



# The Pirate Press

February 13, 2026

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## *Upcoming Dates*

- **2/13:** 9 week progress grades due
- **2/14:** Boys Wrestling @ Yamhill Carlton, BBX @ Valley Catholic, Sweetheart Dance 7-9 @ HS
- **2/16:** NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day
- **2/17:** BBX vs Corbett
- **2/18:** TFCC Family Night, Unified BBX vs Forest Grove
- **2/20:** Fire Drill
- **2/21:** Unified BBX @ OSU, Robotics Spark Invitational, Girl's Wrestling @ Scappoose



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NKN STUCO PRESENTS:

# Sweetheart's Dance

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

IN THE GALLEY FROM 7-9 PM

The poster features a pink and white checkered background. At the top right is a pink globe icon. At the bottom is a string of pink hearts. The text is presented in white boxes with pink borders.



# 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](http://www.NKNHealth.org)

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## Lunch Menu



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

## 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.

## 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](#)

## Chromebook Care Reminder for Families

We love seeing students take pride in their learning tools, but recently we've seen a significant increase in Chromebooks being covered with stickers and adhesive decorations. While this may seem harmless, stickers can damage device surfaces, leave residue that affects parts and repairs, and make it difficult for us to clean, maintain, and reuse Chromebooks for future students.

To help us keep devices in good working condition for everyone, please remind your student that Chromebooks should remain free of stickers, decals, and adhesives of any kind. Devices that are



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Thank you for helping us care for shared school resources!

## ★ Attention Seniors! ★

### Please fill this out!

All graduates will be giving a Lighthouse Award during graduation week. The **Lighthouse Award** honors a staff member from the Neah-Kah-Nie School District who made a lasting impact on your life. Like a lighthouse, this person might have provided guidance, support, and encouragement during important moments. They might have helped you find your way, believe in yourself, and grow both academically and personally. This can be given to any staff member you have interacted with during your time in the Neah-Kah-Nie School District. Every Senior will be giving their specific award to that person during graduation week. The link to the nomination form is below!

# The Lighthouse Award Nominations

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karenw@nknsd.org [Switch account](#)



Not shared

\* Indicates required question



# Valentine's Assembly





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*Basketball beats Warrenton!*



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NEAH-KAH-NIE  
HIGH SCHOOL



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## AMBER LYONS

Amber has been accepted to **Western Oregon University** and will be entering into their Psychology program! Congratulations Amber!



# 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

## 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](mailto:maryk@nknsd.org) all other yearbook questions can be directed to Sabrina Eisele at [sabrinae@nknsd.org](mailto: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.

**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!

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## *Scholarship Resources*

[Make a Scholarship Tracking Spreadsheet](#)

[NKN District List of Scholarships](#)

[GEAR UP Scholarship List](#)

## *Featured Scholarships of the Week*

### **Deadline is approaching!**

Scholarships of \$500–\$9,000 for students sponsored by an NTCA member telecom provider, with plans to return to a rural community after graduation.

[Foundations for Rural Service Scholarship \(due 2/14/2026\)](#)

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## *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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Chung EK, Booms JL, Gelfand SA, Hartz PS (Eds). *Manual Diagnosis in Pediatrics*. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2006. Courtesy of Hartz B, Kinzler, MD. Copyright © 2006. In: UpToDate, Peat, TW (Ed), UpToDate, Waltham, MA, 2014.

**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.



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CS249936-E

## 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>

SCAN ME

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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!!!!

Special Olympics Oregon

Contact:  
 Stephanie Gomez: [stephanieg@nknsd.org](mailto:stephanieg@nknsd.org)  
 Kim Gore: [king@nknsd.org](mailto:king@nknsd.org)  
 Carlotta Roddy: [carlottar@nknsd.org](mailto:carlottar@nknsd.org)

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%)**

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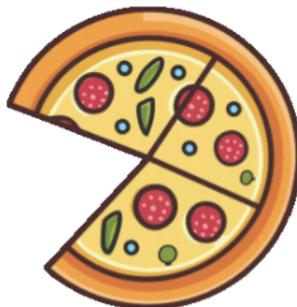
## *Battle of the Bookaneers!*

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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*Attend*

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## 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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## *Information from Juntos/OSU*

1. Consejo Hispano is assisting with Tax preparation
2. Cesar E. Chavez Leadership Conference is scheduled for **May 8th** at WOU.
3. Juntos will be hosting a Family Day on the OSU Cascades campus on 11th, Tillamook County has 10 spots available for this trip (this includes students plus family members who join). I attached the flyer above and will send over the registration link when it's ready.
4. Juntos Academia will be held at OSU **June 22-26th**. Tillamook County has 5 spots available for students; I can provide transportation to and from campus with the OSU Extension van. Students will have to apply and go through an application committee to receive a spot. I will share information, flyers, and registration links as they become available to me.
5. Juntos Afuera will be running again this summer, with an ROV/under water exploration theme. Registration will open in April, and I will have flyers finished up by the end of this week to share out. Camp will **begin on June 30th and run every Tuesday until August 10th**.



