

# WEEKLY WARRIOR

Official Newsletter of Philomath High School

## Ten PHS Seniors Earn Prestigious Valedictorian Diplomas

Philomath High School proudly announces that ten outstanding seniors have achieved the distinguished Valedictorian Diploma this year. This prestigious recognition requires students to maintain the highest cumulative GPA while completing a rigorous academic program.

Congratulations to these exceptional students on earning this distinguished academic recognition as they prepare for their upcoming graduation and future endeavors.



Mitchell Berklund



Natalie Dunn



Klara Houchin



Colton Hruska



Melea Lattin



JJ Lewis



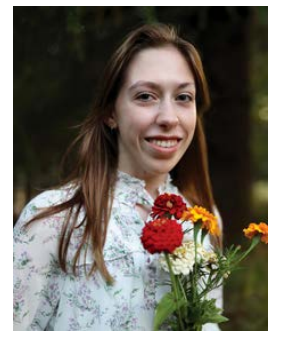
Hanna McDaniel



Raegan McKinney



Madison Provance



Averie Wilson

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



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# Dates to Remember

## May

21<sup>st</sup> Chat with the Principal in Community Conference Room 5 pm  
26<sup>th</sup> No School - Memorial Day

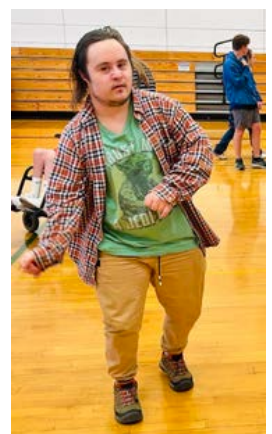
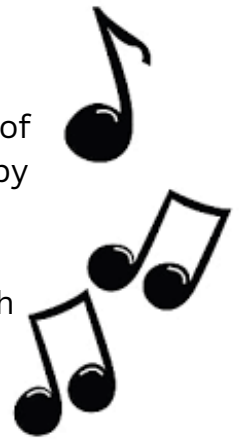
## June

1<sup>st</sup> Baccalaureate 6 pm at PHS  
3<sup>rd</sup> Seniors Honors Convocation 6 pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Last Day for Seniors  
7<sup>th</sup> Graduation 11 am  
13<sup>th</sup> Last day for 9-11<sup>th</sup> Grade (dismissal time 11:10 am)

## PHS Life Skills Students Enjoy Annual Dance at Lebanon High



Philomath High School's Life Skills students joined their peers from around the region for a memorable afternoon of fun and socializing at the annual Life Skills Dance hosted by Lebanon High School. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for students to build friendships, practice social skills, and enjoy a festive atmosphere complete with music and dancing. Our students enthusiastically participated in this special tradition that celebrates inclusion and community across schools.



# Culinary Students Support Dementia Warriors through Partnership

PHS Culinary students have made a significant impact in the community through their ongoing partnership with Dementia Warriors this school year. The dedicated culinary team prepared 130 entrees and more than 400 cookies to stock the organization's freezer meal supply.

These prepared meals and treats provide essential support to community members affected by dementia care challenges. The partnership offers students meaningful real-world experience while meeting a critical need within our community.



This partnership exemplifies how PHS programs extend beyond the classroom to create positive impacts throughout our community.

# Philomath Students Attend Cesar Chavez Leadership Conference

Students from Philomath High School, Philomath Middle School, and Philomath Academy participated in the annual Cesar Chavez Leadership Conference on Friday, May 2, 2025. The event provided an inspiring environment for students to explore themes of leadership, cultural awareness, and social justice through workshops, guest speakers, and interactive activities. This educational conference honors the legacy of civil rights and labor leader Cesar Chavez while empowering young people to become effective leaders in their communities. The Philomath students engaged with peers from across the region, gaining valuable insights and leadership skills they can apply in their schools and beyond.



# Attention Seniors: Scholarship Opportunities Still Available!

It's not too late to apply for scholarships! Several valuable opportunities remain open with upcoming deadlines. Take advantage of these chances to fund your post-graduation plans:

- Kathy Wells Memorial Scholarship, Philomath High School Due May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Kathy Wells Memorial scholarship, Benton County 4-H application Due May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Mid Columbia Bus Company Due May 15
- Willamette Valley Agricultural Association Scholarship Due May 30<sup>th</sup>
- Horatio Alger Career and Technical Scholarship Program Due June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Chintimini Kennel Club Due August 1st

Don't leave money on the table! These scholarships could significantly reduce your college expenses. Visit the Counselling Office , Career Center in Library for more information.

