

WEEKLY WARRIOR

Official Newsletter of Philomath High School

Freshman Orientation Transforms "Braves into Warriors"

The high school kicked off the new academic year Tuesday with a special half-day orientation designed exclusively for incoming freshman students. Organized by the ASB, the event provided ninth-graders with their first official taste of high school life under the spirited theme "Turning Braves into Warriors."

The morning program offered new students an introduction to their high school experience, combining practical preparation with social activities. Freshmen had the opportunity to meet their teachers face-to-face before classes officially begin, helping to ease the transition from middle school. The orientation also included guided schedule walk-throughs, allowing students to navigate their daily routes and locate classrooms without the pressure of crowded hallways.



The celebration concluded with a pizza lunch, giving freshmen additional time to socialize and reflect on their morning experiences. The half-day format, ending at noon, provided just the right amount of introduction without overwhelming students on their first day.

The "Turning Braves into Warriors" theme captured the essence of the transition these students are making, acknowledging their journey from middle school while welcoming them into the high school. The ASB's organization of this orientation sets a positive tone for the incoming class.

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



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Dates to Remember

September

5 th	Home Football Game Student Tailgater (5:30 - 6:30pm)
17 th	Back to School Night (6:45 - 8:00pm)
19 th	Home Football Game Student Tailgater (5:30 - 6:30pm)
19 th	Glow Dance (9 - 10:30pm)



Important Update: High School Office Hours Change

This adjustment brings us in line with district-wide operations and better supports our dedicated staff members. The new schedule will help ensure consistent service across all schools in our district while accommodating the needs of our team.

We want to inform you of an important change to our high school office hours. Beginning immediately, our main office will be open from **7:30 AM to 3:30 PM** on regular school days. This adjustment brings us in line with district-wide operations and better supports our dedicated staff members. The new schedule will help ensure consistent service across all schools in our district while accommodating the needs of our team.

What this means for you:

- Office services will be available starting at 7:30 AM each morning
- The office will close at 3:30 PM daily
- All student services, enrollment, and administrative support will operate within these hours

We appreciate your understanding as we implement this change and thank you for your continued cooperation. We are committed to providing excellent service to students and families during these updated hours.

Personal Electronic Device Use-Free Environment: Strong Start

We're excited to report that our new personal electronic device policy has gotten off to an excellent start! Students have been incredibly respectful of the bell-to-bell device-use-free environment, and we want to thank our families for their tremendous support during this transition.



How It's Working

The response from our school community has been overwhelmingly positive. Students are arriving to class ready to engage, participate in discussions, and focus on their learning without the distraction of notifications, messages, or the temptation to check their devices. Teachers are reporting more meaningful classroom interactions and improved student attention.

A Simple Tip for Success

Here's a helpful strategy we're sharing with your child: **Keep their phone or device in your bag on silent mode throughout the school day.** Even when devices are put away, vibrations and notification sounds can still draw attention away from learning. By keeping devices completely silent and stored in backpacks, students can stay fully present in their educational experience.

Staying Connected

We understand that family communication is important. If you need to get a message to your child during school hours, please don't hesitate to call our main office at 541-929-3211. Our staff will ensure any important messages reach your child promptly and appropriately.

Looking Ahead

This policy supports our commitment to creating an environment where students can build stronger relationships with peers and teachers, develop better focus and listening skills, and fully engage with their coursework. The positive response we've seen this week shows our school community's dedication to supporting student success.

Thank you for partnering with us to create the best possible learning environment for all our students. Your support makes all the difference in helping this initiative succeed.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Gridiron Action Starts

Philomath football lit up the field with explosive plays on the offensive end. Despite tying the game at halftime, the Warriors wore down against Stayton's punishing running attack, ultimately falling 52-27. The Warriors play next on Friday, 9/5 at home versus Newport.



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Momentum Rising - Volleyball



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Philomath High School volleyball looks to build on last year's conference title and playoff run with most of its starters returning. Coach Whitney Rasmussen, in her second season, is emphasizing defensive and blocking improvements. Led by experienced captains, the team is aiming for an even deeper postseason push this season. Their first home game is on Tuesday, 9/9 versus Warrenton.



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PHS Athletic Events Next Week

Monday, September 8

- JV Football @ Newport 6pm
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Elmira 4pm

Tuesday, September 9

- Volleyball vs Warrenton
 - 4:30pm JV, 6pm Varsity
- Girls Soccer vs Gladstone
 - 4pm Varsity (Endowment)
 - 5:30pm JV

Wednesday, September 10

- XC @ Country Fair Classic (Veneta)

Thursday, September 11

- Volleyball vs Marist
 - 4:30pm JV & JV2
 - 6pm Varsity
- Boys Soccer vs Marist
 - 4pm Varsity
 - 5:30pm JV
- Girls Soccer @ Marist
 - 4:30pm JV
 - 6pm Varsity

Saturday, September 13

- Volleyball JV Tournament 8am @PHS

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XC Teams Ready to Run

Philomath High School's cross-country teams opened their season at Western Oregon University's 3K race. The boys placed 12th, and the girls 4th. Their next meet is on Saturday, 9/6 at the Ultimook Race in Tillamook.



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Soccer Teams Host Jamoboree

Last week both soccer teams kicked off their season by hosting a jamboree. The Girls Soccer team travels to Bend this weekend for a two game tournament, then turns around next week to play their first home game on Tuesday versus Gladstone. The Boys team plays host to Elmira on Monday, 9/8. Both teams will face Marist next week on Thursday, 9/11 with the boys at home and girls team on the road.



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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.

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- 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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