

# The Pirate Press

December 12, 2025

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## *Upcoming Dates*

- **12/12:** BBX vs OES
- **12/13:** ACT Testing, Robotics League Meet 2
- **12/16:** BBX vs Knappa
- **12/17:** Blood Drive
- **12/19:** 3-week progress grades
- **12/22/25-1/5/26:** NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK

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*Events happening next week!*





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## Neah-Kah-Nie High School Blood Drive

24705 Hwy 101 North, Rockaway Beach OR 97136

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM

Give a gift, get a gift! Give blood 12/8-18 & get a \$15 Amazon Gift Card by email!  
[rcblood.org/gifts](http://rcblood.org/gifts)

For an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), follow the link or use the QR code.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=NeahKahNieHS>



**Schedule your blood donation appointment today!**

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## Lunch Menu



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Hand-Crafted  
Daily as  
or Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Waffles 1 Chicken Strips & Fries	Banana Bread 2 Chicken Quesadillas	Yogurt Parfait 3 Mac & Cheese	Biscuits & Sausage 4 Sloppy Joe's	Oatmeal Rounds 5 Breakfast For Lunch
Breakfast Bar 8 Hot Dogs	Scrambled Eggs & Sausage 9 Chicken Tacos	Cream Cheese Bagel 10 Orange Chicken Over Rice	Breakfast Pizza 11 Cheese Burgers	Blueberry Muffins 12 Pizza Sticks
French Toast 15 Corn Dogs	Pumpkin Bread 16 Enchiladas	Pancake on a Stick 17 Tater Tot Casserole	Breakfast Sandwich 18 Chicken Burgers	Cinnamon Rolls 19 Soup & Toasted Cheese Sandwich
HAVE A 22	SAFE AND 23	HAPPY 24	HOLIDAY 25	BREAK 26
29	30	31	NEW YEAR'S EVE	

A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are available daily on our offering bar. All of our breads and pastas are whole wheat or whole grain. GF options are available. Fat free and 1% milks are offered daily. Whole grain cereals are an option at breakfast.

**"This institute is an equal opportunity provider."**

## Student Life

### 12 new members for NHS!

Congratulations Greyson Lott, Gus Kirby, Ellie Conner, Baylee Sparks, Daniel Sargent, David Haines, Kessler McNutt, Karsten Johansen, Jasmine Jones, Maddy Aman-Glase, Sophia Shepard, and Quinn Scalabrin!



## Unified Robotics wins 4th division!

Congratulations to the NKNHS Unified Robotics Team, The Fellowship of the Robots, for winning the 4th division at the "Lord of the Robots" competition held yesterday at Tualatin High School! They successfully designed and programmed two competition robots entirely out of Legos. Despite a last-minute rule change requiring a second machine, the team quickly built their Ballista, "Samwise Gamgee," alongside their primary Scout robot. Great job team!

Thank you to our sponsors:

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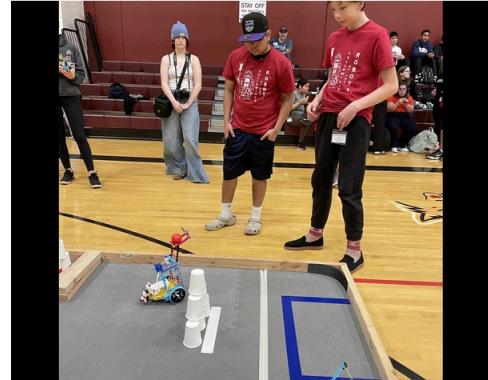
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Kathryn Harrington  
James Johansen  
Carlotta Roddy



**9 students earn an OSHA 10 certification!**

NKN student  
certification



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hours to complete the course and can be very proud of their achievement. The following description helps to understand the benefits of the training:

Employees who have been through OSHA 10 training bring value to their teams. They're not only conscious of their own safety but also contribute to a safer working environment for everyone. This proactive approach to safety can lead to increased productivity and overall job satisfaction, reinforcing the benefits of having employable skills and gaining a competitive advantage in a challenging working world.



## Choir students make the rounds for holiday singing!

From Garibaldi Grade School to Tillamook Early Learning Center, our choir students have been spreading the holiday cheer with some caroling!



