

# WEEKLY WARRIOR

Official Newsletter of Philomath High School

## Celebrating Excellence:

## September Students of the Month



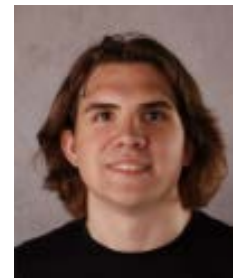
Each month, we have the privilege of recognizing outstanding students who exemplify the best of what it means to be a Warrior. Our faculty carefully selects students who demonstrate exceptional character, dedication, and positive contributions to our school community.

This month, we are proud to honor one remarkable student from each of our upper classes—Bella Nunez (sophomore), Gunner Eveland (junior), and Porter Compton (senior). These individuals have stood out not only for their academic achievements but also for the way they support their peers, engage in their learning, and embody the values we hold dear at Philomath High School.

As we continue through the school year, we're still getting to know our freshman class and look forward to celebrating their achievements in the months ahead.



Bella Nunez



Gunner Eveland



Porter Compton

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



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# DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

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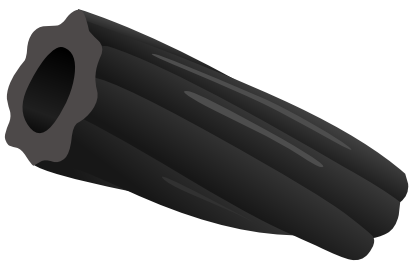
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## Family vs. Student Challenge: Would You Rather?

Last week's 'Would You Rather' was a tight competition! The question was: Would you rather have a species of bird, or a comet that can only be seen for one week every 52 years named after you? Keep reading for results!

Parents decided that having their name associated with a feathered friend sounded like more fun than a comet, while students were the opposite! All results were very close.

This week's question is: Would you rather only get candy corn or black licorice for Halloween? Don't forget to use the QR code to participate in this week's "Would You Rather!"





# ATTENDANCE AWARDS:

*Celebrating Our  
September Superstars!*



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Congratulations to the 64% of students who missed one or fewer days in September! Your commitment to being here every day makes a real difference in your learning and success.

Remember, every day at school matters. Each class builds on the one before, and consistent attendance helps you stay connected with your teachers, friends, and all the learning happening in your classrooms. When you're here, you don't just keep up—you move forward.

**Quick tip:** Did you know that students with strong attendance earn better grades, build stronger relationships with classmates, and feel more confident in their abilities? Make it a goal to be here every day—your future self will thank you!

Keep up the great work, and let's make October even better!



# WE NEED YOUR HELP:

## Talking to Students About Appropriate School Language

As a school community, we're reaching out because we need your partnership in addressing a serious concern. Recently, we've had to intervene in multiple situations where students have made jokes or casual comments about rape, shooting, or killing at school. While young people often use humor to process difficult topics or seek attention from peers, these comments are creating an environment where some students don't feel safe.

We cannot address this issue through school discipline alone—we need parents to reinforce these conversations at home. When children hear consistent messages from both school and family about the impact of their words, they're far more likely to develop the empathy and self-awareness needed to make better choices.

Some of their classmates have experienced these traumas firsthand or have family members who have, and what might seem like a harmless joke can trigger genuine fear and distress. Beyond the emotional harm, these statements also violate school policies and can lead to serious consequences, including law enforcement involvement when threats are perceived—regardless of whether they were intended as jokes.

We're asking you to have a direct conversation with your child about this issue tonight.

Ask them what they understand about why these topics are sensitive, and help them develop empathy by considering how their words might affect someone who has experienced trauma. Help them understand that "just joking" doesn't erase the harm these comments cause—in fact, making light of serious violence or trauma can be even more hurtful to those who have suffered.

Explain that while they may encounter these subjects in news, entertainment, or online spaces, school must remain a place where everyone feels safe and focused on learning. Give them alternative ways to process difficult feelings or connect with peers—talking with you at home, speaking with a school counselor, or finding appropriate creative outlets. This isn't about censoring thoughts or feelings, but about recognizing that words have power and that being part of a community means being mindful of how our language affects others.

We cannot create a safe, supportive learning environment without your help. By partnering together and having these conversations proactively and compassionately, we can help all our students develop the emotional intelligence and social awareness they need to thrive in their futures.



# HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Last week was an amazing week of fun and excitement! From dress-up days and the powder puff football game to the pep assembly, bonfire, and the homecoming parade, our school spirit was on full display. These pictures capture just some of the memorable moments from throughout the week!





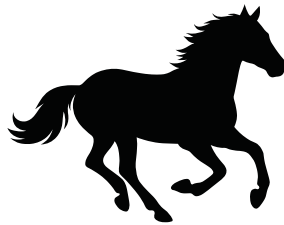
# Saddle Up!



## *Philomath High School Equestrian Team Seeks Riders*

The Philomath High School Equestrian Team is calling all experienced riders to join their ranks for the upcoming season!

This dedicated group of student athletes competes in a wide variety of equestrian disciplines, offering opportunities in both individual and team events. Whether your passion is gaming, dressage, showmanship, drill, or other equestrian competitions, there's a place for you on the team.



### What You'll Need

To participate, students must have access to a horse—whether owned, leased, or borrowed—as well as reliable transportation to get their horse to and from practices.

