

NESTUCCA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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NHS Theater Performance of *The Curious Savage*: a huge success!!!



Note from play director, Kathleen Serven:

*"I am so very pleased with this year's cast for *The Curious Savage*. They worked very hard to memorize two solid hours' worth of dialogue, and nailed it.*

Their delivery of characters on stage was terrific, and was fully appreciated by the sold-out audiences both nights. The comedy parts are so great when the delivery is to a live audience, and they "get" the jokes!

The crew was like a well-oiled machine, changing on-set props and adjusting things between scenes quickly and efficiently.

Overall, what a great fall play to share the story of a lady who finds people in a sanitarium so loving and kind as she seeks to hide her fortune from her money-grubbing step-children. Her charitable and unique view of life was a breath of fresh air; entertainment well- received at this time of year!"



NHS Seniors: Reminder

Seniors have the option to use an alternative photo of them instead of the school issued one to have published in this year's yearbook, and in the graduation section of the Tillamook Headlight Herald.

Seniors can have their class photo taken by an outside professional, parent, friend, sibling, etc. The photo can be taken at a destination, or could be in the comfort of their home.



Senior Photos of Isabelle Henry Sullivan & Kyla Hurliman

Any senior who has a "senior photo" taken, please send your photo to Sydney Leja, the yearbook adviser. You can email the image or reach out with questions to her at her email address: SydneyL@nestucca.k12.or.us.

The deadline for senior photo submissions will be Friday, April 5th.

Any student who has not submitted their photo by that time will have their class photo used instead.

Early submission of photos is incredibly appreciated & encouraged!

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Grades 5-8 Band-

Concert Reminder!!!

*Band Students in Grades 5-8
will present their Winter Concert on*

Wednesday, December 13 @ 7:00 pm!

When should student musicians arrive?

Students please arrive by 6:40.

At 6:40, where should student musicians go?

5th Grade Band students- to classrooms

Intermediate Band students- to Mrs. Filosi's room

Advanced Band students- to the Band room

What should student musicians wear?

5th Grade Band - Look your best!

Intermediate Band - Look your best!

Advanced Band- Concert Black attire

Other Updates:

-December the 12th the choir goes to Kiwanda Community Center to perform at 10:30 am and then down to Lincoln City to a retirement home.

-December 14th the NHS band goes to KCC to perform at 10:30am and then to LC to a retirement home.

-Parents and community members are welcome to come enjoy the holiday performance at KCC both dates!

-Best wishes to the Bobcat Speechies as they head to Clackamas HS Saturday, **December 2nd**, for a speech tournament there!



CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

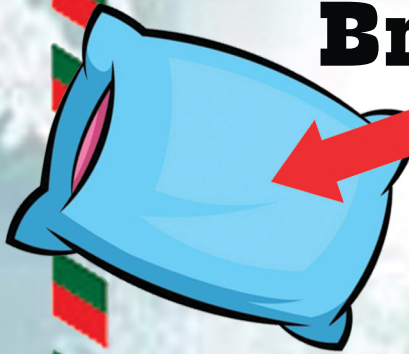
FRIDAY, DEC 1ST @7:00PM

@NHS High School Gym

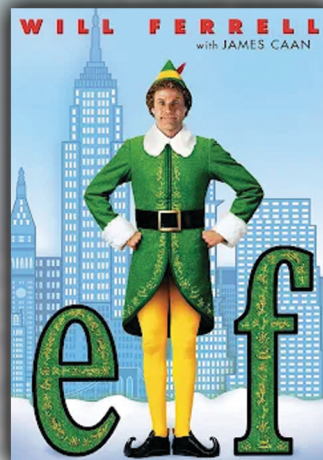
Wear your pajamas
(& get free
hot cocoa!)



**Bring your blankets &
pillows from home
to get comfy on!**



We will have soft mats down on
the gym floor so we can watch the
movie “picnic style!”



**\$3 Children
\$5 Adults**

Bobcat Business

Ellie Vu

Editor in Chief

If you would like to submit your own piece or send a letter to the editor, email us at bobcatbusiness@students.nestucca.k12.or.us

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Last night the Bobcats took on the Taft Tigers. The Varsity Lady Cats took home a win with a final score of 43-34. Nice job, Lady Cats. Unfortunately the boys fell short with a final score 35-68. On Friday, December 1st the boys take on the Delphian Dragons. JV starts at 5:30 p.m. and varsity starts at 7:00 p.m.

