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# The Pirate Press

January 9, 2026

## *Calling All Parents!*



### Your Voice Shapes the Future of GEAR Up!

We need your valuable input to make the **GEAR UP** program the best it can be for our students and families!

Taking a few minutes to complete this important **Parent Survey** helps us:


- **Measure** the program's impact.
- **Identify** areas where we can improve.
- **Plan** future resources and support.
- **Ensure** we are meeting the needs of our community!

Here is the link to the parent survey, or you can scan the QR code: <https://bit.ly/OGUParentSurvey>

## *Upcoming Dates*




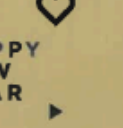
### PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY!

- **1/9-1/10:** Honors Band Field Trip to OMEA III Band Event

- 1/10: V
- 1/12: V 
- 1/13: BBA @ Riverside
- 1/14: Girls Wrestling @ Riverside, LINK Lunch, Parent Advisory Council Meeting @ 5
- 1/15: NHS Meeting @ Lunch, BBX vs Banks
- 1/16-1/17: Boys Wrestling @ Oregon Wrestling Classic
- 1/19: MLK Day, NO SCHOOL

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## Lunch Menu

JANUARY 2026 NEAH-KAH-NIE HIGH SCHOOL				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
  <b>5</b> PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NO SCHOOL	 <b>6</b> Banana Bread Pig-in-a-Blanket	 <b>7</b> Cream Cheese Bagel Chicken Alfredo	<b>1</b> <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!</b>	<b>2</b> NO SCHOOL
<b>12</b> Breakfast Bar Cheesy Breadsticks And Marinara	<b>13</b> Sausage & Biscuits Nachos	<b>14</b> Yogurt & Grahams Teriyaki Chicken Over Rice	<b>8</b> Breakfast Pizza Cheeseburgers	<b>9</b> Blueberry Muffin Crispy Chicken Drumsticks
<b>19</b> MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY NO SCHOOL	<b>20</b> Pumpkin Bread Bean & Cheese Burritos	<b>21</b> Pancake on a Stick Spaghetti	<b>22</b> Breakfast Sandwich Hawaiian Chicken Burger	<b>23</b> Cinnamon Rolls Chili Dogs
<b>26</b> Pancakes Chicken Strip Basket	<b>27</b> Bagel with Cream Cheese Chicken Quesadilla	<b>28</b> Banana Bread Chicken Ramen Bowl	<b>29</b> Breakfast Pizza Western Burger	<b>30</b> Blueberry Muffin Breakfast for Lunch

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

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## *Attention 11th Graders! State Testing Information*

Our 11th grade students will participate in Oregon's required state assessments at the end of March and beginning of April. These tests are an important opportunity for students to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have developed throughout their academic journey and can play a meaningful role in graduation pathways and postsecondary readiness.

We want students to take this assessment seriously and do their very best. Performing well helps ensure that each student's academic record accurately reflects their abilities and keeps future options open.

To support our Juniors, the school is actively preparing students for success. In the weeks leading up to the assessment, 11th graders are engaging in targeted practice problems during Advisory. These sessions are designed to build familiarity with the test format, strengthen key skills, and increase confidence before testing begins.

Families can support students by encouraging consistent attendance, adequate rest, and a positive mindset as testing approaches. Together, we are working to ensure every 11th grader feels prepared, supported, and ready to show what they know.

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## *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.

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## *Attendance Data*

### **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 December regular attender rate is below:**

Freshman: 69% (down by 2% from November)

Sophomores: 73% (up by 2% from November)

Juniors: 62% (up by 1% from November)

Seniors: 64% (up by 11% from November)

**Overall Regular Attender Rate: 67% (up by 3%)**

## *Battle of the Bookaneers!* 📖

We are excited to launch an Advisory Reading Competition for Trimester 2! The goal is for every student to have a book checked out and with them at all times. The advisory with the most books read will win a celebratory pizza party at the end!



# Tri 2 Advisory Reading Competition

The expectation is that **all students will bring a book of their choice to read** to every class during trimester 2.

## PIZZA DAY



The advisory with the **most real library checkouts per person and the fewest missing books during book checks** will earn a pizza party at the end of Trimester 2.

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## Attendance Matters!

### Oregon Law: ORS 339.010

- All children between the ages of 6 and 18 years who have not completed the 12th grades are required to attend regularly a public full-time school during the entire school term.
- Students are considered irregular attenders when they meet any of the following:
  - 8 unexcused one half days absences in any four week period
  - 5 absences (excused or unexcused) in three months
  - 10 absences (excused or unexcused) in 6 months
- Chronic absences means missing 10% or more school days in a year for ANY reason. That is nearly a month of school. **Chronic absenteeism includes ALL absences, consecutive or not, excused or not, as they all relate to a student's overall attendance.**

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## Tutoring Information

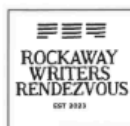
Mr. Lehr offers after school tutoring every Thursday from 4-6. Signups are in the main office!

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## 2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous

### OPEN Class Writing Contest

Contest open to post high school adults, and 7-12th grade students not entering the Tillamook County Student contest.

Submission period: December 1, 2025 - February 15, 2026 at 5 pm

Individual authors may submit a single unpublished work in ONE of the categories below:

1. Poetry, 2. Fiction, 3. Non-Fiction, 4. Journalism, 5. Music Lyrics, 6. *Art Submission*

Our judges will evaluate your work with attention to organization, development, voice, and the conventions and craft of writing.

See RWR Website for submission information: [www.rbwriters.com](http://www.rbwriters.com)

#### Document details:

- Maximum 1,500 words
- Poetry: Please submit additional PDF document showing your desired formatting.

*Please Note: NCAM board members, contest judges, and immediate family are not eligible to enter.*

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 (non-refundable) Payments may be made through our website, which also accepts your credit card.

**PRIZES** – Reading at RWR event; Published in RWR Anthology; RWR website, etc. Honorable mentions may be selected at the discretion of the judges. No cash awards. Finalists will be notified by March 31, 2025. Awards announced at the RWR event. Winners will be invited to read their winning works. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL winning entries may be published in the RWR Anthology and RWR website, social media sites and other partners websites and social media.**



**2026 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous, April 24, 25, and 26.**

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