Busy Time of the Year

May 5, 2023



Looking ahead at this month, we have something on the schedule for every day. Whether it is a band festival, track meet, musical rehearsal, speech practice, FFA practice, bridge building or baseball/softball game, there is always something going on with the students here at the high school.

I am a big fan of having kids involved in activities, but also want to encourage you to make sure your child gets enough rest and proper nutrition. We have had many viruses and illness going through the school this past year and kids seem to think they are invincible. They, of course, think they can come home after 2 hours of practice and then go to the late movie; they will do their homework later. Later becomes the wee hours of the morning...or never.

I also want to mention that testing season is upon us also, so the juniors will also be going through State Testing. During this time, it is doubly important that students be on top of their game and get rest and a proper breakfast. We do have a snack time here at school, if your student rushes out the door and doesn't have time for breakfast. This isn't until mid-morning, though.

We are also busy planning for next year already. We have kids doing their online forecasting this week. They should have brought home a forecasting sheet that requires your signature before they can do their online course requests for next year. Please ask your student for it if you have not seen it.

Lastly, if you have a senior, please make sure they are on track to graduate, have paid all of their fees, turned in all missing uniforms, equipment, etc. All credit recovery classes must be completed by May 15th and all equipment and fees have to be taken care of or paid for before the student can graduate, so check with your student.

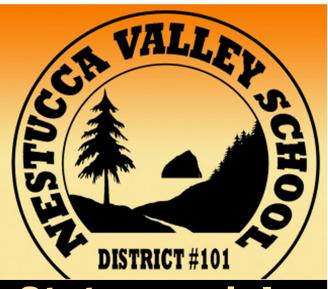
We are in the process of gathering a list of all outstanding equipment ourselves and will be sending out letters shortly about the end of the year schedule for seniors, and will include an invoice for anything your student needs to take care of.

I hope to see many of you up at all of the activities going on up here this month. To see what is coming up, you can always see the current activities on our calendar, found on the bottom of the high school webpage.

Ken Richwine Principal Nestucca High School



NESTUCCA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Speech Team heads to State...again!

For the second year in a row since Covid, our Nestucca Speech Team roared through districts with several district champions, and qualifying every speech team participant for state.

Coaches Serven and Brown couldn't be more pleased.

Senior Speech Captain Lionel Brown led the way with an inspiring competition in both Extemp and Impromptu, where he earned District Champion status in both events. Lionel spends time studying up on world events as well as pertinent political issues in America to be well-versed for Extemp and to be able to deliver a memorized seven minute speech with sited sources with only 30 minutes of non-internet research prep. Lionel is familiar with speaking off the top of his head, being a second-year Champion in Impromptu. He is given three topics to choose from, and has 30 seconds to both choose the topic and prepare a five-minute speech in his mind, then deliver it.



Senior Rachel Gregory surprised everyone at districts after only joining speech team for the first time about three months prior to districts. She came away the Champion in our district in Poetry. She was inspired by her family heritage to compile some poems that feature Korean culture. She must hold the poems in a notebook in her hand, yet deliver an introduction and transitions between each poem from memory. Rachel had been thinking of doing speech team before, but didn't do it until this year, her senior year, which is turning out to be a very, very full year for her. She plays volleyball, does stats for basketball, plays in pep band for football and basketball seasons, plays concerts and community outreaches with Nestucca's band, joined choir this year and is a supporting lead in the musical, holds down a job on weekends, and plays softball with our winning softball team!

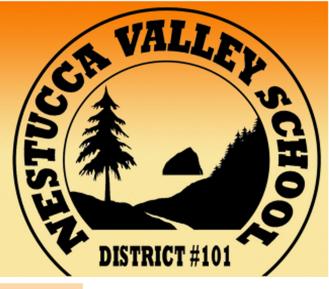
Neri Tate is a sophomore this year, and is a force to be reconned with: she took away the Champion title for Oratory this year at Districts. Neri has a very compelling way in which she speaks that makes everyone want to listen. Her self-written Oratory is about Mob Mentality and the impact that force has on people's actions. She urges the audience to think before they act, and to consider that "Wrong is still wrong if everyone is doing it, and right is still right even if no one is doing it." We are excited to see how Neri's speech does alongside other best Oratory speeches in the state.

Lilly Shippee appears to be a demure freshman, but don't let that fool you: she is indeed full of surprises, and one of those surprises is that she loves to talk about "gory" things. So—it was only natural that her persuasive speech, the Oratory, was written about other things people can choose to do in death rather than have a traditional burial. She brings up cool things like "you can be part of a tree by having your remains put under it to feed it" and another, "your ashes can be mixed with cement to create man-made coral reefs to help our ocean animals." Lilly speaks with humor inserted into the interesting topic, and judges have really taken to liking her topic and delivery. Her Oratory took 2nd at Districts.

