

JUNE 9, 2025

GOOD NEWS

EDITION NEWSLETTER



GRADUATION

"Graduation 2025 was nothing short of extraordinary. On Friday, June 6, 2025, 206 incredible students walked across the stage, each one crossing a milestone years in the making. It was a moment filled with pride, joy, and the unmistakable energy that comes from a community rallying behind its young people." Dr. Charlotte Ellis

From the roar of the crowd to the sea of black caps and gold tassels, the night was filled with unforgettable moments. The stands overflowed with family, friends, and supporters, many calling it the largest turnout in recent memory. As each name was read, we celebrated not only academic success but the heart, determination, and resilience of the Class of 2025.

It was a night to remember, and a future to look forward to.



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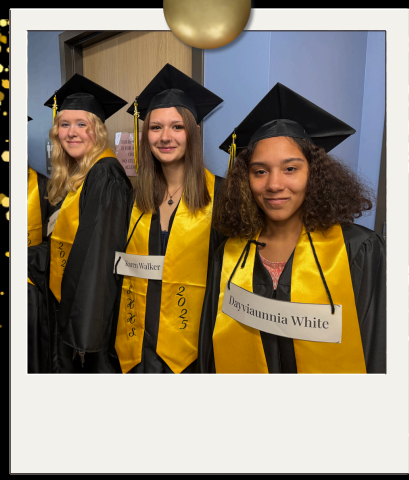
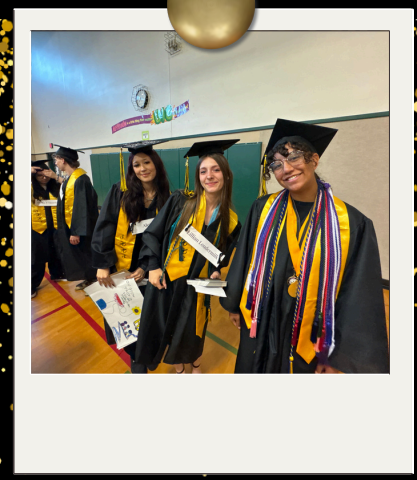
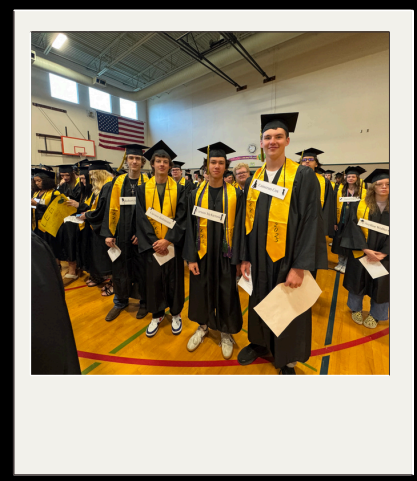
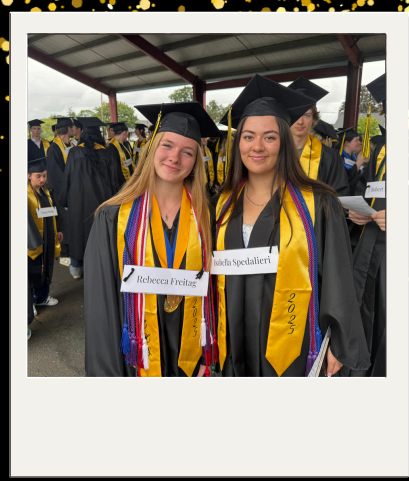
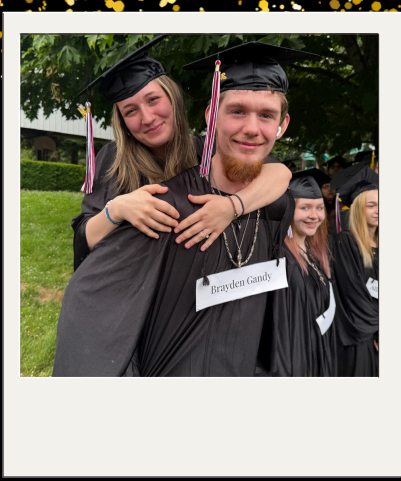
District Mission:

