JANUARY 2026 Harbor Learning Center (HLC) Newsletter

December/January/February Calendar

Dec 19 Early Release 11:00 AM (Special Bell Schedule)
December 22-January 2 Winter Break
January 5 School Resumes
Jan 14 Early Release @ 12:45 PM for District Wide Collaboration
January 16 End of first semester classes for Grays Harbor Academy
Jan 19 MLK Jr. Birthday Holiday - No School
Jan 23 Early Release 11:00 AM - Traditional end of the school semester
January 26 Begin second semester classes for Grays Harbor Academy
Feb 4 Early Release @ 12:45 PM for District Wide Collaboration
Feb 16 and 17 No School

Principal's Message:

How are students progressing towards graduation? How many high school credits do they have so far? How many points do they have in each current class? Skyward is a great resource to see how each student is progressing, and our school can also update you on progress. The end of January is a traditional "end of a school semester" and is an important time to reflect on how students are doing in this self paced environment. **By January 23,**

9th Graders- To be "on track" need 3 credits, have earned 6 scales, completed 600 points worth of work

10th Graders- To be "on track" need 9 credits, have earned 18 scales, completed 1800 points worth of work

11th Graders- To be "on track" need 15 credits, have earned 30 scales, completed 3,000 points worth of work

12th Graders- To be "on track" need 21 credits, have earned 42 scales, completed 4200 points worth of work

Our self paced environment allows students to catch up if they are behind or even work ahead and graduate early! Self paced, however, means to **HAVE A PACE.** Thanks for encouraging your students to turn in work, earn points, and complete their classes.

HLC New School- Our school continues to work with the TCF Architecture Firm on the design for our new school. The new school is being funded with targeted dollars from our state through a Seismic Grant. Four of our district schools- HLC, Miller, Stevens, and AJ West have been identified to relocate out of the tsunami inundation zone. Our school moves to the grassy field adjacent to the AHS student parking lot and across the street West from St. Mary's. Having entered a more intense design phase, renderings of our new building are viewable in the lobby outside the main office.

Winter/Holiday Activities- We plan lots of fun Holiday activities during the month of December. Winter Wishes is a tradition at the Harbor Learning Center. Students made simple **and reasonable** wishes for themselves and/or other Dragons. Our school community spent the last three weeks granting student wishes. Let us know if your family would like to participate by granting a student wish in some way. The day before Winter Break is **WINTERFEST!** That is our annual student pancake breakfast along with other fun holiday activities. Staff sponsor a holiday activity in their room, and students sign up to participate in the activity. It's a fun way to send off students before the two week break. Don't forget students are released at 11:00 AM that day.

Counseling Office message- Kasi Turner kturner@asd5.org

SCHOOLINKS: Don't forget to do your SchooLinks activities! SchooLinks is a new program that is used statewide. It connects the students' High School and Beyond Plan from school to school across the state. All students, even Grays Harbor Academy, need to do SchooLinks. What does that mean? It means that if a student moves from one school to another, anywhere in Washington State, their information will follow them. This is great for student progress and tracking their future and current plans. As the School Counselor, I find this very exciting because students are able to track credits, graduation requirements and learn about their options for college and/or a career. ***SENIORS:*** Come see me to get information about financial aid and scholarships. There are several scholarships that are open and FAFSA opened on October 1. We are starting to plan for graduation. Make sure you meet with me about your graduation plans. ***SKYWARD:*** Students will continue to track their class progress in Skyward. Make sure you click on the "P" to see how many points your student has in each class. Students must complete a contract with a teacher for 100 points to earn a .5 credit. Having trouble with Skyward? Check with me, the secretaries, or Amy Moyer in the computer lab. Do you have questions about your student's progress toward graduation? Give me a call or stop by.

Does your student need someone to listen and assist with problem solving? I can do that, too. I can also assist students in accessing BHR counseling services. We have LOTS of seniors this year, so I will be busy making sure each of our seniors has an individual plan to complete their high school graduation requirements. - Kasi Turner - School Counselor - kturner@asd5.org - 360-538-2186

Advisory

Advisory is a class students attend **every day.** Our 9-12 students earn points in advisory just like their other classes and earn elective credits. We recently changed some students' Advisory teachers in order to balance the number of students in each advisory classes. There are **REQUIRED** activities in Advisory, and students are expected to complete them just like they would complete assignments in their other classes. This class is where students access SchoolLinks activities referenced by our counselor, Kasi, in her newsletter section. Like the 24-25 school year, HLC is hosting clubs and projects twice a week during advisory. Students sign up for the club or project they want to do. We started clubs/projects after Student Led Conferences, and clubs/projects occur on Mondays and Wednesdays.

