

**September is Suicide Awareness Month:**

A time to shine a light on mental health and prevention efforts. Saturday morning, 11 students from our high school leadership team participated in the Coos County Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk, representing our district with care and compassion. During start-up week, both certified and classified staff completed Be Sensitive, Be Brave suicide-prevention training, and all staff receive yearly SafeSchools training on Youth Suicide: Awareness, Prevention, and Postvention. Our emergency operations plan is under review for updates, and we are assembling a team to attend Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). Thank you for supporting our ongoing work to build connections, provide training, and ensure every student knows they are not alone.

**National School Lunch Week:**

In celebration of National School Lunch Week, we invite all board members to visit our school cafeterias and enjoy lunch with our students.

Adult lunches are available for \$5 and can be paid directly to the cafeteria. If you would like to join us, please contact Michelle Brix to help coordinate your visit.

We hope to see you in our schools during this special week!

**Open House:**

The middle school had a successful open house on September 30

Hillcrest - October 2 - same as board meeting night

North Bay - October 9

**October Events:**

Miss Flame October 10 - NBHS vs Henley

Homecoming October 24 - NBHS vs Hidden Valley

Senior Night/Car Give Away October 31 - NBHS vs Marshfield

**Fall Sports:**

North Bend's fall sports teams are off and running! While not every game has ended in a win, the season is off to a great start with strong participation and school spirit.

If you would like to attend a game, you can find schedules here:

<https://bulldogsports.org/main/calendar/>

**Recognition:**

Christina Geierman has been selected as the recipient of the 2025 OSTA Outstanding High School Classroom Teacher Award! The OSTA Outstanding High School Classroom Teacher Award recognizes and honors her outstanding work motivating student achievement, excitement in science teaching, and commitment beyond the classroom.

**Statewide Facility Assessment (SFA) Kicked-Off:**

We have partnered with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to participate in the fully funded Statewide Facility Assessment (SFA) program. This program provides district-wide facility condition assessments at no cost to the district and delivers comprehensive reports detailing deferred maintenance needs and cost estimates for all school buildings. The goal is to maintain an up-to-date, standardized database that supports both the State and local districts in planning and addressing facility needs. This will culminate in a free, comprehensive 5-year capital improvement plan which will help us better align our budget to our building needs.

**Regional Dignity & Belonging Council (District Equity Committee):**

The Board voted on September 4, 2025 to allow North Bend School District (NBSD) to participate in South Coast Education Service District's (SCESD) Regional Dignity & Belonging Committee in order to fulfill the requirements of HB 2453. The legislature has changed the requirements of this law making the committee an advisory committee to the superintendent, and not the Board. This removed the requirement that the school board participate in the section process or the requirement of having the committee advise the school board.

**Wayfinder:**

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, a chance to strengthen students' Empathy, Collaboration, and Self-Awareness skills to stop bullying before it starts. Wayfinder includes a series of pre-build lessons and activities that teachers can follow for every grade level, which were emailed to teachers earlier this week. In addition, Wayfinder will join NBSD as we host our second Family Engagement Day on Saturday, October 11th. Please feel free to join us for fun, engaging, interactive games that help support lifelong skills and strengthen relationships for students, parents, and staff. K-5 families are scheduled from 9:30-11:00am and 6-12 from 12:30-2:00pm. Lunch will be available for all attendees from 11:00am-12:30pm. Please join us if you can.

**NBMS Boiler Project:**

The boiler replacement project at North Bend Middle School is completed. Control systems and boilers have been replaced, tested, and are all working appropriately. We want to thank our maintenance staff and Tom Gayewski Construction for their hard work on this project.