



BANKS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FALL 2018

Banks High School Staff

Welcome Back

Principal:

Jacob Pence

Assistant Principal:

Ben Buchanan

School Counselors:

Randy Rice, Leann Gallien

Teachers:

Karl Bledsoe - Math,
 Schere Caufield - Social Studies,
 Tim Eggleston - Agricultural Technology,
 Jim Gerlinger - Health/PE,
 Laura Kolodziejczak - Language Arts,
 Ron LaGrone - Music,
 Lindsay LaJoie - Language Arts,
 Rodney Linz - Fire Science,
 Pat Marlia - Spanish,
 Keith Mayo - Math,
 Kellie Meeuwesen - Art,
 Carol Pallett - Science,
 Kristina Passadore - Applied Arts,
 Robert Plowman - Language Arts,
 Marissa Reichard - Learning Specialist,
 Matthew Shepherd - Learning Specialist,
 Devon Shryock - Social Studies,
 Lee Tintary - Language Arts,
 Kurt Victor - Science.

Library/Career Center/Transition Specialist:

Trish Birr

Instructional Assistants:

Loni Wren, Julie Turner, Jennifer Dugre, Shelley Leutke, & Trisha Dixon

Office Staff:

Deanna Lowe, Susan Helm, & Tammy Hilger

We are back in school and up and running for the 2018-19 school year. I can't believe we are already one-third of the way through the school year. The start of the year has gone very well: students have been working hard in the classroom, attendance rate is up, and our discipline issues are significantly lower than previous years.

We have several new staff that we would like to welcome to the Braves family. Ms. Reichard and Mr. Shepherd will be our two new learning specialists. They will be teaching tutorial classes and supporting students in our Special Education program. We also have two new instructional assistants who will be supporting our students. They are Shelley Leutke and Trisha Dixon. And, we are happy to welcome back Mr. LaGrone, who returns to Banks as our 6-12 music teacher.

We have already had several exciting events since August with staff and students returning, such as the new student orientation, and the start of fall sports and activities. Banks Homecoming week was very successful with a lot of student participation and school spirit in dress-up days, lunchtime competitions, floats, and skits. We held our first fall production from the Drama Club called "The Curious Savage". We moved our parent-teacher conferences up by several weeks, and they were well attended this year. Thank you for being involved and supporting your student's education.

I look forward to working with you throughout the year to support your student. We are focused as a staff on helping all students become college and career ready by the time they complete high school. We want all students to graduate from high school with a plan for their future. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jacob Pence, Principal, Banks High School

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HOW TO KEEP UP WITH BHS UPDATES AND SCHOOL INFO

- [Daily Announcements](#) posted on the Banks HS Website
- [Social Media](#) - Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter - search Banks Braves
- [ParentVue](#) website or app for your smart phone
- [School Phone](#) - 503-324-2281 or [Email jacobp@banks.k12.or.us](mailto:jacobp@banks.k12.or.us)
- [Website](#) - HS website, activity calender, counseling & athletics pages



DISTRICT UPDATE

The Banks School District Board of Directors is comprised of five elected community members. This group directs the work of the school district and BSD Superintendent, Jeff Leo.

The school board chair is Raymond Mott, and the vice chair is Norie Dimeo Ediger. Ron Frame and James Harris are also on the school board.

We would like to thank Laurie Schlegel for her many years of service as a Banks School Board member. She has stepped down from her position this fall.

There were several applicants for the open school board position. After interviews in November, Dan Streblov was selected as the candidate to fill the open seat. Congratulations and welcome to the school board, Mr. Streblov.

The school board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 PM in the district office board room.

STATE REPORT CARD

Each year, the Oregon Department of Education rates each public school in Oregon. Every school is measured on specific student achievement indicators, and this information is available on the ODE website. The recent report cards were released to the public in early November. (<https://www.ode.state.or.us/data/reportcard/reports.aspx>)

Banks High School is measured on the following indicators: class size, attendance, on-track to graduate, on-time graduation, five-year completion, and staff data. Some of this data is broken out by student demographics such as race, language, and gender.

