

Home of the

Pirates

Neah-Kah-Nie High School

Newsletter

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WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL:



Welcome back to school Pirates, families and friends! We are projecting 50 new freshmen, 60 sophomores, 60 juniors and 50 seniors, give or take a few that move in or out. As nearly every year, we have several changes to share...the bigger, new eight lane track is the most amazing! This project is still progressing and is scheduled to be completed by our first home football game September 22nd. A little later, I think everyone will appreciate the new restrooms and concession stand as well!

We have four new teachers we are very excited to have join our team: Skyanna Goodland and Megan Tokar in the Math Department; Susan Rodinsky, Spanish; and Hannah Reynolds, Social Studies. In addition to our new testing coordinator and media assistant Beth Clark, we also welcome new instructional assistants Sarah Ceja and Robert Waddell. These great staff members look forward to helping our students in any way they can!

This year late start has moved to Monday; other than that, the daily schedule remains the same. On Tuesdays we will be starting a new TECH Club. We also have after school tutoring every Tuesday. Students that stay for clubs or tutoring may take the activity bus home which leaves the high school at 6 p.m.

On a personal note, I love being the principal of this small quality school and value the opportunities I have to connect with students, parents and community members. Please feel free to contact me via email, phone or drop by the school office if there is something I can help you with. For important, more lengthy or confidential conversations, I am happy to schedule an appointment. My contact information follows: direct phone line: 503-355-3551 email: heidib@nknsd.org.

In anticipation of another successful year of learning and growth,
Dr. Buckmaster

MISSION STATEMENT

Neah-Kah-Nie commits to providing a learning community focused on improvement, persistence and integrity.

VISION STATEMENT

Full engagement in rigorous academics and healthy activities will produce graduates able to apply the literacy, problem solving, creativity and technology skills needed for success in college and the work force.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEW PIRATE TEACHERS:

Skyanna Goodland: “Hello students, parents and staff of Neah-Kah-Nie. My name is Skyanna Goodland and I am one of the new math teachers in the high school. I am so excited to be joining such an amazing school and community. I have been teaching mathematics at the high school and college level for 13 years. I believe that every student has the ability to succeed in mathematics with the right support and a belief in themselves. I make it my goal to build each student’s confidence so that they are willing to try. In life beyond high school, students probably won’t remember me teaching them how to solve systems of equations in three variables but they will take with them the confidence to try their best at everything they do, to persist even when things don’t come easy and to celebrate the journey of learning new things. Thank you for inviting me so warmly into your wonderful community.”

Hannah Reynolds: “I am very much looking forward to being a member of the Neah-Kah-Nie High School staff as your new Social Studies teacher! After growing up in Portland, I went to college at Vassar College in New York where I studied history and earned my teaching certification. Since moving back to Oregon, I have been supporting English Language Learners and teaching summer school, and am enthusiastic to make Neah-Kah-Nie my home and share my love of history with our students.”

Megan Tokar: “Hi! My name is Megan Tokar and I am excited to be joining the NKN team as a math teacher! I was born in Medford, Oregon. I attended Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon for my Bachelor’s Degree in Mathematics. I earned my Master’s Degree in Teaching at Southern Oregon University as well. Making the move to Rockaway Beach with me is my dog Axle, a border collie/Australian shepherd mix. He has recently found a new love for taking long walks on the beach! I also have a horse named Zip back in Medford. In my free time, I enjoy watching basketball and football, doing craft projects, and spending time with family, friends and my animals. I am looking forward to working with students, parents and staff at NKN! We are going to have a great year!”

Susan Rodinsky: “I am excited to be joining the NKN team as the Spanish teacher! A little about me—I grew up in Portland and after high school I attended Southern Oregon University in Ashland. There I earned by BA in Spanish and my MA in Teaching. I was also fortunate to play volleyball at SOU and look forward to working with the Neah-Kah-Nie volleyball team. Most of my 15 years of teaching experience took place in Central America. I lived in both El Salvador and Nicaragua for a total of 13 years, initially as a Peace Corps volunteer and later as a teacher and administrator in international schools. Most recently I taught 5th grade at East Elementary School in Tillamook. I am a proud mom of two great kids, Maya who is entering 5th grade and Jacob who will start kindergarten this fall. I love living on the Oregon Coast and am looking forward to a great year.”

Parents, when in the building or at a ball game, please take the opportunity to welcome the new teachers or stop by their classrooms during Student Led Conferences on October 19th! Please look for the introductions of our new instructional assistants and testing coordinator/library assistant in the newsletter mailed home with 6-week progress reports in October.

CHANGES AND REMINDERS.....

- ◆ **School Improvement Goals:** We want all of our student 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”, on late start Monday mornings a staffed study hall is open in The Galley and we also have after school tutoring one day per week. Please contact the office if you have questions or want to discuss special education and 504 services for your student.

