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Principal's Message

Pirate community,

I recognize that an event like today's, when we were placed in an active lockdown due to a possible threat, can be stressful and bring a wide range of emotions for students, staff, families, and our greater Pirate community. Not knowing exactly what is happening can be difficult, and uncertainty can make it challenging to know what to do. Mr. Keefauver and I were incredibly proud of how our students, staff, and families responded throughout the situation. Our students and staff rose to the occasion, demonstrated care for one another, and showed the importance of coming together as a community.

First and foremost, I want to reassure you that **there is no active threat at Neah-Kah-Nie High School.** The Tillamook County Sheriff's Office has completed its investigation and determined that there is no active threat to our school.

Keeping our school community safe is a shared responsibility, and each of us plays an important role. Thank you for taking our safety procedures seriously, following directions, and looking out for one another throughout today's events.

We also recognize that everyone processes situations like today's differently. Some of you may feel relieved, while others may still feel anxious, unsettled, or have lingering questions. These reactions are normal following a stressful experience. As a community, we are navigating the effects of that stress together.
One of the ways we can begin to process a stressful experience is by taking care of ourselves and connecting with others.

Spending time with people you trust, moving your body, taking slow breaths, drinking water, writing, engaging in a creative activity, and getting adequate rest can all help. You may feel more tired than usual today, so please give yourself permission to slow down and rest when you can.

To our students: Please pay attention to how you are feeling and remember that our school staff are here to support you. Whatever you are feeling is understandable. If you need someone to talk to or would like help processing today's events, I encourage you to reach out to a trusted adult at school. You do not have to navigate these feelings alone.
Thank you for your care, your cooperation, and your commitment to keeping our Pirate community safe. Days like today remind us how important it is to look out for one another, extend grace to one another, and support one another through difficult moments.

We are stronger and safer when we look out for one another.

All the best,

Christy Hartford
Principal

Upcoming Events

- 10/23: Football @ Clatskanie
- 10/26: PD Day - No school!
- 10/29: Band & Choir Concert - 7 PM
- 10/30: Dia De Los Muertos Celebration



