



# Newbridge High School

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Greetings from Newbridge High School! Our fourth quarter has experienced: continued academic growth as measured in OAKS and MAPs assessments, extensive student turn over (15%) in the last seven weeks, a Career Day and the anticipation of the second largest graduating class in last five years. The following represents a snap shot of the various activities involving every Newbridge team member this quarter:

English students continue their vocabulary development by learning (meaning, proper spelling and use) over 350 new words this 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Students have also continued writing and demonstrating proficiency in various writing prompts or assignments during these last seven weeks.

Ti-Nspire calculators continue allowing Ms. John to provide direct instruction with every math student, check their work and fully engage each student since all student work can be performed on the calculator and then wirelessly transferred back to Ms. John for formative assessment. Great conversations occur as a result and students are searching for understanding from each other so problems are solved correctly. Serious math is occurring every day in the Bravo unit.

Our Special Education students practiced reading comprehension, writing skills and basic math skills through a series of vocational skill build practices, resume development and engagement with various screens on CIS. Interviewing skills will be practiced next week as part of the overall vocational skill building unit Ms. Cameron has developed for her students.

Gale Barlow has coordinated the completion of 4 GED graduates this 2<sup>nd</sup> semester and is in the final push of completing three additional students next week. We will know early next week of our final outcomes, however, our push has been directed towards accomplishing the high school diploma and only directing students towards the GED as a last resort.

Mel Koski overcame a variety of hurdles to ensure every student enrolled at NBHS was provided the opportunity to complete at least one OAKS assessment in their required grade level. We are pleased with our Reading results of 58% meeting or exceeding. This is a direct reflection of the efforts put forth by all educators at NBHS and the support received by OYA in getting students to the library so they have books to read.

Holly Meadows undertook the challenge of coordinating the credit retrieval process for 11 senior's this 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. These 11 seniors were encouraged and supported with all required work so credits could be earned and graduation possible. All core subject teachers were involved in assessing all submitted work to ensure standards were maintained and students were demonstrating proficient understanding of the subject content.

Business and Health has experienced a wide variety of creative assignments. Financial Dan will visit NBHS 7 times to inform and educate students in sound financial planning and investing practices. Students have received specific instruction regarding "Credit Abuse Resistance Education" from local attorneys and our News Letter continues to abound with facility news, events and activities that keep student's engaged and informed.



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Our Science students have observed firsthand the amazing world we live in and have developed a new sense of appreciation for nature by looking at nature through the lenses of Biology or Chemistry. The ah-ha moments are frequent!

Mr. Helgeson has developed a strong articulation with the RCC Manufacturing Tech Program and is well on the way meeting RCC standards in his advanced Solid Works 3d drafting and modeling program. Another significant accomplishment this quarter is to bring on line the CAD/CAM lathe. It is not uncommon to enter the Manufacturing Lab and observe the Computer Controlled Mill, Lathe, 3 dimensional printer and several pieces of equipment all working. Our students are learning powerful skills in the world of Computer Aided Drawing and Manufacturing.

On Friday, May 18, RCC students and RCC representatives spoke to every youth on the facility informing them of the opportunities that lay in wait at local Community Colleges. Personal experiences were shared, how to's provided, and specifics about financial aid, enrollment, placement testing, and scheduling secrets made known. In the afternoon, several business owners or instructors from RCC presented specific information regarding careers or career opportunities to students, which in turn stimulated tremendous questions and much follow up discussions. Speakers included Cary's of Oregon, Toyota Motor Works, San Diego Power and Electric (retired), Changes Barger Shop, RCC Welding Instructor, and CTE opportunities in So. Oregon. Overall, a very successful day and one that has already had a request for repeat, and that came from the staff of OYA.

NBHS will end our school year on Thursday, 21 June. As we near our graduation day of 20 June, we anticipate 22 seniors graduating and 7 students earning their GED this school year. Much has been learned and experienced, and that is a personal comment by me. For all that has occurred, I want to close by acknowledging the following people for their commitment to student success: Gale Barlow, Bonnie Cameron, Lew Constable, Warren Helgeson, Jeff Jarvis, Teresa John, Mel Koski, Holly Meadows and Marlo Zeller.

Respectfully submitted,

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