

Rainier School District Newsletter

Rainier, WA



December Events

Holiday Bazaar

December 6, 2025

10am to 4pm in the High School Commons

The perfect opportunity to get your holiday shopping done at this “one stop & shop” FREE event! Shopping is open to the public, so be sure to invite your friends & family and support our local vendors!

Winter Band Concert

Middle and High School Band

December 8, 2025

7pm in the Old Gym at the High School

Elementary Winter Program

“A Holly Jolly Holiday”

December 16, 2025

RHS Old Gym

Grades K-2 4:45pm to 5:30pm

Break

Grades 3-5 6:00pm to 6:45pm



Winter Break

December 22nd — January 2nd





Dear Parents, Staff, and Community Members,

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for in the Rainier School District. This time of year gives us the opportunity to pause, take a deep breath, and truly appreciate the people and experiences that enrich our lives and make our community special.

I am deeply thankful for our incredible teachers and staff who show up each day with dedication, creativity, and care for our students. You go above and beyond to make learning meaningful and to create classrooms filled with encouragement, curiosity, and belonging. The impact you make reaches far beyond academics—it helps shape the hearts and futures of our students.

To our parents and families, thank you for the support you give not only to your children but to our schools as a whole. Your partnership and involvement strengthen the foundation of everything we do. Whether you're volunteering, cheering from the stands, attending conferences, or simply asking your child how their day went—you make a difference.

And to our community members, your ongoing commitment to our schools does not go unnoticed. From attending events to supporting programs and lending a helping hand when it's needed most, you remind us what it means to be part of a small but strong community that cares deeply about its youth and their future.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I encourage all of us to take time to slow down, share moments of laughter and warmth with loved ones, and find gratitude in the simple things—a meal together, a walk in the crisp fall air, or a note of appreciation shared with a friend or colleague.

On behalf of the Rainier School District, I wish each of you a safe, restful, and joy-filled Thanksgiving. Thank you for being part of what makes Rainier such a special place to live, learn, and grow.

Thanks,
Bryon Bahr
Superintendent
Rainier School District

Holiday Bazaar

December 6th, 2025
Rainier High School Commons
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lots of great vendors, including student groups, local community members and direct sales vendors!

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Rainier High School
308 2nd Street West
Rainier, WA 98576

RAINIER
MIDDLE AND
HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENTS

Winter Band Concert

Join Us for a Magical Evening

Celebrate the Season with Music



December 8, 2025
Doors open at 6:30 PM
Concert starts at 7:00 PM
Old Gym,
Rainier High School

Call us: 360-446-2205
308 2nd St. W. Rainier, WA 98576
cornwalla@rainier.wednet.edu

Rainier FFA Wreath and Centerpiece Sales



Wreath Noble Wreath	\$25.00
Wreath (silk)	Varies
Centerpiece	\$15.00
Combo	\$35.00

Where: Rainier High School

Why: Students use the funds to help pay for class projects, transportation, chapter activities and state competition.

How: Fill out the order form and drop it off in the H.S. office, call us at 360-446-2205 or email your order to karnesa@rainier.wednet.edu

General: We will take special orders for additional charges. Just give us a call with specifics. Ex. Larger sizes, specific colors, swags, etc

We will have lots to choose from Dec. 6th at the RHS Holiday Bazaar too!

Name: _____

Date Wanted: _____

Phone: _____

Order:	_____ Wreath fresh (\$25.00)	Total _____
	_____ Wreath silk (Varies)	Total _____
	_____ Centerpiece (\$15.00)	Total _____
	_____ Combo* (\$35.00)	Total _____



* Combo is a wreath fresh and fresh centerpiece

Please make checks to Rainier High School

Collaborative Monster Madness

Rainier Elementary 1st graders and Rainier High School Ceramic artists!

Rainier students worked together on a collaborative project. Rainier Elementary 1st graders were focusing on Directions in their Social Emotional Learning class. They needed to be able to give directions, as well as follow directions. They designed and named a monster and had to describe exactly what their monster looked like, along with drawing a picture of it, what their monster felt, and what it liked to eat. Rainier High School ceramic students had to interpret the 1st graders directions and picture to create a real-life monster! The high school students delivered the monsters and the 1st graders were ecstatic to see their monster "brought to real-life"!

Thank you Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Garner!!



RES STEM

Get ready for some serious coding fun! The 3rd-5th grade STEM curriculum just got an upgrade with fourteen new Dash robots!

This fall, Mrs. Gurnsey taught the upper elementary students how to use the Blockly app to program Dash to move, light up, make sounds, and repeat commands by dragging and dropping a variety of blocks into a specific sequence on a Kindle. Block coding introduces students to the world of computer programming in a fun, hands-on way. It also strengthens students' creativity, persistence, teamwork, and problem solving skills. Students have been challenged to solve pre-set puzzles and create unique and efficient codes with their partner. Needless to say, the Dash robots have been very popular at Rainier Elementary!