We also report information about our school and state goals, the school is a safe and welcoming environment, advanced coursework, career and technical education, extracurricular activities, and parent and community engagement.

This school report card and profile has a different look this year and is intended to be a quick way to inform our community of our school's accomplishments and compare it to the state averages.

We are proud of several of our school's indicators. Our class size (21) is well below the state average (25), our attendance improved significantly over past years (+5%), and our graduation rates (91%) and on-track to graduate (97%) are both well above the state average.

If you have any questions about the state report card or any other student achievement data, please contact Mr. Pence any time.

FACILITIES PLANNING

A small group of volunteers from the community have been serving on a district facilities planning committee. These individuals are working with consultants from a state-approved facilities assessment organization called DLR Associates. DLR recently completed a facilities assessment where several professionals looked at the status of all of our buildings in the district. This committee's work will result in a recommendation to the school board for a long-term facilities plan. This process makes the district eligible for millions of dollars of interest-free money

from the state if the community were to pass a bond in the future.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We are always looking for help throughout the year at many of our events. You can contact the High School office and add your name to our list of parent volunteers. We also have an active Parents Association. The group meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 PM at BHS. Their mission is to support BHS students in Academic and Athletic programs. With a student in the high school, you are already part of the Parents' Association. Thank you for your support of Banks High School, and please consider participating as a volunteer and/or joining the Parents' Association at their monthly meetings.



(The HS calendar for 2018-19 SY can be found on the website)

UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd 6-week grading day - Dec. 7th
Winter Music Concert - Dec 13
Fall Fine Arts Fair & CTE Showcase - Dec 13
Christmas Break - Dec 22 - Jan 6
End of 1st Semester - Feb 1

BRAVES ACCESSORIES

There are several exciting new Braves accessories being created by students at BHS. The students are working in coordination between the design classes and our fabrication and agriculture business classes to create new items for the community. The "FAD" (Fabrication and Design) group of students have been designing and creating stickers, water bottles, earrings, ornaments, etc. for community members. These students are in Mr. Eggleston and Ms. Passadore's CTE classes and are learning about design, fabrication, and business first-hand. You can find out more information or place an order for customized items on the website - <https://sites.google.com/a/banks.k12.or.us/bhscte/home/braves-gear> Thank you to the BHS Parents Association for supporting this group's start-up costs.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

We have several opportunities to recognize students of Banks High School. I would like to recognize a few of them here:

BHS school officers for 2018-19:

Freshmen: - Pres - Hayden Rockwell, VP - Skyla Zechmann, Treas. - Areah Markham, Secretary - Marin Rose. Sophomore: Pres - Lilia Schoegje, VP - Zoe Grenon, Treas. - Souvanny Thephomma, Secretary - Maggy Clark. Junior: Pres - Kaylen Storms, VP - Angela Stone, Treas. - Josh Hanlon, Secretary - Haylee Jackson. Senior: Pres - Akaysha Stewart, VP - Bennett Turner, Treas. - Noemi Avendano-Gomez, Secretary - Aspen Slifka. ASB - Pres - Marissa Dotson, VP - Annika Mayo, Treas. - Courtney Berning, Secretary - Jacob Beatty.

2018 Homecoming Court:

Princesses - Amanda Losli, Lillia Schoegje, Kaylen Storms, Aspen Slifka, Akaysha Stewart, Marissa Dotson.

Homecoming Queen - Marissa Dotson

Students of the Quarter:

Freshmen - Kassandra Douglas, Sophomore - Connor Stone, Junior - Jaden Kreiger, Senior - Kaliah Villarin

Rotary Citizen of the Fall:

Noemi Avendano-Gomez

Forest Grove Newstimes Student All-Stars:

Tyler Lilly, Hayden Vandehey, Josh Cason, Noemi Avendano-Gomez, Jessica Stewart, Kate Hailey, Marissa Dotson, Akaysha Stewart, Annika Mayo, Willam Jones, Allison Forcier, Colton Cavendish, Rylie Kind, Courtney Berning.