Carly Cook is a freshman on fire. She is very passionate and portrays that in her speeches...she is brave as a freshman to take on two events, and does both Radio and Oratory. The Radio competition at Districts was tough, but she received great comments from the judges and we are sure will continue to do well next year. Her Oratory is a great piece about sharks and how much the ocean needs them. — "We should be worried if we see an ocean WITHOUT sharks rather than WITH sharks in it!" She urges the audience to take action against shark finning and to be active in protecting these wonderful creatures. Her Oratory took 3rd, making her a state participant as an alternate for Oratory.

We wish each of these fine Bobcat Speechies best of luck at state this weekend, April 28-29, at Western Oregon University.

NESTUCCA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Get Your Tickets for SHREK!!!

This year marks Nestucca High School's 53rd musical performance over the course of a 61-year-history of entertaining our locals and providing a creative foundation for our youth.

Please consider joining us while we follow the adventures of Shrek, his sidekick Donkey, Princess Fiona, Lord Farquaad and everybody's favorite fairytale creatures. With an original score, this hilarious and fun-filled show proves there's more to the story than meets the eyes.

Our cast is one of our largest yet; including around 60 kids ranging from pre-K to the 12th grade. Starring in the Nestucca show are:

Henry Trambley as Shrek
Lionel Brown as Donkey
Alinna Mendoza as Princess Fiona
AJ Johns as Lord Farquaad
Isa Flores as Dragon
Rachel Gregory as Ogre Princess Fiona

Another unique thing about this show is that the Oregon Coast Dance group will be joining us in a part of the show for the Friday and Saturday night performances, doing Tap Dancing dressed as "rats." High school students who see the show at school on Tuesday may want to come back on the weekend to catch the version including this group!

Join us on May 3, 5, and 6 for an unforgettable Shrek performance. Matinee (10am) and evening tickets (7pm) are available online on the Nestucca School District web "splash" page. Tickets may be purchased at the door, if not sold out prior to show. They are \$10 reserved seats for all ages; \$8 adult general seating, and \$5 student and senior citizen general seating. Directors Kathleen Serven, Heidi Trambley, and Kelli McMellon are pleased and very excited to bring this show to our community.

Shrek-themed concessions will be offered pre-show and during intermission. Come join the fun!

Congratulations to Rachel Gregory on her scholarship!!!

Nestucca High
is very proud of
senior Rachel
Gregory for
winning a
\$12,000
music
scholarship to
Western Oregon
University!

She earned her scholarship after auditioning with two solos on her flute!

We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what you are able to accomplish in life!!!



May 18 at 7pm is Nestucca High Spring Concert!!!!

May 25 pm is Music a'la Carte Talent Show!

SHIREK

This year's musical was none other than SHREK! It was an amazing production with a clear amount of detail going into the costumes & set design.

Fairy tale characters, dragons, & other mythological creatures adorned the stage. "The dragon actually moved & the eyes glowed- its face was expressive & it really looked like the dragon from Shrek!" said sophomore Alyssa Manzone. "It made the musical more fun that the props were more realistic."

The characters sang a lot of songs and ended with none other than "I'm a Believer," sung by Shrek at the conclusion of the program.

"The singing was surprisingly good, Alinna's voice was amazing. Seeing how talented our classmates are was really awesome," said sophomore Ryan McKillip.

The musical starred Henry Trambley as Shrek, Alinna Mendoza as human Fiona, Rachel Gregory as ogre Fiona, AJ Johns as Lord Farquaad, Lionel Brown as Donkey, as well as other high school students and kids from the k-8 as the supporting cast, as well as Mrs. Serven conducting & directing, Kelli McMellon directing & coaching. Heidi

Trambley helped make the costumes & play the music.













BEACH CLEANUP!

ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, NHS WENT TO THE BEACH TO TRY AND DO SOME GOOD AND GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY WITH A SCHOOL "BEACH CLEANUP!"

STUDENTS WERE DISPERSED THROUGHOUT BOB STRAUB, CAPE KIWANDA, AND MCPHILLIPS

BEACH ON THE HUNT FOR TRASH.

"I LIKED WORKING WITH MY FRIENDS TO HELP CLEAN THE BEACH," SAID FRESHMAN IVY THOMPSON. "IT WAS FUN TO WORK AS A TEAM."

SOME OF THE UNIQUE FINDS INCLUDED A HAMMER, ROPES + NETS, CERAMIC PLATES, BOUYS, CLOTHING, BEACH TOYS, AND TONS AND TONS OF MICROPLASTIC.

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY, AND KIDS HAD FUN DOING SOMETHING GOOD WHILE HANGING OUT WITH THEIR FRIENDS!



CARTER FOUND A RECORD AMOUNT



AIDEN + LOGAN



LINING UP FOR SECONDS/THIRDS



ERIC + DAVID



Fabian found A HAMMER!



CARLY, EMILY + ARI



CLEANUP 15 SERIOUS WORK



TIFFANY + AUDREY



LILA ON A MISSION to find ropes!