## Creative juices are flowing!

The High School students have been designing and crafting custom holiday sweaters for their teachers, which will be debuted at the Winter Assembly this Monday.





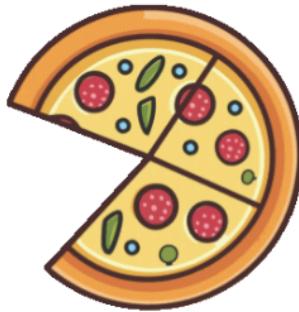
## Battle of the Bookaneers!

We are excited to launch an Advisory Reading Competition for Trimester 2! The goal is for every student to have a book checked out and with them at all times. The advisory with the most books read will win a celebratory pizza party at the end!

# Trimester 2 Reading Competition

The expectation is that **all students will bring a book of their choice to read** to every class during trimester 2.

## PIZZA DAY

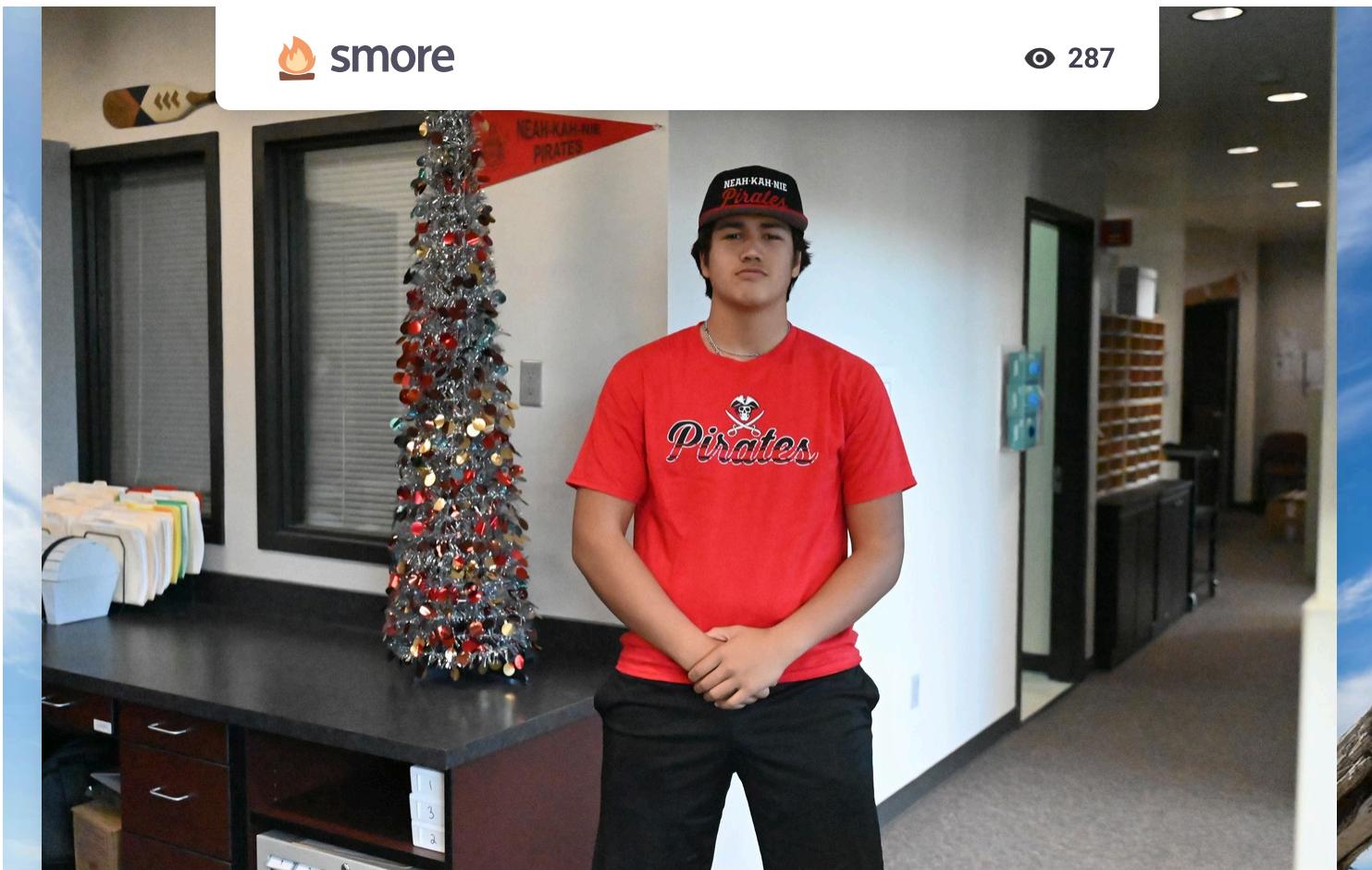


The advisory with the **most real library checkouts per person and the fewest missing books during book checks** will earn a pizza party at the end of Trimester 2.

## Holiday Shopping

Need an idea for your HS student for the holidays?!

Get them some NKNHS swag- on sale in the main office!





## Attendance Matters!

### Oregon Law: ORS 339.010

- All children between the ages of 6 and 18 years who have not completed the 12th grade are required to attend regularly a public full-time school during the entire school term.
- Students are considered irregular attenders when they meet any of the following:
  - 8 unexcused one half days absences in any four week period
  - 5 absences (excused or unexcused) in three months
  - 10 absences (excused or unexcused) in 6 months
- Chronic absences means missing 10% or more school days in a year for ANY reason. That is nearly a month of school. **Chronic absenteeism includes ALL absences, consecutive or not, excused or not, as they all relate to a student's overall attendance.**

### Build the habit of good attendance early!

Our goal is to have all students attend 90% or more of the time. We appreciate your support as we work to reach this goal!

### Our November regular attender rate is below:

Freshman: 71% (up by 4% from October)

Sophomore



Juniors: 61

Seniors: 53% (DOWN BY 15% FROM OCTOBER)

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**Overall Regular Attender Rate: 64% (down by 7%)**

## *Tutoring Information*

Mr. Lehr offers after school tutoring every Thursday from 4-6. Signups are in the main office!

