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The Pirate Press

February 20, 2026

Upcoming Dates

- **2/21:** Unified BBX @ OSU, Robotics Spark Invitational @ Philomath HS, Girl's Wrestling @ Scappoose
- **2/23:** Europe Trip Meeting
- **2/24:** 9GS Coastal Convening in the Library, Headlight Herald FBLA Interview
- **2/26-2/27:** Wrestling State Championships
- **2/26:** Speech and Debate Gala
- **2/28:** Regional Chess Tournament, Unified and NHS Polar Plunge, Robotics State Championship @ Liberty HS
- **3/2:** Winter Sports Banquet, Engineering Design field trip to North Coast Pinball
- **3/3:** Band Concert, Unified BBX vs Tillamook
- **3/4:** Spring Sports Parent Meeting @ 6:15
- **3/4-3/5:** Trimester 2 Finals
- **3/5:** Dodgefest @ 6
- **3/6:** **Grade Day, NO SCHOOL, End of Trimester 2**

Trimester 2 Finals Schedule- March 4 & 5!

Wednesday, March 4 (Periods 1, 3, and 5)

Time	Minutes	What
8:45-9:45	60 min	Time & Opportunity/Finals Make-ups
9:45-10:00	15 min	Breakfast
10:00- 11:20	80 min	1st Period Final
11:30-12:50	80 min	3rd Period Final
12:50-1:30	40 min	Lunch
1:35- 2:55	80 min	5th Period Final
3:00- 4:00	60 min	Time & Opportunity/Finals Make-ups

Thursday, March 5 (Periods 4 and 6)

Time	Minutes	What
8:45-9:45	60 min	Time & Opportunity/Finals Make-ups
9:45-10:00	15 min	Breakfast
10:00- 11:20	80 min	4th Period Final
11:30-12:50	80 min	6th Period Final
12:50-1:30	40 min	Lunch
1:35- 4:00	145 min	Time & Opportunity/Finals Make-ups

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

- Bus runs will remain unchanged: one run in the AM and one in the PM
- No students leave class early; TAs stay in class
- If a student finishes early, they will need to stay in class until the bell rings.
- Those who ride a bus will need to go into a teacher's classroom until the buses arrive.

TIME AND OPPORTUNITY OPTIONS:

- Get extra help in teacher's classrooms
- Library- study hall
- Galley- movie, Gym- basketball
- Flex space- Resumes, Scholarships, FAFSA, and College Application Support



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2ND ANNUAL DODGEFEST



Get ready to dodge, dip, duck, dive, and dodge at our upcoming Dodgeball Tournament! ←

THURS, MARCH 5 NKN HS Gym
6:00-7:30pm

This is a free family event and dinner will be provided. Students will play against their parents/guardians. ✨ ✨

→ Sponsored by the Parent Advisory Council

Lunch Menu



Hand-Crafted available daily for lunch!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NO SCHOOL ²	Sausage & Biscuit ³ Chicken Quesadillas	Yogurt & Grahams ⁴ Mac & Cheese	Breakfast Burritos ⁵ BBQ Cheese Burgers	Oatmeal Rounds ⁶ Chicken Strips & Fries
Breakfast Bars ⁹ Corn Dogs	Pumpkin Bread ¹⁰ Enchiladas	Pancake on a Stick ¹¹ Teriyaki Chicken Over Rice	Breakfast Sandwich ¹² Chicken Burgers	Sweetheart Parfait ¹³ Pizza Sticks
PRESIDENT'S DAY NO SCHOOL ¹⁶	Pancakes ¹⁷ Chicken Soft Tacos	Bagel & Cream Cheese ¹⁸ Spaghetti	Banana Bread ¹⁹ Cheeseburgers	Breakfast Pizza ²⁰ Lasagna Soup & Garlic Toast
Waffles ²³ Cheesy Breadsticks With Marinara	Sausage & Biscuit ²⁴ Burritos	Yogurt & Grahams ²⁵ Orange Chicken Over Rice	Breakfast Bars ²⁶ Rib-B-Que	Cinnamon Rolls ²⁷ Chicken Strip Basket

