



Neah-Kah-Nie High School

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PIRATE NEWSLETTER

Welcome message from the Principal:

Welcome back to school Pirates, families and friends! We hope you will use the information in this newsletter to get ready to have a great school year!

New Staff: This year we have no new teachers and are excited about the consistency of having everyone back again! We have a new testing coordinator, Shelby Owsley, who used to live in Montana and worked for a community college as their testing coordinator. Some students may already know Shelby as she was a substitute in the district this past school year. We also have two new instructional assistants: Samantha Brown and Jenni Stinnett. Samantha previously worked as a nurse but is studying to become a speech pathologist assistant. Jenni is our Site Council parent representative and has been working with NCRD over the summer. Both ladies are Neah-Kah-Nie alumni so we are super happy to welcome them to our staff!

Remodeled Spaces: We have four beautiful new upgrades for our students, staff and community to enjoy. The largest project has been the remodeling of the Chemistry Lab. Everything is sparkling and new and ready for science experiments galore. Another exciting upgrade has been made to room 6—previously room 6 was used to be just another meeting room. Now it is a fully functional, creatively inspiring “Maker Space”. Students will be able to access this room for school projects and to learn about robots, electronics and to invent, create and produce a variety of cool, artistic and technologically enhanced pieces. Room 13 has been turned into our community/ wellness room. It is a calm, quiet space where students and staff will be able to think, work, regulate and focus on being healthy and productive. Finally, we will have new bleachers in the lower gym for our students, staff and fans to express their Pirate Spirit!

Ongoing practices: The staff continues to develop skills and abilities to assist students in achieving their potential. Last year we learned about “Constructing Meaning” techniques teachers can use to help students understand more, use richer academic vocabulary and language skills, write fluently and speak more eloquently. We will continue to develop our expertise using these techniques while also exploring basic ideas about how to promote emotional resilience and a growth mindset that will help all students overcome the barriers life throws at them. Our goal is to fight the close minded perceptions that cause people to think that they are “not good at math”, “can’t speak in public” or “aren’t good writers”. We will be learning about how people can unknowingly be impacted by “adverse childhood experiences” and how to help them positively navigate and overcome the issues that come as a result later in life. Some refer to this as “trauma informed care”. To us it makes sense. We want to make sure we support our students not just academically but as people that learn and perceive things differently. If you are interested in learning along with us, give me a call. I’ll share the book titles, times and dates of our professional development!

Reminder of Rules concerning cell phones/ electronic devices: Our policy at school is that cell phones are off and away during instructional time. Students and staff need to be able to focus and be productive. We have reinstated our wi-fi access but students have to log in with their school district ID and passwords and abide by our technology appropriate use policies.

Opportunities to be involved: We are always looking for great people to be substitute teachers, instructional assistants and custodians...you do not need to have a teaching degree to be a substitute teacher! Please contact Kathie Sellars at the district office for more information at 503-355-3506...you can earn about \$200 per day as a teacher filling in when our regular staff can't be here.

Our ASPIRE program needs caring adults to serve as mentors on a schedule that fits your life! All you need is the desire to help a student. Please contact Margaret Whiting in the high office if interested in becoming an ASPIRE mentor.

Finally I urge you to give me a call if you have any questions or ideas that would benefit students. The 2019-2020 school year is about to begin! Here's hoping that it will be happy, healthy and successful for one and all!

Information from the Counselor's Office:

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We have some important information that we don't want you to miss. As always, feel free to email if you have questions about any of the following: esthert@nksd.org

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION – Tuesday, 8/27/2019 (Parents were notified by a phone message and an e-mail. If you are a parent of a 9th grade student and did not receive these messages, please contact Delpha Corwin in the high school office to update your student's file information.

SENIOR ORIENTATION - Thursday, 9/12/19, 6pm

UPCOMING TESTING for seniors who plan to attend a 4-yr college or university next fall:

- Ø SAT's – October 5th, 7:45am at NKN (registration deadline is Sept. 6th) Register online at www.collegeboard.org
- Ø ACT's – October 26th, 7:45am at NKN (registration deadline is Sept. 20th) Register online at www.act.org
- Ø Remember that students who are a part of the free/reduced lunch program can get a fee waiver from the counselor!

FAFSA Completion Week – Oct 1-4: This is the first of our GEARUP events designed to help seniors transition into life after high school! Time will be set aside for all seniors to complete their FAFSA during advisory in preparation for their post-secondary plans. We will also be having the lab set aside for students and their parents on **Saturday, October 5th from 1-3 pm** for parents who would like assistance. More info to come...

Feel free to contact the counselor if you have any questions or need help navigating the high school and post-secondary experiences. Parents are welcome to request that their emails be added to a parent list so that they can receive the information sent to their students by the counselor as well. Just send the request to esthert@nksd.org along with the name of your student and we'll get you added!

NKN students can earn college credit while in high school! Dual credit classes through Northwest Promise and Willamette Promise have a 1 time fee of \$30 for the year and dual credit classes through Tillamook Bay Community College that are taught by our teachers are free! Pass the class requirements and receive college credits! You can investigate this program in more detail by calling the School Counselor, Esther Troyer, (503-355-3588) or log on at: www.wesd.org/willamettepromise **IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES!**

College Options: NKN is excited to continue our partnership with TBCC and offer community college classes in our north county satellite classrooms. This partnership helps us offer students a wider variety of courses -- classes that feed into excellent career paths like Health Occupations and the new Natural Sciences program.

Reminders and other information:

Closed Campus: NKN campus is a closed campus for **freshmen** for the entire school year.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors must earn their off campus privileges by being in good standing academically (checked every three weeks after progress reports are out) and maintaining acceptable behavior. The complete details can be found in the Student Handbook under the "C"s. At any time, parents may request that we limit off-campus privileges for their student even if they meet criteria. Our desire is to maintain a safe, responsible and respectful learning environment both in school and in the community.

