

WEEKLY WARRIOR

Official Newsletter of Philomath High School

Veterans Day Celebration

Philomath High School students gathered for a special assembly on Monday, November 10th, to commemorate Veterans Day with a guest speaker who shared a powerful and personal perspective on military service.

Chad Wilson, a retired Navy veteran, visited our school to speak with students about his experiences—not just during his time in the military, but about the challenges many veterans face after their service ends. While Wilson expressed deep pride in his military career, he opened up about the complexities of transitioning back to civilian life, giving students insight into struggles that many veterans encounter but few people discuss.

Wilson also addressed something many service members experience: the mixed emotions that can come with hearing "thank you for your service" from strangers. While these expressions of gratitude are genuinely appreciated, Wilson explained that they can sometimes be difficult to respond to, highlighting the complicated relationship many veterans have with public recognition of their sacrifice.

Most importantly, Wilson encouraged our student body to take time—especially on Veterans Day—to pause and genuinely recognize those who have served our country. His message reminded us that honoring veterans means more than just a simple phrase; it means truly acknowledging their service and the ongoing impact it has on their lives.

We're grateful to Mr. Wilson for sharing his story with our students and for his service to our nation.



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



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Dates to Remember

November
18th

Blood Drive
Fall Sports Awards Night

25th
26th-27th

End of Trimester
Thanksgiving Break

December
1st

No School

Family vs. Student Challenge:

Would You Rather?

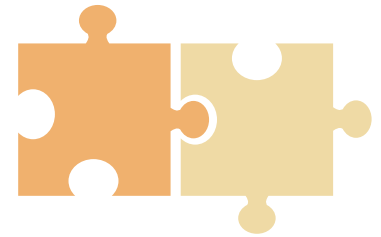
Last week's 'Would You Rather' was:

Would you rather be in a pumpkin pie eating contest, or dress as a pilgrim for a day?

Here's what participants had to say!

Students decided that a pumpkin pie eating contest sounded more fun than dressing as a pilgrim, while parents concluded the stomach ache of a pie eating contest was not worth the potential glory.

This week's question is: **Would you rather find your soulmate, or find your calling?** Don't forget to take a few moments to submit your opinion using the QR code!



OCTOBER

STAFF OF



THE MONTH

We are thrilled to recognize Mrs. Nicole Stueve as this month's Staff of the Month! Mrs. Stueve has made an outstanding impact on our students.

Students consistently praise Mrs. Stueve for her patience, kindness, and genuine care for each individual in her classroom. "She's so understanding and listens to students' ideas," shared one student, while another noted, "She genuinely cares about all of us!" Her ability to create a warm, supportive environment while maintaining high standards of learning sets her apart as an exceptional educator.

What truly stands out is Mrs. Stueve's passion for teaching—you can see it in every interaction. Students feel heard, respected, and supported in her classes. As one student put it simply but powerfully: "Mrs. Stueve is the best." Another added, "Never met someone who has ANYTHING bad to say about her."

Mrs. Stueve's dedication to helping students succeed, combined with her approachable and personable teaching style, makes her classroom a place where learning thrives.

Thank you, Mrs. Stueve, for the positive difference you make every single day. Your students are grateful, and so are we!

THE END OF THE TRIMESTER IS NEAR!



AS THE END OF TRIMESTER ONE GETS CLOSER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO STAY FOCUSED ON CLASSES! FINALS ARE ALMOST HERE, AND IF ANY SUPPORT IS NEEDED, DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO TEACHERS AND COUNSELORS FOR GUIDANCE OR ASSISTANCE. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK, WARRIORS!



A FRIENDLY REMINDER: PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE-FREE CAMPUS



We want to start by saying thank you! The transition to our personal electronic device-free environment has been incredibly successful, and we've been thrilled to see the positive impact in our classrooms and hallways. Teachers are reporting higher levels of student engagement during lessons, and our halls are filled with the sound of students actually talking to one another—it's wonderful to see those face-to-face connections happening throughout the day.

