



PHILOMATH MIDDLE SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Be Brave. Be Kind.

2022-2023 School Year

Back-To-School Open House

The staff invites you and your family to our annual Back-to-School Open House on Wednesday September 14th. Each school will be hosting activities and informational meetings. A schedule of the meetings taking place at the various school campuses will be available in the near future. Philomath Middle School Open House hours are 5:30-7:00pm.

There will be a meeting, during Open House, for 6th Grade parents at 6:15pm in the gym to hear information regarding 6th Grade Outdoor School.

We would like your children to attend this event with you and be your guides for the evening. This is a great time to meet your child's teachers and to talk with your child about their school day.

Bus Routes

If you have any questions regarding your student's bus route, please call Mid Columbia Bus Company at 541-929-5474.

Please remember we as vehicles not be driven through the bus lane after school, while students are waiting for the bus.

Cross Country

Attention all runners!! Cross Country will starting with their first practice September 12th. Our coaches Brian Skaar and Nancy Thompson would love to have your students join the team. The meet schedule will be posted soon on the middle school website.

ALL students who wish to participate will need to have a doctor's physical report on file. If you need to get a physical, you may pick up the paperwork in the office to take with you to the doctor. If you already have a current physical on file from another sport, you will only need to sign the emergency form.

If you or your child have questions please contact Coach Brian Skaar or Coach Nancy Thompson.

Picture Day

Picture day is Tuesday September 27th. The students will take their school picture during the morning. All students are expected to take their picture. Purchase of the pictures is optional. Students will be receiving picture packets to bring home. You may also order pictures on-line at

<https://portraitmasters3120.simplephoto.com/prepay/44959175?code=PMSP922>

Breakfast/Lunch Program

The federal aid that allowed students to eat free school meals is no longer available for the 2022-2023 school year. School breakfast and lunch cost students:

- ⇒ Breakfast will cost \$2.25
- ⇒ Lunch will cost \$3.25
- ⇒ Milk without a meal will cost \$0.60

Oregon is participating in the Oregon Expanded Income Program (EIG). This program allows many more families not normally qualified for federal free and reduces meals to receive school meals at no charge. EIG is designed to provide over 62% of Oregon students with meals at no cost. You will find more information on the Philomath School District website at <https://www.philomathsd.net/parents/food-services> and you can apply for the free and reduced meal program at <https://family.titank12.com/>. We highly encourage families to apply for free and reduced cost meals.

After School Archery

Archery Club is starting soon and will be offered to any current PMS student. A permission form will be provided for all students to pick up from their advisory teacher. Permission forms will need to be completed and returned prior to participation

Important Dates:

September 14.....Back to School Open House

September 27.....Picture Day

October 14.....Parent Conferences/NO SCHOOL



Philomath Youth Activities Club

The Philomath Youth Activities Club still has openings at the Clemens Clubhouse. The Clubhouse is open to 4th through 8th graders from after school until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cost is \$40 per month. We offer a place to hang out, free snack, computer lab use for homework until 4:30, pool, foosball, air hockey and some STEM and art/crafts projects. Find the registration form on our website at www.pyac.net

Getaway Giveaway Raffle Tickets are now available! 3 for \$25 or 1 for \$10

Our grand prize this year is a week long stay at any WorldMark Resort! We only have 1,000 tickets available, so don't wait! Contact our office or any PYAC Board member to purchase your tickets today. Drawing Date: October 17, 2022

At this time, we have openings in 4th – 8th grade volleyball, 3- 4th flag football and 5th – 8th grade tackle football. We are in need of volunteer coaches for flag football, tackle football and volleyball. Contact us if you might be interested in volunteering, we are facing some levels not getting a chance to play this season if we aren't able to find enough coaches.

Covid Take Home Tests

We have Covid Take Home Tests available for all students. If interested, please visit the school office and pick up a test to take home.

Volunteers Needed

Philomath Middle School welcomes volunteers throughout the school year. If you plan to volunteer or chaperone any field trips please be sure to have a current volunteer application and background check on file at the district office. Volunteer background checks are good for 3 years. Please go to the Philomath School District website and follow the "Volunteers Register Here" link to fill out the background check. All volunteer background checks are done electronically through this link.

The Le Stew Learning Lounge

The Le Stew Learning Lounge is a space where students can come during lunch to do school work. We are pleased to announce this program has seen much success!! Students receive grade reports, organizational help, and assistance with class work for any subject matter. If you have a student who could use some extra support, we would love to see

them in Le Stew. If you have any questions please contact Adeline Stewart adeline.stewart@philomath.k12.or.us or Nancy Thompson nancy.thompson@philomath.k12.or.us

Incoming 7th graders

Incoming 7th graders need a Tdap booster. This is a requirement by the Oregon Law for school attendance. Most students have 5 DTap (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis) vaccines, and need a Tdap booster for this age group. These boosters can be administered through a provider office and/or pharmacy. If your student is not up to date for required immunization, by February, they will be excluded from school on the exclusion date (the third Wednesday of February of each year).

Strengthening Rural Families

Strengthening families is a ten week class for adults and their young teens to attend together. Adults and Youth will learn ways to build healthy communication and relationships including how to identify their own strengths and connect socially and emotionally.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES CLASS
 Designed for families AND their youth ages 12-15 years old

This class, taught by PK McCoy & Nina Petrovich, is for adults and their young teens together, to help build family strengths.

Thursdays,
September 29 -
December 8
6:00pm-8:00pm
Dinner @ 5:30pm
Held at Philomath
Middle School
\$30 per person/
\$45 per couple
Childcare included

Adults and youth will learn:

- ways to build healthy communication and relationships between adults and peers
- how to identify their own strengths
- how to connect socially and emotionally
- what it means to be resilient
- how parents/caregivers and youth both develop and change during this time in the young teen's life
- ways adults can support and build confidence during the normal and common youth challenges

Contact Jennifer to register and reserve your childcare space by phone: (541) 929-2535 or at jennifer.srf@ruralfamilies.org

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