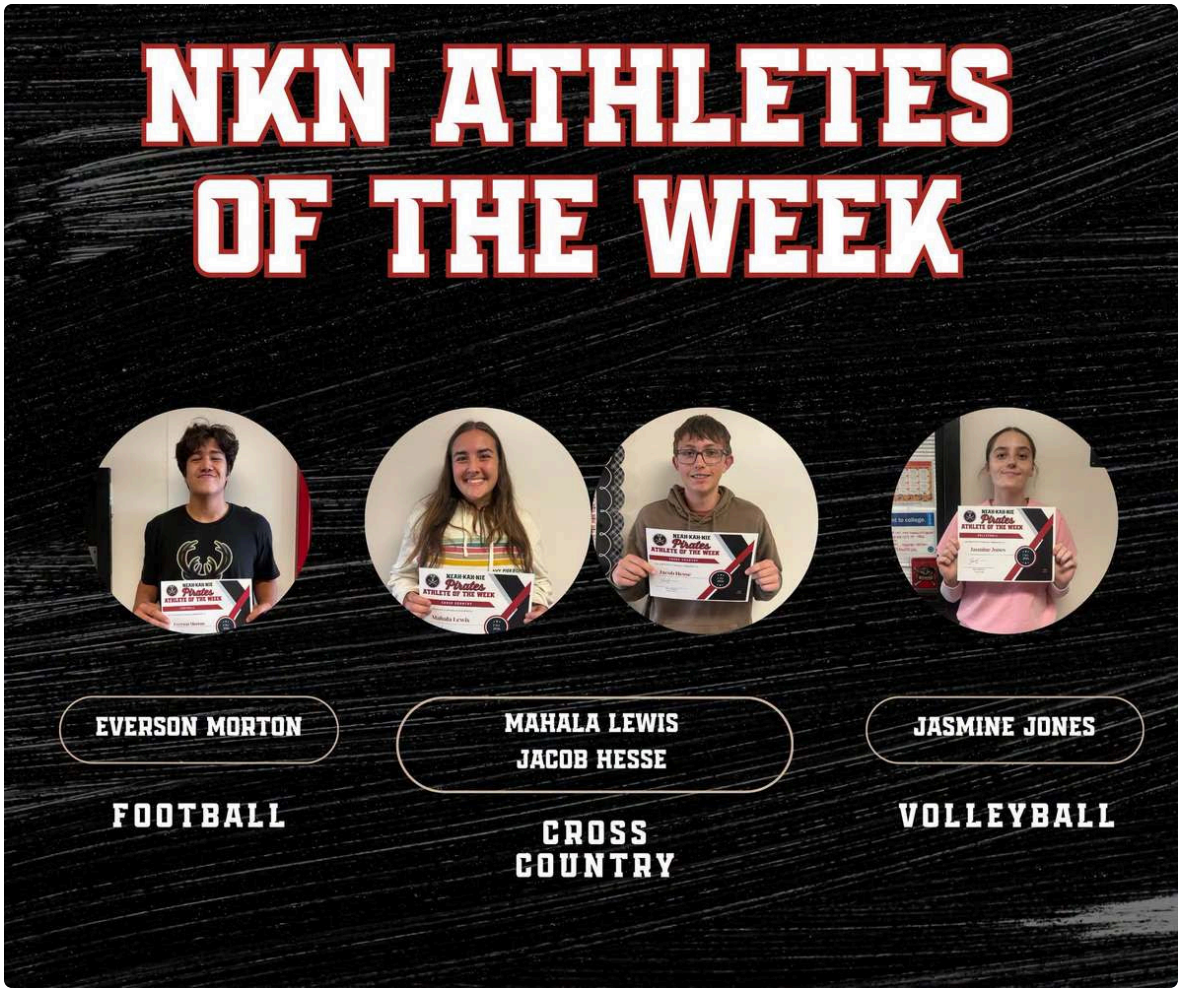
Dia De Los Muertos Celebration

Join us for a Dia De Los Muertos Celebration on October 30th from 6-8 pm! There will be free art activities, face painting, snacks, a movie, and more!



Sandwiches or Hand-Crafted Salads are an option daily for lunch.
Join us in celebrating "National School Lunch Week" October 12-16!!
"This institute is an equal opportunity provider"

Congratulations to our Athletes of the Week: Everson Morton, Mahala Lewis, Jacob Hesse, and Jasmine Jones!



Football Senior Night













US Navy Band Visits!





After-School Tutoring

After-school tutoring is held in Mr. Lehr's room every Thursday from 4-6pm. Students can sign up in the office!

Parent Teacher Conferences: November 5

Advisory teachers have been reaching out to schedule your conference this week. Call the main office if you do not hear from someone and would like to schedule a conference.

Counselor's Corner

Welcome to Fall! As we enter the next month of the school year, the initial excitement and newness of September is shifting into a steady academic routine. Now that the workload is picking up, we are working with students to move through any "October slump" or challenges by reinforcing strong time-management skills, solid daily habits, and asking for help and support. Part of this also includes managing academic stress and test anxiety through using healthy coping tools and reaching out when or before they feel overwhelmed. Angela Lehr (Academic, College, Career) and Margaret Whiting (Social-Emotional Learning and Health), are here to support your student's academic, social-emotional, and post-high school well-being and success. We encourage students to set some time with either or both of us. Please know that we reach out to check in on and work with students throughout the week and term as well. You are welcome to let us know if you have any questions or needs along the way!

For 11th and 12th-Graders, planning for future beyond high school is top of mind for many. Throughout the next several months, we will have field trips and college, military, and trades speakers for students to connect with and learn from. Encourage your student to take part in any or all of these opportunities. Some of these are available for 9th and 10th graders as well. Stay tuned!

