

# WEEKLY WARRIOR

Official Newsletter of Philomath High School

## We Want to Hear From You!

Communication is the foundation of a strong school community, and we're committed to making sure every family feels connected, informed, and supported. But here's the thing—we can't improve without your help!

We've created a short survey to better understand how we can communicate with you more effectively. We want to know what's working, what's not, and how we can do better. The survey covers things like technology access at home, your preferred ways to receive information, feedback on our current communication efforts, and ideas for how we can partner with you more successfully.

Your input matters. Whether you want more updates, fewer emails, different platforms, or just clearer information—we want to hear it all.

Scan the QR code below to take the survey. It only takes a few minutes, and your responses will directly shape how we connect with you moving forward.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. Together, we can make communication clearer, stronger, and more meaningful for everyone.



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



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# DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 22ND TO JANUARY 1ST--- WINTER BREAK

JANUARY 1ST--- LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS WITHOUT IT SHOWING ON TRANSCRIPT

## FAMILY VS. STUDENT CHALLENGE:

*Would You Rather?*

Last week for our 'Would You Rather,' we asked: **Would you rather receive only gifts you had asked for, or only surprise gifts?** Here is what participants had to say.

Students and parents alike decided that surprises are not ideal. Most **participants would much rather know what to expect.**

This week's 'Would You Rather' is: **Would you rather be stuck in an elevator with Buddy the Elf, or Kevin (the kid) from Home Alone?** Use the QR code to participate!



# Philomath High School Students: Imagine YOUR Vision for Our Community!



What would you do if you were Mayor of Philomath? The Oregon Mayors' Association wants to hear from you! We're excited to announce the "If I Were Mayor" competition, a statewide program that invites students to share their ideas for making our community even better. High school students (grades 9-12) are invited to create a 1-3 minute digital media presentation (video in MP4 format or online link) showcasing what they would do as Mayor. This is your chance to think creatively about local government, civic engagement, and service to our community!

## *How it works:*

- The City of Philomath will select winning students at the elementary, middle, and high school levels
- Local winners will be celebrated with a special recognition event right here in Philomath
- Winners then advance to the statewide competition for a chance to join Mayors from across Oregon in Ashland next summer, where they'll be honored for their vision and civic commitment—plus win a prize!

This is an incredible opportunity to develop leadership skills, engage with local government, and make your voice heard. We want to hear YOUR ideas!

Deadline: Entries must be submitted by 11:59 PM on March 16, 2026

Ready to get started? Visit <https://www.philomathoregon.gov/city-council/page/if-i-were-mayor-contest> for complete contest details, submission guidelines, and inspiration to help you craft your vision for Philomath's future.

Let's see what tomorrow's leaders have in mind today!



# HOOP SHOOT FUNDRAISER



## ASB NEEDS YOUR HELP!

*The Hoop Shoot* is held at each home basketball game during halftime. **Anyone can participate** by paying a small fee to have their shot from behind the three point line to **win a two-liter soda!**

**ASB would greatly appreciate the donation of any two-liter sodas.** The **proceeds of this fundraiser go toward the annual Polar Plunge** organized by the high school!

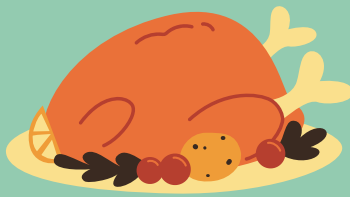
**If you are willing and able to give, two-liters can be dropped in the office.** Please reach out to Jessica Mattson ([jessica.mattson@philomath.k12.or.us](mailto:jessica.mattson@philomath.k12.or.us)) if you have any questions.

# Holiday Meal Coming December 16

Mark your calendars! Our Nutrition Service Staff will be serving a special Holiday Meal during lunch on Tuesday, December 16.

Students can enjoy a festive spread featuring turkey with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, a dinner roll, cranberries, and a pumpkin bar for dessert. Sandwich options will also be available for those who prefer an alternative.

We hope this special meal adds some extra holiday cheer to the day!



## New Trimester Underway – Report Cards Now Available

The new trimester began on Tuesday, December 2nd, and report cards from the previous trimester have been posted in Synergy.

**Accessing Grades:** Parents can view their child's grades and report card through the ParentVUE portal. Simply log in to your ParentVUE account to access your student's information. If you need help accessing ParentVUE or have questions about your account, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

**Hard Copy Report Cards:** If you would prefer a printed copy of your child's report card, please submit a request through this [link](#) and we will send one out to you.

**Celebrating Student Success: We are incredibly proud of our students' achievements last trimester! An impressive 96% of freshmen ended the trimester on track, and 71% of our entire school earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Great job to all our students for their hard work and dedication!**



# Elf Hunt Kicks Off Holiday Fun!

The holiday season got off to a magical start this week when our staff embarked on a delightful quest: finding their very own mini-me elf hidden somewhere around the building! Each elf wore a familiar face, and the challenge was on to spot yourself among the decorations. Once they successfully tracked down their tiny doppelgänger, staff headed to the office where prizes awaited their selection! The adorable elves are now all hanging outside the community conference room, so if you're in the building, take a moment to stop by and check them out. It was a wonderful way to spark some holiday cheer, share plenty of laughs, and bring our team together as we head into the most wonderful time of the year.



