

# PHS Warrior News

## September 2017



### From the Principal's Office

#### Dear PHS Families-

The PHS staff looks forward to welcoming our families to the 2017-2018 school year at our **PHS Open House** on **September 13th** from **6:00PM to 8:00PM**. As in past years this is the same night for open house at all Philomath schools. PHS teachers will be in their rooms to meet and greet you. Please stop by the office to visit with myself and Assistant Principal Bussard. Junior families will have the opportunity to register for the PSAT at Open House- please stop by and see Ms. Edgemon in the counseling center.

The Philomath School District Vision is for every student to graduate and successfully transition to College, Training or a Career. PHS Site Council is one way to contribute your input regarding our goals and outcomes. One of our indicators for success districtwide is student attendance. As of today, here is a breakdown of our attendance rates to date at PHS: 9th grade 98%, 10th grade 97%, 11th grade 97%, and 12th grade 96%. We are just above our target, but we need your support in maintaining excellent attendance throughout the year. Please e-mail me if you are interested in filling one of the open spots for a parent or business/community member on PHS site council for 2017-2018. We will be meeting one Wednesday per month from 3:30 to 4:30.

**The Oregonian Cup** began in 1999 as a way to recognize overall excellence by schools in academics, activities and athletics. The award honors a school's students, teachers, coaches and the entire school community. Schools earn points based on their participation and finish in OSAA State Championships and for Top 10 finishes in the OSAA Academic All-State Program, sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Oregon. A sportsmanship component, whereby schools are awarded points each season for having no ejections, is included as well. The points are updated and released at the end of Fall and Winter seasons and totaled at the end of the year. We have received our Warrior's ranking for the 2016-2017 school year. Of the forty 4A schools in Oregon PHS ranked 3rd, and in our league we ranked 1st! Congratulations to our students, coaches, staff and families!!

**Safe Oregon** We recognize that creating a safe learning environment is a critical part of helping each child achieve academic success. This year all Philomath schools will be introducing the Safe Oregon Tip Line, a new system that students can use to report school safety threats. Safe Oregon will give your child another medium for communicating with our school administration when school safety incidents occur. How does the Safe Oregon Tip Line work? Students can access the Safe Oregon system through a link on our school web site or they may go directly to the [safeoregon.com](http://safeoregon.com) web site. Tips can be submitted through the web form on the Safe Oregon web site, or by text, email, live call and mobile app. Directions will be provided to students tomorrow during announcements.

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### Moves, Changes and New Staff

Terry Garvin (Athletic Secretary) and Aaron Schermerhorn (Athletic Director) are now located in our front office with Christine Jensen (Attendance Secretary) and Trish Janssen (Office Manager). And if you have not yet met our new registrar, Mandy Misner, you can visit her in the counseling center.

Entrance to the building during school hours has changed this year, and we are aligning with what has been in place at our middle and elementary schools. After you enter into our front door vestibule, please use the entrance buzzer and intercom located to the right of the office door.

I would like to also welcome the following new staff to our building:

- Nick Traini, Manufacturing Technology Teacher
- Shelly Brown, Special Education Teacher
- Brian Knepp, Special Education Teacher
- Tyler Thomas, Special Education Instructional Assistant

### From the Counseling Office

**Grief and Loss Support Group:** In coordination with Benton Hospice, we will be offering a 6 week support group to our students. Please contact your school counselor for more information.

**PSAT:** PSAT sign-up will start at Open House. Interested juniors please stop by and see Ms. Edgemon in the counseling center. The cost is \$20 payable to PHS. The test will be given on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at PHS.

**SAT Review Course:** ( sponsored by Assistance League)

Junior and Seniors are invited to enroll in SAT review classes offered this Fall.

There are six class sessions beginning Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30am to 11:30a, at Cheldelin Middle School, 987 NE Conifer Blvd., Corvallis, OR.

Tuition: \$45 (limited number of scholarships based on student need)

Last day to register: September 18, 2017.

Registration form at [www.alcorvallis.org](http://www.alcorvallis.org)

### From Student Body Office

9/22: Pep Assembly, Tailgator at 5:30PM, 1st Home Football Game, and Dance after game. PHS Homecoming Week is October 2nd through the 7th. Themed dress up days all week.

10/3: Lip Sync Assembly

10/4: PowderPuff Game /Bonfire 7:00-9:30PM, Families are invited to the game.

10/6: Parade around Philomath schools. Morning, Exact Time TBD.

10/6: Homecoming Football Game/Crowning 7:00PM

10/7: Homecoming Dance at PHS 7:30 to 10:00PM

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### Philomath Community Events

(The following are not Philomath School District 17J sponsored events, but may be valuable to our families).

**PYAC Carnival** on September 15th at Clemens Field, 5:30pm-8:30pm. PYAC is looking for high school volunteers to help with setup and cleanup (4:30pm-9:00pm). Sign up in the front office to volunteer.

**Philomath Booster Club** would like to welcome everyone back to school for the 2017-2018 school year! We are excited about the new school year and partnering with PHS coaches, athletes, parents, students, and community members.

The Philomath Booster Club is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization made up of volunteers dedicated to enhancing the experience and enjoyment of athletics by the entire Philomath community – our student athletes, fellow students, families, alumni, faculty, and friends. Join us Mon, October 9, 6:30pm – 8:00pm in the community conference room.

Anybody interested in learning more about the boosters, upcoming activities, volunteer opportunities, and supporting Philomath athletics is encouraged to come to our monthly meetings or visit our website, [www.philomathboosters.com](http://www.philomathboosters.com) for more information.

### Attendance Reminder

When your student is absent, please use the **24 hour PHS Attendance Line** to leave a message letting us know the reason for his/her absence: **541-929-3177**. You can also leave other attendance information on the Attendance Line, such as arranging for early dismissal from school for appointments or informing us that your child will arrive late to school.

Have a **pre-arrange absences** for vacation or medical procedures requiring more than one day away from school? Simply send a note with your child to the PHS Office or email Brian Flannery (cc: Christine Jensen). Give the dates and reason for the absence. Your child will also need to talk with her/his teachers prior to the absence to acquire schoolwork and arrange to make up tests that are scheduled during the pre-arranged absence.

### PHS Calendar of Events

For all PHS activities and athletic events please visit: <http://www.philomath.k12.or.us/schools/phs/calendar/index.php>

If you wish to rent/reserve PHS community meeting room or other facilities please send an email with your request to: Trish Janssen [Trish.Janssen@philomath.k12.or.us](mailto:Trish.Janssen@philomath.k12.or.us)