

# WEEKLY WARRIOR

Official Newsletter of Philomath High School

## Students Expand Cultural Perspectives at Ethnic Studies Conference

Nine of our students recently attended the Ethnic Studies Conference at Portland Community College, with six students taking the spotlight as presenters. These student presenters shared their research and insights on compelling topics including "Identifying Fascism," "Comparing Fascism in the US and Germany," "Self Empowerment," "Feminism," "Culture of Finland," and "Change - Advocating for Yourself as a Woman."



The students were chaperoned by Alice Eldridge, Science Teacher and Club of Culture advisor, who supported their learning journey throughout the conference. Ms. Eldridge's dedication to fostering cultural awareness and understanding continues to create impactful experiences for our students beyond the traditional classroom setting.

Presenting at an academic conference demonstrates remarkable initiative and intellectual courage. We're proud of all nine students for their participation and especially commend the six presenters for their dedication to research, critical thinking, and public speaking. Their willingness to share their knowledge and perspectives.

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



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# Dates to Remember

## June

1 <sup>st</sup>	Baccalaureate 7 pm at PHS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Seniors Honors Convocation 6 pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day for Seniors
6 <sup>th</sup>	Parade of Grads begins approximately 9:00 at PHS
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)

## Senior Spotlight: Full-Ride Scholarship Achievement

We're thrilled to celebrate one of our outstanding seniors who has earned a full-ride scholarship to Oregon State University - Cascades to pursue Natural Resources/Fish and Wildlife studies. This remarkable achievement reflects her dedication to environmental stewardship and academic excellence.



At the prestigious 2025 College of Forestry Dean's Dinner, Raegan McKinney was honored with two distinguished awards: the Forestry Legacy Scholarship - Undergraduate and the James Girard Memorial Scholarship. These scholarships recognize not only her academic merit but also her commitment to conservation and natural resource management.

Congratulations on this incredible accomplishment! We look forward to following her journey as she works toward becoming the next generation of environmental leaders.

## Nursing Dreams Drive Student Success

Heidi Bacho and Hannah Bennett are pursuing their CNA certification this trimester at LBCC while finishing high school through the Beyond PHS program. Both are working toward their ultimate goal of becoming registered nurses, demonstrating remarkable commitment to their healthcare career aspirations.



# Child Development Students Make a Splash with Little Warriors



The Child Development class hosted swim week with the Little Warrior Preschool students last week. Clemens Community Pool staff led the class in songs, activities and games.

# Music Meets Art: Portland Field Trip Adventure



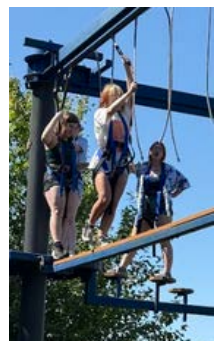
Students from the History of American Popular Music class explored the intersection of visual and musical arts during their field trip to Portland. The group visited the Portland Art Museum and iconic record stores, including Music Millennium, where they posed in front of the vibrant mural that celebrates the city's rich musical heritage.



# Performing Arts Students Celebrate Year of Achievement

Our choir and band students celebrated the end of an amazing year with a fun trip together. After all their hard work and dedication, it was time to relax, hang out, and enjoy each other's company outside of rehearsals and performances.

While we used to do performance tours (our last one was seven years ago before COVID changed everything), we've found that sometimes the best way to celebrate our musicians is just letting them have a good time together. This trip was all about recognizing how much they've accomplished and giving them a chance to bond as a musical family.



## Western Oregon University's Artfest

Congratulations to Kalani Moss and Everly Pope for having their artworks accepted into Western Oregon University's juried Artfest. Artwork chosen for this exhibit was on display at the Hamersly Library at WOU's Campus this past week and a closing reception for the students was Friday, May 16.



# Senior All Night Party

Senior Parents!

We're putting together a memorable, fun slideshow for the Senior All Night Party and need your help getting pictures. Please go to the link provided and upload up to 10 pictures of your child and their school friends through the years (current senior photos are welcome too). We'll try to include as much as we can in the presentation.

Also, there will be a card with a QR code given to each senior at the SANP whereby they can download a copy of the slideshow as a keepsake. The file will be available to download for 30 days after the part.

