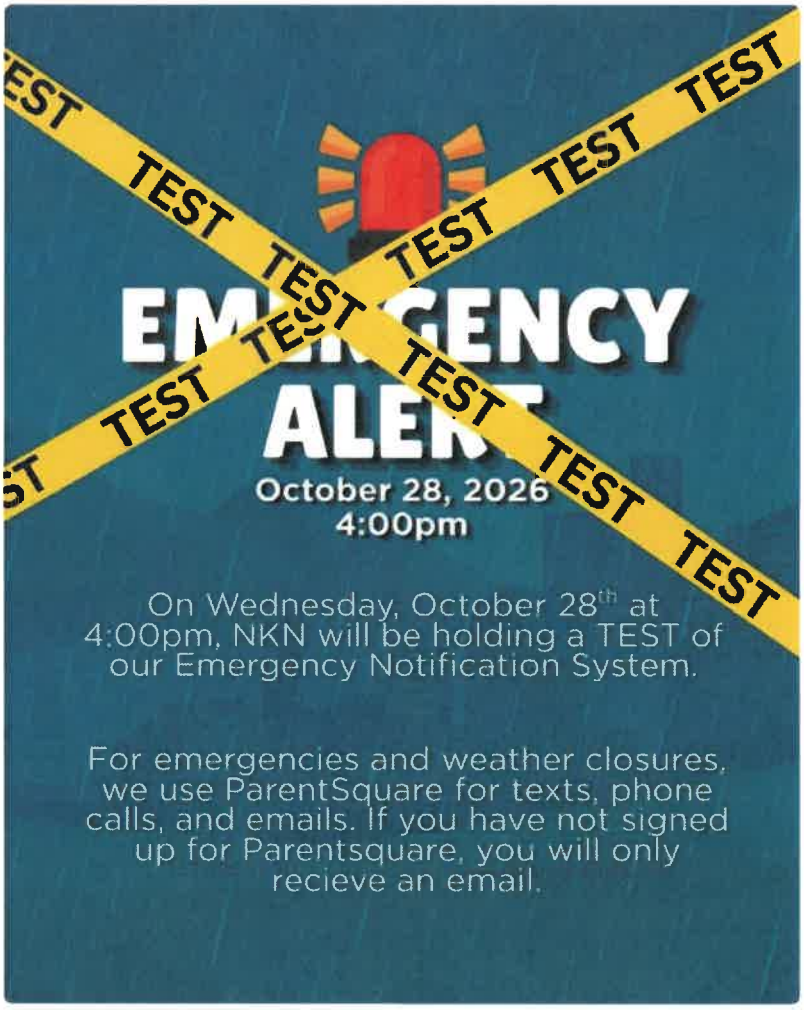
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Upcoming Events

- 10/9: XC @ Rose City Championship, Football vs. Corbett 7
- 10/10: Varsity Volleyball @ Seaside Tournament, XC @ Rainier Invitational
- 10/12: Board Meeting
- 10/13: Volleyball vs. Catlin Gabel - Senior Night! (after JV game, before varsity warm up)
- 10/14: Parent Advisory Council meeting 5-6 in the conference room
- 10/15: Volleyball @ Warrenton
- 10/16: XC @ Meriwether, Football vs. Gaston - Senior Night!
- 10/17: FNRL Home Meet



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 Month!

Cross Country: Baylee Sparks

Baylee ran an early-season personal record of 27:37 that moved her into the fourth-position runner on the Varsity Girls team. She works hard at practice and continues to challenge herself to improve.





Cross Country: R Weiss

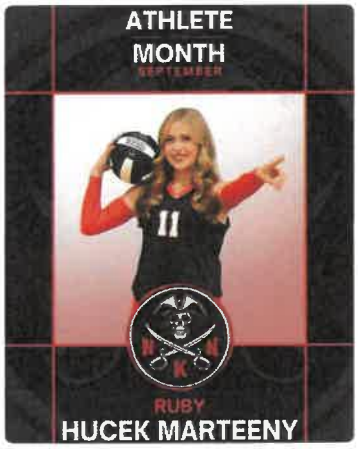
R ran a personal record of 16:12 and placed 3rd overall at the Champs Invite on Friday September 25, helping the Varsity boys win the meet and beat the at-the-time third place 3A team in the state by 86 points. R shows selflessness and encouragement with his teammates and is eager to help when asked to pace others during workouts and at meets.

Football: Levi Sargent



Levi Sargent is our athlete of the month. As a sophomore quarterback, Levi stepped up as the leader of our team. He is a smart, outstanding athlete and after his injury he has continued to be very helpful to the coaches and the team.

Here are his stats through just the first 3 games of our season:
61% completions
528 passing yards
9 passing touchdowns
217 rushing yards
6 rushing touchdowns
24 total tackles



Volleyball: Ruby Hucek Marteeny

Ruby has been a consistent leader on the volleyball team this season. She has been willing to take on leadership roles, such as organizing Dig Pink and leading team bonding in our preseason, as well as being willing and eager to try new things in practice to improve her game play. Ruby has been both a loud leader and a quiet leader for all volleyball players on and off the court and it has been a joy to see her grow this season.

