

NESTUCCA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Speech Team @ Jan 27th McMinneville Invitational

The NHS Speech team had a great time competing at the McMinneville Invitational. The team performed well, and Lilly and Neri broke into finals and took 2nd place overall in duo interp at the tournament!! Congrats, team!



L to R: Coach Serven, Manager Maria Huerta Nieves, sophomore (poetry) Ana Wehrley, sophomore (radio, oratory, poetry) Carly Cook, sophomore (radio and duo interp) Lilly Shippee, Captain junior (oratory and duo interp) Neri Tate, freshman (oratory and poetry) Maddison Ehly, and Asst Coach Carissa Albin.



Duo interp teammates, Lilly Shippee & Neri Tate

NHS Band enjoyed a Master Class with the internationally-acclaimed Spanish Brass class on Monday, January 22nd. Several students commented on how fun it was, and how skilled the musicians were. Our Bobcat Band members are currently working on festival music for the District III Festival which will happen on March 5th in Astoria, Oregon. They look forward to performing the new and challenging pieces.

We also send best wishes to Ari Alexander (trumpet) and Melanie Velasquez (clarinet), who are working on solos to perform on March 2nd at Scappoose, Oregon, for the solo/ensemble competition for District III. Way to go, soloists!

NHS Choir Information!

Bobcat Choir Update:

NHS Choir students are not only working on Valograms right now; they are also working on Honor Choir music and District III Festival Music. The Valograms will be delivered February 14th; Honor Choir takes place at Scappoose HS on Feb 2 and 3, and District III Festival is March 12th at Scappoose, Oregon.

DISTRICT III HONOR CHOIR HAS BEEN SELECTED

Congratulations to Ana Wehrley (alto), AJ Johns (alto), Isabelle Henry Sullivan (soprano) and Isa Flores (soprano), who are working on learning music for the District III Honor Choir event in Scappoose on February 2 and 3. Students have been given the challenging music, about a month ahead of the event. They work on learning the music ahead of time, and then they join other excellent singers from Northwest Oregon schools for the District III event. A guest conductor works with them on Friday and again Saturday morning and afternoon, culminating in a concert Saturday at 3:00pm. Good luck, Bobcat Singers!

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WIZARD OF OZ: 2024 MUSICAL!

NESTUCCA SPRING MUSICAL IS WIZARD OF OZ!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Tryouts for the spring musical for high school students will be February 8th and February 12th.

Feb 13 will be tryouts for K8 students at the HIGH SCHOOL in the CHOIR ROOM (just off the south side of gym) from 3:15 to 4pm.

Parents of K8 will need to be at the HS to pick them up at 4pm. The musical itself will be May 1, 3, and 4.



Afterschool Program Helps Animals!

Students in the Nestucca Valley K-8 After School Program and their Nestucca High School Student Leaders, are currently making dog and cat toys, and no-sew blankets to donate to local animal rescue shelters in Tillamook County.

Pictured are several students learning how to create simple knotted and braided tug toys.

Bobcat Business

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Lia Hull

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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Ice Storm Hits Oregon

By: Daisy Camacho

For the safety of staff and students, the Nestucca Valley School District decided to have three days off last week due to icy road conditions. The week before, Oregon experienced a drastic temperature drop causing the roads to become frozen. Many people experienced frozen pipes, power outages, and the difficulty of getting on the road. Businesses in the area had to keep their shops closed for the safety of their personnel. Sporting events and other school trips were canceled or rescheduled for other dates.



Fafsa Reminder

By: Lia Hull

FAFSA opened up this month, and they are now processing applications. FAFSA is required for Oregon Promise and other scholarships so complete the form as soon as possible. Oregon Promise helps cover tuition costs for any community college for up to 90 credits. Also, if you put your parents' information on your application, they will have to make a student aid account and fill in their tax information for your application to be accepted. The deadline to apply for next school year is June 30.