Wish the wrestlers good luck on their first meet on Friday, December 1st. The meet will be at Tillamook High School, and their second meet is at Rainer on Saturday, December 2nd.



Aurelian the Great

By: Logan Siler

Aurelian Mot is the lovely and vivacious custodian at Nestucca High School. For those that know him or have just seen him around, it is clear how unique and special he is. His favorite part about working here is all of the students. Before working at the school, Aurelian did professional cooking for 25 years. Some of Aurelian's hobbies are camping, fishing, and hiking. He also built his own house, and he said he learned a lot of good and bad things about building. When Aurelian was in high school he claimed that it was a learning experience. Then I asked Aurelian what is the first thing he thinks of in the morning, and he said feeding his dog. The last question that I asked Aurelian was if you could move anywhere in the world where would it be and why? He said he would want to move to Greenland because he would want to go fishing. Thanks for providing all of us with a clean school and a smile.



SPORTS

Pin it!

By: Betsabet Mondragon



Senior Kerrin Higdon dominates on the mat. Photo by Stefany Moreno.

Wrestling season started on November 13. Leading wrestling is Coach Aaron Pearn and assisting is Coach Sean McColly. Pearn says, "I am excited to see the growth of the new wrestlers and how far some of the returning wrestlers can go; excited to have a girls team." His motivation of becoming a wrestling coach was because he did wrestling in high school and he likes seeing the confidence that kids get through wrestling and observing their own personal growth. Quinn Hill is a senior and has wrestled since he was in the sixth grade. He says, "So far, this season has been great; it's the highlight of his day." Additionally, he loves to improve his craft everyday. His goal this season is to become a state champion. On this being his last season, it makes him really sad to make peace with the fact that it's his last, but he also thinks back on a lot of his favorite moments. Seth Pringle is also a senior and it's his second year doing wrestling, though he wishes he'd started sooner. He states, "So far it's going pretty good." He feels confident and strong, but making weight sucks. He can't eat what he wants to eat. His goal for this season is to make state and "hopefully make someone cry." Kerrin is also a senior and it's her second year. She stated that this season she is excited; her goal is to improve from last year and be a confident and experienced wrestler. She is also happy to have a girls team, as this is her last season, she is happy to be a part of it.

Update on NHS soccer team

By: Ellie Vu

The students of Nestucca have received an answer about starting a soccer team. The season was supposed to start in late November, but due to some scheduling conflicts the season will be starting in late February or early March of 2024. In the meantime, the students plan to play during lunch and sometimes after school while waiting for their basketball practice to start. The practice days and times will be announced closer to the start of the season. The season will end in June of 2024, with the end of the school year. Junior Junior Toro has also been in frequent contact with K-8 teacher and now Head Coach Mr. Peter Deam in regards to the fundraising ideas, though they haven't decided on any yet.



Community Center line dancing with...

THE CHEERLEADERS

By: Betsabet Mondragon

On November 17th, the Kiawanda Community Center in Pacific City held a line dance that the cheerleaders plus Makayla Webber participated in. They danced to a variety of music styles. No experience was necessary; they taught participants. On December 8th and 15th, there will be another line dance, which anyone can go to. It is \$10 per class and lasts from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., with doors opening at 6:45. Thanks to Kristine Rooke for organizing these events. Makayla Webber stated,

“It was a great experience for the cheer team plus me. The instructor would shake her butt. There were different kinds of music and lots of the Cha Cha Slide.” Cheerleaders Zoe Blair, Lilly Upton and Meri Manning said, “It was fun and a great experience.”



Will everyone survive the trimester?

By: Ryan Mckillip

On Wednesday, November 15th, two weeks out from the end of the trimester, the D & F list came out and showed that a large number of students are not passing their classes. Hopefully this is enough time for students to get all caught up. It is vital to get everything turned in and done to avoid summer school and retaking classes!



Speech Tournament

By: Vanessa Perez

Our Bobcat Speechies competed at the Oktoberfest Speech Tournament on



October 14th, 2023. Through this tournament manager Maria held the team together at base camp while coaches Kathleen Serven and Carissa Albin judged events during the 13 hour day. These speech tournaments are long and brutal while you wait your turn to give your best performance. Three of five current team members fought to finals and took great rankings. The overall rankings of our Bobcats are as follows: Newbie Ana Wehrley took first in novice poetry, team captain and veteran speechie Neri Tate took 2nd place overall in open oratory, and newbie Maddison Ehly took 3rd place in novice poetry! Not to mention, second-year speechies Lilly Shippee and Carly Cook both did exceedingly well in their first round with excellent comments. Although some environmental factors (like the freezing temperatures) impacted their performances in the second and third rounds, they took home a lesson learned and are ready to combat that in the future. Way to go, Nestucca Speechies!