# IMPUESTOS GRATIS EN TILLAMOOK

Por voluntarios certificados por el IRS.

Para individuos y familias de bajos ingresos en los condados de Clatsop, Tillamook y Columbia en Oregon, y Pacific en Washington.

Este es un servicio GRATUITO del Consejo Hispano, una organización participante del Programa VITA del IRS.



971-377-0159  
Lunes a Viernes de 9 am -5:30 pm

**APARTE SU CUPO CUANTO ANTES**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sábado 11 de abril, 2026**  
**Saturday April 11, 2026**  
**10:30AM-3:00PM**

**OSU-Cascades Juntos Family Day**

**Día de familia de OSU-Cascades**

- Talleres académicos
- Recorrido por el campus
- Feria de recursos
- Celebración cultural latina
- Academic Presentations
- Campus Tours
- Resource Fair
- Latino cultural celebration

*En el campus de Cascades de OSU*  
*At the OSU-Cascades campus*

**JUNTOS**  
 PARA ESTUDIANTES · FAMILIAS · EDUCACIÓN



Las solicitudes de alojamiento relacionadas con una discapacidad deben realizarse a Gina Galaviz Yap, [gina\\_salavizyap@oregonstate.edu](mailto:gina_salavizyap@oregonstate.edu)



## *Community Information and Resources*

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



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### Clinica de vacunación sin cita para todas las edades

22 de febrero de 2026  
12:00pm - 4:00pm  
Departamento de Salud  
801 Pacific Ave., Tillamook, OR

Se habla español

No se requieren citas

¡Mamá! ¡Papá! ¡Niños! ¡Tíos! ¡Abuelos! ¡Hermanos! ¡Amigos, cuidadores - cualquier persona!

Vacunas disponibles:  
DTap (Difteria/Tetano/Tosferina)  
Polio  
Varicela  
MM (Measles, mumps, rubella)  
Hepatitis B  
Hepatitis A

### Community Health Centers

¿Está su hijo/a el día con sus hermanos? El 25 de febrero de 2026 es el Día de Exclusiones de Vacunas en Oregon.

La ley de Oregon requiere ciertas vacunas para asistir a la escuela y a la guardería. La cantidad de dosis varía. Consulte con la escuela o guardería de su hijo/a para exenciones.

VPH (virus del papiloma humano)  
Meningocócica  
Cáncer  
Refuerzo de COVID-19  
La vacuna contra el herpes zóster y el VES no están disponibles.

\*Elige el idioma para la vacunación en español o inglés.



### All Ages Walk-in Vaccine Clinic

February 22, 2026 12:00pm - 4:00pm  
TCHC Central Clinic  
801 Pacific Ave., Tillamook, OR

Se habla español

No appointment required

¡Mamá! ¡Papá! ¡Niños! ¡Tíos! ¡Abuelos! ¡Hermanos! ¡Amigos, cuidadores - cualquier persona!

Vacunas disponibles:  
DTap (Difteria/Tetano/Pertussis)  
Polio  
Varicela (Chickenpox)  
MM (Measles, mumps, rubella)  
Hepatitis B  
Hepatitis A

### Community Health Centers

¿Your child up to date with their immunizations? February 25, 2026 is Oregon Immunization Exclusion Day.

Oregon law requires certain shots for school and child care attendance. Number of doses vary. For exemptions, please check with your child's school or child care.

Vaccines for parents, kids, aunts, uncles, siblings, friends, caregivers - anyone!  
HPV  
Meningococcal  
FD  
COVID-19 booster  
Pneumonia  
Shingles & HSV vaccines not available

\*Eligibility for vaccines varies by age.

# SAFER HOMES

Conversations for caregivers to help kids make safer choices.

**Wednesday,  
February 18th  
6:00-7:30pm**

**Neah-Kah-Nie  
High School  
Cafeteria**

**FREE MEAL FOR ALL IN ATTENDANCE!** *At this event, you will learn about underage substance use and how you can talk to your kids about drugs and alcohol. There will be prizes, games, and lots of resources!*

Each adult participant will receive a gift bag and a \$10 Fred Meyer gift card.



As space is limited, **we encourage you to sign up in advance by scanning the QR code or going to [bit.ly/safernkn](http://bit.ly/safernkn).** We cannot guarantee gift bags and gift cards once spaces are filled.

Kids are welcome to join! Please note that there will not be any childcare on-site, though we will provide fidget toys and activities.



*This event is a partnership between the Tillamook Family Counseling Center, Tillamook County Community Health Centers, and Song for Charlie. If you have any questions, email [sarahe@tfcc.org](mailto:sarahe@tfcc.org)*



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**FEB 22  
2026**



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

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



**COMPASSION  
CLINIC 2026**

**LIVINGWATERCOAST.COM/COMPASSION**



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  
COMPASIÓN  
2026



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**! NOTE: Date change!**



# 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



# 8TH GRADO

*Noches de Padres*

## GUARDAR LA FECHA



Abril  
**21**

- 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



## 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.**

## Christy Hartford

Principal | Neah-Kah-Nie High School

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