## *Community Events and Resources*



The poster is for a "Winter FAMILY NIGHT" event. It features a decorative border of green pine branches and small orange ornaments. The text "OSU EXTENSION SERVICE - TILLAMOOK" is at the top, followed by the event title "Winter FAMILY NIGHT" in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, the date "December 18" and time "5:00-8:30pm" are listed, along with the location "4506 3rd st. Tillamook, OR". A descriptive paragraph encourages families to "Celebrate an evening filled with music, food, and activities for the whole family! Don't miss out on this festive night of joy: bring your family and friends for an evening they will always remember!" Logos for Oregon State University, JUNTOS, and CONSEJO HISPANO are at the bottom, along with a statement of non-discrimination.

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# Noche Familiar NAVIDEÑA

17 de diciembre

5:30-8:30pm

4506 3rd st. Tillamook, OR

¡Celebra una noche llena de música, comida, y actividades para toda la familia! No te pierdas esta noche festiva de alegría: ¡trae a tu familia y amigos para una velada que siempre recordarán!



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## 2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous

### OPEN Class Writing Contest

Contest open to post high school adults, and 7-12th grade students not entering the Tillamook County Student contest.

Submission period: December 1, 2025 - February 15, 2026 at 5 pm

Individual authors may submit a single unpublished work in ONE of the categories below:

1. Poetry, 2. Fiction, 3. Non-Fiction, 4. Journalism, 5. Music Lyrics, 6. Art Submission

Our judges will evaluate your work with attention to organization, development, voice, and the conventions and craft of writing.

**See RWR Website for submission Information: [www.rbwriters.com](http://www.rbwriters.com)**

**Document details:**

- Maximum 1,500 words
- Poetry: Please submit additional PDF document showing your desired formatting.

*Please Note: NCAM board members, contest judges, and immediate family are not eligible to enter.*

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 (non-refundable) Payments may be made through our website, which also accepts your credit card.

**PRIZES** – Reading at RWR event; Published in RWR Anthology; RWR website, etc. Honorable mentions may be selected at the discretion of the judges. No cash awards. Finalists will be notified by March 31, 2025. Awards announced at the RWR event. Winners will be invited to read their winning works. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL winning entries may be published in the RWR Anthology and RWR website, social media sites and other partners websites and social media.**



**2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous, April 24, 25, and 26.**

## Christy Hartford

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