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



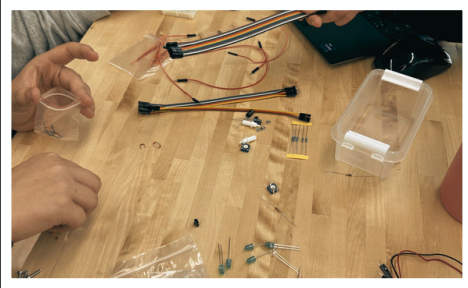
Since 2016, St. Helens High School seniors have proudly participated in one of our district's most beloved traditions, the **Senior Walk of Schools**.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.

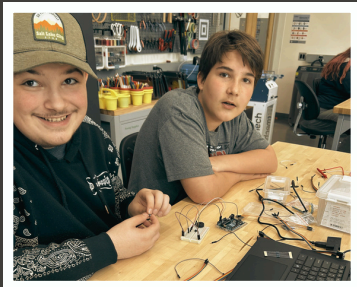
In the spirit of graduation season, we also had some fun with a few of the popular **graduation video trends** making their way around the internet.

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Exploring Innovation



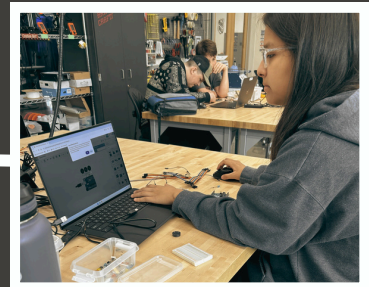
St. Helens Middle School students in the STEAM Studio class recently took a hands-on learning field trip to the PCC OMIC Training Center. During the visit, students toured the state-of-the-art facility and dove into the world of circuitry using Arduino technology and coding.



They experimented with making lights blink and speakers play sound, all while exploring concepts like polarity and resistance.



Students also had the opportunity to work in the Fab Lab, an innovative makerspace that offers free public classes and access to cutting-edge tools.



It was a day full of creativity, problem-solving, and real-world STEM application!



DIVING INTO LOCAL HISTORY

McBride Elementary third graders recently embarked on a memorable field trip to the Columbia River Maritime Museum, where learning came to life through hands-on exploration. Students rotated through two interactive stations focused on lighthouses, one offering a creative craft activity and the other guiding students on a scavenger hunt through the museum's exhibits.

The day wrapped up with lunch beside the scenic Columbia River pond, giving students time to reflect and relax in the beautiful outdoor setting. A highlight of the visit was an unexpected but exciting reunion with Mr. Eli, the Museum in the Schools educator who had previously visited their classroom to teach the "Crossing the Bar" lesson, an exhibit they were thrilled to see in person.

This engaging field trip not only reinforced classroom learning but also deepened students' appreciation for our region's rich maritime history.





FIELD DAY FUN AT LEWIS & CLARK!

Students at **Lewis & Clark Elementary** had a blast during Field Day, enjoying the sunshine and a day full of exciting outdoor activities. Mrs. Moungh organized a variety of engaging team-building games on the school field, encouraging students to work together, stay active, and most of all, have fun!

It was the perfect day to be outside, and the smiles say it all!

A huge thank-you to our amazing parent volunteers who helped the event run smoothly.



CORE VALUE AWARD

St. Helens School District

**CORE VALUE AWARD
RECIPIENT FOR BELONGING**

**JESSICA
BARNUM**



Core Value Recipient for Belonging: Jessica Barnum

Although **Jessica Barnum** hasn't been at **St. Helens High School** for long, she has already made a remarkable impact on the school community. As the first person many students, families, and visitors encounter when they call or arrive on campus, Jessica sets the tone with her warm, calm, and professional presence.

She builds strong relationships with students, helping them feel comfortable, supported, and welcome in the front office.