Artificial Intelligence Conference

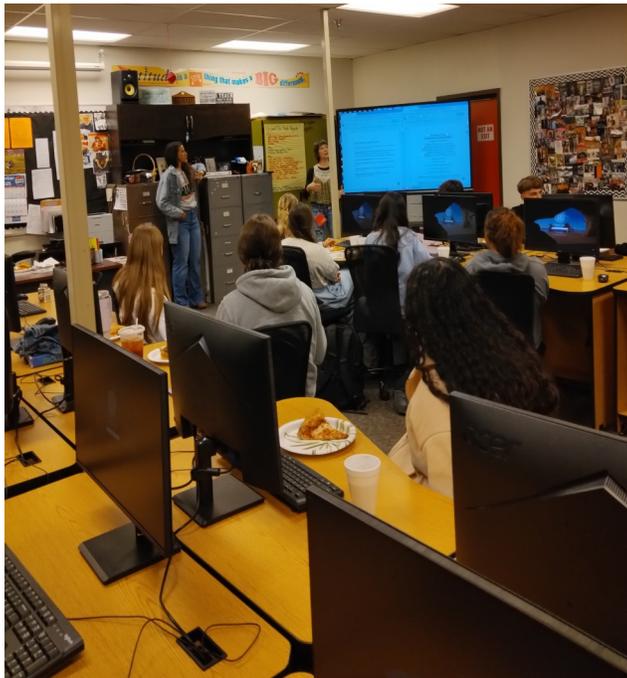


RHS Career and Technical Education (CTE) staff had a valuable opportunity to attend the AI in Education Conference at Great Wolf Lodge on October 16th–17th! Funded by Rainier’s Perkins Grant, this conference offered hands-on learning and valuable insight into using AI in the classroom for real-world, future-focused learning.

The CTE team is excited to bring this knowledge back to RHS and will be presenting an all-staff in-service on December 3rd.

Pictured: CTE Director Sandy Rossmailer, FFA Agriculture Teacher Angie Karnes, Chloe Johnson, STEM Teacher Adam Cornwall, FFA Shop Teacher Kyle Johnson, Family and Consumer Science Teacher Michele Baker.

MENTORING



High School Leadership students are preparing to serve as Pre-K Mentors for the on campus preschool program. Our high school leaders are eager to engage with the younger learners and help create a positive, enriching early-learning environment. The mentoring program officially began on November 10.

BUDGETING EXPERIENCE



In Accounting, the students were completing a unit on budgeting and played a hands on game called "Budgeting Beans" where they had to decide which things they could afford and still stay within the recommended percentages for housing, cell phone, insurance, etc. The students loved it and also recognized that ADULTING is not going to be easy. Just sharing a practical, REAL WORLD application for what students are learning daily at RHS.

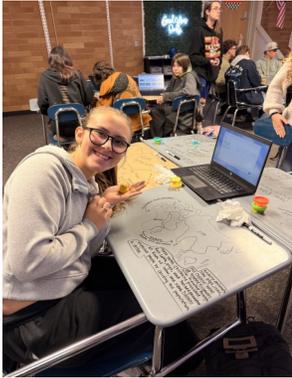
RHS Environmental Class

Rainier High School Environmental students spent 3 days with the 5th grade students teaching them how to run water quality tests. The HS students had a blast teaching them how to run different tests and the 5th grade students were interested and actively involved in the process. It was glove and eye protection for all! The 5th graders were doing "real" science for local issues. The 5th grade students will now be able to run these test on the Deschutes River, in February, for South Sound Green and report their finding.



World History

Students in Ms. Mays' World History class are learning about Transoceanic Interconnections and studying the Columbian Exchange. In this activity, students were asked to draw a map of the Columbian Exchange on their desks and then choose one item that was transferred between the Old World and the New World between 1450-1750 to write about its long term impact. To finish, using playdoh, they were to make a 3D representation! Some students chose corn, cattle, diseases, pineapple and more!



Lights, Camera... Captions!

The high school yearbook staff is diving into this year's Netflix-themed yearbook, working hard to capture the binge-worthy moments of the school year. On Thursday, November 30, the team hosted an Editing Lunch to finalize the first section of the book.

Back row, left to right: Advisor Miss Sam Dickerson, Alexis Myers, Ruby King, Editor Kaysen Bravo, Komaire Robles-Foley. **Front row:** Celia Rogers, Denver McIntyre, Kiera McNeilly-Lopez, Sienna Dondero-Valdes.

Want to *stream* your memories for years to come?

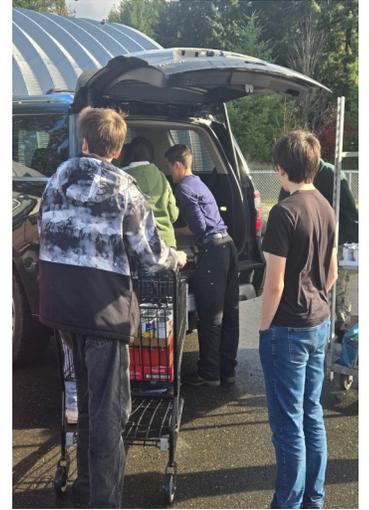
Yearbook orders can be made online through the schools website.

highschool.rainier.education



Rainier FFA

Rainier FFA hosted their annual "Trick-Or-Eat" food drive where students and advisors, Ms. Karnes and Mr. Johnson, dropped bags off at 650 houses around town with a message asking for families to donate non-perishable food items. On November 1st, members drove around town picking up all the bags that people had left on their porches with food items and brought it to the food bank at Valley Heart Assembly of God. After unloading all the bags of food, each bag was weighted and came to a total of just over 2,700 pounds of donated food items! Thank you to the Rainier Community!



Middle School and High School Band

After months of dedicated fundraising and tremendous support from our Rainier community, our Mountaineer Band is excited to announce the purchase of our new uniforms! This achievement is a reflection of the generosity and encouragement we've received from students, families, and residents throughout the district.

Thank you to everyone who contributed—whether you rolled through our car washes, grabbed a burger during Rainier Roundup Days, donated clothing to our Value Village drive, or cheered us on at football and basketball games. Your support helped our students reach this milestone, and we are proud to represent our community as we continue to "Strive for Excellence."