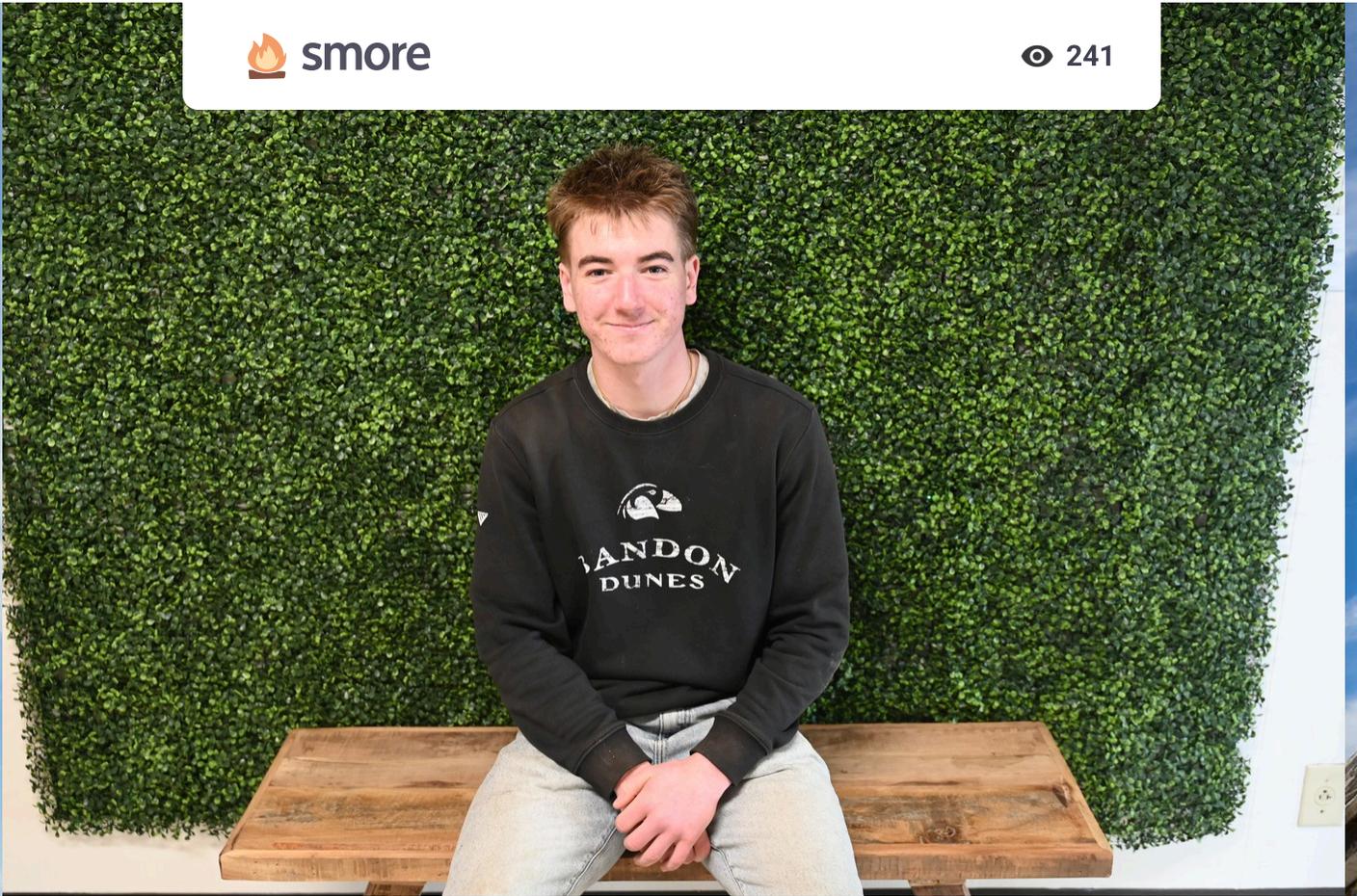


A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are available daily on our offering bar. All of our breads and pastas are whole grain or whole wheat. GF options may be available. Fat-free and 1% milks are offered daily. Whole grain cereals are an option for breakfast.
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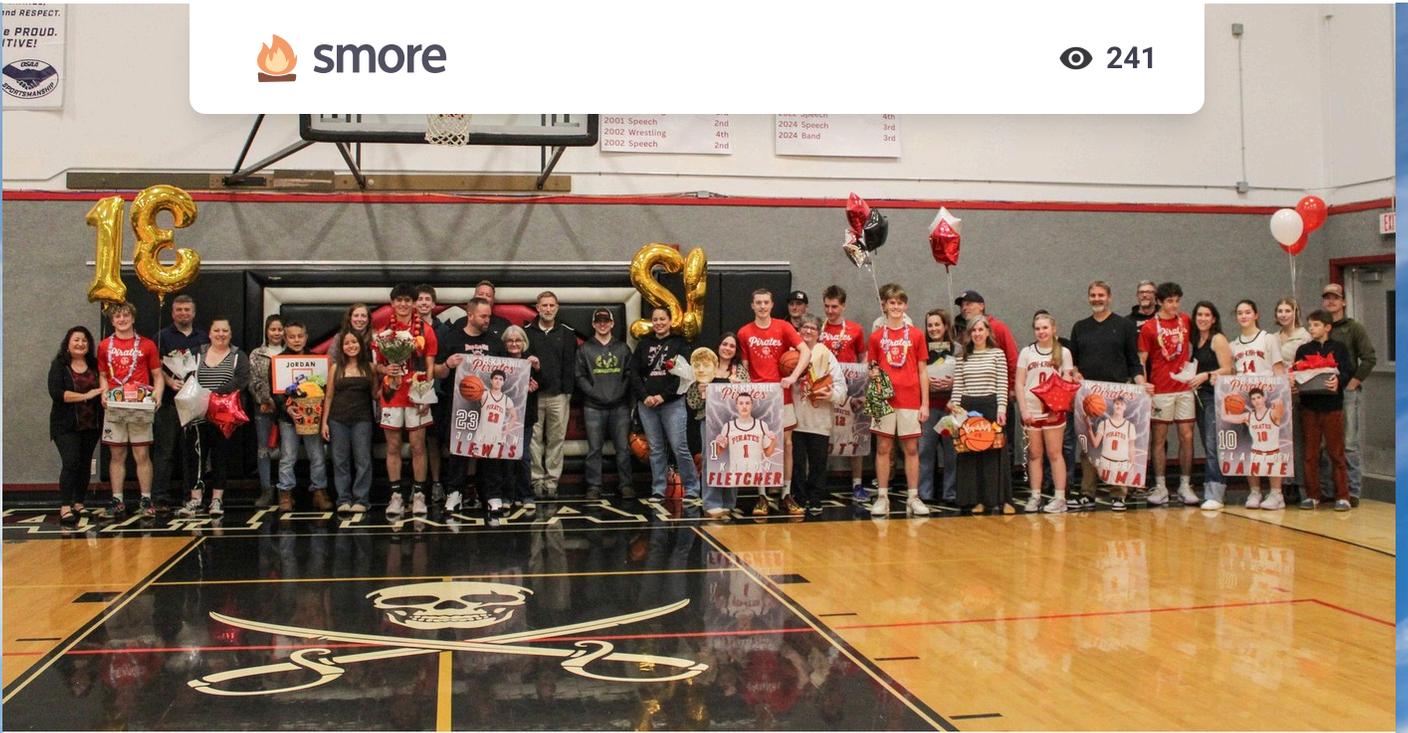
Congratulations Greyson!

Congratulations to NKNHS senior, Greyson Lott, for being awarded the prestigious Evans Scholarship! This highly competitive scholarship will cover his full four-year tuition and housing at the University of Oregon.

The Evans Scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate an exceptional caddie record, outstanding academic achievement, and exemplary character. Greyson is one of only 11 students across Oregon selected for this distinguished award.