HLC Online Classes

If you are attending the Harbor Learning Center and curious about online classes, feel free to contact Robert or Kasi. If you are looking for a challenge, Edgenuity offers Advanced Placement and honors classes. We also offer world languages (Spanish, French, German, Latin, Chinese, or ASL Sign Language); upper level science classes like chemistry, physics, or astronomy; and math, including Algebra 2, Trigonometry, or Pre-Calculus. We also offer psychology, sociology, and economics. If you're interested, please feel free to reach out to Robert or Kasi to explore some options.

Graduating Senior Information!

Reminder, if your graduating senior is interested in participating in the AHS Annual All Night Safe and Sober Party on Friday, June 5, a senior parent/guardian fundraiser meeting was held at 6 PM at Duffy's restaurant. The remaining meetings are typically monthly at the same time and place. To volunteer or get more information you can email seniorparentsof2026@gmail.com or pick up a flyer at the HLC. You may also scan the QR code to join the Facebook group for more information.

Cap and Gown Information Dec 15 10:30 AM

The Harbor Learning Center Graduation is Thursday, June 4th, at 6:00 PM. Our plan is to have our HLC Graduation Ceremony at Stewart Field. By having our ceremony on the soccer/football field, we no longer have to limit the number of family/friends/guests that each student can invite. Students can purchase caps and gowns to keep from Jostens OR borrow a cap and gown that needs to be returned. This ceremony recognizes Harbor High Graduates, Grays Harbor Academy Graduates, Open Doors Graduates, and GED earners. **All must wear a cap and gown during the ceremony.**

ASB (Associated Student Body) Activities!

ASB members made decorations and set up for our Thanksgiving Feast provided by the Rotary Club. A fun filled Spirit Week December 15th-19th is occuring with dressing like your favorite Holiday Character, Hat Day, Crazy Sweater Day, Mismatch Day and the ever popular Pajama Day.

Yearbook- Harbor Learning Center Yearbook Senior Page Kayla Sturm, Yearbook Advisor

We are excited to offer a special opportunity for HLC senior students to commemorate their time at Harbor Learning Center with a personalized full-page ad in the yearbook. Here's how you can make your senior's page truly special:

Full Page Senior Ad - $25

- **Price:** $25 for a full-page ad.
- **What's Included:**
    - **Up to 6 Photos**: You can submit up to six pictures to showcase memories, achievements, or favorite moments.
    - **Special Message**: Include a heartfelt message to your senior, whether it's from family, friends, or the senior themselves.

Guidelines:

- Photos must be **school appropriate** for inclusion in the yearbook.
- Photos should be high resolution for the best quality reproduction.
- The special message can be up to 150 words (or roughly one short paragraph).
- All content must be submitted by **January 31**.

How to Submit:

- Email your photos and message to **ksturm@asd5.org**.
- Payments can be made by **check (payable to HLC ASB)** or **cash** and must be submitted by the **January 31 deadline**.

Why Participate? This is a wonderful opportunity to create a lasting keepsake that celebrates your senior's achievements and memories from their time at Harbor Learning Center.

Interested in sponsoring ANOTHER senior? If interested, you can anonymously "sponsor" another senior student's page. Just let us know if you would like to donate towards another senior's page. You can select another senior OR let us choose one. Thank you**,**

After School Program

The After School Program has had a slow but steady turn out so far this year. To encourage students to attend, we hosted a Billards/Pool Tournament the second week of December and the winner won a $20 gift card to the Dragon Cafe! Some staff members at Harbor Junior/Senior High are encouraging students to work in the after school program to earn extra points in classes. For any questions, please reach out to Emma Wimberley at ewimberley@asd5.org. This is a great place for students from all our programs to get some tutoring, do some arts/crafts, and have a snack!

Technology message- Amy Moyer I hope that you have an enjoyable Winter break. Are you ready for a fresh start and need a New Year's Resolution? How about **reading more books**? We have lots of books and more have been ordered. Check the Library for updates. Updated policy on borrowing chargers at school: We are only loaning them out for an hour at a time so they have less chance of getting lost. Please remember to regularly turn off your devices and charge them up nightly so that they work well and are ready for school.

Safe and Supportive Campus Expectations

Our school is a choice school. Students and families **CHOOSE** to attend. We follow the same district policies and expectations as our other district schools. We continue to work with our students to follow these expectations which in turn supports a safe learning environment. We enforce our state, district, and school policies and expectations around Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying **AND** Gender Inclusive Schools. Many of our students chose our school knowing that it is a safe place to **be themselves**. We expect all of our students to be respectful of students' gender and gender expression. That includes using a student's preferred name AND not discussing other students' gender or gender expression. It is important that our teens are always respectful of others and make it right when they forget to do so. We have limited bathrooms at our small school. We appreciate your student being patient and understanding while waiting in line. We also appreciate that your student does not linger unnecessarily in the bathroom since others are waiting. Get in and Get out! We follow the same dress code as Aberdeen High School.