CHANGES AND REMINDERS – CONTINUED.....

- ◆ School Improvement Goals — cont: 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 on attending conferences on October 19th, noon—8:00 p.m. 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 online which we will make available at conference time.
- ◆ Academic Extras for Students: NKN students can earn college credit through Northwest Promise (NWP), Tillamook Bay Community College dual credit classes, Expanded Options, Health Occupations and Willamette Promise (WP). NKN is excited to continue our partnership with TBCC. In addition to dual credit classes taught by NKN staff, students may attend TBCC classes through Expanded Options. Both Northwest Promise and Willamette Promise offer dual credit classes taught by NKN staff. The fee for NWP and WP credit is a one-time **\$30 per school year fee**. The \$30 fee is due upon enrolling in NWP or WP dual credit class. For more information about all dual credit classes, Expanded Options and Health Occupations, please see Esther Troyer in the Career Center. You can also contact Mrs. Troyer by e-mail: esthert@nknnsd.org or call her at 503-355-3588.
- ◆ Closed Campus: NKN 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), staying under the tardy limit (no more than one per week) and maintaining acceptable behavior (no office referrals). 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 application (signed by both the student and parent) will remain on file with the school office. The parking permit sticker must be displayed in the vehicle rear driver’s side window. For families that share multiple vehicles, we are happy to issue multiple parking permits.
- ◆ 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. This year we are reinstating an attendance incentive program. **Each trimester, students that attain a 90% or better attendance rates will be recognized and included in an exciting special reward program for perfect attendance.** First trimester is iFly Indoor Skydiving. Second trimester is Top Golf.
- ◆ School Supplies: Because of the number of varied classes and specific requirements for some classes, we do not publish a school supplies list. It is recommended your student arrive the first day of school with paper, pencils, pens, a spiral notebook or two—basic school supplies. If your student has a teacher with specific class requirements/needs, they will be given that information the first day of classes.
- ◆ New Students: If you know of a new family with school-aged children that has moved into the district, please refer them to the appropriate school for registration. We would like to have all high school students registered and scheduled into classes prior to the first day of school September 5th. Please note, students attending Neah-Kah-Nie School District last year do not need to re-enroll. However, if you have a new address or phone number, please contact Delpha in the high school office at 503-355-2258 or delphac@nknnsd.org with any changes or for any additional information pertaining to high school registration.
- ◆ ParentVUE AND StudentVUE: If you currently do not have access to ParentVUE or StudentVUE, we would encourage you to contact the office for an activation key and login information. You can view grades, schedule, assignment information, contact and immunization information and much more. The URL addresses for those already with access are as follows: <https://parent-neahkahnne.cascadetechnology.org> and <https://student-neahkahnne.cascadetechnology.org>

CHANGES AND REMINDERS — CONTINUED

- ◆ Payment of Fees: Students can pay student body, locker fees and class or Willamette/Northwest Promise fees in the main high school office. To insure students a safe place for personal items, textbooks, etc., all students will be assigned a locker. **There is NO PAY TO PLAY fee this year!!**
- ◆ MealTime Lunch Program: Parents can complete the Free & Reduced Lunch Application or make deposits to student lunch accounts by accessing MealTime Online at the district's website: www.nknsd.org. If you do not have a computer available to you at home, we can assist you by providing computer access in the high school office. **Please remember, if your child is currently on the Free & Reduced Lunch Program, your application MUST BE renewed PRIOR to mid-October or your child's account will return to paid status. Online application instructions are included in students' 1st day packets.** Applications are available in the high school office.
- ◆ All students will be given a first day packet which will contain a great deal of information and a number of forms needing your review, signature and return to the high school office. If your son or daughter does not bring home a first day packet, **PLEASE CONTACT THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE.**
- ◆ Athletic Sponsorship: If you would like to renew your Pirate sponsorship or become a Pirate sponsor, please contact Corey Douma, Athletic Director. The sponsorship fees are used to provide additional equipment, facility improvements and provide additional opportunities for Pirate athletes. Please e-mail Mr. Douma at coreyd@nknsd.org or by phone, 503-355-3567. Watch the district's Facebook page for updated sponsor information.

CELEBRATIONS!

Last year our students showed solid performance in the quality of their reading and writing as assessed by the 11th grade state test. We attribute this to the hard work and continued focus of the teaching writing in all classes across the curriculum. In the three tested areas, NKN students outperformed state averages. We look forward to continuing this positive trend and hope that families will support the importance of continuing practice by reading students' written work and supporting the revision process to insure every piece of writing is technically correct, organized and properly cited.

NKN HS is fully accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Committee.

LOOKING FORWARD!

