



Selah School District's

# Education Report

An education update for the Selah community

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## Selah Students and Staff Love Learning!



*Their faces say it all — Selah students and staff love learning!*

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#### A Message from the Superintendent

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We are in the final weeks of the 2024-2025 school year. Superintendent, Kevin McKay, shares his message.

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Esports: It's more than a game! Read about this growing trend.

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CLASS OF  
**2025**

#### Selah High School Graduation

Monday, June 2  
Yakima Valley SunDome  
7:00 p.m.



*Cultivating a Culture of Life-Long Learning for All!*

# A Message from the Superintendent...



by: Superintendent, Kevin McKay

As we enjoy the days of sunshine, spring is here! That means only two months remain in the 2024-2025 school year calendar. Navigating the next eight weeks of the year, students will focus on final projects and exams. Ending the year strong is important for students as they maximize learning opportunities before summer break and reflect on their growth during the year.

Embracing the activities that spring provides, our students have been working hard! In celebrating some of their accomplishments our younger level learners continue to make gains in their academic skills. With daily attention on learning activities targeting growth, and other

classroom projects, many of our young learners are on their way to meeting academic goals.

At Selah Middle and Selah High Schools, our older students have been showcasing their knowledge and skills by participating in local, regional and state level competitions. From math and spelling matches against other schools, writing contests, to band and musical competitions, our students are attaining impressive results. Also, Selah learners continue to showcase their abilities as they have been successful in CTE affiliated club competitions and other contests. From DECA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, TSA, Robotics, and Skills USA opportunities to name a few, Selah students have received top recognition at every level, and in some cases, are advancing to national competition.

Also, celebrating spring, *National Volunteer Week* is April 21-25. I want to thank all parents and individuals who give their time to support our schools and students.

We will soon begin our celebration of this year's graduating seniors. This group of learners has been impressive in the plans they are making for their future. From earning scholarship awards, or admittance to colleges, universities and technical programs, to planning to serve our military or entering the workforce, our soon-to-be graduates are demonstrating they are capable and college and career ready. As a District, we are proud!

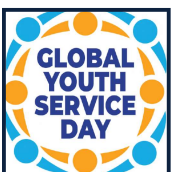
As always, thank you for your support! Go Viks!

## New Student Online Enrollment Now Open!

Online enrollment for all new Selah students entering grades Pre-K through 12, for the 2025-2026 school year, is open. The online process includes enrollment for new families in the District, as well as for existing families who have other children already attending Selah Schools and want to enroll a sibling. Visit the District's website to learn more.

## April is Youth Service Month

April 11 - May 11 is designated as *Global Youth Service Month*, which celebrates youth changing the world. Specifically, **April 25-27** is designated as *Global Youth Service Days* and is the longest-running annual youth participation event in the world. On these days it is the hope that youth ages 5-25 will work together for the common good, while recognizing the contributions of young people. The City of Selah declared April as *Youth Service Month*. The District is supporting the City by providing information on how young people can change the world. Visit <https://ysa.org/campaigns/gysd>.



## Safety Study Hall!

It's time for safety study hall! Created by the Department of Health in partnership with OSPI and other organizations, the Safety Study Hall is a library of resources on health and safety issues for schools, students, and families. Scan the QR code for more details.



# Inside Selah Schools and Other News...

## Inside Selah Schools...

Continuing with its *Inside Selah Schools* video series, the District is again providing patrons with a peek into our buildings to see the learning taking place. This year, students are *Building Blocks to the Future!* See the programs, experiences and opportunities that provide our learners with the skills needed as they grow educationally.

This installment spotlights John Campbell Primary School. While pursuing the path of education, students are engaging in specialized technology, engineering, coding, and keyboard learning, which connects them to early pathways where they can discover their interests and abilities, and explore career opportunities. Driven by their eagerness for learning, and using their cumulative knowledge, growing problem-solving skills and imagination, John Campbell learners are enhancing the foundation on which to stack the building blocks to their future.



John Campbell learners are building toward their future. Scan the QR code to view.



## Esports: It's More Than Just a Game!

A new sports season has recently begun and eager Selah High School participants have been fine-tuning their skills in order to deliver peak performances during the clutches of competition. Athletically



For Selah High School Esports athletes, the competition is more than just a game.

unflawed, exhibiting rapid reflexes, fierce focus, and the natural ability to play in the moment, this group of players thrive on the thrill of intense and fast-paced competition. Poised, practiced and confident in their talent, Viking Esports athletes are ready for screen time and the gaming action before them.