Open Doors/GED Program

Every month the GED program gets busier and busier! We currently have over 95 students enrolled in our Open Doors Program. We have been incredibly successful this year and have already had 12 students graduate, some with their GED and others with their high school diploma! To qualify for the GED program you must: 1) Have turned 16 before September 1st of the current school year and 2) Be significantly behind in credits. Last school year, we had 40 students complete their GED and 8 complete their High School Diploma. If this is something you or your student are interested in, please reach out to our GED mentors Emma Wimberley (ewimberley@asd5.org) and Brittni Leitch (bleitch@asd5.org) or text us at 360-986-0122.

Student Meals Our school serves free breakfast and free lunch to all of our Harbor Jr/Sr High students. Students attending our After School Program will also be getting a snack. Grays Harbor Academy students are also welcome to have lunch when they are on campus. We serve breakfast until 10 AM so students arriving late can still get breakfast.

Grays Harbor Academy Information

We have reached the end of the first semester; it seems like we just started school yesterday! We carefully evaluate performance at the end of the semester and determine which students are eligible to continue on to second semester. Part of the rules that govern online education mandate that students must pass all of their classes and be staying on track. If you need to catch up, you will need to work over the winter break, and weekends, in order to finish on time, as no extensions are given. **You must complete at least 80% of the course material in order to be considered for a passing grade; anything less than 80% completion when classes are closed out is an automatic F**. **Any actual grade less than 60% is an automatic F.** Please tend to these carefully as these are non-negotiable terms for continued enrollment in an Alternative Learning Experience program (ALE).

Our GHA goal is to have all Student Learning Plans (SLPs) sent out by the end of the semester via Adobe Docusign. Your new classes will be available and start Monday, January 26, 2026. **If you would like to meet with Robert and Kasi to plan classes, please let us know.** *For those who do not have satisfactory performance, students can be removed from the online program and placed back in the home school (AHS, Miller, or local elementary school), or you are welcome to find another online education provider.* If you are grades 7-12, please reach out to the school if you are considering in-person at Harbor High. There is a screening process that needs to be completed, and enrollment is not guaranteed. Our middle school is only for grades 7-8 and we are currently full. Please let Robert know if you are interested in attending our middle school and he will add you to the wait list.

Enrollment in GHA is readily open throughout the semester; however, *students who enroll late will still need to complete the entire courses from the beginning*. Since time is quickly passing, late enrollments will end up with fewer classes, and

that can put a high schooler behind in credits. **With the exception of grades K-5, we cannot waive coursework for online students.**

In grades 7-12, we are using a new program this year called School Links, it can be accessed through Clever. This program helps students prepare for the High School and Beyond Plan, which is a graduation requirement. There will be periodic tasks to complete throughout the school year. Currently, there are a plethora of assignments that should be completed. We will be calling parents to have kids come in to get this completed. Please let Robert or Kasi know if you need help finding these.

All GHA students are included in i-Ready diagnostics, as well as the Panorama Survey. The winter i-Ready diagnostic will be available from January 5-23. You will take both the ELA and Math diagnostics. The final diagnostic will take place in the spring. Please be checking your email frequently to stay up to date on things that need to get completed, and respond as necessary. Good communication is critical to being a successful student online.

Graduating Seniors: The ASVAB is an excellent opportunity to help you meet your ELA and/or Math proficiency for graduation! This is in addition to earning all of your credits and the high school and beyond plan. These will be given at Aberdeen High School, but we may have one more offered at the Harbor Learning Center. Robert will let you know when these are available. Otherwise, you need to rely on passing the Smarter Balance Assessment in the spring.

Grays Harbor Academy FAMILY PORTAL- HOW TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS
To access the Family Portal, click "Add Guardian" on the student dashboard. You will need to input your name, email, phone number, and create a username and password. After initial setup, you can log in any time to review your student's progress, send messages to teachers, etc.

GHA: Who to contact?

Online Support Teacher/Coordinator **Robert Sutlovich** rsutlovich@asd5.org Call: (360) 538-2180, ext 3303 Text or Call: (360) 581-1154	Parent meetings/communication Student Learning Plans Weekly check-ins Monthly progress reports Conferences Course Enrollments/Schedules/Grades Senior outreach for HSBP Student 504 Plans
MTSS Paras **David Bennett** dbennett@asd5.org Call: (360) 538-2180, ext 3327 **Aaron Doull** adoull@asd5.org Call: (360) 538-2180, ext 3328 **Jacob Borden** jborden@asd5.org	Student help sessions Printing for parents Workbook disbursement Tech Troubleshooting i-Ready testing
Kasi Turner Counselor kturner@asd5.org 360-538-2186	Credits Graduation plans
Amy Moyer, MTSS Assistant amoyer@asd5.org 360-538-2180, ext 3333	Computer check-outs/check-ins Technology Support
Alison Cline, Special Education Teacher acline@asd5.org (360) 538-2180, ext 3315	Imagine Edgenuity Questions IEP's