Parking Permits: In order to park on school property, student drivers must register with the office, provide proof of driver's license and insurance. The parking permit will remain on file with the school office and must be displayed in the vehicle (for families that share multiple vehicles we are happy to issue multiple parking permits).

School Improvement Goals: We want all of our students to continue to increase their achievement in the core areas of reading, writing and mathematics so they can be prepared for success in all their classes and life endeavors. In order to meet our improvement goals we will continue to have a school-wide focus on reading comprehension and writing well, which includes multiple opportunities to read and write in every subject area, and three benchmark assessments per year that will enable students to demonstrate essential skills in reading, writing and math which are required for graduation.

Extra support with reading, writing and mathematics is available during school hours. In addition to the advisory class, students may take the elective class called "On Course". We also have after school tutoring Monday through Thursday. Please contact the office if you have questions or want to discuss special education and 504 services for your student.

Every year we assess the effectiveness and efficiency of our operations and ask you how satisfied you are with our school and programs. Feedback from all our stakeholders is critical to this work. Please plan to attend Parent Teacher Conferences October 17th. During this conference time, your student will present you with a student led conference, there will also be time for you to meet individually with teachers in a more traditional conference session. We hope you will take time to complete our confidential school improvement survey on line which we will make available at conference time.

90% Attendance Goal for every student: Attendance is critical for success in school and prepares students for success in life. Consistent school attendance is essential and will be strictly enforced. Please see Student Handbook information under attendance. We hope that both families and students will work with us to maintain a 90% attendance rate or be collaboratively working to improve it.

Athletic sponsors: If you are interested in becoming a Pirate Sponsor or if you would like to nominate someone to the NKN Hall of Fame, please contact our Athletic Director, Corey Douma, through the school office.

1st day information packets: You student should bring home the 1st day of school a packet of forms to be filled out and returned to the high school office. Please be sure to review the forms. It is important that the internet agreement, directory release and bus registration forms are promptly returned. If your son or daughter have specific medical conditions or are taking medications (even over the counter

medications), please make sure you review and complete the medical forms. Also included in the packet are the school bell schedules and the district's 19-20 school calendar for your convenience and school picture information. If you have questions about any of the documents in the 1st day packet, please contact the high school office.

Calendar of Events

8/27/2019	Freshmen Orientation, HS Library	6:00 p.m.
8/30/2019	Cross Country @ Wilsonville HS	6:00 p.m.
8/31/2019	Volleyball @ Warrenton	TBA
9/3/2019	First Day of School	8:35 a.m.
	Volleyball @ Jewell, Varsity ONLY	6:00 p.m.
9/5/2019	Volleyball @ home w/Riverdale, Varsity ONLY	5:00 p.m.
9/6/2019	Heart Smart Screening	
	Football @ Reedsport	6:00 p.m.
9/7/2019	Cross Country @ Hydrangea Ranch/Tillamook	10:30 a.m.
	Volleyball @ home, NKN Invitational	8:00 a.m.
9/10/2019	Picture Day	
	Volleyball @ City Christian	5:00 p.m.
9/11/2019	Volleyball @ Nestucca	5:00 p.m.
9/12/2019	Senior Orientation, HS Library	6:00 p.m.
9/14/2019	Cross Country @ Lane Comm. College	11:00 a.m.
	Volleyball @ Vernonia	TBA
9/17/2019	Volleyball @ Vernonia	5:00 p.m.
9/18/2019	Emergency Preparedness Planning Night	6:30 p.m.
9/19/2019	Volleyball @ home w/Gaston	5:00 p.m.
9/20/2019	Football @ Gaston	7:00 p.m.
9/21/2019	Cross Country @ Camp Rilea	10:10 a.m.
	Mudd Nick Dinner & Auction Fundraiser	
9/24/2019	Volleyball @ Portland Christian	5:00 p.m.
9/27/2019	Football @ home/Nestucca	7:00 p.m.
9/27&28/2019	Cross Country @ Nike Pk, Blue Lake Pk	8:20 a.m.
10/1/2019	Volleyball @ home w/Nestucca	5:00 p.m.

10/4/2019	Cross Country @ Camp Magruder	3:00 p.m.
	Football @ Portland Christian	7:00 p.m.
10/5/2019	Volleyball @ Faith Bible	1:00 p.m.
10/8/2019	Cross Country @ Bigfoot Classic	4:00 p.m.
10/10/2019	Volleyball @ home w/Faith Bible	5:00 p.m.
10/11/2019	Football @ home w/Knappa	7:00 p.m.
10/15/2019	Volleyball @ home w/Knappa	5:00 p.m.
10/17/2019	Volleyball @ home w/Col. Christian-Varsity	5:00 p.m.
10/18/2019	Football @ Warrenton	7:00 p.m.
10/24/2019	Cross Country @ NWL Meet, Vernonia	4:15 p.m.
10/25/2019	Football @ home w/Vernonia (Homecoming)	7:00 p.m.
10/26/2019	Oktoberfest Speech Tournament @ NKN	
	Homecoming Dance	
10/31/2019	Cross Country @ District Meet, Lebanon	4:20 p.m.
11/9/2019	Cross Country @ State, Lane Comm. College	10:00 a.m.

Sportsmanship Statement: Interscholastic activities are an integral part of the educational curriculum and experience. High school activities promote the character development of participants, enhance the educational mission and promote civility in society. Therefore, student-athletes, coaches, spectators and all others associated with high school activities programs and events should adhere to the fundamental values of respect, fairness, honesty and responsibility.





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