

# WEEKLY WARRIOR

Official Newsletter of Philomath High School

## Alice Eldridge Receives Prestigious 2025 OSTA Award

*Celebrating Excellence in Science Education*

We are thrilled to announce that our very own Alice Eldridge has been selected as the recipient of the 2025 OSTA Outstanding High School Classroom Teacher Award!



This prestigious award from the Oregon Science Teachers Association recognizes Alice's outstanding work in motivating student achievement, creating excitement in science teaching, and demonstrating exceptional commitment beyond the classroom. Her nomination was submitted by Laura Saxe-O'Brien, who recognized Alice's extraordinary contributions to science education.

The Oregon Science Teachers Association's mission includes recognizing outstanding science educators across our state, and Alice exemplifies the vital role that high school science teachers play in our students' lives. Through her dedication, Alice expands students' scientific knowledge, fosters critical thinking skills, and prepares our young learners for college, careers, and lifelong engagement in science.

What makes Alice's teaching truly special is her ability to help students connect complex scientific concepts to real-world applications. She inspires our students to see themselves as capable and curious scientific thinkers, building both their confidence and their passion for discovery.

Please join us in congratulating Alice Eldridge on this well-deserved recognition. Her commitment to excellence in science education continues to make a lasting impact on our students and our school community.

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



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# Dates to Remember

## September

30<sup>th</sup> Picture Retakes starting at 7:45 in auditorium

## October

1<sup>st</sup> FASFA is open

9 - 10<sup>th</sup> Conferences

30-31<sup>st</sup> No School

## FAMILY VS. STUDENT CHALLENGE: WOULD YOU RATHER?

In last week's 'Would You Rather,' students and parents were posed with the question: **Would you rather have a self-cleaning toilet... or a bed that makes itself?** Results are in.

The students and parents were completely divided. Students decided that having self-making beds was a more comforting thought, while parents concluded that a self-cleaning toilet would keep their minds fresh. Thank you to everyone who participated last week. **Don't forget to participate this week using the QR code!**

This week, you are faced with an interesting prompt: **Would you rather be an extra in a movie about your own life, or would you rather be the star in a film about your least favorite person?** Check back in next week for the results of this week's 'Would You Rather!'



# A HOW-TO GUIDE: ACCESSING CANVAS AS A PARENT

## GET THE PAIRING CODE:

Have your student log into their own Canvas account, navigate to their Account or Settings, and locate the option to Pair with an Observer (far right of screen; bottom of the column). They will generate a unique pairing code that you will need.

## CLICK THIS LINK:

<https://www.instructure.com/canvas/login>

## START THE PARENT SIGNUP:

On the login screen, scroll down and look for the link that says "Create a free basic Canvas account," and click it.

## ENTER YOUR INFORMATION:

You'll be directed to a sign-up form where you'll need to enter your name, your email address, and create a password for your parent account. You will also select the "Parent/Observer" option for the "Account Type" field.

## ADD THE PAIRING CODE:

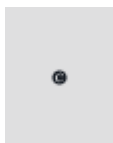
Enter the Student Pairing Code your student gave you into the designated field.

## AGREE AND PARTICIPATE:

Click the checkbox to agree to the terms of use and then click the "Submit" button to create your account and link to your student.

## BEGIN OBSERVING:

You will now have access to your student's Canvas account as an observer.



**CLICK HERE FOR A STEP BY STEP  
PRESENTATION (IMAGES)**

# Important Reminder: Personal Electronic Device Policy Enforcement Begins Monday, September 29th

We want to remind all students and families that starting **Monday, September 29th**, the warning period for personal electronic device use will end. From 8:00 AM to 3:10 PM, we will begin implementing the consequences outlined in our policy for any use of personal electronic devices, including cell phones and smartwatches.

## Personal Electronic Device Policy Reminder:

In accordance with the Governor of Oregon's executive order, Philomath High School maintains a personal electronic device use free environment during regular school hours to improve academic outcomes by ensuring students are fully engaged in learning.

