

WEEKLY WARRIOR

Official Newsletter of Philomath High School

November Student of the Month



Hudson Jones



Abby Demaris



Ciara Seits



Jaslene Dominguez



Zach Grapoli

Congratulations to our outstanding Students of the Month! These exceptional individuals have demonstrated remarkable dedication, leadership, and academic excellence. Their positive attitude and commitment to learning inspire their peers and make our school community stronger. Keep up the fantastic work!

Winter Celebration

What an exciting week it's been! Students showed off their creativity during our fun dress-up days, and Wednesday's lunchtime trivia had everyone laughing and competing for the top spot. We wrapped up the week with our fantastic party on Friday, thank you to everyone who participated and made it so memorable! We'll be sharing pictures from all the festivities when we return from Winter Break. Wishing all our families a safe, joyful, and restful Winter Break.

See you in the new year!

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

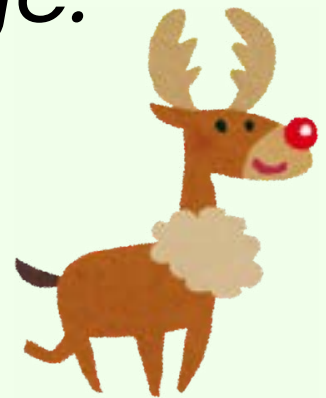
Family vs. Student Challenge: **WOULD YOU RATHER?**

Last week's 'Would You Rather' question was: **Would you rather be stuck in an elevator with Buddy the Elf, or Kevin (the kid) from Home Alone?**

Students decided that they would rather be stuck with Kevin, while parents said they'd rather have some bonding time with Buddy!

This week, the question you are faced with is: **Would you rather sit next to someone who loudly hums "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer," or someone wearing jingle bells?**

Use the QR code to answer!





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.



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) if you have any questions.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

PHS Wrestlers Capture Four Titles at Warrior Classic



Photo Credit Philomath News

PHS wrestling teams earned four individual championships at the Warrior Classic, with the boys finishing third overall and the girls placing eighth. Seniors Porter Compton, Lake Mulberry and Derick Kohn won titles for the boys, while freshman Makinzey Harrington captured first place for the girls, highlighting a strong start to her debut season. Several other Warriors added podium finishes as well.

Girls Basketball Defeats West Albany



Photo Credit Philomath News

Philomath High's girls basketball team rallied from a seven-point halftime deficit to defeat West Albany 51-45. The Warriors turned up the defense in the second half, holding the Bulldogs to just one field goal in the fourth quarter, while junior Reagan Heiken led the way with 15 points and two late baskets. Philomath's depth proved key despite foul trouble, as strong bench play and clutch free throws sealed the win.

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.

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- 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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