

WEEKLY WARRIOR

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF PHILOMATH HIGH SCHOOL

Trimester 3 Begins March 16th – What Families Need to Know

Our third trimester kicks off on Monday, March 16th, and with it comes new classes and a new schedule for many students. We encourage all students to log into Synergy before Monday to confirm their schedule so they know exactly where they need to be on the first day. Grades from Trimester 2 should be available in Synergy by March 20th, stay tuned to our next newsletter for more details on that as information becomes available.

As schedules shift, please know that schedule changes are very limited and must meet specific criteria to be approved. Acceptable reasons for a schedule change request include:

- Incorrect course level or missing prerequisite(s)
- Conflict with an LBCC class through the Beyond PHS program
- Graduation requirement fulfillment (12th grade only)
- Work schedule accommodation for morning or afternoon availability
- Athletic eligibility maintenance
- Duplicate class or sequencing error within the same trimester



If your student's situation falls under one of these categories, please have them sign up to see their counselor as soon as possible, counselors are ready to help work through the process and get the right change in place. Classes can be dropped without penalty until April 10th. Additionally, if your student is serving as an aide, peer tutor, or has an off-campus period, please watch for a form coming home in the next week that will require a parent signature.

Graduate EVERY student and transition each of them into a job, training, or college.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 13 TH	FORECASTING WINDOW CLOSES
MARCH 16 TH	NEW TRIMESTER
MARCH 17 TH	CAREER CONVENTION (JUNIORS ONLY)
MARCH 19 TH	WINTER SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT
MARCH 23 - 27 TH	SPRING BREAK
APRIL 7 - 8 TH	STATE TESTING (JUNIORS ONLY)

EVERY DAY COUNTS: WHY REGULAR ATTENDANCE MATTERS FOR YOUR HIGH SCHOOLER

If your student is attending school between 80–89% of the time, it may not seem like a serious problem – they're still showing up most days, after all. But that attendance rate means missing roughly two to three days every month, which quietly adds up to nearly three to four weeks of school by year's end. At the high school level, the stakes are real: chronic absence can directly impact a student's ability to achieve in their classes and ultimately graduate from high school ([Attendance Works](#)). Each missed day means missed instruction, missed discussions, and missed opportunities to build the skills and credits your student needs to move forward.

Before calling your student in absent, it's worth asking: does this absence truly need to happen? A helpful gut-check is the "fever, diarrhea, or vomiting" rule, if your teen isn't experiencing one of those three things, chances are they can be in school. Since the pandemic, many families have fallen into the habit of keeping students home for minor symptoms that wouldn't have warranted an absence before ([RAND](#)) and those small decisions add up quickly over a trimester. Doctor appointments, errands, and late nights are worth working around when possible. High school moves fast, and consistent attendance keeps your student on track for graduation, college, and career. The habit of showing up, even when it's hard, is one of the most valuable lessons high school can teach, and it's one that follows your student into adulthood and beyond.



Forecasting Is Open!

THE FORECASTING WINDOW IS OPEN MARCH 3-13, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERY STUDENT AND FAMILY IS PREPARED. ON MARCH 3RD, STUDENTS ATTENDED A FORECASTING ASSEMBLY WHERE THEY HEARD ABOUT ALL OF THE CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.

WE ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO CHECK IN WITH THEIR STUDENT ABOUT WHICH COURSES THEY ARE PLANNING TO SELECT. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE INTERESTED IN, WHAT THEY'RE EXCITED ABOUT, AND HOW THEIR CHOICES CONNECT TO THEIR FUTURE GOALS.

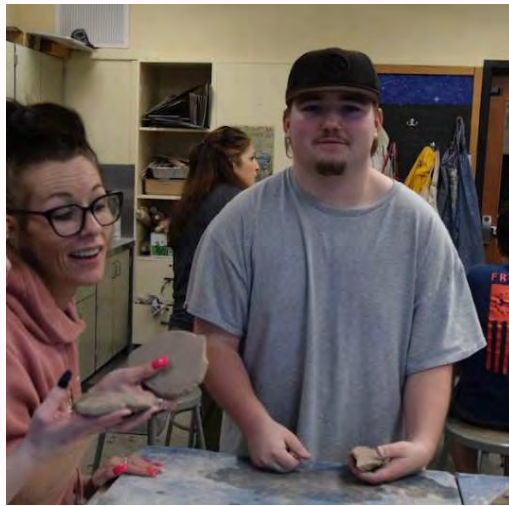
COURSE SELECTION MATTERS MORE THAN YOU MIGHT THINK. PHS BUILDS ITS MASTER SCHEDULE BASED ON THE COURSES STUDENTS FORECAST FOR. THIS MEANS WE PLAN STAFFING, SECTIONS, AND RESOURCES AROUND THE INFORMATION WE RECEIVE DURING THIS WINDOW, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHY SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUESTS ARE LIMITED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEN STUDENTS MAKE THOUGHTFUL, INTENTIONAL CHOICES DURING FORECASTING, IT SETS THEM UP FOR A SMOOTHER AND MORE SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR.

WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO THINK CAREFULLY AND CHOOSE CLASSES THEY ARE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN OR THAT WILL SUPPORT THEIR FUTURE GOALS. IF A STUDENT OR FAMILY HAS ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHICH COURSES MIGHT BE THE RIGHT FIT, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO THE HIGH SCHOOL, WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP GUIDE THOSE CONVERSATIONS.

Art Night

"The Art Department wrapped up the trimester with a celebration of student work at Art Night Tri 2! There were 50+ students and family members present to make art, share a meal, and see the creations made by student artists.