Wrestling

By: Makayla Webber

On January 23rd, the wrestlers had a home meet and celebrated their senior night. Jonah Higdon and Quinn Hill were in the same bracket. Jonah Higdon won all three his matches and so did Quinn, who pinned all kids in 1st round and had to cut 8 pounds the day before and did it! Kevin lost a kid from willamina and pinned a kid within 40 seconds. Kerrin played two opponents and got pinned by both of them. She said “even tho I lost both I still gain more knowledge and learn new stuff.” Brady won 2 matches out of three. Peyton won 2 and lost 2. Peyton had an addition match. Brysen Mcdonald won 2 and lost 1 matches. Betsy won one out of three. She said the most difficult thing was taking shots at her opponents.



Girls Basketball

By: Daisy Camacho

After several weeks of no games, the Lady Cats finally got the chance to play. On Tuesday January 23rd 2024, they hit the road to go up against Portland Christian. Against Portland Christian, Varsity managed to put 62 points the whole game only allowing them to score 19. At last night's home game against Clatskanie both teams brought home wins. Varsity was able to score 64 against Clatskanie. Good job Bobcats! Come support the Lady Cats today as they go up against the number 3 ranked Knappa Loggers.



Boys Basketball

By: Makayla Webber

Nestucca bobcats basketball teams traveled to Portland, Oregon and went against Portland Christians basketball teams. The boys had a mediocre game. In the JV game Josh knight fell on the ground as another opponent fell on top of him which made josh sit the rest of the games. Then Nolen Hurlimann went up for a dunk and didn't land right and fractured his ankle which made him sit out the rest of the game. The Varsity boys lost their game; with PC almost getting 100 points at the end (99-40). Next the bobcats had a home game against Clatskanie yesterday January 25th. The boys played tough defense the whole time and made Clatskanie fumble the ball a lot. Unfortunately the boys lost the game putting them at 1-5 for league and still ranked at 30 by OSSA. Today the boys have a home game against Knappa. Knappa is 3-4 in league and ranked 17th. Good luck boys!!



Spanish Brass

By: AJ Johns

On January 23rd, the internationally renowned quintet, Spanish Brass, came to the high school and performed for our staff and students. Spanish Brass is a brass quintet, which consists of 2 trumpets, a french horn, trombone, and 1 tuba. They have been playing together for 35 years and are recipients of the Spanish National Music Award, which is Spain's highest musical honor. They have also won the first prize in the International Ville de Narbonne (France) Brass Quintet Competition, considered the most prestigious in the world for this formation.



Spanish Brass was brought to us by the Neskowin Chamber Music Group, which brings approximately 7 featured concerts a year to the Oregon Coast. The performance included several concert pieces of various genres, some even including dance movements. They also demonstrated their playing technique by performing a song without their instruments and by strictly buzzing their lips. This was a very amazing experience for the school community, especially now, we were able to come together as a school and enjoy the beauty and connectivity music brings us all.

Same Cup, Different Taste

By: Lia Hull

Brewed awakening released a new line of drinks this wednesday called "Bobcat Freezes." They are similar to a slushie and are extremely refreshing. They are caffeine-free, milk-free, and come in 2 new flavors: blue raspberry, and watermelon. They are also thinking of releasing more flavors if this line of drinks has the demand, such as black cherry, mango, and coconut. If you want to feel like summer break has started early, come on down to the commons and try the slushie for 2 dollars!



ONE TEACHER WAS PREGNANT, THE OTHER TOOK OFF HIS JOB FOR TWO WEEKS?!?!

By: Makayla Webber

It is my pleasure to introduce John Philip Gianella into this school's history. Amy Gianella married Tevin Gianella in (December), 2020. They had their first child in January, 2023, and named her Lyndie Gianella. Now they finally had their second child, named John Philip Gianella. Baby John was born on January (22, 2024).

Speech Checkup

By: AJ Johns

Our Nestucca Speech Team will be competing this Saturday at a tournament in McMinnville. This is the last tournament until Districts in early March. The team is made up of 5 members: freshman Maddison Ehly, sophomores Ana Whirley, Lilly Shippee and Carly Cook, led by junior Neri Tate. The categories they will be competing in are Duo (Neri and Lilly), Oratory (Carly, Maddison, Neri), Poetry (Carly, Maddison, Lilly, Ana), and Radio (Carly, Lilly).