OUR ELVES MAKE MAGIC HAPPEN

## Underground Spirit Week: WHEN STAFF GO ROGUE

***This week, our staff decided to stage a covert operation—an "underground" Spirit Week that students had absolutely no clue what was happening. The theme? Questionable fashion choices and pure chaos.***

- Monday kicked off with flannel. The entire staff showed up looking like a lumberjack convention, and not a single student batted an eye. Apparently, flannel is just our vibe now.
- Tuesday was Target Tuesday, and THIS is when things got interesting. Suddenly students were asking questions. "Why is everyone dressed the same?" "Did you all go shopping together?" The secret was out, and the staff couldn't stop laughing.
- Wednesday brought socks with sandals—a crime against fashion that somehow felt so right.
- Thursday had staff dressing like students (or just rolling out of bed in PJs, let's be honest).
- Friday? We brought out the school spirit with a full blackout in our school colors. Finally, a day where we looked intentionally coordinated!

***It was a hilarious way for our team to bond, confuse some teenagers, and prove that staff can have just as much fun as the students—maybe even more...***



# Holiday Spirit Week!

**MONDAY**

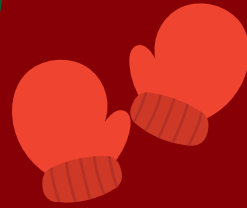
PJS

&  
Pancake  
Breakfast



**TUESDAY**

Ski Day  
(Winter Wear)



**FRIDAY**

Sweater Day  
(Holiday/UGLY)



**WEDNESDAY**

Family Photo  
(Matching)  
&  
Kahoot



Grinch vs. Santa  
(Green vs. Red)

&

Movie Night

**THURSDAY**



# WINTER CELEBRATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

ASB is throwing a Winter Celebration  
next Friday, December 19th!

It will begin right after school, and will take place  
in four different locations in the school, each with  
different activities.

**AUDITORIUM:** Christmas TV Shows

**GYM:** "Snowball" Fight

**CAFETERIA:** Cookie Decorating

**COUNSELING HALL:** Ornament Decorating

**WARRIORS, SHOW  
UP FOR A FUN  
TIME!**



**THAT'S A WRAP!**



The production of 'Power  
Trip' went beautifully last  
week. We have so many  
talented students involved  
in the Performing Arts  
Program here at the school.  
Go Warriors!



# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

## Boys Wrestlers Medal at Perry Burlison Invitational



Photo Credit Philomath News  
Boys Wrestling opened the season at the Perry Burlison Invitational with senior Riley Barrett earning runner-up after going 3-0 before an injury withdrawal in the finals. Seniors Porter Compton and Lake Mulberry also medaled, finishing fourth and fifth in their respective weight classes, while the team tied for 12th overall with 49 points. The Warriors prepare to host the Warrior Classic on Friday, December 12th starting at 2:30pm.

## Strong Debut for Girls Wrestling



Photo Credit Philomath News  
Girls wrestling team opened its season at the 25-school Battle for the Capital, highlighted by freshman Makinzey Harrington's fourth-place finish at 140 pounds after winning four straight consolation matches by pin. All six Warrior wrestlers earned at least one victory, with strong performances from Carsyn Pettit-Juvenal, Addison Liddell, Alexis Pettit, Rielly Ellingsen and Sarah Robertson. Philomath finished 18th overall with 39 points and will compete next at the Dec. 12 Warrior Classic.

## 10 Individual Victories for Swim



Photo Credit Philomath News

The Swim team's opened the season by winning 10 individual events and taking first in the boys' team standings at the home tri-meet. Junior Lucas Brandt and junior Kate Burriel each earned two individual victories, while several Warriors contributed additional wins and relay triumphs.

## 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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# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

## Boys and Girls Hoop Teams Both Take Down Marist



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The Boys team defeated Marist Catholic 49-38 behind balanced scoring and dominant rebounding, with Josiah Peters and Esias Sapp each contributing 11 points. A strong 13-4 first-half run and an 11-0 surge to end the third quarter helped the Warriors maintain control despite second-half pressure from the Spartans.

The Girls Basketball team opened its season with a 47-27 win over Marist Catholic, powered by Jordyn Hood's hot shooting and a decisive 15-2 second-quarter run. Coach Ben Silva emphasized inside-out play as defenses focused on standout post player Reagan Heiken, who added 12 points while the Warriors' defense shut out Marist in the fourth quarter.

## PHS Athletic Events Next Week

### Tuesday, 12/16

- Boys Basketball vs South Albany
  - 4pm JV, 7pm Varsity
- Girls Basketball vs South Albany
  - 4pm JV, 5:30pm Varsity

### Wednesday, 12/17

- Swimming @ Cascade TBD

### Thursday, 12/18

- JV2 Girls Basketball vs Willamette 4:00pm
- Boys Basketball @ Marshfield 7pm

### Friday, 12/19

- Boys Basketball @ Marshfield TBD
- Girls Basketball @ Corvallis Tournament
  - JV vs Bend 7:30pm
  - Varsity vs Eagle Point 4:30pm
- Wrestling @ Grants Pass Tournament
- Swim @ Sweet Home 4pm

### Saturday, 12/20

- Boys Basketball @ Marshfield TBD
- Girls Basketball @ Corvallis Tournament
  - JV vs Caldera 2:00pm
  - Varsity vs TBD
- Wrestling @ Grants Pass Tournament

### Sunday, 12/21

- Girls Basketball @ Corvallis Tournament
  - JV vs Centennial 2:00pm
  - Varsity vs TBD