

WEEKLY WARRIOR

Official Newsletter of Philomath High School

COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK SUPPORTS SENIORS IN PLANNING THEIR FUTURES

What Happened Last Week

Expert Guidance and Support: Throughout the week, students took advantage of drop-in sessions for help with college applications, essays, and FAFSA completion.

College Representatives On Campus: We welcomed visitors from several institutions, including Willamette University, University of Oregon, Northwest University, LBCC, and University of Fairbanks Alaska.

Educational Workshops: Seniors had the opportunity to attend sessions covering essential topics such as the Common Application, paying for college, playing sports in college, and LBCC's Dual Partnership Program.

Family Engagement: Families joined us for the ECMC Paying for College Night on Wednesday evening, where they learned valuable strategies for financing higher education.

Student Engagement: Students participated in College Application Week Bingo and entered prize drawings for completing their FAFSA applications, adding an element of fun to this important process.



- 38 Students worked on college - 13 submitted applications.
- 4 students worked on trade school applications.
- 11 conversations about the future
- 9 applied for FAFSA
- 3 applied for Oregon Promise
- 1 met with Air Force

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



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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

30-31ST

NO SCHOOL

Family vs. Student Challenge: Would You Rather?

Last week's 'Would You Rather' question was: **Would you rather never lose your temper, or never lose your keys/wallet?**

Here's what our participants had to say!

Students and parents were completely split! Parents agreed that keeping their temper in check was more important than keeping track of personal items. The students seem to be fed up with misplacing their belongings!

This week's question is very interesting: **Would you rather have a species of bird named after you, or a comet that can only be seen from Earth for one week every 25 years?** Use the QR code to participate!



UNDERSTANDING OUR BIAS INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM



At our high school, we are committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all students. We want to ensure that families are aware of the systems we have in place for reporting bias incidents and how we respond when concerns are raised.

WHAT IS A BIAS INCIDENT?

A bias incident is any behavior or action directed at someone based on their perceived protected class, including race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or other characteristics. Examples include:

- **Name-calling** using racial, ethnic, or other slurs, or using degrading language
- **Creating racist or derogatory graffiti** or images/drawings
- **Imitating someone** with a disability, or mocking someone's cultural norms or practices
- **Assaulting, injuring, or touching someone** in an offensive manner because of their perceived protected classes
- **Threatening to physically harm** a person, their family, or their property based on their perceived protected class



SAY SOMETHING: STAND UP FOR WHAT'S RIGHT

Our school participates in the Say Something campaign, a national initiative that empowers students to recognize warning signs and threats, especially within their peer groups, and report them to a trusted adult before it's too late. We encourage all students to say something when they see something concerning—whether it's a bias incident or any other safety issue. Speaking up can make a difference in creating a supportive school community where everyone looks out for one another.



HOW STUDENTS CAN REPORT

We have established multiple accessible reporting channels for students:

Bias Incident Reporting Google Form: Students can access this form by scanning the QR code below, through a link in their Homeroom Canvas class, or via the high school website. All students received instruction on this reporting system during the first week of school.



General Concerns Reporting Form: For concerns that may not meet the criteria for a bias incident but still need attention, students can use our general concerns reporting form by scanning the QR code below. This system was introduced during the same training session as the bias incident reporting system.



SafeOregon Tip Line: SafeOregon is a statewide, confidential safety tip line available 24/7, 365 days a year. Students can submit tips about safety concerns, including bias incidents, through the SafeOregon website at safeoregon.com, by calling **844-472-3367**, or by downloading the SafeOregon mobile app. Trained crisis counselors monitor the tip line and forward reports to appropriate school officials for follow-up.

OUR RESPONSE PROCESS

Anonymous Reporting: Students may report anonymously through any of these systems. While anonymous reports are valuable and help us identify patterns and trends through data analysis, our ability to follow up directly with the reporter may be limited.

Identified Reporting: When a student provides their name, a building administrator will reach out to have a conversation. This allows us to gather complete information, address the incident appropriately, provide support, and ensure the student's safety. **Student identities will be kept confidential to the greatest extent possible, and we take measures to protect students who come forward from any retaliation or further harm.**



CONSEQUENCES AND ACCOUNTABILITY

When a bias incident is reported, we take it seriously and respond according to the severity of the incident. Consequences vary based on the circumstances and may include parent meetings, do-not-contact contracts, detention(s), Friday School, suspension, behavior plans, or involvement of law enforcement when appropriate. **Due to student privacy laws, we are unable to share the specific outcomes or consequences with individuals outside of the student and family directly involved.** We understand this can be frustrating for those who report incidents, but please know that all reports are thoroughly investigated and addressed.

WORKING TOGETHER

We believe that open communication between school and home strengthens our ability to address concerns effectively. If your student witnesses or experiences a bias incident, we encourage them to use these reporting systems. If you have questions about our reporting process or wish to discuss a concern directly, please contact a building administrator. Together, we can maintain a school environment where every student feels valued, respected, and safe.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS _ JOIN US!

Love reading? Join Battle of the Books! Oregon Battle of the Books is a statewide reading program where students work in teams to read books and compete in quiz-style competitions.

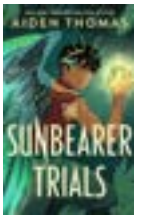
Participating students will read from a list of 12 award-winning titles, including *All My Rage* by Sabaa Tahir, *Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas, *Dragon Hoops* by Gene Luen Yang, *Legends & Lattes* by Travis Baldree, *Ship Breaker* by Paolo Bacigalupi, and *Six Crimson Cranes* by Elizabeth Lim. The full book list and books are available in the library.

