

# WEEKLY WARRIOR

Official Newsletter of Philomath High School

## High Schools Newsletter Returns to Print

We are excited to announce the return of our physical high school newsletter! While our online format has served us well this school year, we recognize that many in our community prefer the tangible connection of a printed newsletter.

Beginning this week, you'll receive a printed newsletter each Friday (or the last day of the school week). The same content will also be available digitally on our website, with an email sent to you.

We believe this combined approach will help us better connect with all families in our school community. We welcome your feedback on this change and look forward to keeping you informed about all the wonderful happenings at our school.



## Congratulations Girls Basketball Team!

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



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# Dates to Remember

## March

17th 1st Day of Trimester 3  
24 - 28th Spring Break

## April

4th Trimester 2 Report Cards Available on Synergy  
7th 11th Grade State Testing Begins  
10th Early Release Day (Thursday)  
11th No School - Grading Day  
17 - 20th Student Led Play - Puffs

## Tractor Safety Course

Students who are 14- 17 years old can get a job at one of the local farms after completing a tractor safety course. There are farmers in the area who have reached out to us and let us know they are looking for summer employees. Here are two places you can get Tractor Safety Training.

Knife River [Youth Tractor Safety](#)  
Tangent [Youth Tractor Safety](#)



## College and Career Dates

April 1st	LBCC CTE Signing Day Scholarship Deadline
April 2nd	Air Force Presentation
April 8th	LBCC Dual Partnership Presentation
April 10th	Chemeketa Fire Program
April 15th	Philomath Community Foundation Scholarship deadline
April 17th	LBCC Signing Day
April 18th	Oregon Jaycee Foundation Scholarship deadline

# Attendance Update: Every Day Matters



Our school attendance data shows a concerning drop from 76% of students attending 90% or better during Trimester 1 to 63% in Trimester 2. While increased illness among both staff and students contributed to this decline, we want to emphasize the importance of consistent attendance for academic success.

Just a reminder: Students should only stay home if they have a fever, diarrhea, or are vomiting. According to "Every Day Matters" research, high school students who miss just two days per month are 3.5 times more likely to drop out than their peers with regular attendance. Additionally, attendance patterns established in high school directly impact future workplace success, with 78% of chronically absent students struggling with attendance in college and careers. Let's work together to improve our attendance numbers for Trimester 3!

## Students Learn Bystander Intervention with the 5 D's

This week, our high school students participated in an important lesson on Bystander Intervention, focusing on the 5 D's strategy: Direct, Distract, Delegate, Delay, and Document. The interactive session equipped students with practical tools to safely intervene when witnessing concerning situations, whether they involve bullying, harassment, or other harmful behaviors.



As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. powerfully stated, "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." This quote resonated with many students as they learned that speaking up can make a profound difference in someone's life. The lesson emphasized that intervention doesn't always mean direct confrontation – sometimes creating a distraction, asking for help, checking in with the affected person afterward, or documenting the incident can be equally effective ways to show support and prevent harm.

The 5 D's training is part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a safe, respectful, and supportive school environment where students feel empowered to look out for one another. We encourage families to continue these important conversations at home about the power of being an upstander rather than a bystander.

# Start of Trimester 3

As we begin this final stretch of the school year, we want to highlight several important deadlines for your student's academic planning.

## Key Dates:

- **March 21st** - Final day for all schedule changes
- **April 11th** - Last day to drop a class without it appearing on your student's transcript

If your student is considering any changes to their schedule or has questions about their academic path, please encourage them to sign up for an appointment with their counselor as soon as possible. Our counseling team is ready to provide guidance and support during this transition period.



## New Athletic Programs at Philomath High School

Philomath High School is expanding its athletic program this spring with the addition of three exciting new sports: Boys Volleyball, Girls Golf, and Boys Golf. These additions reflect the school's commitment to providing diverse athletic opportunities for all students.

# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES



**Girls Basketball takes 2nd place in Sate Tournament**

## Boys Basketball

Overall record: (13-11 overall, 7-3 in league)  
#2 in Oregon West Conference  
Ranked #7 on OSAA

Our boys basketball team lost in the first round of the State Tournament at Seaside 34-38. The team finished in second place in the Oregon West Conference and had a very successful season.

**Dance Team Heads to State March 21-22 at Salem Pavilion**

## Girls Basketball 2nd Place State Finish

Overall record: (21-6 overall, 8-2 in league)  
Ranked #1 on OSAA

Our girls team finished the season in second place, but earned a number one seed in the State Tournament first round. The Warriors defeated North Bend at home in the first round of the State Tournament. They defeated both Crook County and Cascade in the quarter finals and semi-final games, but fell to Stayton in the Championship game.

## Wrestling

The Wrestling team had a successful season with four wrestlers advancing to the State semi-finals. Both Riley Barrett and Lake Mulberry won state championships while Porter Compton finished second and River Sandstrom placed 4th.

## 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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