A quote from Head Coach Kathleen Serven, "Assistant Coach Carissa Albin and I are excited to see how they do. We have a lot of work to get ready for Districts." We are wishing our speechies luck and that their hard work pays off this Saturday.



After School Competition: An Interview With Mr Filosi About The Gaming Club

By: José

Valencia

1. **Bobcat Business:** Who plays in the gaming club?

- **Mr. Filosi:** Preston Heath and Carey Blackwell are competing in the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate tournament this year. (Wyatt Clark also attended most of our practice days, but we never got enough players for a Rocket League team.)

2. **BB:** How long do they play?

- **Mr. F:** Match length varies, but for Smash Bros. the matches are capped at 7 minutes each, best 3 out of 5. So, you have 35 minutes max play time on tournament days if you have to play all 5 matches.

3. **BB:** What other activities make games?

- **Mr. F:** Game options for the Esports tournament this year are:
Super Smash Bros Ultimate, Minecraft, Rocket League, Mario Kart, Splatoon 3.

4. **BB:** How many students play?

- **Mr. F:** The number of students per team depends on the game you want to compete in. This year, Smash Bros. and Minecraft are 1v1, Rocket League is 2v2 or 3v3, and Mario Kart and Splatoon are 4v4. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough players to compete in Rocket League or Mario Kart this year.



5. **BB:** How many days a week do they play?

- **Mr. F:** We practice 5 days per week unless there's a holiday or weather cancellation. This year we have tournament matches on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm. (Last year matches were at 4pm and we only had 1 per week.)

SENIORS

& Senior Parents!

If you are planning on submitting a photo taken by a photographer you hire outside of school to act as your senior photo/photo for the newspaper,

the deadline to submit that senior photo will be

Friday, April 5th, 2024.

If your child's senior photo is not submitted before or on that date, we will use your school issued photo in its place.

Please email your photo/questions
to Yearbook Adviser, Sydney Leja at SydneyL@nestucca.k12.or.us

**If your child has already had their photo taken,
PLEASE don't hesitate to submit it early!**

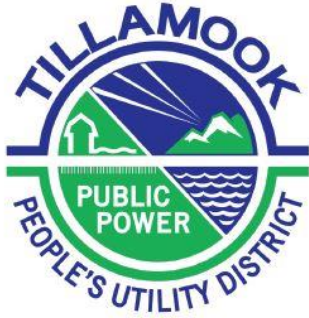
**We can always replace it with a different one
if you change your mind!**

Cheer for the Bobcats

Nestucca High School Cheer team continues its tradition of rallying the fans behind the Bobcat teams. This year's captains Isabelle Henry, Emily Hill, and AJ Johns, led a team of 15 students in cheer and dance during football season. They have added multiple new pep band dances and new and old cheers back on the list to encourage our teams to victory. Basketball season saw some students choose other activities but a strong group of ten remain to cheer on both the wrestling and basketball teams. Bobby the Bobcat mascot even showed up for a few games and assemblies this year. The team would like to thank Kailie, Robin, Alex and Hannah for their support and help this year. Cheer camp for any students in K-8 is offered the week of February 12-15. Camp participants will cheer at the final boy's middle school game on Thursday. Call or email Coach Winesburgh for further information. Let's Go Bobcats!!



Photo Credit: Stefany Moreno Gutierrez



Tillamook PUD Line Worker Program Scholarship

There are two Electric Lineworker Program Scholarships available. The scholarships are intended to increase your knowledge of the utility industry as well as the lineman trade. If you are successful in being selected, \$10,000 will be paid to your school account upon confirmation of your enrollment at a recognized Electrical Lineworker Program (ELP). Applicants must complete a recognized ELP within 24 months of enrollment in the ELP to be eligible. This scholarship is non-transferable to a future ELP.