Recently, we've noticed a small uptick in cell phone use during school hours, so we wanted to send out a friendly reminder about our policy. Our campus remains a personal electronic device-free zone from 8:00 AM until dismissal at 3:10 PM. This includes lunch time. We know this has been an adjustment, and we truly appreciate your partnership in helping us maintain this positive learning environment.

We understand that staying connected with your child is important. If you need to reach your student during the school day, please call our main office at 541-929-3211, and we'll be happy to get a message to them right away. Students are also welcome to use the office phone if they need to contact you, or they may go off campus during lunch to connect with you directly.

The benefits we're seeing—more engaged learners, stronger peer connections, and a more focused academic environment—are thanks to your support at home. Let's keep this momentum going!

Thank you for your continued partnership in creating the best possible learning experience for our students.



Food Drive Fun!



Nov. 10th-21st

The PHS Food Drive is on! All items donated and money raised will be given to Philomath Community Services to help those in need.

Not only is this a fundraiser, but a competition! The class with the most items donated will win bragging rights. Items positively affect scores, but money can be donated to take points away from other classes!

Items will be collected outside of the Community Conference Room and money can be donated in the office!

Any items donated are greatly appreciated, but hygiene products are specifically helpful. Thank you!

**We see your
potential**



MONEY FOR COLLEGE

Dear High School Partners,
Please share this with your students and their families!

Join Us for a Virtual Live Info Session

Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM (Pacific Time)

Hosted by the Ford Family Scholarship Office

Who should attend?

High School students from Oregon and Siskiyou County, California, along with their families.

What to expect:

- Hear from current and recent Ford Scholars who will share about their pathways to college.
- Get application tips directly from The Ford Family Scholarship Office.
- Participate in Q&A with our team.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

For information, please reach out to:

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ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Girls XC Takes 3rd at State, Smart Finishes 1st



Photo Credit Philomath News

Philomath High sophomore Cassidy Smart won the Class 4A State Cross-Country Championship, becoming the school's first individual girls' champion in 22 years. Smart pulled away from defending champion Brooke Perry of La Grande in the final 300 meters to win by over 13 seconds with a time of 18:33.75, capping off a season-long goal. Her victory also helped Philomath's girls secure third place as a team, marking the program's 40th state trophy in 43 years.

Boys XC Finishes 8th at State



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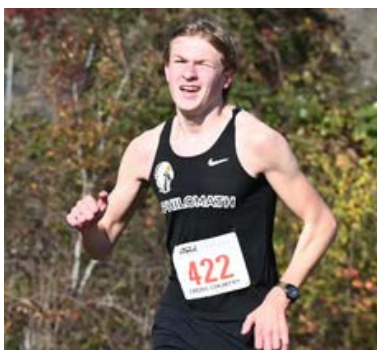


Photo Credit Philomath News

Philomath senior Leo Pausch finished eighth in the 4A boys' state cross-country race with a time of 16:41.26, helping the Warriors place seventh as a team.

PHS Athletic Events Next Week

Monday, 11/17

- Winter Sports Start
- Register on PHS Athletic Page

Tuesday, 11/18

- Fall Sports Awards Night 7:30pm

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Volleyball Places 6th at State



Photo Credit Philomath News

The Philomath High volleyball team finished sixth at the Class 4A State Tournament in Coos Bay, ending the season with a 17-8 record. The Warriors lost to Cascade in the quarter finals, then turned around and defeated Astoria in straight sets, before falling to Marshfield in a tight four-set match for the fourth-sixth place trophy. Coach Whitney Thomas praised the team's determination, teamwork, and strong bond, calling the season "unforgettable."

Girls Soccer Falls to Scappoose in Quarterfinals



Photo Credit Philomath News

The Philomath girls soccer team saw its season end with a 2-0 loss to third-seeded Scappoose in the 4A state quarterfinals. Despite strong offensive pressure early, the Warriors couldn't break through Scappoose's tough defense. Coach Mat Phelps praised his squad for exceeding expectations, highlighting their 14-2-1 season, 12-game unbeaten streak, and strong foundation of returning underclassmen.

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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**Fall Sports Awards Night Tuesday,
11/18 @ 7:30pm**