Congratulations, Greyson. Your NKNHS community is proud of you!

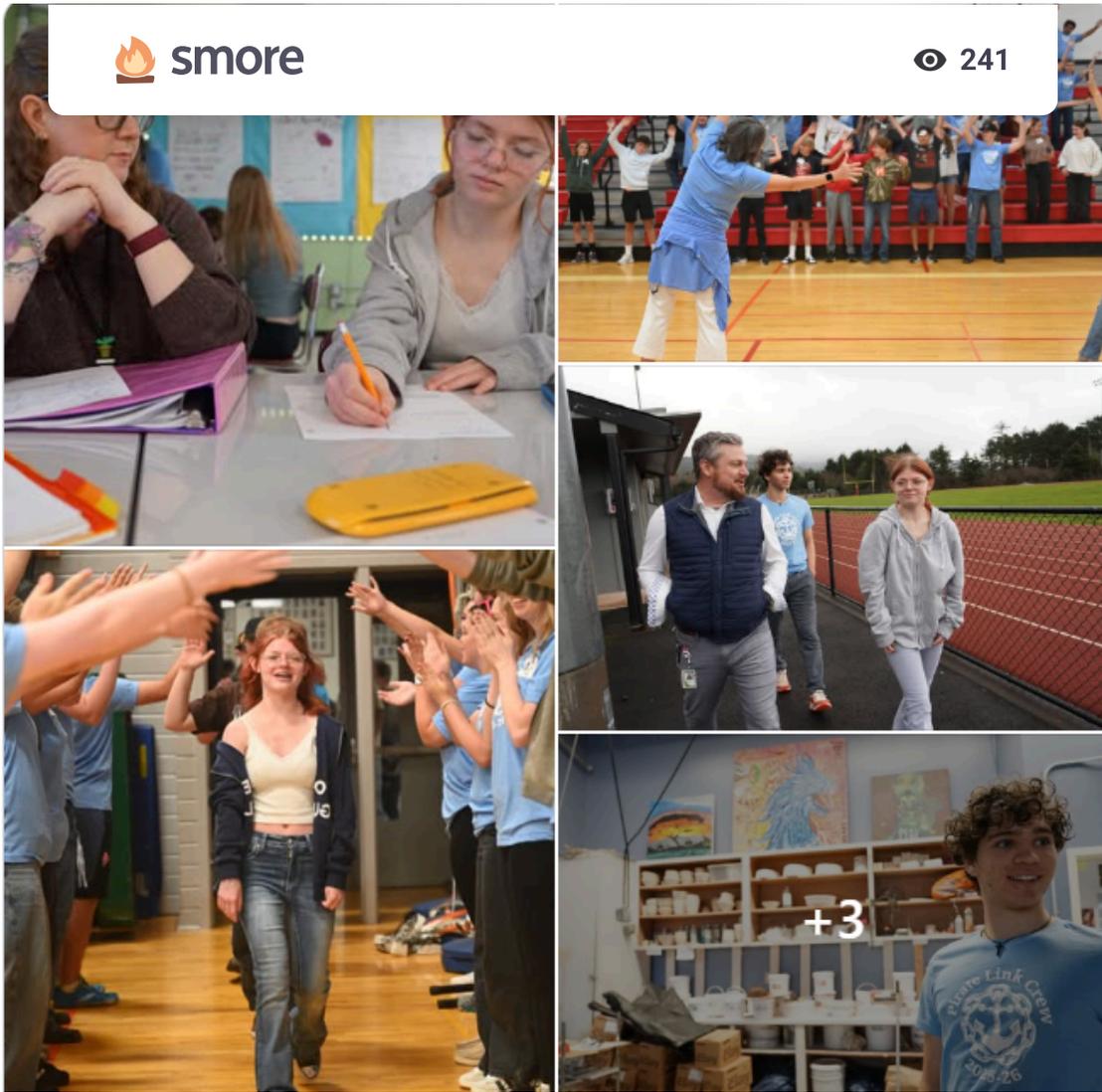
Basketball Senior Night



This week, the Pirate Basketball teams were able to celebrate the 9 basketball seniors (3 Girls, 6 Boys) before their final regular season home games of the season. Both teams were victorious on Senior night and locked up state playoff spots. The girls have finished tied for 2nd place in the league and will play the tie breaker game at Yamhill-Carlton HS on Saturday at 4 pm. The boys locked up 2nd place. Both teams will find out Sunday morning their playoff seeding, opponents, and if they will be hosting in the first round. Great Job this season! Good Luck in the playoffs! GO PIRATES!!