Her positive attitude and sense of humor are a daily gift to the staff and students alike. Even when faced with the unknown and unexpected, Jessica showed up, and stayed. She stayed for the students and has never hesitated to freely offer support, guidance, and encouragement to those who need it.

Jessica plays a vital role in keeping the office running smoothly, mentoring her student office assistants to be responsible, helpful, and safe. She creates a welcoming and professional environment where everyone (students, families, staff, and guests) feels a sense of belonging.

Her caring nature and steady presence truly make a difference. SHHS is a more inviting, grounded, and inclusive place because of her.

We are proud
to recognize
**Jessica
Barnum** as
this year's
Core Value
Award
recipient for
Belonging.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS



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High School
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Virtual
Academy

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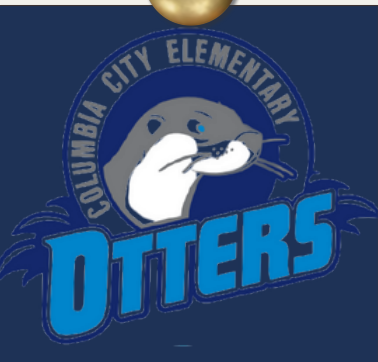
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We're excited to share that we've added each school's newsletter to our Good News Edition!

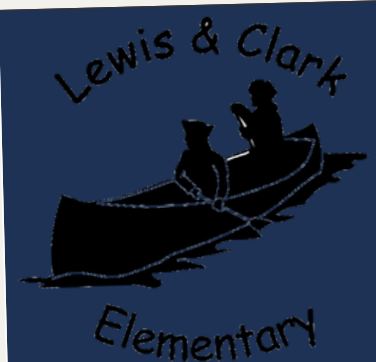
Now, families can easily see what's happening across all of our schools, from classroom highlights and student achievements to upcoming community events and celebrations.

It's never been easier to stay connected and celebrate the amazing things that happen every day in our district.

Check it out and discover the amazing stories unfolding in our schools, one big update at a time!



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Spanish Speaking
Community
Event

JUNE 16, 2025
7:00 PM
-
8:00 PM

ONLINE EVENT



Kate Sinkins, Esq.



HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY

The SHSD will be providing a **high school summer credit recovery** session during the summer of 2025, held at **Plymouth High School**. The credit recovery program is limited to core high school classes (Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies). Credit recovery classes will not be offered for elective classes. All courses will be taught using our online Edmentum curriculum, however, students are expected to attend in person each day.

The deadline for completing this registration form for HS Credit Recovery Summer School is **Friday, June 20th**. Any requests after that date are on a first-come, first-served basis as space is limited. Please check in with your teachers/counselor in the next two weeks to determine if you should register.

Unofficial Transcripts are available for viewing in StudentVUE to see if you are on track to graduate.

If you need assistance or guidance, please contact your counselor.

SESSION DATES AND TIMES:

- **Monday, July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025**
- **Monday - Thursday ONLY**
- **8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Sign Up

For questions regarding summer programming, please contact Mr. Robby Plowman at robbyp@sthelens.k12.or.us





SUMMER *ACADEMY*

July
7 - 31

Are you looking for an exciting
opportunity to support your child
with a love for school this
summer? We want to help!

WHEN: JULY 7-31
DAYS: MONDAY-THURSDAY
TIME: 8:30 AM-12:00 PM
WHERE: LEWIS & CLARK ELEMENTARY

Apply Now



MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Helens School District's Summer Academy is an enrichment program for students who are working on content grade level standards to students entering 1st through 3rd grade, plus a limited number of students entering 4th & 5th grade, the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills through a variety of hands-on activities and experiences.

Riverhawk Lit Launch: Find Your Voice

Riverhawk Lit Launch: Find Your Voice is a four-week literacy program designed to help middle school students improve their reading and writing skills while discovering their unique voice. Through engaging lessons, creative projects, and fun enrichment activities, students will build confidence and community.