National Honor Society: Will you make it?

By: Vanessa Perez

On November 14th, 2023, letters of invitation from the National Honor Society were sent out to select students. Tyler Bentley is the advisor for the National Honor Society. The letter read as follows, “It is my pleasure to inform



you that your cumulative GPA makes you eligible to apply for membership to Nestucca High School’s chapter of the National Honor Society. The National Honor Society is an organization that recognizes students who embody the four pillars of the society: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.” Students that decide to apply for the National Honor Society need to submit one letter of interest, two letters of recommendation, one high school transcript, and one resume. The deadline to submit is Monday, December 4th. Congratulations to all that received a letter and good luck to all that have decided to apply.

Will you flip the next page into starting a book club?

By: Ryan Mckillip

Imagine it’s 8 a.m. in the morn, and the rain is drizzling outside. It’s a gloomy December morning and you walk into Ms. Shriners room, her lights are twinkling, the yoga mats are out and the vibe is set. Our lovely English 10 teacher Lindsey Shriner has been thinking about starting a book club in the upcoming school year. Lindsey has the vision to “create a space where lovers of literature can come together and discuss the writing, themes, and storylines of novels.” She stated, “I really love to read and the story only gets better when there are people to discuss with. I think one of the beautiful things about reading is it’s a way to exercise your brain beyond the classroom and is something that can be enjoyed for life.”

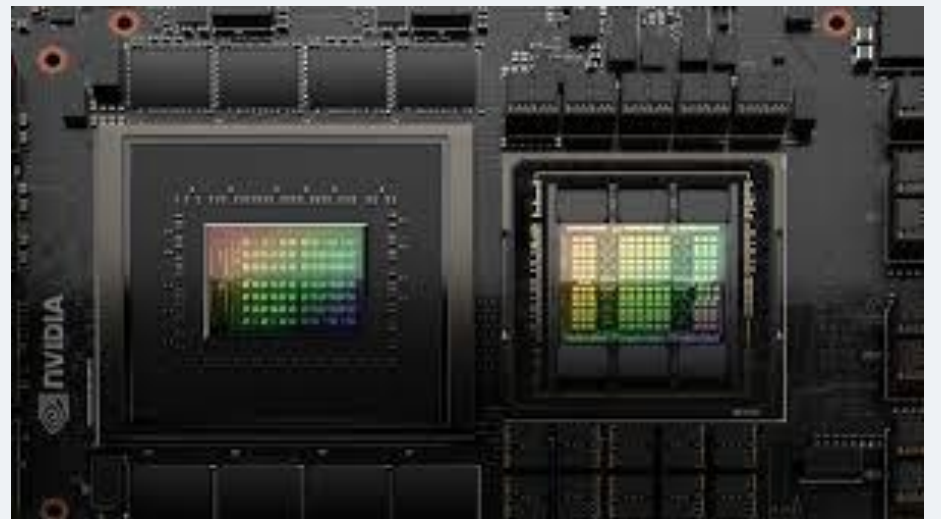


Ms. Shriner digging into one of her favorites, *On The Road*. Photo by Ryan McKillip

Is Nvidia entering the CPU space?

By: Fabian Tovar

Nvidia is a graphics card company that announced a release of a new central processing unit (CPU). This is not Nvidia's first time making a CPU. Nvidia's Grace superchip was created in collaboration with Arm to help data centers that need more data that needs to be processed. The Arm processor is meant to help Microsoft run their windows operating system, but who is Arm and why are they important? Arm is a company that licenses instruction sets for processors that can be found in Samsung, Iphone, Qualcomm, and many more. The main reason Nvidia is making these chips



for Microsoft is because they want to compete with Apple's silicon chip, which uses an Arm based chip, but Nvidia also wants to rival Intel after they got into making graphics cards. If they pull through with this chip they have a good chance at passing Apple, and rivaling the biggest CPU company, Intel.

Fortnite comeback

By: Logan Siler

The new season of the video game Fortnite has brought back a lot of players; new and old. There are around 400 million people that play Fortnite and it has gained \$1.9 billion in the first two years since its first launch in 2017. The age range of Fortnite players is 13 and up because of the violence and open chat. Part of the appeal to Fortnite is that players can play with their friends. It has become another form of socializing. The basic idea of Fortnite is it is a fast-paced 3rd person shooter game that players have to fight other people. You have to build to protect yourself from other people in a big open world environment and you need to have tactics and strategy to be the last one standing. Fortnite is made by Epic Games. They are an American gaming and software company and their HQ is in North Carolina.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Seth Pringle

is a senior at Nestucca High School. Before coming here, he attended Taft High School. Some activities he has been involved in are wrestling, Brewed Awakening coffee shop, and ag mechanics.

