



### EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS....

**Welding being offered:** With the start of Trimester 2 comes the opening of the new welding lab and the opportunity for Neah-Kah-Nie students to take a welding class from Dan Gernert, Construction Technology Teacher. The significant undertaking of constructing the actual lab as well as equipment and tools is being primarily funded with Measure 98 moneys. Measure 98 is the High School Graduation and college and Career Readiness Act of 2016 and was approved by Oregon voters to provide direct funding to school districts to increase high school graduation rates. School districts must direct Measure 98 funds to three specific areas: 1. Establish or expand career and technical education programs; 2. Establish or expand college-level educational opportunities for students; 3. Establish or expand dropout-prevention strategies. All three strategies are evidence-based and collectively support the needs of students related to engagement, personalization, achievement, and college and career readiness. Collectively and systematically implemented, these strategies could significantly impact a student's high school experience and "next steps" opportunities. The welding lab is just one of the projects NKN has undertaken to improve graduation rates.

We are excited to provide students with this opportunity to learn to weld and to explore welding as a trade. The new 8-station lab is ready for students after the successful completion of a few safety lessons!! If you have any questions about the welding class or would like to see the lab, please contact the high school.

**Student Forum:** With the start of the 2018-19 school year, students were invited to participate once a month in a Student Forum during Advisory. This group is collaborating to discuss issues facing students at NKN and ways to better support each other and our community. Students have had the opportunity to share what challenges they face and what they love about our school. In November students shared letters to NKN, expressing what they love about our school and what they would like to change. The hope, in moving forward, is to invite guest speakers to the monthly meetings to promote positive change in our school and to provide students with tools to mediate and support each other, making Neah-Kah-Nie an even better place to go to school!

If you know of someone you think who would be a good speaker for this group or if you have suggestions or questions about the Student Forum, please contact Hannah Reynolds or Kathryn Harmon. Either may be reached by contacting the high school office.

**Site Council Opening:** Speaking of exciting opportunities – A parent is currently needed to serve on the NKN High School Site Council. The school site council is a group of parents, teachers, classified staff and students charged by statute with assisting the principal in identifying the educational needs of the school's students and in adopting educational goals for the school, formulating a plan for student achievement. If you think you would like to take part in this opportunity, please contact Heidi Buckmaster, Principal, by e-mail: [heidib@nknsd.org](mailto:heidib@nknsd.org) or calling 503-355-3551.

## **CONGRATULATIONS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES!**

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, alumni and community members gathered in the lower gym to enjoy dinner and to welcome and congratulate the newest members of the NKN Hall of Fame. **Coach Galen Carlile, 1991 alum Chase Gillson and the 1985 football team** are the latest to be recognized. Carlile began teaching at NKN in 1992 and in the fall of 1994 became the head cross country coach. Under Carlile's tutelage, the boys' program became one of the top 2A programs in Oregon earning 6 consecutive district and league championships; 4<sup>th</sup> in State in 1996; 3<sup>rd</sup> in State in 1997; and State Championships in '98, '99 and 2000.

Chase Gillson, a 1991 alum, lettered all 4 years of high school in football, wrestling and track, Gillson earned multiple All-League Honors and participated in State Track, placing as a junior and senior. He was a State runner-up in wrestling as a senior. After graduation, Gillson attended Linfield College. As a starting linebacker for the Wildcats, he earned league as well as All-American Honors.

The 1985 football team, coached by Jerry Vellutini and Boyd Bjorkquist, were undefeated during the regular season, earning the NW League Championship. After a bitter cold battle at the old Civic Stadium in Portland, the Dayton Pirates handed our Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates a second place finish in the State Championship playoff game.

Congratulations Coach Carlile, Chase Gillson and each and every member of the 1985 Pirate football team!! We would also like to thank all of those attending the dinner and those that helped to put the event together.

The Hall of Fame Induction Dinner is an annual event. If you have any questions about this event or would like to nominate a former Pirate for induction, contact Corey Douma, Athletic Director. You can reach AD Douma by e-mail: [coreyd@nknsd.org](mailto:coreyd@nknsd.org) or by calling the high school office at 503-355-2272.

### **ATHLETICS, CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Student Council** is in the process of planning a creative and team-building End of the Trimester/Winter Vacation Send-Off Assembly. This will include work from NKN's Advisory Classes, the NKN Choir and other work by NKN students. Winter week is scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> with Winter Formal the 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in the upper high school gym.