### Ready to Ride?

OHSET (Oregon High School Equestrian Teams) registration is now open, and practices are set to begin in November. Don't miss this chance to represent Philomath High School while doing what you love!

For more information about joining the team, contact Emily Muravez at [muravez.family6@gmail.com](mailto:muravez.family6@gmail.com).



# GET READY FOR HAUNTED HALLS!

Mark your calendars for a night of frights!

OUR STUDENT-LED HAUNTED HALLS EVENT RETURNS THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH FROM 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE SPINE-TINGLING SCARES CREATED ENTIRELY BY OUR TALENTED STUDENTS.

## Event Details

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

WHERE: ATHLETIC ENTRANCE

COST: \$5 (INCLUDES 3 ROUNDS THROUGH)

## What to Expect

DARE TO WALK THROUGH A VARIETY OF TERRIFYING THEMED ROOMS, INCLUDING:

- AN INSANE ASYLUM WHERE REALITY BLURS
- A PULSE-POUNDING PRISON BREAK SCENARIO
- THE MYSTERIOUS AND WICKED WOODS

EACH ROOM OFFERS ITS OWN UNIQUE LEVEL OF SCARINESS, DESIGNED WITH MIDDLE SCHOOL THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MIND. WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A GOOD SCARE OR JUST SOME HALLOWEEN FUN WITH FRIENDS, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

## Why You Shouldn't Miss It

THIS ENTIRE EVENT IS ORGANIZED, DESIGNED, AND PERFORMED BY OUR STUDENTS. IT'S A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUR PEERS WHILE GETTING INTO THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT. WITH THREE ROUNDS INCLUDED IN YOUR ADMISSION, YOU CAN EXPERIENCE THE THRILLS MULTIPLE TIMES OR BRING FRIENDS ALONG FOR EACH JOURNEY THROUGH THE HAUNTED HALLS.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS FRIGHTFULLY FUN EVENING! WE'LL  
SEE YOU AT THE ATHLETIC ENTRANCE ON SATURDAY NIGHT—  
IF YOU DARE!



# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

## Philomath Defense, Big Plays Lift Warriors Over JC



Photo Credit Philomath News

Philomath High's 27-21 homecoming win over Junction City showcased explosive plays and gritty defense, highlighted by a 100-yard kickoff return, a 95-yard touchdown run, and a critical goal-line stand to close the first half. Despite four turnovers and 151 penalty yards, the Warriors' defense dominated the second half, shutting out the Tigers and sealing the game with a late interception by junior Bryce Hruska. With the victory keeping their playoff hopes alive, Philomath now turns its focus to facing defending state champion Marist Catholic.

## Philomath Sweeps North Marion to Near Playoff Berth



Photo Credit Philomath News

The Philomath High volleyball team swept North Marion in straight sets, 25-12, 25-10, 25-12, to solidify its hold on second place in the Oregon West Conference. With a 7-2 league record and a No. 5 state ranking, the Warriors are one win away from clinching a Class 4A playoff berth. Strong performances from Nora Stanley, Taylor Hudson, and Avery Smith highlighted the victory.

## Shorthanded PHS Battles Cascade to Scoreless Draw



Photo Credit Philomath News

The Philomath High boys soccer team battled Cascade to a 0-0 draw Tuesday despite dealing with illness and injuries. Coach Dave Ellis said the Warriors had chances to win, including a

disallowed header goal, and praised standout efforts from Dreyton Nuño and Caleb Babcock. Philomath, now 8-3-1 overall, remains in contention for second place in the Oregon West Conference heading into its final two games against North Marion and Newport.

## PHS Athletic Events Next Week

### Monday, 10/27

- JV Football vs Marist 5pm
- JV Girls Soccer vs Marist 4pm

### Tuesday, 10/28

- Boys Soccer @ Newport
  - 4:30pm JV @ Newport MS
  - 7pm Varsity
- Girls Soccer vs Newport
  - 3:30pm Varsity (Senior Night)
  - 5pm JV

### Thursday, 10/30

- JV Football @ Sweet Home 6pm

### Friday, 10/31

- Football vs Sweet Home (Senior Night)

### Saturday, 11/1

- Volleyball State First Round
- XC Districts @ Philomath 10:30am

# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

## Philomath Blanks Cascade, 4-0



Photo Credit Philomath News

Philomath sophomore Kya Bolton scored all four goals in the first half to lead the Warriors to a dominant 4-0 win over Cascade on Tuesday. Bolton's speed and smart positioning overwhelmed the defense, with assists from Ana Candanoza and Brielle Hagen fueling the offensive

surge. The victory improved Philomath to 12-1 overall and 8-0 in league play as they aim to finish the regular season strong against North Marion and Newport.

## Girls XC Take Third at Grant Robison Invitational



Photo Credit Philomath News

The Philomath High girls cross-country team placed third at the Grant Robison Invitational in McMinnville despite missing a key runner. Sophomore Cassidy Smart led the Warriors with a personal-best time of

18:19.08, finishing third overall. Strong performances from Sienna Bushnell, Reagan Nuño, and Libby Kramer helped secure the team's top-three finish against larger schools.



## 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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