After high school, he plans on getting a high paying job. He is also looking forward to living on his own.

Since he is a “good student,” he has never had a creative excuse to get out of a homework assignment.

His favorite memory from high school is Ziggy and Quinn wrestling in a hotel bed during an overnight wrestling meet.

His advice for incoming freshmen would be to get better taste in music.

According to him, based on his personality, he says an animal he would be is a stingray or a silly cat.

SETH PRINGLE



KEITH MARSHALL



Keith Marshall

Is a senior at NHS. He has played varsity baseball for Nestucca and is looking forward to his senior season. He usually plays shortstop, but when he isn't holding it down between second and third base, he can be found pitching from the mound.

Keith is going to miss playing with his favorite teammates, but in general he is going to miss his favorite sport.

Keith's plans after high school include attending Pacific Northwest Carpentry Institution to pursue carpentry. Ahead of that, though, he is taking a carpentry class at Nestucca, and is also taking advanced ag mechanics.

His advice to incoming freshmen is just to stick to yourself and don't try too hard to make friends with upperclassmen.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

CHLOE LOVE



Chloe Love

has participated in volleyball, basketball, and softball in her four years at Nestucca High School. She made varsity throughout her high school experience. Outside of sports, she is also a member of the student council and serves as the secretary.

After high school, she plans on going to Tillamook Bay Community College or Western Oregon University for four years to pursue a degree in special education and occupational therapy. Some advice she has for the incoming freshman is, “Work really hard and gets lots of credits your freshman and sophomore years so you have a lot of free time your senior year.”

Her favorite memories from high school are from Nestucca Games. It is a fun time for her to compete against each other and watch the games. Some of the favorites she enjoyed were: tug of war, hide the football, the graduation chant, and cornhole.

Kerrin Higdon

Is a senior at NHS. She has participated in cross country and track and field her whole high school experience, she has also been involved in wrestling for 2 years.

Her plans after high school are undecided but will either just get a job, go to community college, or maybe the military.

Some advice she has for the incoming freshman is, “I would say to always be good friends with yourself; you won’t mind being alone because you’ll like your own company.”

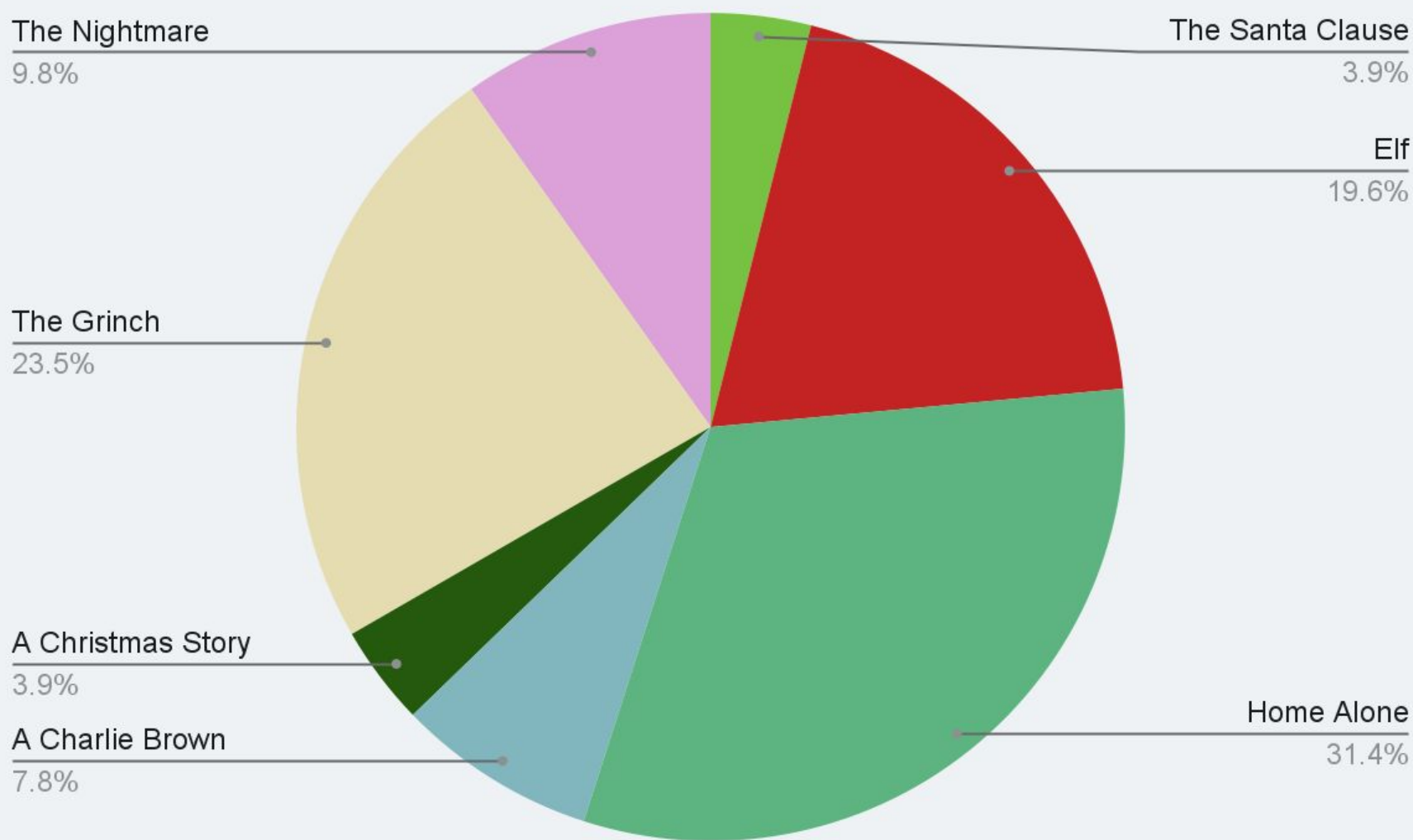
What she is looking forward to after graduation is getting a cool, maybe a little junky car, fixing it when it breaks, and just driving around. “zoom-zoom”.