**Robotics Club:** NKN's own Goblet of Wires FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Team is first in the league of 8 teams. However the team will need to defend this title during a few more meets before the qualifying tournament on January 18th. All meets will take place at the new gym at Tillamook High School as we participate in the inaugural year of the Tillamook FTC League. The meets on December 1st and 15th will determine team ranking going forward to the qualifying and State Tournament. Anyone interested in cheering for the team may attend any of the meets. The robot bouts start around 10AM and end around 1PM. Interested in volunteering for the team? Any support you can provide will be greatly appreciated, please email [kathrynh@nknsd.org](mailto:kathrynh@nknsd.org) to find out how. Volunteer Evan Solley has been instrumental in the team's success up to this point. He has given the team countless hours of support, attended every meet, and counseled students on every facet of the project. We would love a few more people to help share the load moving forward.

Many thanks to the Mudd Nick Foundation, Eugene Schmuck Foundation, ORTOP, and ODE as well as the National FIRST organization for helping to fund this massive undertaking. Purchasing all needed robot components, and paying for registration and transportation at all events is not cheap, but what an amazing experience for our school and students to have available to them!

**Cross Country Wrap-Up:** The NKN girls Cross Country team had a historically successful 2018 season, culminating with a sixth place finish at the OSAA 3A/2A/1A State Championships at Lane Community College on November 2nd - the highest place ever by a NKN girls' XC team! Freshman Jordan White led the way for the pirates, earning a top ten medal and the distinction of First Team All-State honors for her 7th place performance. Team captain Karissa Hadermann was next finishing in 23rd place, receiving Honorable Mention All-State honors. She was followed by sophomore Dinah Schultz in 36th. Sophomore Emma Murphy finished in 63rd, with freshman Emma Miller placing 72nd and junior Rheanne Bryant in 83rd. Congratulations ladies on your great performances at state and throughout the entire season! Please applaud these strong women for their hard work, determination, and positivity they've displayed throughout the season. They all have bright futures ahead, and we hope to shine again next year with a goal of placing in the top four teams at State.

## ATHLETICS, CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES – CONTINUED

**Leo's Club**, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, held a very successful Blood Drive here at NKN on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Their donation goal was surpassed by 5 pints!! Another Blood Drive will be planned during the spring. The date and time will be announced later in the year.

**Update from Corey Douma, AD:** Winter sports seasons are underway with a great number of students participating in basketball, wrestling and speech. We look forward to learning and growing together as teams and having some fun along the way. The winter sports schedules are included with this newsletter for your convenience.

Also, if you are looking for a great gift or want a little something new to wear this winter, we have a great selection of Pirate gear available for purchase. We have sweatshirts, hoodies, 1/4–zip pullovers, t-shirts and more. See Margaret in the high school office if interested in checking out what we have available.

## WELCOMING THE NEW SUPPORT STAFF

Instructional assistants **Michelle Winder** and Brigid Bowen have joined the NKN family, supporting both students and staff. After growing up and spending most of her life in Idaho, Michelle Winder relocated in October to the beautiful N. Oregon Coast. The past 8 years she worked for Scentsy, Inc., developing training and coaching of employees. “My passion has been working alongside individuals, identifying their strengths and areas of opportunities.” Michelle and her Australian Shepherd, Annie, are enjoying time at the beach, meeting new people and getting to know the area.

**Brigid Bowen** attended Central Washington University, graduating in 2003 with a degree in Environmental Geography. She and her family moved to the N. Oregon Coast in 2004 when her husband accepted a full-time position with Oregon State Parks. Bowens have 3 children – 2 at Nehalem Elementary and 1 at the middle school. With children attending Neah-Kah-Nie schools “I have seen the love and dedication this school district has with students, parents and staff. I am very honored and excited to call myself a staff member and look forward to what I can provide and knowledge I can gain in years to come”.

Whenever you are in the building or at a Neah-Kah-Nie events, please stop, introduce yourself and welcome Michelle and Brigid.

## LUNCH PROGRAM & ACCOUNTS

The school cafeteria continues to provide healthy and nutritious breakfasts and lunches meeting the federal school lunch guidelines. A student breakfast is \$1.85 and lunch is \$3.15. If qualified for the Free & Reduced Lunch Program, breakfast is free. Those qualifying for reduced lunch, the cost is \$.40 – please remember if your son or daughter is on the Free & Reduced Lunch Program, if they choose to eat more than one breakfast or lunch, the additional meal is at the paid lunch pricing listed above. You can verify the balance status of your son or daughter's lunch account by logging in to MealTime Online which can be accessed from the district's web page or by calling the high school office. Deposits can be made online or in the office. As a reminder, **applications for the Free & Reduced Lunch program MUST BE RENEWED EACH SCHOOL YEAR. If you have not yet applied or reapplied for the lunch program, it's never too late.** It is preferred you apply directly online by visiting the district website, clicking on the parent tab and access Mealtime Online. If you prefer, paper applications are available in the high school office. If you have any questions about your son or daughter's account or the application process, please contact Delpha in the high school office.

## AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

As you review your student's report card, if you believe they would benefit from some extra support with their classes, tutoring is offered after school every Tuesday. Hours are 3:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Students staying for tutoring can ride the activity bus home. Students simply need to sign up in the office with Margaret. If you have any questions, please call the high school.

## TILLAMOOK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

Life can be stressful and overwhelming daily for adults and children/teens alike. Anxiety levels increase with the pressures of the Holiday Season. Tillamook County residents have access to a 24-hour crisis response mobile unit:

**Tillamook County Mental Health Crisis Line**

**503-842-8201**

## WINTER SPORTS/ACTIVITIES SCHEDULES

December 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	B & G Basketball @ Sheridan	3:00 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	B & G Basketball @ home w/Warrenton	4:30 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wrestling @ McKay Tournament - Salem	10:00 a.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	B & G Basketball @ Portland Christian *	3:00 p.m.
12 <sup>th</sup>	B & G Basketball @ home w/City Christian	4:30 p.m.
14 <sup>th</sup>	B & G Basketball @ home w/Vernonia	4:30 p.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wrestling @ Nestucca	TBD
18 <sup>th</sup>	B & G Basketball @ Knappa	3:00 p.m.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wrestling @ Molalla	TBD
28 <sup>th</sup>	NKN Driftwood Classic	10:00 a.m.
29 <sup>th</sup>	Wrestling @ Willamina	10:00 a.m.
29 <sup>th</sup>	NKN Driftwood Classic	10:00 a.m.
January 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	B & G Basketball @ Columbia Christian *	4:30 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wrestling @ Jo High - Joseph	2:00 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wrestling @ Jo High - Joseph	10:00 a.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	B & G Basketball @ home w/Faith Bible *	4:30 p.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	B & G Basketball @ Nestucca	3:00 p.m.
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wrestling @ Seaside Tournament	TBD
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	Speech & Hap Hingston Tourn. – Pacific Univ	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Only JV Girls @ Nestucca	3:00 p.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	B & G Basketball @ home w/Gaston *	4:30 p.m.
17 <sup>th</sup>	B & G Basketball @ home w/Portland Christian *	4:30 p.m.
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wrestling & Oregon Classic – Redmond, OR	TBD
19 <sup>th</sup>	B & G Basketball @ City Christian	1:00 p.m.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	B & G Basketball @ Vernonia	3:00 p.m.
24 <sup>th</sup>	Wrestling @ Sheridan	TBD
25 <sup>th</sup>	B & G Basketball @ home w/Knappa	4:30 p.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Wrestling @ Beach Brawl – Ilwaco, WA	TBD
29 <sup>th</sup>	B & G Basketball @ home w/Columbia Christian *	4:30 p.m.
31 <sup>st</sup>	B & G Basketball @ Faith Bible *	5:30 p.m.
February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	Wrestling @ Knappa	TBD
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Speech & Singletary Invitational – Linfield College	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	B & G Basketball @ home w/Nestucca	1:00 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	B & G Basketball @ Gaston *	4:30 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wrestling Pre-Districts @ NKN	TBD
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wrestling Districts @ Toledo	TBD
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	Speech @ R. D. Clark Invitational – U of O	
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wrestling State – Memorial Coliseum – Portland	TBD
March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019	Speech @ Diana Vazquez Duque @ Ore City HS	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Speech @ OSAA District Competition – Canby HS	
April 18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Speech & OSAA State Competition - WOU	

Asterisk denotes **NO JV GIRLS GAME**

**Schedules are subject to change**

Coaching Staff: Boys' Basketball – Tim Gienger & Rob Herder; Girls' Basketball – Corey Douma & Jenna Betts; Wrestling – Chris Bennett, John Longfellow & Alejandro Quintana; Speech – Hannah Reynold; Cheer – Sharon Finlay; Volunteer – Mike Wantland.

*From the Neah-Kah-Nie High School Staff - Happy Holidays!!  
May your time with your family be filled with peace & happiness!!!*