EARNING COLLEGE CREDIT AT PHILOMATH HIGH SCHOOL

Did you know that PHS students have multiple pathways to earn college credit while still in high school? Whether your student is aiming for a head start on a degree, exploring a career field, or simply looking to challenge themselves academically, there are excellent options available right here in Philomath.

Ways to Earn College Credit at PHS

1. College Now Classes

College Now classes are taught right here at PHS by our own staff. Students earn both **high school credit and college credit** simultaneously — all while staying in the familiar environment of their own school. This is a great way to get a taste of college-level coursework without leaving campus.

2. Beyond PHS (LBCC Partnership)

Through our partnership with Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC), students have the opportunity to take courses **directly from LBCC**. These classes also earn both high school and college credit. Philomath School District covers the cost of these courses (some exceptions may apply), though some restrictions do apply. Please see the course catalog or reach out to the high school for more information on eligibility and enrollment.

3. Advanced Placement (AP) Classes

AP courses are rigorous, college-level classes offered at PHS. At the end of the year, students have the opportunity to take the **AP Exam** in that subject. A qualifying score (typically a 3 or higher on a 5-point scale) may be accepted by colleges and universities for credit or course placement — potentially saving students time and tuition costs down the road. AP classes are a nationally recognized way to demonstrate college readiness.

Philomath High School Course	LBCC Course Number	LBCC Course Title	LBCC Credit
AP US History	HST201	US History: Origins - 1820	4
AP US History	HST202	US History: 1820 - 1920	4
AP US History	HST203	US History: 1920 - Present	4
AP US Government & Politics	PS201	Intro American Politics Government	3
College Fiction	ENG 104Z	Introduction to Fiction	4
College Poetry	ENG 106Z	Introduction to Poetry	4
College Writing	WR 121Z	Composition I	4
Math in Society	MTH 105Z	Math in Society	4
Pre-Calculus A	MTH 111Z	Precalculus I: Functions	4
Pre-Calculus B	MTH 112Z	Precalculus II: Trigonometry	4
AP Calculus A	MTH 251	Differential Calculus	5
AP Calculus B	MTH 252	Integral Calculus	5
Spanish 3/4	SPAN 101-103	First Year Spanish	
Health Occupations 2	HE110	First Aid and CPR	1
Culinary Arts 1 or 2	CA111	Food Service Safety and Sanitation	1
AP Computer Science	CS160	Orientation to Computer Science	4
Child Development	ED220	Intro to Early Childhood	
Cadet Teaching	ED101	Observation and Guidance	4
Drafting I	EG 4.409	Drafting Fundamentals	2
Mechanical Design & CNC Operations	EG 4.411	Orientation to CAD	4
Machine Tool 1	MA3.396B	Manufacturing Processes I	2

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**THE SENIOR ALL
NIGHT PARTY**

A BLAST!

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ALL PURCHASES WILL BE
GIVEN TO A PHS SENIOR
AT THE SENIOR ALL
NIGHT PARTY.

Class of 2026--this is your year! Check out important dates on the Senior Calendar:



March:

March 23-27 Spring Break



April:

April 15 Philomath Community Foundation Scholarships Deadline

May:

May 4-15 AP Testing Window

May 4 Mandatory: Senior Meeting

May 9 PROM

May 12 Graduation Response -Google Form Due

May 12 Auditions for graduation speeches/music

May 26-29 Homegoing/S week

May 29 Field Day

May 31 Sunday @ 6:00 Baccalaureate

June:

June 2 Tuesday @ 6:00 Honors Convocation

June 4 No later than 8:00 am Fees due to Office Manager

June 5 Official Transcript Request Form Due

June 5 Senior Breakfast hosted by PHS Staff & Senior Last Day

June 5 Senior Checkout & Parade of Grads & Grad Practice Day:

June 6 @ 11:00 Graduation

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IF I WERE MAYOR...

CONTEST



DEADLINE

16 MARCH

2026



**GRADES
9-12**

All entries must include an entry form.
For more information please visit the link below

[philomathoregon.gov/city-council/page/
if-i-were-mayor-contest](https://philomathoregon.gov/city-council/page/if-i-were-mayor-contest)



ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Girls Basketball



The girls basketball team advanced to the OSAA Class 4A Girls Basketball State Tournament for the eighth straight season after defeating Molalla High School 55-24 in a dominant playoff win. Led by Jordyn Hood's 18 points, the Warriors jumped out to an early 16-0 lead and controlled the game with strong defense and balanced scoring. Philomath will open the state tournament with a rematch against rival Stayton High School at Forest Grove High School on Thursday, March 12th. Tip off is set for 1:30pm.

Alpine Ski Racing



Senior, Ana Candanoza, qualified for the Oregon Alpine Ski Racing State Championships and will compete Thursday, March 12th and Friday, March 13th at Mt. Hood Meadows in both slalom and giant slalom after several top-six finishes this season with the Eugene High School Ski Team. The top 12 racers at the state meet will advance to the Western U.S. High School Championships on March 15-18 at Loveland Ski Area in Colorado.

Boys Basketball



The boys basketball team saw its season end with a 62-50 loss to St. Helens High School in the first round of the OSAA Class 4A Boys Basketball Playoffs. Despite 18 points from Jamin Peters, the Warriors struggled defensively and couldn't recover from an early deficit.

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Information

Below you will find links to corresponding sites that will provide you with current information for athletics and activities.

OSAA

- Game schedules; dismissal, departure, and return times; rosters; coaches contact information, etc.

PHS Athletics Page

- Calendar, sports registration, athletic forms, athletic handbook and policies, athletic fundraisers, etc.

Athletic.net

- XC and Track and Field meet information.

Philomath News

- Local coverage about Warrior sports.

Please note that game times are subject to change, so please check schedules prior to scheduled events.

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