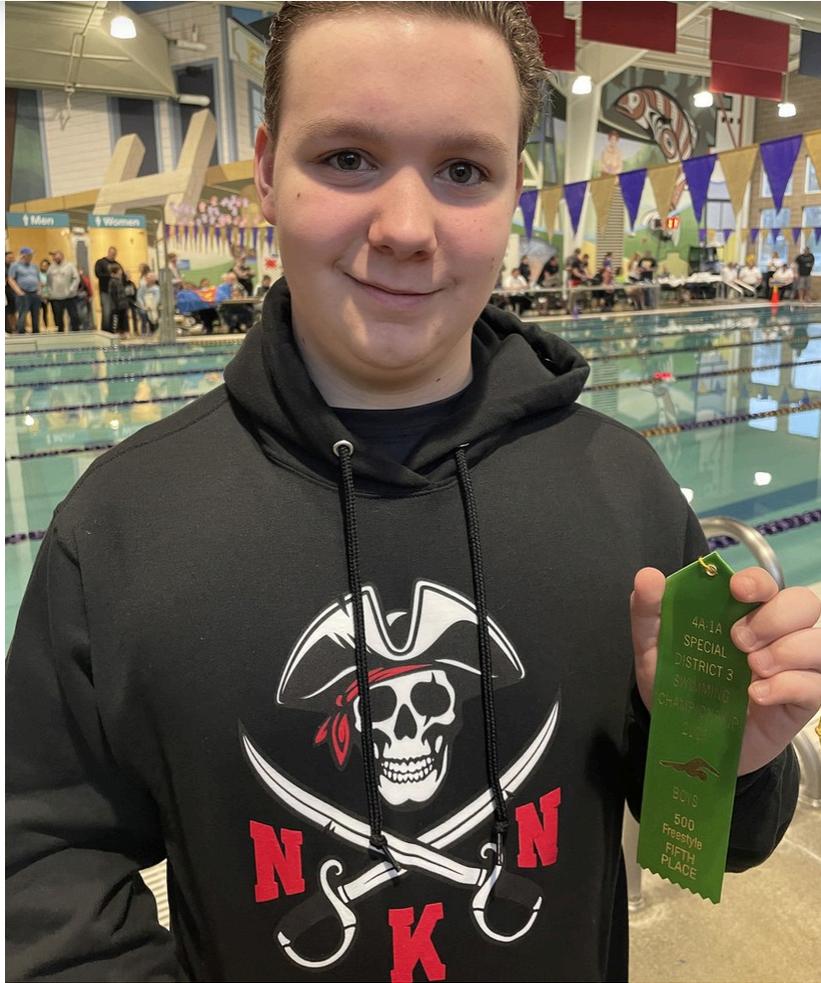
Neah-Kah-Nie in the News!

Article: The Make-or-Break Year: What Happens When Schools Rethink Ninth Grade?



Congratulations to Freshman, Jacob Flynn!

Jacob, our only swimmer at NKN, placed 5th in the 500m Freestyle at the Special District 1 Swim Meet! Way to represent NKN! GO PIRATES!



💕 *Sweethearts Dance* 💕



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Exclusion Day

Vaccine exclusion day is coming up February 26, 2026. Make sure your student is up to date on immunizations and or the required medical/non-medical exemption forms. Oregon requires all paperwork to be completed by February 25, 2026 for your student to continue attending school. Please call the school office or visit with your healthcare provider if you have any questions!