STUDENTS ENJOYING THE WEATHER



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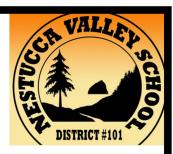


PIZZA FEAST



JACK DIEGO + ZACH

K-8 Music Info!



K-4 Spring Concert! Tuesday May 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Nestucca Valley K8 School will be presenting their Spring Concert Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 pm in the new gym at the K8. Students are encouraged to dress in bright summer clothes (school appropriate) for the concert. Please have your children report to their classrooms by 6:40.

Nestucca 7-8 Band Scores Third in District Music Festival

Nestucca Valley 7-8th grade band performed in the annual District III Middle School Festival April 18 in Forest Grove. The Nestucca band performed for two judges and received many encouraging and helpful comments. Nine bands participated in this year's festival: Warrenton, St. Helens, Forest Grove, Newburg, Banks, Scappoose, Seaside, Tillamook and Nestucca.

Some of these schools have over 500 students attending their middle schools. To compare, Nestucca Middle School has an approximate enrolment of 120 students. Out of these nine bands, Nestucca's band ranked third in the scoring. Well done Nestucca K8 7-8 Band!

Band Concert

Band Students in Grades 5-8 will present their final concert Tuesday June 6 @ 7:00 pm in the New Gym at the K-8 School. The 5th grade beginning band, will open our concert, followed by the beginning 6th Grade band. To finish, the 7th & 8th Grade band will perform. I am very proud of the progress we have made this year. It truly is amazing to watch and hear the musical growth from a 5th grade beginner to an eighth-grade accomplished player.

Here are some reminders:

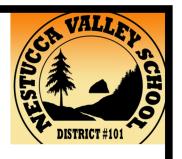
Students, please arrive by 6:40

7th & 8th Grade Band – Concert Black attire

5th & 6th Grade Band - Look your best!

We are planning on the concert lasting approximately one hour.

Hawaiian Hula



a dance for middle school students



Friday May 26th

3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Nestucca K-8 Small Gym



Nestucca DEP Diverse Educator Pathways Program

Are you:

A south Tillamook County student or community member?

Do you:

Identify as racially or linguistically diverse?

Would you:

Like to work in education, and receive support and opportunities to do so.

IF YOU ANSWERED YES,

JOIN US!

Contact Daniela Moreno Gutierrez for more information: 503.392.3194 x117 danielam@nestucca.k12.or.us





Diverse Educator Pathways



FIND YOUR PATH TO BECOME A TEACHER

Are you a part of one of the following school districts?

Washington County

- Forest Grove
- Beaverton
- Hillsboro
- Sherwood
- Tigard-Tualatin

Tillamook County

- Nestucca Valley
- Tillamook
- Neah-Kah-Nie

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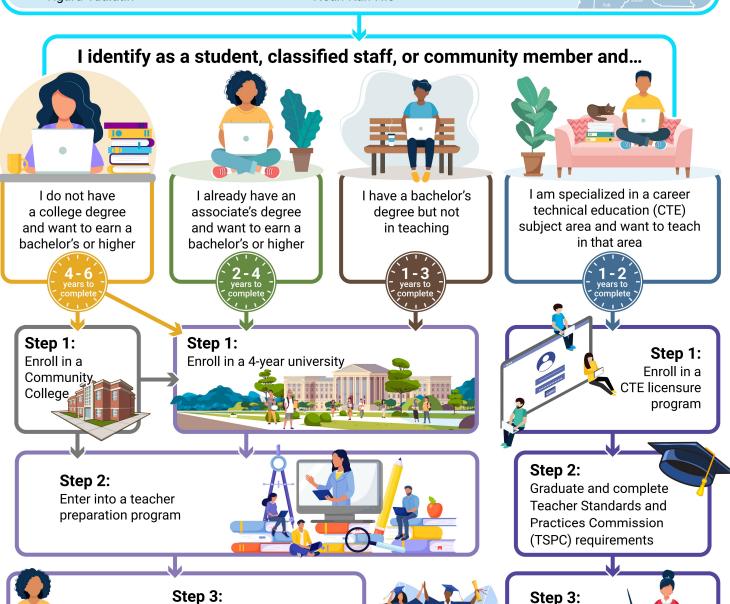
Receive

professional

CTE license

Seaside





Graduate with your bachelor's

and/or master's degree, along

with your teaching license

Calling all 2023 grads!

The Tillamook Creamery wants to celebrate you! Our annual Grad Night will be May 11th from 5pm-7pm! Come join for complimentary pizza, ice cream and a raffle drawing. Additional information about career opportunities and direct line to the recruiting team during the event as well. Family and siblings welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there! Tillamook Creamery

For all questions feel free to email Tillamook Creamery Senior Recruiter, Kaitlyn Cobb at kcobb@tillamook.com