KERRIN HIGDON



COMMUNITY

What is your favorite holiday movie?



When do you start decorating for the holidays?

Not soon enough
-Alex Croke

Thanksgiving
-Wyatt Clark

December 1st
-Byron Tovar

November 1st
-Piper Armstrong

2 weeks before it is here
-Brady Hurliman

Friday after Thanksgiving
-Lindsey Shriner

Early December
-Carrie Woods

After Thanksgiving
-Neri Tate

Day after Thanksgiving
-Lily Upton

Nestucca HS Students Visit “Near Space”



In mid-November, Nestucca upperclassmen had the opportunity to visit Near Space Corporation, (or NSC), at the Port of Tillamook Bay.

NSC, surprisingly, is a business many locals often overlook, despite being an international operation right in our own backyard. The company engineers & fabricates vessels for high altitude testing, and also provide flight support for commercial, government, & academic clients from all over the world. NSC are one of only 6 operations in the US that provide drone flight testing.



One of the projects NSC designs & builds at their Tillamook location are massive, 700 foot tall helium filled balloons. To give you an idea of just how big these balloons are, just one Near Space balloon is roughly as tall as **11 or 12** regular 60 foot tall hot air balloon.



Their high altitude balloons rise to altitudes ranging from 90,000-130,000 feet high- (which is the edge of the earth between the atmosphere and space, thus the name “Near Space,”) & the testing is they run is performed on systems intended for near space projects such as space stations, lunar exploration, & landing craft for exploration of Venus.



Near Space’s buildings are located very close to Tillamook’s Air Museum, & has an airport on site- complete with air traffic tower. Many of their employees are former military with engineering backgrounds. The work Near Space does work takes them all over the world, from Oregon, to Hawaii, to even Antarctica.

If you’d like to learn more, check out their website at www.nsc.aero.



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- Earn credentials for future employers



*Deadline to
Apply*

FEB. 1, 2024



More Info:

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- Demostrar dominio de una o más lenguas del mundo distintas del inglés.

Leer, escribir, escuchar y

- hablar

Evitar los créditos de lengua

- extranjera en la universidad

Obtener credenciales para

- futuros empleadores



Plazo de
solicitud

1 DE FEBRERO
DE 2024



Más información:

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FOOD DRIVE

Please help us collect non-perishable items for South County food banks.

NESTUCCA K-8 SCHOOL

Classroom competition collecting
canned goods (meat, fish, stews, chili)
bagged goods (rice, pasta, dry beans)
non-food items (toilet paper, napkins, soap)

November 28th-December 8th