Informational Meeting:

Late October (check the library for the exact date)

Questions? See Amy in the library

Faculty Advisor: KiKi Klipfel



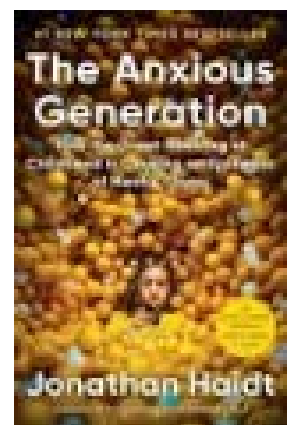
School competitions are typically held in late January through February, with regional tournaments in March and the state tournament on April 11, 2026. Don't miss this chance to celebrate reading, teamwork, and academic excellence!



DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WEEK: OCTOBER 20-24

Next week, we'll be observing Digital Citizenship Week in our homerooms. Digital citizenship is about much more than simply knowing how to use electronic devices—it's about being safe, savvy, and social in our online world.

Throughout the year, we dedicate 4-6 homeroom lessons to digital citizenship topics. This year, we're adding education around AI and its appropriate use to help students navigate this rapidly evolving technology responsibly.



While our students are digital natives, many of us as parents are not. That's why ongoing conversations at home are so important. We encourage families to read *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt to better understand the challenges and opportunities of raising children in this digital age.

Let's work together to help our students become thoughtful, responsible digital citizens.



**Benton
County**

HYGIENE DRIVE

*Donate hygiene items to be distributed here in our community!
Collecting October 6th-20th*

Option 1

- 1) Purchase item(s) from the list
- 2) Drop off in labeled bin

Option 2

- 1) Scan the QR code
- 2) Purchase item(s) from Amazon
Wishlist (will ship directly to Love INC)



List of Most Needed Items

[All items must be new]

unscented/sensitive options appreciated

****individually wrapped if bulk quantities****

- Laundry Detergent
- Feminine Hygiene Items
- Toothpaste
- Hand Soap
- Hair Brushes
- Shampoo / Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Bar Soap
- Dish Soap
- Lotion
- Tooth brushes
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Bath Wash
- Baby Diapers
- Baby Wipes

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- DRYLAND PRACTICES TWICE A WEEK IN EUGENE
- LEAGUE RACES AT WILLAMETTE PASS + HOODOO



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BY
NOV 30**

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EugeneHighSchoolSkiTeam.com



ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

PHS Rolls Past Cottage Grove, 33-6



Photo Credit Philomath News

Philomath's offense came alive in the second half to secure a 33-6 win over Cottage Grove, highlighted by quarterback AJ Altishin's 292 passing yards and four touchdowns. The Warriors' defense made key adjustments after halftime, shutting down Cottage Grove's running game and forcing multiple turnovers. With the victory, Philomath improved to 4-2 on the season, regaining momentum ahead of its homecoming matchup against Junction City.

Girls Soccer Extends Winning Streak with Dominant 6-0 Victory



Photo Credit Philomath News

Philomath High sophomore Kya Bolton contributed to five of six goals in the Warriors' 6-0 shutout win over Sweet Home, keeping the team unbeaten in conference play at 6-0 and 10-1 overall. Junior Jordyn Hood added two quick second-half goals as the Warriors dominated offensively after halftime. Coach Mat Phelps praised the team's patience and creativity, noting that the new strategies came together well in the second half.

PHS Athletic Events Next Week

Monday, 10/20

- JV Football @ Junction City 5pm
- JV Boys Soccer vs Corvallis 4pm

Tuesday, 10/21

- Boys Soccer @ Cascade
 - Varsity 4pm, JV 5:30pm
- Girls Soccer vs Cascade
 - Varsity 3:30pm, JV 5pm
- Volleyball @ North Marion
 - JV and JV2 4:30pm
 - Varsity 6pm

Wednesday, 10/22

- Cross Country @ Corvallis 4pm

Thursday, 10/23

- Girls Soccer @ North Marion
 - JV 4pm, Varsity 6pm
- Boys Soccer vs North Marion
 - Varsity 3:30pm, JV 5pm
- Volleyball vs Newport
 - JV and JV2 4:30pm
 - Varsity 6pm

Friday, 10/24

- Football @ Marist 7pm

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Cross-Country Shines at Paul Mariman Invitational



Photo Credit Philomath News

Philomath's Cassidy Smart led the girls' team to victory at the 40th annual Paul Mariman Invitational, setting a personal record of 18:49.9 and helping the Warriors win the meet with 37 points. On the boys' side, Leo Pausch and Lukas Hernandez finished second and third despite fatigue from recent competitions, while the team dealt with limited depth and some injuries. With regular-season meets remaining, Philomath's cross-country teams are preparing for district and state competitions, aiming to build on strong individual performances and team cohesion.

Boys Soccer Tops Sweet Home 7-0



Photo Credit Philomath News

Philomath High dominated Sweet Home 7-0, with Lukas Hernandez scoring his first varsity goal after moving up from defense in a positional experiment. His two younger brothers, Jacob and Sammy, also contributed goals, highlighting a strong family showing alongside teammates Dreyton Nuño, Caleb Babcock, Blake Hauck, and Oliver DeMasi.

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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