



Culver High School Parent Newsletter

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Calendar

Calendar

AUGUST

Aug 9th MS/HS Registration Day

Aug 10th Free Physicals Madras

Aug 14th Fall Sports Start

Aug 21st All invited to the school grounds for the Eclipse

Aug 30th District Wide Open House

SEPTEMBER

Sept 5th 1st Day of School
1st thru 9th Grade

Sept 6th 1st Day of School
10th-12th Grade

Sept 7th Free Physicals Madras

Sept 11th Kinders 1st Day

Sept 15th Picture Day

OCTOBER

Oct 11th PSAT Test Day

Oct 13th No School In-Service

Side Note for Parents:

MS/HS Registration Day August 9, 2017

Free Physicals in Madras August 10, 2017

It is important to bring Katy treats next year because she is awesome!!! :-)

Principal's Message

Dear Culver Families,

This principal's message will be co-written with my teammate and school counselor, Randi Viggiano. This will be our last newsletter for our beloved Culver School Community as our paths are taking us on new journeys. This letter is certainly a bitter sweet for both of us, but as we reflect upon our time at Culver High School, we leave here confident in the shape we are leaving the school and with lasting memories that will always bring smiles to our faces.

In this past year we have led Culver High School to reach new heights. We are proud to say that 87.5% of the students who started Culver HS as freshmen walked across the stage this year as seniors. All of our standardized test scores increased from last year. All of our seniors met Oregon state essential skills requirements. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is growing and improving student empowerment as learners and providing teachers with research based best practices in instruction. We continue to offer dual credit (college now) courses while training and certifying more teachers each year through the Cascade Commitment grant. Our high school TEAMS initiative has dramatically improved with specific projects gaining regional and national attention. Yesterday our student-

led High Altitude Ballooning Team successfully launched, tracked and recovered a practice balloon flight in preparation for the eclipse in August. They displayed skills that are attractive to various industries such as problem solving, initiative, technology skills, GPS tracking skills, and collaboration. A large group of students are involved in a project alongside the National Forest Service and the Deschutes Watershed Council to treat the Willow Creek area to raise the water tables and improve the overall environment. We created a recording studio for our Culver News Team with green screen technology. The news team provides a weekly segment for our school community to enjoy. Another new attraction to our TEAMS initiative is our screen printing production. Students learn how to design shirts on the computer and the process for transferring the designs onto shirts. The screen printing students filled several orders and hundreds of shirts in all. Our academic and athletic extra curricular programs saw many successes throughout the year, including state titles and representation at Nationals for FBLA and FFA. JD Alley and Sharon Gibson also saw national recognition for wrestling and music respectively. Both are graduates from Culver High School. These are just some highlights of all the amazing work that we've accomplished this past year. We could go on and on, but we think you

know what a great school we have.

As we say goodbye, we want to express our sincere gratitude to the Culver community for their unwavering support of our students and schools. Without this partnership, our students would not have the opportunities to expand their thinking in preparation for their successful futures. Being a part of this caring community has helped shape us as educators. Our students are second to none and have given us many memorable moments that we will take with us forever. We have truly enjoyed watching our students grow up right before our eyes and become young men and women who are ready to tackle the world. We will miss the relationships we have built with each and every student and their families. Our hope is that our students are prepared to lead happy and fulfilling lives. After all, their happiness and yours is most important.

Culver High School has become a home to us. We feel like family here. We hope this is not a goodbye, but rather a "see you later". Have a wonderful summer. We will miss you all! We wish you all the best!

Thank you,

Tim Fields and Randi Viggiano