Thank you!  
Senior All Night Party Committee  
[philomathseniorparty@gmail.com](mailto:philomathseniorparty@gmail.com)



## Philomath High School Senior All night party slide show 2025

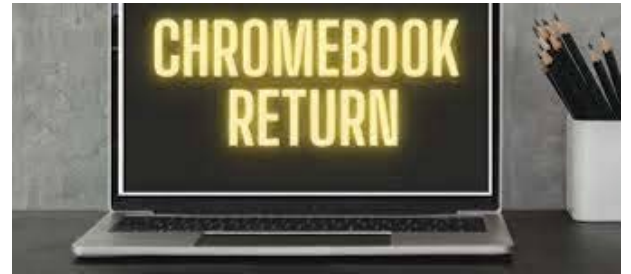
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# Chromebook Returns at Philomath High School



Students at Philomath High School are expected to return their school-issued Chromebooks and chargers at the end of the school year.

For seniors, Chromebooks must be returned no later than Thursday, June 5 by 3 pm. For freshmen, sophomores and juniors, Chromebooks must be returned no later than Friday, June 13 by 12:30 pm.

Students are encouraged to return their Chromebook and charger as soon as school work is finished for the year.

Replacement cost for missing Chromebooks is \$350 and chargers are \$20.

Chromebooks can be returned to the Philomath High School Library.

Parents/guardians with questions may email high school media assistants, Kiki Klipfel: [kiki.klipfel@philomath.k12.or.us](mailto:kiki.klipfel@philomath.k12.or.us) or Jolene Latz: [jolene.latz@philomath.k12.or.us](mailto:jolene.latz@philomath.k12.or.us) and/or Rachel Baker, district media specialist: [rachel.baker@philomath.k12.or.us](mailto:rachel.baker@philomath.k12.or.us).

# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES



The Warrior Baseball team scored two runs early and held off the Tillamook Cheesmakers to win in the first round of the State Playoffs. They play in the State quarter finals on Friday, 5/30 at Scappoose at 5pm.



Our first year Boys Volleyball Team battled rival Newport in the 4<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> place game, but just fell short, ending their season with a 6<sup>th</sup> place State finish.



Girls and Boys Track and Field Teams both won the Oregon West Conference District Championship. For the girls team, this marked their 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive Conference Championship. Up next is the State Meet at Hayward Field in Eugene on Friday, 5/30 and Saturday, 5/31. The Girls Team will be competing for their 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive State Title.



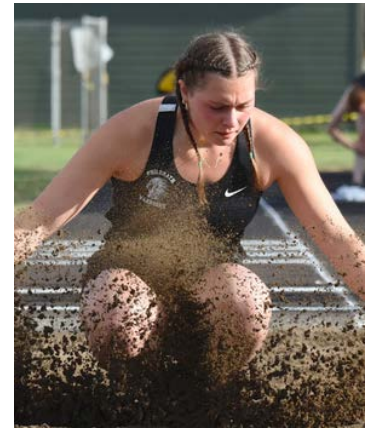
Adele Beckstead played exceptional tennis last weekend and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the Girls Singles 4a/3a/2a/1a State Tennis Championships.



The Softball team just fell short of making the State Tournament with a loss at Scappoose in the play-in game.

## PHS Athletic Events Next Week

- **Baseball State Playoffs TBD**
- **College Signing Ceremony June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:40am**
- **Spring Sports Awards Night Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**
- **Free Sports Physicals Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm @ PHS**



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# Summer EBT is back in 2025

## Learn how the program can help feed kids.

Summer EBT (SEBT) is a grocery benefits program. It helps families buy food for their school-aged children when school is out. Each summer, families will get one payment of \$120 on an Oregon EBT card for each eligible child to buy groceries. Unused Summer EBT benefits expire 122 days after issuance.

## Families may automatically receive Summer EBT in 2025 if:

Your child got benefits for 2024 through an approved application. Or, your child experienced one of the following anytime during the 2024-25 school year:

- SNAP food benefits.
- TANF cash assistance.
- Medicaid and your household has income under 185% of the federal poverty level.
- Foster care.
- Attending a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) and meet household income requirements.



## Families may need to apply if:

- Your household meets the income requirements for free or reduced-price meals at school, **AND**
- Your child attends a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP).

For more information, visit our webpage at <https://sebt.oregon.gov> or by scanning the QR code.



## Quick Fact

### Did you apply in 2024?

Applications submitted in 2024 will be re-used to determine eligibility for 2025.



## Key Dates

### Now

Paper applications available in 10 languages online at <https://sebt.oregon.gov> for families that need to apply.

### May 22, 2025

Benefits begin issuing for families who are automatically eligible.

### May 30, 2025

Online application opens

### Sept. 3, 2025

Application deadline.



You can get this document in other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer free of charge. Contact the Summer EBT Unit at [summerEBTinfo@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:summerEBTinfo@odhs.oregon.gov) or 503-945-5600. We accept relay calls.