Movin' to the Groove: HOCO 2026















Friday Night Lights!

At Friday Nights Homecoming football game, Benjamin Escriva, Market Manager with T-Mobile was on hand to award Neah-Kah-Nie HS with a check for $5,000.

T-Mobile is proud to support the communities it serves, and through Friday Night 5G Lights, it celebrates the schools, students, athletes, bands, cheerleaders, and fans who make Friday nights so special.

We are thrilled to receive the $5000 from T-Mobile, which will help us continue to excel both on and off the field. Congratulations to everyone for your support and participation!



Rotary Student of the Month- Lily Hummel!

Lily's commitment to academic excellence consistently impresses everyone who teaches her. Beyond her exceptional work in the classroom, she is a remarkably self-driven learner who passionately pursues the violin, programming, 3D modeling, and science fiction literature. Her contributions to the NKN Robotics team—ranging from innovative mechanical designs for intake and storage systems to advanced Java programming—have been pivotal to our success, helping propel our team to two Oregon State Championships.

Parent Teacher Conferences: November 8

Advisory teachers will be reaching out to schedule your conference in the next 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) Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarships - $10,000 - 5 Awards (Deadline: October 20, 2026) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be enrolled in an accredited educational institution (high school, undergraduate, or graduate) in the US. B) Have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services. Applications can be found by going to: **https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8850/stephen_j_brady_stop_hunger_scholarships**

2) 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**

3) 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**

🎓 Financial Aid Information Night

Attention Pirate families! We will host ia **Financial Aid Night on Monday, October 12th at 6:00 PM** at the **high school cafeteria**.

Navigating college and post-secondary funding can feel overwhelming, but you do not have to do it alone. This dedicated session is designed to give students and parents a through understanding of the process of applying for financial aid, the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), and about the documentation you will receive from academic institutions in return. Preparing for these applications early in the fall is a crucial step toward securing vital federal, state, and school-specific funding options.

College Fair Field Trip

Get ready to explore your future! Students are encouraged to come with us to the **NACAC National College Fair on Monday, October 19, 2026**.

This is an incredible **FREE** opportunity for students to connect directly with admissions representatives and discover a massive variety of post-secondary pathways. The fair will feature **216 colleges from 32 states and 8 countries**. Whether you are considering local options, out-of-state universities, technical institutes, or even the chance to study abroad, this event has something for everyone.

Students will need to be at the school by 6:45 am to leave at 7. All students are welcome, but space is limited, and priority will be given to Juniors and Seniors. Sign up in the library!

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.

EF Travel - Japan 2028!

The meeting to discuss 2028's EF Travel will be held on October 7th at 6 pm in the library! The following is from Ms. Dallas, the teacher leading the trip.

Hello families,

We have some exciting news to share. Your student is invited to join us on an educational travel experience with their peers to Japan in Summer 2028.

This is my 5th year at Neah-Kah-Nie High School as a teacher and I've seen the impact travel can have on our students. I got to travel with the group this past summer when they went to Europe. It's truly a once in a lifetime experience.

Students become more aware of themselves and others when they travel. They develop confidence, explore new ideas, and mature in ways that can surprise us. Students who join this opportunity will learn about themselves and the world, grow their social skills, and set themselves apart in future schooling and careers.

To learn more, please join our informational meeting on October 7th at 6:00 PM in the Library at Neah-Kah-Nie High School.
Please register here:

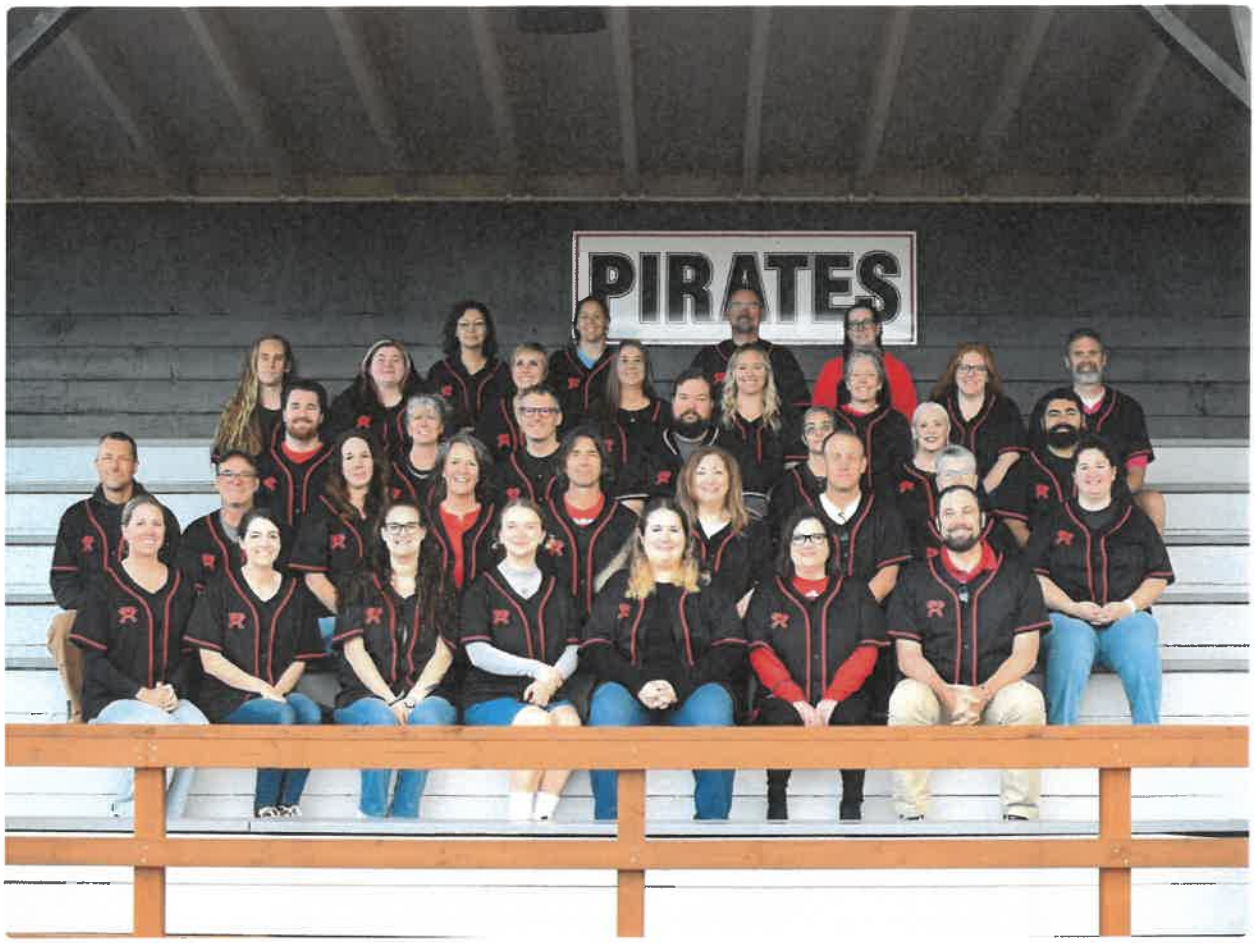
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We will discuss:

- Why we see this as a valuable opportunity for our students
- What we'll see and do on our trip (highlights include Tokyo, Kyoto, the bullet train, and more)
- Everything that's included in this experience
- How we're keeping this safe and affordable
- A discount available for early enrollment
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A parent or guardian must attend. Can't make it? Choose "No, but send info" on our registration page so you don't miss out.

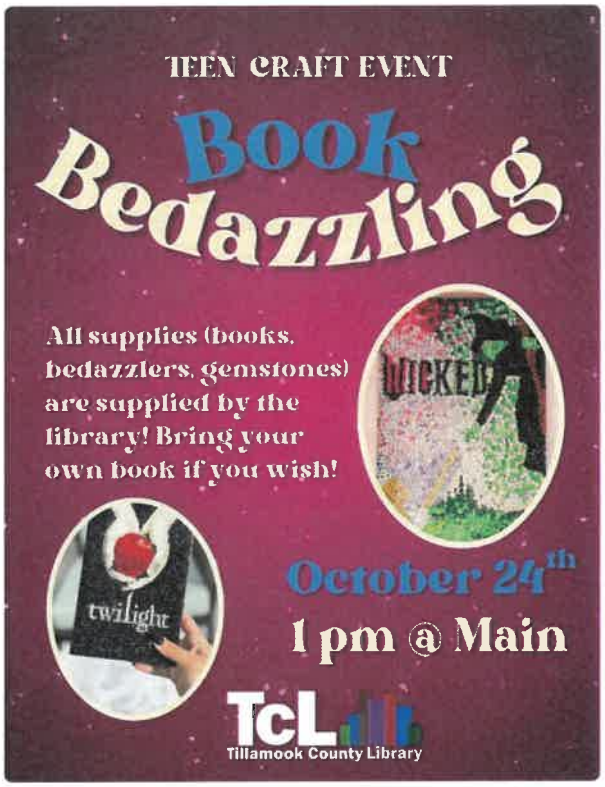
Best regards,
Shelby Dallas


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Community Information




TEEN CRAFT EVENT
Junk Journaling
NOVEMBER 20TH @ 4 PM
All journaling materials provided!
TcL
Tillamook County Library


TEEN CRAFT EVENT
Book Bedazzling
All supplies (books, bedazzlers, gemstones) are supplied by the library! Bring your own book if you wish!
WICKED
twilight
October 24th
1 pm @ Main
TcL
Tillamook County Library

Teen Crafting Club

TcL Tillamook County Library

Visit our website or scan the code to sign up for your free seasonal craft!



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Dental Care Workshop for Caregivers

OCT.23
4 PM

RSVP
to Join us, Friday, October 23rd at 4:00 PM



- Build healthy brushing habits
- Learn simple ways to prevent cavities
- Discover tips for choosing the right dental tools
- Learn how food, drinks & daily habits affect your oral health

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RSVP mabben@nehalembayhealth.org or call 1-800-368-5182 Ext.135





Contact info

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



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- christyh@nknsd.org
- www.nknsd.org