## Personal Electronic Devices include any device capable of:

- Making and receiving calls or text messages
- Accessing the internet independently from school networks
- **Note: This does not apply to school-issued electronics**

## Consequences for violations may include:

- Device confiscation
- Detention
- Friday School



We appreciate how well students have adjusted to our personal electronic device use free environment this year. This policy helps create a distraction-free learning space that supports academic success and personal well-being.

Thank you for helping us maintain a focused learning environment where all students can thrive academically and personally.

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**" STUDENTS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED  
FOR THEIR POSITIVE BEHAVIOR BY STAFF!"**

# IMPORTANT!

## ***It's almost Conference Time!***

PHS Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Oct 9<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm and again on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> from 8-11:30 am. Conferences will be arena style, meaning that all teachers will be in the PHS Auditorium.

## **PHRED Club Students Shine at Lions Club Meeting**



Three PHRED club team members presented to the Lions Club, speaking clearly and eloquently about their robotics experiences. The students did a wonderful job with their presentation and demonstration, showcasing their robot to the impressed community members.

# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

## Boys Soccer Looking Strong Headed Into League Play



Photo Credit Philomath News

Philomath High's boys soccer squad closed out its nonconference slate in style, taking down unbeaten Gladstone 4-1. Sophomore standout Sammy Hernandez scored three times — including a goal less than a minute into the match — while the Warriors' defense, led by senior Blake Hauck, kept the Gladiators in check. Head coach Dave Ellis pointed to the team's fitness, unity, and senior leadership as keys to their success heading into league play.

## Philomath Football Cruises Past North Bend 25-7

Philomath High made a strong statement Friday night, rolling past North Bend 25-7 at Clemens Field. The Warriors showcased a balanced attack — AJ Altishin threw for nearly 300 yards, CD Nuño and Rocco De La Rosa kept the passing game dangerous, and Gavin Bennett and Josiah Peters added highlight-reel touchdowns. With almost 400 yards of offense despite missing several starters, Philomath moved to 2-1 and carries momentum into this Friday's trip to The Dalles.



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## PHS Athletic Events Next Week

### Tuesday, September 30

- Volleyball @ Cascade
  - 4:30pm JV and Jv2
  - 6pm Varsity
- Boys Soccer vs Stayton
  - 4pm Varsity
  - 5:30pm JV
- Girls Soccer @ Stayton
  - 4pm JV
  - 6pm Varsity

### Thursday, October 2

- Volleyball vs North Marion
  - 4:30pm JV
  - 6pm Varsity
- Boys Soccer vs Cascade
  - 4pm Varsity
  - 5:30pm JV
- Girls Soccer @ Cascade
  - 5pm Varsity
  - 5pm JV

### Friday, October 3

- Varsity Football @ Crescent Valley 7pm

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## PHS Cross-Country Shines- 43-Year-Old Record Broken

At the Mook Cross-Country Invite, Philomath senior Leo Pausch delivered a historic performance, running 15:10.5 to erase a 43-year-old school record. He was joined by teammates Lukas Hernandez and Galen Murch, who posted personal bests that now rank among the fastest times in school history, as the Warriors placed 12th as a team. The girls' squad, racing without its top runner, still impressed with all four athletes setting PRs, highlighted by freshman Sienna Bushnell and sophomore Reagan Nuño moving into the program's all-time rankings.



Photo Credit Philomath News

## PHS Volleyball Sets Tone For Conference With Dominant Play



Photo Credit Philomath News

Philomath High started conference play on a strong note Tuesday, sweeping Sweet Home in straight sets, 25-19, 25-11, 25-14. The Warriors leaned on standout performances from senior Taylor Hudson, who delivered eight kills and four aces, and junior Nora Stanley, who added 10 kills, while senior setter Avery Smith piled up 24 assists. Coach Whitney Thomas used the matchup to push her team out of its comfort zone offensively, calling it a valuable step as Philomath (5-3) continues to sharpen its game as league play continues next week with the team traveling to Cascade on Tuesday and then a home match versus North Marion.

### 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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