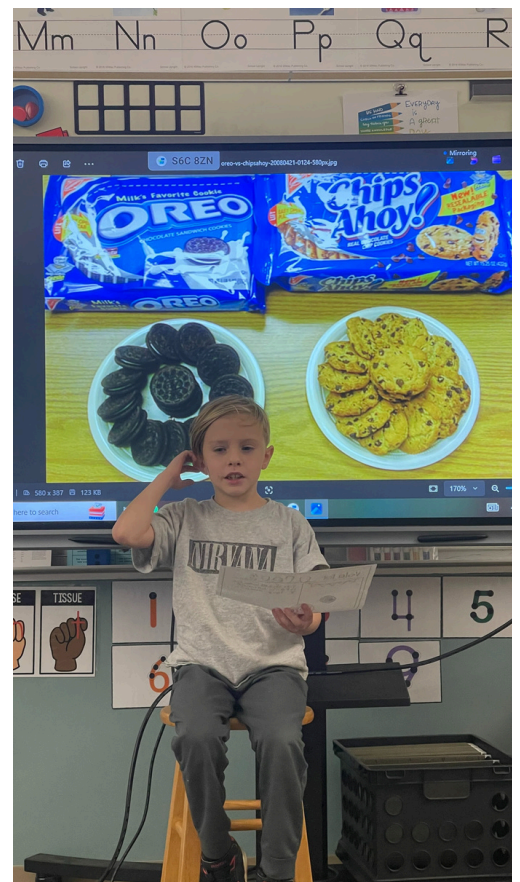
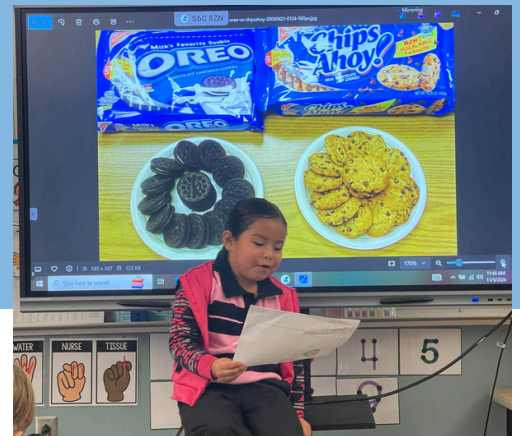




# THE COOKIE ELECTION

First-grade students at Lewis and Clark Elementary learned about voting and the importance of having their voices heard. Students held a cookie election, and the cookie with the most votes won! Students wrote sentences and drew pictures about why they liked the cookie and then came in front of the class to try to convince their classmates to vote for their choice.

Students graphed and tallied all votes and even received an "I voted today" sticker after they put the ballot in the box.





# SHHS COLLEGE & CAREER DAY



Eleventh-grade students at St. Helens High School participated in a Reality Financial Fair where they were assigned simulated profiles and circumstances (career, income, spouse, children, etc.) and had to make financial decisions as if they were adults.

Students learned about careers in finance, healthcare, art, construction, photography, tax preparation, and the military from our local businesses and organizations who volunteered their time with our students.





*College/Career Day*





Our littlest students from Cubs Corner dressed up in costume and enjoyed a walk around St. Helens High School, gathering treats along the way!







# Tiny Travelers Preschool Spider Party





# ST. HELENS PARKS & RECREATION



St. Helens Youth Basketball sign-ups are now open for kids in kindergarten to sixth grade with both kindergarten through second grade and third through sixth grade leagues! This year's registration deadline is November 15.

Get started here:

<https://sthelens.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

K-2nd grade league begins January 11 and continues through February 22. This league focuses on skills and drills, with practices and scrimmages on Saturdays.

The registration fee for the K-2nd grade league is \$50 and includes a shirt. This league is made possible by high school students and volunteers.

The 3rd-6th grade league season begins in December and continues through March. Games start on January 11th for 8-weeks and will travel between neighboring towns. Registration is \$80 per player. Reversible jerseys are available for \$25. If you have a previous year's jersey, you may continue to use that instead of purchasing a new jersey.

This is a non-competitive youth basketball league with an emphasis on fun and skill development. All games will be held on Saturdays, generally between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Separate practice times will be held during the week at various St. Helens School District facilities depending on the age group.

PARENTS! Please consider being a volunteer coach! Our leagues heavily rely on volunteers for the success of our programs. Volunteer coaches are required to pass a background check before the season starts, and we ask that they devote two hours during the week for team practices and one hour on Saturdays for games.

Head coaches will receive a refund of one player's fee at the end of the season if successfully completed. If you have any further questions about volunteering, please contact the St. Helens Recreation Program at [recreation@sthelensoregon.gov](mailto:recreation@sthelensoregon.gov).





**We are thrilled to share the latest progress on the varsity softball field! Check out this short video to see how the new turf field is being installed, and the dugouts are taking shape. It's incredible to watch the transformation unfold, and we can't wait for our athletes to enjoy the upgraded facilities.**



**Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer to completion!**

# **VARSITY FIELDS UPDATE**





# REMINDERS

We want to remind you of two upcoming days when St. Helens School District schools will be closed.

- Friday, November 8, 2024 – No school for students due to a scheduled teacher workday.
- Monday, November 11, 2024 – No school in honor of Veterans Day.

School will resume on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Thank you for marking these dates on your calendar!

# 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!*