## Intermediate Ceramics Class Experiences Raku Firing

Our Intermediate Ceramics students recently enjoyed a special opportunity to witness the fascinating art of Raku firing during a field trip to local artist Marcella Henkels' studio. This ancient Japanese firing technique creates stunning metallic luster effects that cannot be achieved with our school kilns.



## Career & College

May 13th Aviation/Flight School presentation (Advisory)

## PHS Design Contest

Philomath Forward Design Contest is now open!

Information attached on flyer



June 1st

Oregon  
Promise  
deadline

must apply for FASFA  
to be eligible



# CONGRATULATIONS!

Delana Smith has won our April Attendance Drawing!

This special recognition is awarded to students who missed 1 day or less during the month of April. We're proud to share that 234 students achieved this excellent attendance record!

Regular attendance is key to academic success, and we celebrate all of our dedicated students who make being present each day a priority.

Thank you for your commitment to learning!

## Marine Biology Students Explore Hatfield Marine Science Center

Our Marine Biology students recently enjoyed an adventure at the Hatfield Marine Science Center, an extension of Oregon State University.

During this hands-on field trip, students participated in a skeletal assembly activity where they worked collaboratively to piece together an actual whale skeleton using real bone fragments. This unique experience provided valuable insights into marine mammal anatomy and fostered teamwork among the students.

This field trip offered our Marine Biology students a wonderful opportunity to connect classroom concepts with real-world applications in a professional scientific setting.



# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

## Senior Athletes Taking Their Talents to College

We are proud to announce that five of our outstanding senior athletes will be continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level next year. These student-athletes have demonstrated exceptional dedication to both academics and athletics during their time at our school.



Joe Barnes  
Baseball: Centralia  
Community College



Adele Beckstead  
Track & Cross Country:  
Western Oregon



Kaylie Kohler  
Cheerleading: Western  
Oregon



Zoe Ringwald  
Gymnastics & Tumbling:  
Limestone /TBA



Kyah Weeber  
Swimming: George Fox

Please join us in congratulating these remarkable student-athletes as they prepare for the next chapter in their academic and athletic journeys. Their hard work, perseverance, and talent have opened doors to new opportunities, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments.



## PHILOMATH WARRIORS

## PHS Athletic Events Next Week

### Monday, May 12

- Softball vs Cascade 5pm
- Baseball vs North Marion 5pm
- Boys Tennis Districts @ Estacada 9:30am
- Girls Tennis Districts @ Molalla 9:30am
- Boys Golf Districts @ Tokatee Golf Club 8am
- Girls Golf Districts @ Santiam Golf Course 8am

### Tuesday, May 13

- Boys Volleyball @ North Bend 4pm vs Marshfield, 6pm vs North Bend
- Boys Golf Districts @ Tokatee Golf Club 8am
- Girls Golf Districts @ Santiam Golf Course 8am

### Wednesday, May 14

- Softball vs Newport 5pm
- Baseball @ North Marion 5pm

### Thursday, May 15

- Baseball vs North Marion 5pm
- Softball @ North Marion 5pm
- Boys and Girls Tennis Districts @ Salem Swim and Tennis 9am

### Friday, May 16

- Boys and Girls Tennis Districts @ Salem Swim and Tennis 10am

## Boys Golf Finishes 6<sup>th</sup> at Bandon Crossings Tournament



## Boys Volleyball tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in league



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## 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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# Philomath Forward Scholarship Design Contest

## \$100 CASH PRIZE TO THE WINNER

### Overview

Design a logo for Philomath Forward, a new scholarship program funded by alumni, families and community members who want to give back to PHS and to support future graduates.

Your logo could include images of local features such as fir trees, or Marys Peak but DOES NOT have to have these elements.

Think bold, be creative, and make something that is representative but is also something people would WANT TO WEAR on a t-shirt. We want to see your vision of what it means to move "Philomath Forward."

### Requirements

- Must include the text "Philomath Forward"
- Design must be simple, memorable, and original
- Submit as a digital file or hand-drawn artwork
- Can be black & white or color

### Design Guidelines

- Intended for use on T-shirts and sweatshirts
- Aim for a clean professional look

### Judging Criteria

- Visual Appeal – 50%
- Originality & Creativity – 30%
- Versatility (works in various formats) – 20%

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### Submission Details

**Deadline:** May 21, 2025

**Limit:** One entry per person

**Submit to Ms. St.Clair**

Include your **name and contact information**