# Join us in Ireland, Scotland & England

Dear Philomath families,

I'm thrilled to share an incredible invitation with you and your student: we're headed on an educational tour in Summer 2027 and hope your child can join us on this adventure!

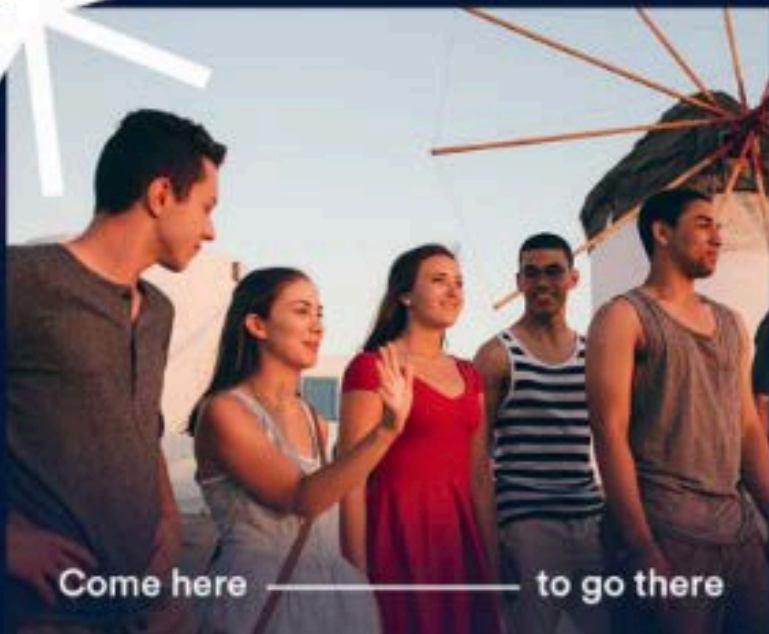
This journey goes beyond sightseeing—it's a real world-experience that gives students the chance to build confidence, gain independence, and grow in countless ways. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience that can help shape their view of the world. Come to the information session to meet with me and learn more about this tour, including:

- What we'll see and do
- Travel logistics
- Safety and support
- Affordable payment options
- Our travel partner, EF Educational Tours
- How to enroll on this trip—before it fills up

**This meeting will take place virtually on May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm. Please RSVP to receive the meeting link!**

Warmest regards,  
Karri McGovern

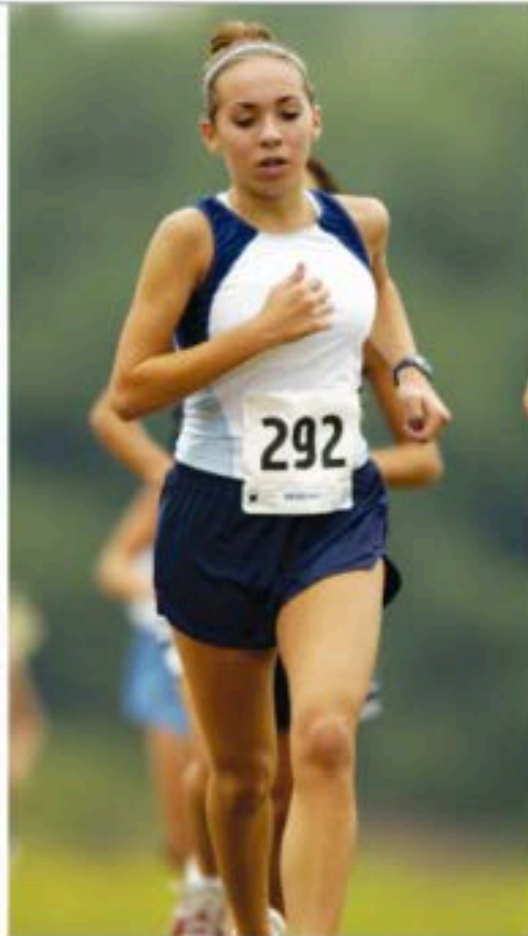
Can't make the meeting? Opt in to still get info on the RSVP page.  
For more information contact me at [kveducationaltravel@gmail.com](mailto:kveducationaltravel@gmail.com)



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# SPORTS PHYSICALS

for Philomath area high school and middle school athletes

**Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 1:00 to 3:00pm**

**Philomath High School Auditorium**

ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING IN SIGNED PRE-PARTICIPATION SPORTS PHYSICAL FORMS/CONSENT FORMS (available to pickup at PHS office)

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