VACCINE APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

Before the February 25 Exclusion Date

The NKN Health & Wellness Center is offering vaccine appointments during the school day to help students meet immunization requirements ahead of the February 25 exclusion deadline.

Appointment Date and Location

- Wednesday Feb 18th (during school Hours)
- School-Based Health Center (on the NKN High School Campus)

Schedule an Appointment

- To schedule a vaccine appointment, call the Nehalem Bay Health Center & Pharmacy at:

1-800-368-5182



Vaccine services provided by Nehalem Bay Health Center & Pharmacy at the NKN School-Based Health Center.

www.NKNHealth.org

Scholarship Resources

[Make a Scholarship Tracking Spreadsheet](#)

[NKN District List of Scholarships](#)

[GEAR UP Scholarship List](#)

Featured Scholarships of the Week

Our local Rotary clubs are offering University/College Scholarship and Trade School Scholarship. Apply using the links below!



College-University Tillamook Rotary Scholarship App 2026 Fillable.pdf

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Trade Tillamook Rotary Scholarship App 2026 Fillable.pdf

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Tillamook PUD Scholarships!



Scholarship & Internship
Opportunities at Tillamook PUD

Lineworker Program Scholarship

- Scholarships are intended to increase knowledge of the utility industry and the lineman trade.
- Two \$10,000 scholarships are available to Tillamook County Residents for enrollment at a recognized Electrical Lineworker Program (ELP).
- Recognized ELPs include Northwest Lineman College and VOLTA Line School.
- Applicants must be a current graduating high school senior or have graduated within the past two academic years.

Scan for more information 
Applications are due by Monday, April 20, 2026.

College Work Program

- The program helps students pursue education by providing work opportunities during school breaks.
- Students assist with brush clearing, flagging, and other tasks, and may later do general office work.
- Applicants must reside in the Tillamook PUD service area, be at least 17 years old, hold a valid driver's license, graduate with a 3.0 GPA or higher, and plan to earn either a college degree or technical certification.
- Application selection is based on academics, work experience, activities, and leadership.

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Applications are due by Monday, May 4, 2026.

High School Work Program

- This program provides an opportunity for students to learn a broad range of skills.
- Three high school seniors are hired each summer: one student works in the office, one in the mechanics' shop, and one in the warehouse.
- Students work through their senior year of high school, an average of 15 hours per week.

Scan for more information 
Program applications accepted March 16 through May 18, 2026.

1115 Pacific Ave, Tillamook, OR 97141 ☆ service@tpud.org ☆ 503.842.2535 ☆ www.tpud.org



College Work Program

Yearbook Information

The 2025-2026 Yearbook will be sent to the printers in May and will be delivered before graduation. Softcover is \$45 and hardcover is \$55. There is a \$5 insert students can get that features senior superlatives, spring sport senior nights, prom, and graduation. This insert will be delivered 3 weeks after it is sent to the printer. ([purchase link here](#)).

Senior Shout-Out Order forms are in the front office at the high school. Questions about ordering please call Mary King at 503 355-2272 or email maryk@nknsd.org all other yearbook questions can be directed to Sabrina Eisele at sabrinae@nknsd.org. All Senior Shout-Outs are due by May 1st for anyone wanting to leave their senior a personal message that will last forever.

From the Nurse's Office:

Use bright light to look at:

- ① Crown of head
- ② Bangs
- ③ Behind both ears
- ④ Nape of neck

How to inspect

- ① Place gloves on your hands
- ② Use fingers to separate hair and create a part. The part should allow you to clearly see the person's scalp.
- ③ Look for lice crawling on the scalp where the hair is parted or on the hair shaft. The lice will be dark in color and the size of a poppyseed.
- ④ Look for nits near hair follicle about 1/4 inch from scalp. Nits (eggs) will be white or yellowish-brown. Nits are often more easily seen than lice, especially when the person has dark hair.
- ⑤ Also look behind both ears and near the back of the neck. You may see lice or nits. You may also see bites.