Our "Celebrate NKN" event last spring was again well received...we announced new Hall of Fame inductees: Dave Stevens, Class of 1971; Rich Mulcahy, teacher and coach; and the 1984 Volleyball State Championship Team. We will have this year's Celebrate NKN the last day in February (28th). If you know of a graduate of NKN that has gone on to do great things please nominate them for the Hall of Fame! Nomination forms are available on-line through the district's website www.nknsd.org or you can come pick up a form at the school office.

ASPIRE PROGRAM

We are so excited to be able to offer the ASPIRE program to our students again for a second year. ASPIRE is a mentor program that matches trained and supportive adult volunteers with high school students to help them plan and prepare for their lives post-high school. The program is open to all students. They get one-on-one help with school choices and applications, reminders about meeting deadlines, directions to financial aid resources, and assistance finding and applying for scholarships. ASPIRE provides students with someone "in their corner" who is committed to helping them pursue the next steps in their academic lives or careers. Please consider volunteering, I am confident your experience will not only enrich our students lives but yours as well. Thanks, Margaret Whiting, ASPIRE Coordinator (margaretw@nknsd.org).

LIBRARY NEWS FROM MS. HARMON!

In addition to new books and other resources in the library, we are very excited to provide many new electronic resources in the NKN High School library this fall. Students can download the Destiny Discover App on their phone or tablet and use their NKN Google account to log in to our online library of books they can download and read.

The Oregon Library Information System continues to provide research materials for all students in the State of Oregon. Go to www.oslis.org and follow the link to Gale Databases: Username: neahkahn; password: oslis These resources are a great source of authoritative material for class research or reading in areas of personal interest. Remember the goal is to be a life-long learner!

These and many more resources are available on the student resources page under the high school link on the nknsd.org website.

FROM YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, LACOYA RENY-HAMER:

Going into the 2017-2018 school year, Student Council is looking forward to working with Neah-Kah-Nie staff and students. We hope to build school spirit and provide fun activities that give everyone a break from the daily school schedule. Within Student Council there are representatives from each grade working together. Our hope is that by having an active spokesperson from each grade we will be able to collect ideas, constructive criticism and wants from a wide range of students so everyone's voice is heard. In order to properly represent the school, we first have to be able to work together as a group. Building unity within Student Council is a goal that will not only make our job easier, but also help us to better serve the school as a whole. Taking input and ideas from the student body and staff of Neah-Kah-Nie will help us to create an environment that everyone can enjoy. Everyone on Student Council works together to help plan the spirit weeks that take place during the school year including Homecoming, Winter Week and Pirate Palooza. We are always ready to take on new ideas.



As the start of the year comes closer, the first thing on Student Council's agenda is Homecoming. In preparation we started brainstorming at the end of last year and are now picking up where we left off. As of now, Homecoming will be the week of the October 23rd-27th with the dance on the 28th. The week leading up to the last home football game is full of daily assemblies, dress up days, homecoming court and class games. Student Council is working together to plan each day of the spirit week so classes can compete to earn points in the hopes of having their royalty crowned. The representatives on Student Council from the sophomore class are in charge of planning the dance that takes place the day after the last home football game. Homecoming week is the most competitive spirit week during the school year. Even though the excitement can create a competitive environment between classes, it unifies students within their grade. After having a week of competition between grades, the homecoming football game provides the perfect opportunity to unify everyone and show their Pirate Pride!



COUNSELOR'S OFFICE

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We have some important information that we don't want you to miss. As always, feel free to e-mail if you have questions about any of the following. esthert@nknsd.org

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

- ♦ SAT's – October 7th, 7:45am at NKN (registration deadline is Sept. 9th) Register online at www.collegeboard.org
- ♦ ACT's – October 28th, 7:45am at NKN (registration deadline is Sept. 22nd) Register online at www.act.org
- ♦ 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 16-19

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 in preparation for their post-secondary plans. We will also be having special financial aid presentations for students and their parents on Thursday the 19th during SLC's with specialized help for FAFSA completion! More info to come...

RAISE ME is a new scholarship site that our students will be able to use starting in the 9th grade! Micro-scholarships are awarded for a variety of things such as grades, activities, awards, etc. There are over 200 colleges across the nation that are currently participating including 18 Oregon public and private colleges!

Students can sign up and get started at: <https://www.raise.me/join/neh-kah-nie-high-school> More information to come at the class orientations!

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION – Tues, 8/29/17, 6pm

SOPHOMORE ORIENTATION – Wed, 9/13/17, 6pm

JUNIOR ORIENTATION - Wed, 9/20/17, 6pm

SENIOR ORIENTATION - Wed, 9/27/17, 6pm

OTHER UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

Sept. 5th, 1st day of school for all high school students

Sept. 12th, School-wide Heart Screening AND Picture Day

Oct. 13th, State-wide Teacher Inservice—NO SCHOOL

Oct. 19th, Student Led Conferences, noon—8:00 p.m.