To help with college planning, take a look at these **October Scholarship Opportunities!**

1) National Space Club Scholarship - $50,000 - 1 Award (Deadline: October 30, 2026) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be a senior in high school. B) Have the intention of pursuing a career in the STEM fields. Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12191/national_space_club_scholarship

2) Young Women in STEM Scholarship - $5,000 - 3 Awards (Deadline: November 1, 2026) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be a female high school senior or undergraduate that is from a low-income household. B) Be planning to pursue a degree in one of the STEM fields. Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/22942/young-women-in-stem-scholarship

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Activities & Clubs Permission Slips

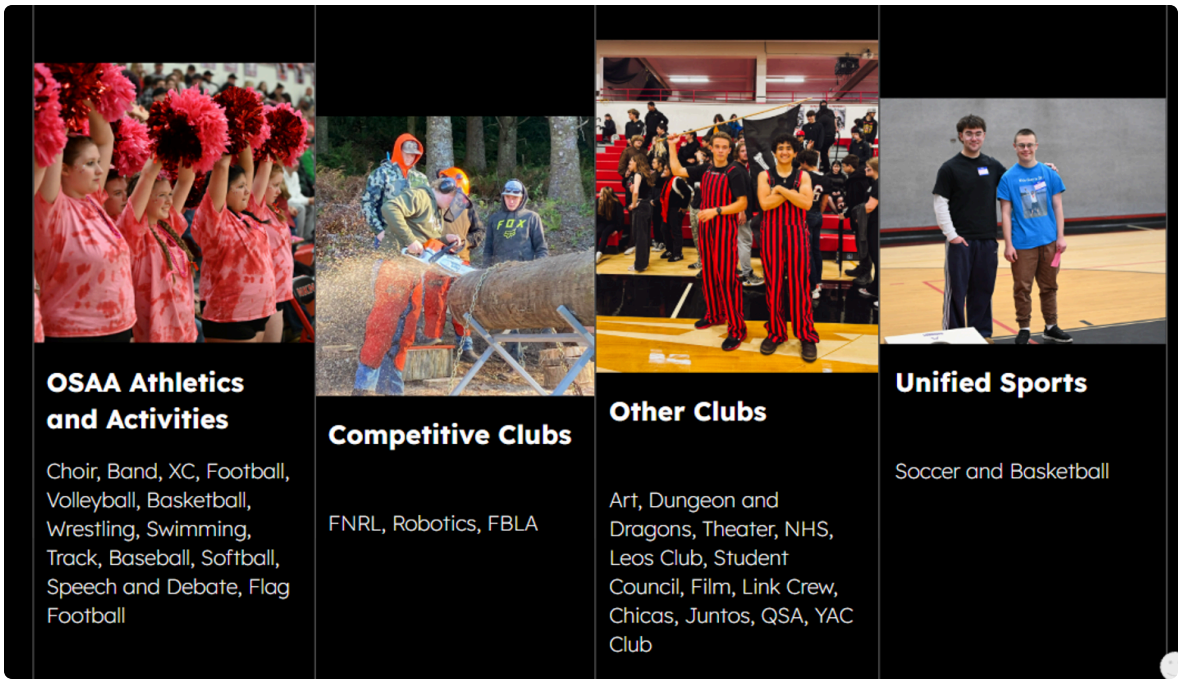
With after school clubs and activities beginning, please ensure your student has a current Activities and Athletics Permission Slip and Code of Conduct completed! Follow the link below to complete. All

students must have a completed permission slip prior to their participation in after school clubs or activities.

Reach out to Lexie via Parent Square messaging or email, alexisf@nknsd.org, to verify your students permissions status!

English Permissions Form

Spanish Permissions Form



Health Center Information

The NKN Health and Wellness Center on the NKN campus will be open on **Wednesdays and Thursdays** this year for medical and behavioral health services from 8am-6pm (closed for lunch 12:30-1:30pm.) Staff and students can access services by visiting in person to schedule or calling 503-355-3500.

Attendance Reminders

With us getting further into the swing of the school year, we wanted to provide a few reminders in regards to attendance.

If your student will be absent, please let us know by **9:15 AM**! You can call the school (503-355-2272), send a ParentSquare message to Lexie Fuell, or email alexisf@nknsd.org. We appreciate your help in keeping our records accurate and our staff informed!



Senior Information

Honors Diploma

- The deadline for Seniors to apply for an Honors Diploma is January 22, 2027.
- Here is the link to the qualifications and application.



Community Information



Contact info



If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can reach out via the following links:

- (503) 355-3551
- christyh@nknsd.org
- www.nknsd.org

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