The size of a nit (egg), nymph, and louse relative to a penny



A. Checking hair for lice



B. Nits (lice eggs) on hair

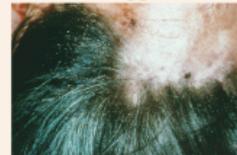


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SCREENING TIP: To distinguish between dandruff and nits, try to flick or pull off the white speck. Dandruff is easily pulled off, but nits are not.

Change gloves between each child's examination and wash your hands after all examinations are completed.



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Prevention and Control Information

POLAR PLUNGE
FEBRUARY 28TH, 2026
LAKE LYTLE, ROCKAWAY BEACH, OR
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

NKN High School Pirates
<https://support.soor.org/team/792070>

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The Polar Plunge is a huge fundraising effort benefiting Special Olympics and the athletes!
 Want to donate scan the QR Code!!!!

Contact:
 Stephanie Gomez: stephanieg@nknsd.org
 Kim Gore: king@nknsd.org
 Carlotta Roddy: carlottar@nknsd.org

Special Olympics Oregon

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

ParentVUE

Attendance, Grades, and More

ParentVUE is an app that offers real-time access to grades, attendance data, teacher contact, assignments and more. You have the option to select how and when you are notified regarding your child's grades, behavior, health, and assignment scores. If you do not have a ParentVUE account, you can create one by clicking the link below.

ParentVUE

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 January regular attender rate is below:

Freshman: 57% (down by 12% from December)

Sophomores: 65% (down by 8% from December)

Juniors: 52% (down by 10% from December)

Seniors: 65% (up by 1% from December)

Overall Regular Attender Rate: 60% (down by 7%)

Tutoring Information-UPDATE!

Starting on March 11th, tutoring will be held on Wednesdays from 4-6 with Ms. Eisele. Signups are in the main office!

SAT Information

SAT's March 18th 8:45am

SAT's are coming up and this is a great time for juniors who plan to start at a 4-yr university after high school to take them.

The SAT will take place on Wednesday morning, March 18th here at the high school.

The cost is \$68 and you can register with Esther.

- Low-income students participating in SAT School Day are eligible for the same benefits as students who use fee waivers for weekend administrations.
- Many students take the SAT for the first time in the spring of their junior year, and then again in the fall of their senior year to improve their score.
- The SAT is one of two major college admissions tests, with the ACT being the other, and is accepted by all U.S. colleges.
- The SAT is also required for some scholarship applications.

Community Information and Resources

Girls Ages 8-15: Registration is Open for Girls Build Summer Camp



Summer Programs in Oregon

Many colleges and organizations in Oregon offer summer camps and programs.

Learn something new, build your leadership skills, explore careers and of course, have fun! Visit each programs' website for information on dates, rates, and application deadlines.

These are great options for students to explore interests and expand their world view. Check them out! [Summer Programs in Oregon](#)



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SAVE
THE
DATE

FEB 22
2026



TILLAMOOK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
11:00AM-4:00PM

FREE DENTAL & MEDICAL CARE,
LUNCH, HAIRCUTS, CLOTHING,
TOILETRIES AND RESOURCE FAIR



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RESERVA
LA FECHA

FEB 22
2026



TERRENOS DE LA FERIA DE TILLAMOOK
11:00AM-4:00PM

ATENCIÓN DENTAL Y MÉDICA GRATUITA,
ALMUERZO, CORTES DE PELO, ROPA,
ARTÍCULOS DE ASEO Y FERIA DE RECURSOS

CLÍNICA DE
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8TH GRADE

Parent Night

SAVE THE DATE



April
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- High School Structure
- Course Selection Process
- Graduation Requirements
- Extracurricular Opportunities
- Resources for a Smooth Transition

Neah-Kah-Nie High School Cafeteria
@ 6:00pm



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8TH GRADO

Noches de Padres

GUARDAR LA FECHA



Abril
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- Estructura de la escuela preparatoria
- Proceso de selección de cursos
- Requisitos de graduación
- Oportunidades extracurriculares
- Recursos para una transición fluida

Neah-Kah-Nie High School Cafeteria
@ 6:00pm

Christy Hartford

Principal | Neah-Kah-Nie High School

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