

UHS Board Report - December

December 12, 2024

Fall Drama Production: The Seussification of A Midsummer Night's Dream

The Seussification of A Midsummer Night's Dream was a smashing hit. Mixing two of the greatest writers of all time, the hard work and dedication of Mr. Clint Hill and his talented cast of UHS students, performed to standing room only crowds November 14-16. Mrs. Holly Fritz and the FCCLA students also provided Seussian-inspired refreshments to go along with the show.



Fall Sports All-League Honors

In total we had 15 fall athletes recognized with 17 different league honors this year.

Boys Soccer

2nd team: Bryan Padilla, Larry Soriano

Honorable Mention: Javier Ruiz, Luis Francisco, Abraham Garcia

Girls Soccer

2nd Team: Jaily Rodriguez Gonzalez

Honorable Mention: Kaylonni Schaefer, Yareli Coria Garay

Football

1st Team: Brier Claunch (Punter)

Honorable Mention: Linkin Zamudio (Running Back & Linebacker), Brier Claunch (Defensive Line), Troy Frost (Defensive Line), Davis Raymond (Defensive Back)

Volleyball

Honorable Mention: Nya Rodarte, Sara Wilson, Lexie Soriano



UHS Art Currently on Display on Java Junkies



*UHS
Student Art
on Display at
Java Junkies*



Winter Sports and the Columbia River Clash

The winter sports season started with practices on Nov. 18. Approximately 110 athletes showed up to participate in boys and girls basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading. Boys and girls basketball have started strong with decisive victories during the opening week against La Grande and River View (Finley, WA) High Schools.

This week, Umatilla High School hosts the annual Columbia River Clash, bringing together boys and girls basketball teams from Heppner, The Dalles, Riverside, Goldendale (WA), Ontario, Lone, Irrigon, and Umatilla. Teams will compete over three days, December 12-14, at Valhalla Court and CBMS, with the championship games scheduled to be played at 4:30 and 6pm. Go Vikings!



Umatilla High School & Clara Brownell Middle School

WINTER CONCERT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
7:00 PM | AT UMATILLA HIGH SCHOOL

UHS Inducts New Honorees into Hall of Fame



On November 20th, Umatilla High School proudly hosted its Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, celebrating the achievements of outstanding alumni, dedicated staff, and distinguished community members. This annual event honors individuals who have excelled in athletics, academics, or their careers, as well as those who have made exceptional contributions to the school and community.

The evening featured a special dinner, bringing attendees and their families together to celebrate the accomplishments of this year's honorees. The Hall of Fame selection committee prepared speeches highlighting each inductee's achievements and the reasons for their induction. Each honoree was also presented with a handcrafted plaque created by students in the high school's shop class.

This year's 25 inductees include: Ron Barber, Roger Bounds, Tamara Bow, Mike Brown, Fabian Cardenas, Nancy Cardenas, Ron Chaffee, Alexis Clark, Dan Crandall, George Fenton, Alecia Funk, Dave Green, Del Green, Rusty Green, Laycee Healy, Darla Huxel, Bill Kik, Dr. Marvin John, Dale McCoy, Becki Morris, Brian Morris, Sam Nobles, Jim Taft, and Mary Ellen Tracy.



Service Project with Java Junkies



On Saturday morning, November 23, dozens of UHS students representing the National Honors Society, Cheerleaders, Key Club, FCCLA and Leadership met at the downtown Java Junkies. From there, they dispersed throughout the community to distribute bags, collecting canned goods and other food donations.



Creating the Perfect Pumpkins Pies

In keeping with the holiday spirit, the Food and Travel 1 students learned to make pumpkins pies, including the crust, pie and whipped topping. Then, of course, they were able to enjoy the fruits of their labors.



Viking Family Ofrenda

Throughout October and early November, staff and students contributed to our special ofrenda to remember deceased family and friends. An *ofrenda* is an offering placed in a home during traditional Mexican *Día de los Muertos* celebrations. It is usually created by the family members of a person who has died and is intended remember, honor, and welcome them to the altar setting.



AWS Think Big Space Anchors Another Year of Umatilla Excellence in Robotics

While the formal build and competition season begins in January and runs through April; robotics at Umatilla High is a year-round affair. Teams Confidential and Classified are busy with service projects, advocacy and off-season events year round in addition to supporting younger students. Our most experienced robotics team members mentor younger students in FIRST Tech Challenge, starting in 7th and 8th grades, as well as even-younger students in the FIRST LEGO League.

In a recent off-season event, Robo Rewind, team members got to give the 2024 robots one final competition before disassembling them and gearing up for the 2025 season. For members of Classified, the freshman team, it was their first time at an FRC event and they had a great time driving the robot built by the 2024 freshman team. The event gave them the opportunity to understand the need for quick repairs, well-thought out designs and the thrill of matches. Freshman students were able to cycle through various roles on the team and take turns on Drive, Pit and Scouting crews.

Confidential was excited to give Cantor Amadeus, their 2024 World's competition robot a final run. The team quickly rose to the top of the competition and ended up in the finals for a series of exciting matches. With their alliance partners, Flaming Chickens from Catlin Gable, Shockwave from Glencoe High, and Scalawags from Lebanon, the all-Oregon alliance took second place in the tournament.

The success of Umatilla robotics is thanks to a multitude of local and national sponsors. In the past few years, they have also had a not-so-secret weapon they have on their side: the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Think Big Space. AWS has provided amazing hands-on laboratory and learning spaces to school districts around the world and Umatilla School District has embraced this concept enthusiastically.



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