Congratulations to all of the BHS students for their accomplishments so far this year.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Research shows that participation in extracurricular clubs and activities results in higher self-esteem, higher GPA, and higher school attendance and student motivation. There are many ways that students can get involved in different clubs and activities. We offer 14 OSAA sponsored varsity sports teams, and clubs and activities like equestrian, band, choir, percussion, drama, Future Farmers of America, leadership, National Honor Society, Gender Sexuality Alliance, robotics, and native club. Each of these clubs and activities provide an opportunity for students to learn teamwork, responsibility, and provide a well-rounded high school experience. A majority of our student body participate in one or more school activities. We encourage all students to find something that they are passionate about and participate in at least one activity at the school.

TESTS AND ASSESSMENTS AT BANKS HIGH SCHOOL

In addition to classroom level assessments, students have the opportunity to take part in multiple assessments throughout their high school career. Each year, students in 10th grade will be offered the PSAT and ASVAB tests, coordinated by Mr. Rice. Our 10th-12th grade students can sign up to take the SAT in the spring. It will be proctored at BHS. All 11th graders will have the chance to take state-wide assessments in Science, Reading/Writing, and Math. A passing score on the Math and Reading/Writing tests (the SBAC tests) can meet with graduation requirements called Essential Skills.



FUN FACTS AND STATISTICS

- Fun Facts - The football team won the 2018 OSAA 4A football state championship. This is the third time Braves have reached the football finals ('49, '08, '18). This is the first state championship in any boy's sport in Banks High School 98 year history. Go Braves!!!
- Congrats to the GSA club on receiving a \$250 grant from GLSEN.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to the following fall sports student-athletes for their all-league honors:

Football

2nd Team All-League: Walker Copley and Tyler Exline.
 1st Team All-League Offense: Blake Markham, Andrew Nichols, Blake Gobel and Hayden Vandehey.
 1st Team All-League Defense: Blake Markham, Gabe Streblov, Risdon White, Josiah Ochoa, Hayden Gobel and Bryson Cook
 Kicker of the Year - Jacob Slifka
 Defensive Player of the Year- Hayden Gobel
 Coach of the Year - Cole Linehan
 2018 Cowapa League Champions!

Volleyball

Honorable Mention: Kinley Hoag and Halle Vandomelen.
 All-League: Lindsey Beck, Bella Albert and Haylee Jackson.

Girls Soccer

Honorable Mention: Abigail Turner and Kate Hailey
 All-League: Marissa Dotson, Riley Kind, Aspen Slifka, Lillie Breadon and Morgan Belden.

Boys Soccer

Honorable Mention: Adam Mayo and Hayden Cottier
 All-League: Liam Birr and Colton Cavendish
 Goal Keeper of the Year: Ryan Hiestand

Our winter sports season has begun and we are looking forward to an amazing basketball, wrestling and dance and drill season. Schedules can be located at www.osaa.org.

Ben Buchanan, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

STATE CHAMPS!!!

Congratulations to our football team. They are the 2018 OSAA 4A Football State Champions!

This is the first boys state championship in our school's 98 year history. We would like to thank everyone who came to the game on Nov. 24th. It truly was an amazing evening and we were glad we could share this amazing evening with everyone. Go Braves!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: WHY DID WE SAY NO TO A TURF FIELD???

Turf Field: This fall, several community members asked about a rumor that Nike had offered to pay for a turf field for Banks School District. The rumor was that the district said no, because we couldn't come to an agreement on the naming rights to change the name of Kelly Field to Nike Field. I can assure you that this is simply a rumor... The cost of replacing our current grass field with a turf field would be in the neighborhood of \$1.5 million dollars. This cost would not include the work that would be required to make changes to the track, lighting system, and grandstands. Although many schools are investing in turf playing surfaces because of the wet weather in the Pacific Northwest, the projects are usually from a capital bond improvement.