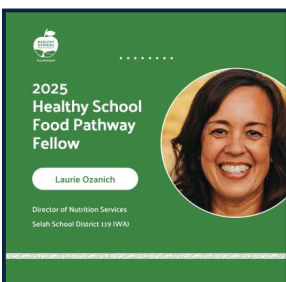
Each athletic season, students represent high schools across the country in a variety of sports and activities. Now, among the extra-curricular options in high school and college sporting competition is Esports,

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## Zesty News from Nutrition Services!

There's zesty news for Selah kitchens as Director of Nutrition Services, Laurie Ozanich, has been selected as one of 27 school food professionals for the Chef Ann Foundation Healthy School Food Pathway Fellowship.

The fellowship program helps experienced school food professionals realize their visions for healthier and more sustainable school food — in their home districts and at a national scale. For the next 13 months, Ozanich will be learning alongside an inspiring cohort of food leaders from across the country, working to bring real change to school meals, with healthier, scratch-cooked selections for students, all while championing equitable school food reform on a national scale. In doing so, the Fellows will cultivate their leadership skills, deepen their school food knowledge, and become experts on and advocate for healthy school food policy; all benefits for students.



## 25-26 Calendar Set!

The 2025-2026 student calendar dates have been set. Important dates include: **Monday, August 25**, is the First Day of School. Winter Break is scheduled for **December 22 - January 2**, while Spring Break is set for **April 6-10**. Access our district website for the complete 25-26 calendar.

## A Volunteer Reminder

Spring is busy for volunteers. As a reminder, if you want to volunteer in a class, on a field trip, or for an event, you must complete the online application, and it needs to remain current (every two years). See the district website to visit the volunteer system, or access the QR Code.



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# A Final Look at the Selah School District

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### Esports: The Fundamentals of Life

a gaming activity that is a rising trend attracting massive participation, and one in which Selah has a top team.

Esports or Electronic Sports, is a form of competition using video games where participants test their skills against each other. Esports can be played individually or as multi-player teams and the venue is normally a high-tech facility designed to host competitive gaming events.

For the Viking team their arena is one of the school's computer labs. A multi-billion-dollar industry, Esports is more than just a game as it is shaping trends in technology, entertainment, and education.

Leading Selah's Esports team is high school computer science teacher, Lane Roberts, who launched the Vikings onto the gaming stage in 2021. In building Selah's program Roberts had no idea of the impact the activity would have on students.

Read this article in its entirety on the District's website or scan the QR code.



### Academic State Champs!

Impressive on and off the court, the boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams and the Viking dance team have won the WIAA Academic State Championships for the 2A classification during the 24-25 winter season!

The WIAA seasonally honors sports and activity specific high school teams and groups who compile an average GPA of 3.0 or higher. Distinguished awards are presented to teams with grade points between 3.0 and 3.49. Outstanding honors are for teams with an average GPA between 3.5 and 4.0. From there, the Academic State Championship is awarded to the teams and groups with the highest average GPA for its specific activity and classification.

The Lady Viks basketball team showcased their skills in the classroom with an average GPA of 3.920. Equally impressive, the dance team high-kicked their way to an average of 3.830. The boys' team showed their academic moves with an average GPA of 3.660. The teams are coached by Ray Navarro, Bethany and Shawna Treat and Jordan Starr respectively.



### SHS Student Named National Semi-Finalist!



Parker Casey

Selah High School senior, Parker Casey, is used to being in the FCCLA spotlight. Now, that spotlight is brighter! The national FCCLA organization has announced Parker has been selected as one of 15 semi-finalists for the 2024-2025 FCCLA Member of the Year Award, sponsored by the U.S. Army. This recognition highlights Parker's leadership, service, and commitment to student advocacy within FCCLA.

As the Washington FCCLA State President, Parker has played a pivotal role in guiding and representing FCCLA Members. He also serves as a member of the Washington FCCLA Board of Directors. Parker has also demonstrated excellence in FCCLA Competitive Events at the state and national levels. The top five finalists will be announced in April.



### Our Points of Pride!

We want to brag about our accomplishments! To read about our achievements and student and staff news, visit our District website and look for the News Updates or Points of Pride sections, or scan the QR code.



Last Day of School  
Wednesday, June 11