For more information go to the Nestucca Scholarship page, <https://www.tpud.org/news-community/electrical-line-worker-program-scholarship/> or contact Human Resources Manager, Shane Stuart, at 503-842-2535 or email sstuart@tpud.org.

HIGH SCHOOL WORK PROGRAM

Tillamook PUD has a history of support and partnership with county schools.

One program the PUD is proud of is the High School Work Program. Three high school seniors are hired each fall; one student works in the office, one in the mechanics' shop and one in the warehouse. This program provides an opportunity for the students to learn a broad range of skills, while at the same time providing assistance to the PUD. Students work an average of 15 hours per week.

The High School Work Program typically accepts applications beginning in the spring for the following school year. See the Nestucca Scholarship page or go to <https://www.tpud.org/news-community/high-school-internship-program/> for additional details.



The purposes of the **Oregon State Seal of Biliteracy** are many, but two of the most valuable uses of recognizing your student's skill are to provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills and to provide colleges and universities with a method to recognize and give academic credit to applicants seeking admission. Language skills assessments will begin on Monday, February 12 with Mrs. Elder. You must be registered with her before testing by providing a permission for testing form prior to testing date. Contact her with questions at carae@nestucca.k12.or.us or call at 503-392-3194, ext. 202.

Scholarship Season is beginning to ramp up! Please encourage your students to check our Scholarship Canvas page for all the offerings and apply. There are many scholarships available for students who also want short-term technical training as well and many are not dependent on a high GPA. Here are just a few of the offerings that have due dates coming up. Questions? Contact Cara Elder at carae@nestucca.k12.or.us, Tana Higdon at tanah@nestucca.k12.or.us, or Daniela Moreno at danielam@nestucca.k12.or.us for help.

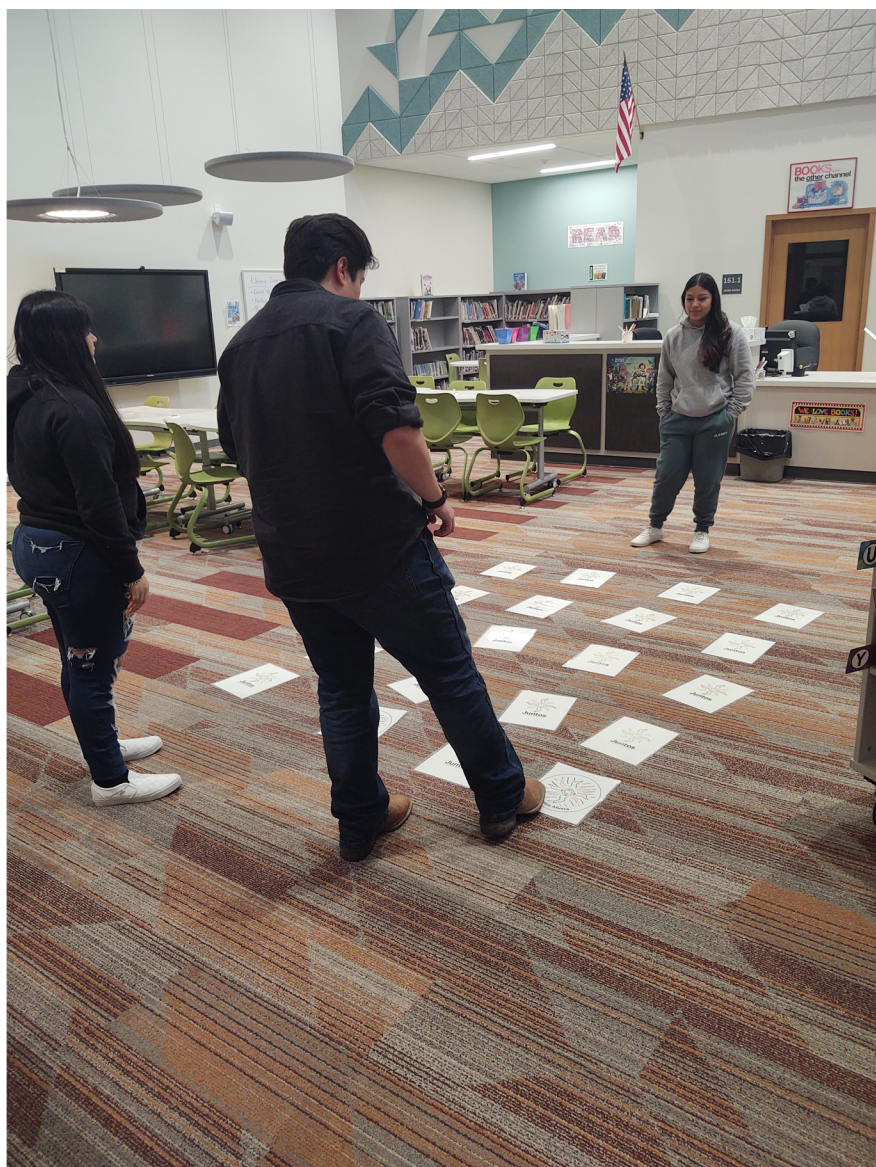
Oregon Barber & Hairdresser Grant Program	February 1
Cesar Chavez Leadership Conference Scholarship	February 1
Elks Scholarship	February 5
APOA Flight Training Scholarship	February 9
Foundation for Rural Service	February 16
The Sister Adele Scholarship for Farmworker Families	February 16
Kiwanis of Tillamook Scholarship	March 9
Microsoft Disability Scholarship	March 13
Fabricators & Manufacturers Association	March 31
Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship	April 1
Lockheed Vocational Tech Scholarship	April 1