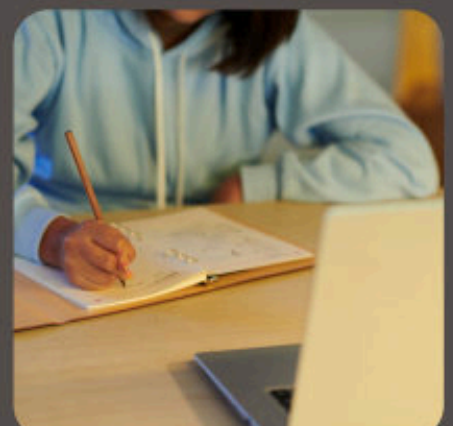
When: July 7 - July 31

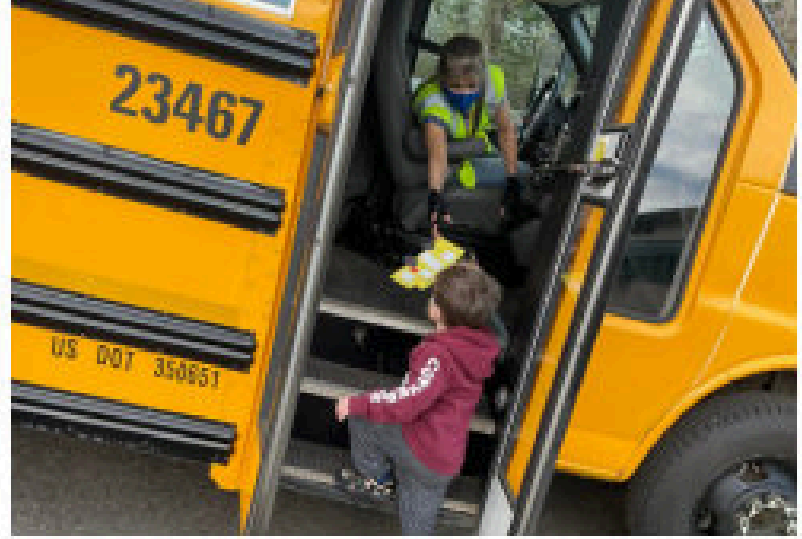
Days: Monday - Thursday

Time: 8:30 - 1:00

Where: St Helens Middle School

Sign Up





Kinder Camp: July 28-31, 2025

St. Helens School District

KINDER CAMP IS A 4 DAY PROGRAM RUNNING FROM 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, JULY 28-31, FOR CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN IN THE FALL, GIVING THEM A JUMP-START ON FEELING READY FOR SCHOOL. YOUR CHILD WILL GET FAMILIAR WITH THE ROUTINES AND ACTIVITIES OF KINDERGARTEN WHICH WILL BOOST THEIR CONFIDENCE AND COMFORT WITH THIS IMPORTANT TRANSITION INTO SCHOOL.



SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Registration is open!

bit.ly/shrecprograms



SPORTS! PAINTING! BAKING! OH MY!

We are now accepting registrations for a wide range of summer camps, programs, and classes on our RecDesk page!

Whether your littles are growing artists, future business bigwigs, ready to hit their first home run, or just want to have FUN, now is your chance to get signed up for these exciting opportunities all summer long. Visit bit.ly/shrecprograms to get started.



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SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

JUNE 23, 2025 - AUGUST 15, 2025

No meal service: July 3 & July 4



LOCATION:

Lewis & Clark Elementary
111 South 9th Street
St. Helens, OR 97051



CONTACT:

Angela Hileman
503-366-7609



TIMES:

Breakfast - 8:00 am - 9:30 am
Lunch - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Served - Monday - Friday



ADULT COST:

Breakfast \$3.50
Lunch \$5.00

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!

Stay CONNECTED!

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 - NO EARLY RELEASE
6th & 7th grade SHMS students - last day of school

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (EARLY RELEASE)

Elementary release time: 12:45 pm
8th grade SHMS release time: 1:30 pm
High School release time: 1:50 pm

St. Helens School District Media Platforms:

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