Oct. 20th, Teacher Inservice—NO SCHOOL

Nov. 7th & 8th, Boeing Field Trip (if interested sign-up in the office)

Nov. 10th, Veterans Day Holiday

Nov. 22nd-24th, No School—Thanksgiving

Nov. 30th, High School Band & Choir Concert

Dec. 1st, Trimester 1 Perfect Attendance Trip to iFLY

****Speech practice—Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:00—6:00 p.m.****

2017 Pirate Volleyball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME*
Aug 26th	Jamboree	Vernonia	300 pm
Aug 31st	Riverdale	NKN HS	5:00 pm
Sept 5th	City Christian	City Christian	5:00 pm
Sept 7th	Nestucca	Nestucca	5:00 pm
Sept 9th	NKN Invitational**	NKN HS	9:00 am
Sept 12th	Vernonia	Vernonia	5:00 pm
Sept 14th	Gaston	NKN HS	5:00 pm
Sept 16th	Vernonia Tournament**	Vernonia	9:00 am
Sept 18th	Central Linn	Central Linn	4:30 pm
Sept 21st	Delphian	NKN HS	5:00 pm
Sept 26th	Nestucca	NKN HS	5:00 pm
Sept 28th	Gaston	Gaston	5:00 pm
Sept 30th	Clatskanie Tournament***	Clatskanie MS/HS	9:00 am
Oct 3rd	Faith Bible	NKN HS	5:00 pm
Oct 7th	Faith Bible	Faith Bibke	1:00 pm
Oct 10th	Knappa	NKN HS	5:00 pm
Oct 12th	Columbia Christian	NKN HS	5:00 pm
Oct 14th	Delphian	Delphian	1:00 pm
Oct 17th	League Playoff Game	TBD	TBD
Oct 20th and 21st	District Playoffs	TBD	TBD
Oct 28th	1st Round State Playoffs	TBD	TBD
Nov 3rd and 4th	State Championships	Ridgeview HS, Redmond, OR	TBD

* Unless otherwise denoted, JV Games start at 5:00 pm; Varsity Games follow at approximately 6:30 pm

** Varsity ONLY

*** JV ONLY

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2017 Pirate Football Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Aug 26th	Jamboree	Vernonia	7:00 pm
Sept 1st	Portland Christian	Portland Christian	7:00 pm
Sept 8th	Waldport	Waldport	7:00 pm
Sept 15th	Warrenton	Warrenton	7:00 pm
Sept 22nd	Gervis	NKN HS	7:00 pm
Oct 6th	Knappa	NKN HS	7:00 pm
Oct 13th	Gaston	NKN HS	7:00 pm
Oct 20th	Vernonia	Vernonia	7:00 pm
Oct 27th	Nestucca	NKN HS	7:00 pm

2017 Pirate Cross County Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Aug 26th	Jamboree	Knappa HS	TBA
Sept 2nd	Ultimook Race	Hydrangea Ranch, Tillamook	9:30 am
Sept 9th	Logger Elk Run	Teevin Ranch, Vernonia	TBA
Sept 22nd	Kiwanda Challenge	Pacific City	TBA
Sept 26th	Jefferson Invitational	Jefferson HS, Jefferson, OR	4:00 pm
Sept 30th	NIKE Portland XC	Portland Meadows	9:15 am
Oct 6th	Camp Magruder Tillamook XC	Camp Magruder	4:00 pm
Oct 10th	NKN Bigfoot Classic	Twin Rocks Friends Camp	3:00 pm
Oct 19th	3A/2A/1A Pre-Districts	Bush Park, Salem,	4:00 pm
Oct 26th	District 3 Championships	Bush Park, Salem	3:40 pm
Nov 4th	State Championships	Lane Comm College, Eugene	TBA

Go to www.athletic.net and search for NeahKahNie XC for race information

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**COMING TO NEAH-KAH-NIE HIGH
SCHOOL—NEW THIS YEAR:**



September 12th, 2017 in conjunction with School Picture Day.

Heart screening will be performed free for all students.

**Parents—Please complete the enclosed Health Questionnaire and
Consent Form.**

**Return complete forms to the high office by September 8th or bring to
screening on the 12th!!!!**



August 29th, 2017 —Freshman Orientation, 6:00 pm
September 13th, 2017—Sophomore Orientation, 6:00 pm
September 20th, 2017 ———Junior Orientation, 6:00 pm
September 27th, 2017—Senior Orientation, 6:00 pm
Parents AND Students—please meet in the high school library!!

IMPORTANT DATES

**Welcome back to school.....we will see you on
September 5th, 2017!!!**

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