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Juntos Club:



New beginnings – shown are Emily and Monse getting to know Nat Macias, Juntos Leader

Nestucca Valley School District's After School Program is now offering a new club for Middle School students at the K-8 site.

Juntos is an educational program through OSU Open Campus and its partners to motivate Latino youth and their families to find paths to higher education through series of family workshops, family gatherings, school clubs and mentoring support, visits to higher education institutions and summer camps.

Applications to join the Middle School Juntos club (grades 6-8) are available in the K-8 school office. Meetings are held on Thursdays, after school at the K-8 site. For accessibility questions and requests, please contact Nat Macias

Natalie.macias@oregonstate.edu

VOLUNTEER STEAM COACH TRAINING

TUESDAY, FEB. 13 AT THE BOATHOUSE
1209 Bay Ln, Garibaldi, OR 97118
9am - Noon: Orientation + Lunch Social
Noon - 2pm: Activity Demos (optional)

You don't have to be an expert,
just someone who is passionate
about helping students learn.



Volunteers Needed for Environmental Education Field Trips: Volunteer STEAM Coach Training

All returning and prospective volunteers are invited to attend our upcoming STEAM Coach Training. STEAM Coaches don't need to be experts, they just need to be passionate about helping students learn!

Tuesday, February 13th

Garibaldi Boathouse (1209 Bay Lane, Garibaldi)

9am-Noon: Orientation, Noon-2pm: Catered Lunch Social and Activity Demos

[RSVP Using This Link](#)

This training will include an orientation for new STEAM Coach Volunteers in the morning, followed by an optional catered lunch social and hands-on demonstrations of upcoming field trip activities. For questions about this training or if you cannot attend but would like to learn about future opportunities, please contact Rachel@tbnep.org

What is the TC STEAM Partnership?

Across the county, a partnership of 20 local organizations works together to provide a variety of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) programs to Tillamook County K-12 students. Together, this partnership offers students numerous experiential education programs, including environmental science field trips, farm-to-table school gardens, science fairs, cultural programming, research projects, professional development, and more. Each year, thousands of Tillamook County students participate in these programs, which are made possible by volunteer STEAM Coaches. In order to offer these community-enriching programs, the TC STEAM Partnership needs volunteer STEAM Coaches to fulfill a variety of roles. STEAM Coaches are people who believe all students should be able to learn about STEAM subjects through educational experiences that are hands-on and inquiry-based.