



1st Grade Update

First grade is working hard on building their reading skills. We are currently working on consonant digraphs (ck and sh). They love practicing writing (and drawing) on whiteboards! Their favorite is working on Lexia and being able to lay on the carpet. Way to go 1st grade rockstar readers!



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Driver Education



at Yoncalla High School

Upcoming Classes

Monday & Wednesday 6:00 - 8:30pm

- Jan 15 - Feb 26, 2025 - *Registration now open*
- March 26 - May 7, 2025 - *Registration opens February 16th*
- June 4 - July 16, 2025 - *Registration opens May 12th*
- Sept 17 - Nov 6, 2025 - *Registration opens August 11th*

Includes 30 hours of classroom instruction and 12 hours on the road. **Attendance is mandatory at all Classes.** *Drive time will be scheduled the first week of class and will take place Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday.

Completion certificate can be used to replace 50 of the 100 hours of practice time required by the DMV

Parents/guardians are an important part of the driver training process and must attend the first hour of the first class. Students must have their Oregon permit before class starts and be under age 18 for the full course.

Register Today! call 541-440-4668



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J-Scream for Great Attendance

Increasing student attendance has been a top priority at Yoncalla High School since our return from COVID. Over the last few years, staff has been working hard to make connections and build relationships with students and families along with celebrating attendance growth and recognizing students for their hard work.

At the beginning of November, we had our first attendance celebration of the year and were able to recognize 97 students for having attendance at 90% or above with an Ice Cream Sundae Bar. This was a major celebration. We purchased 17 half-gallons of ice cream and we ran out! This was the largest Ice Cream Sundae Bar we have had since we started doing this two years ago and I am so proud of the attendance gains students and families continue to make.

While we teachers, administrators, and counselors can offer student support and programs to improve attendance, it is you who makes all the difference in ensuring your student comes to school regularly and we thank you for all your hard work and support.

Here are some attendance highlights from Quarter 1:

88% of students at YHS attended school 90% or more of the time

Each grade level average was above 90% □

Grade 7: 96.6%

Grade 8: 94.6%

Grade 9: 95.9%

Grade 10: 90.8%

Grade 11: 94.4%

Grade 12: 96.5%

100% of the 9th grade class had 90% or better attendance in August/September.

100% of the 7th grade class had 90% or better attendance in October.

Keep up the great work Eagles. You are amazing and we love having you here.

Yoncalla School

District Priorities

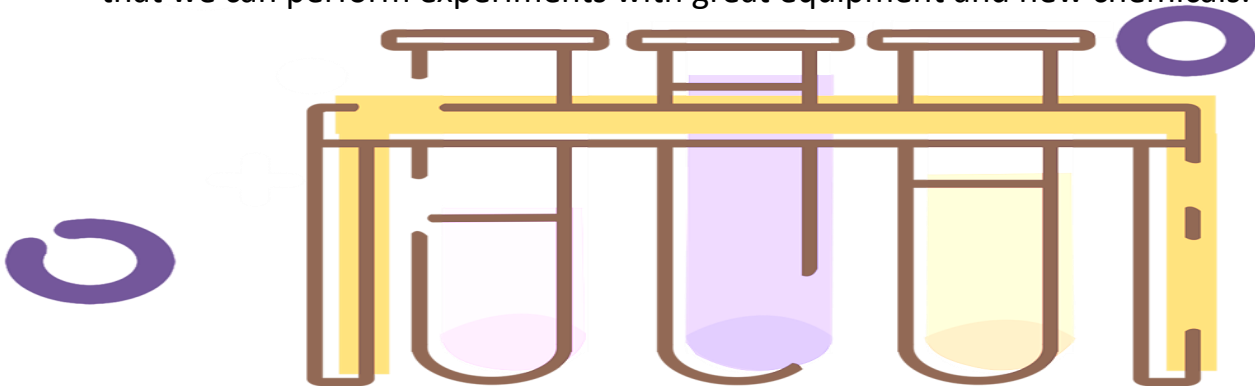
1. Each student will enjoy positive, engaging learning environments.
2. Each child will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in post secondary education and careers, and the self-reliance to be a productive citizen.
3. A strong sense of community is recognized and nurtured among all stakeholders
4. Facilities and finances are managed effectively and efficiently for the benefit of each child.



Grants for Science Equipment

Science teachers, Ms. Wilde and Ms. Grabinsky, have received two grants this year for new science equipment. One grant is from Cascade Community Credit Union and is a Chalkboard grant for \$500. The other grant is from On Point Credit Union and is for \$1000.

The school's equipment is in somewhat poor condition and there are items we do not even have. We will be purchasing test tubes, wash bottles, glassware, and hot plates, to name a few things. Also, last week, we had a company come in and take away old and unlabeled chemicals so we will be replacing some of those items, as well. It is fun to see the improvements to the science room and know that we can perform experiments with great equipment and new chemicals.



Middle/High School Students of the Month—October

Yoncalla Middle School
November 2024
Gary Bash



Yoncalla High School
November 2024
Eli Weight



Saving Grace Visits—Learning New Skills

Autum, Kaiden and Zach head to Saving Gace every Thursday to volunteer their time, helping the shelter provide excellent care for the animals in the community. They put together bags of food for those in need; they create enrichment toys/treats you see them making here and they spend time socializing with the animals. This opportunity has allowed them to learn new skills, such as communicating with a coworker or supervisor, working as a team, learning compassion, and how to take pride in their work. They learn the meaning of persevering and working hard as well as integrity to finish their work and clean up.



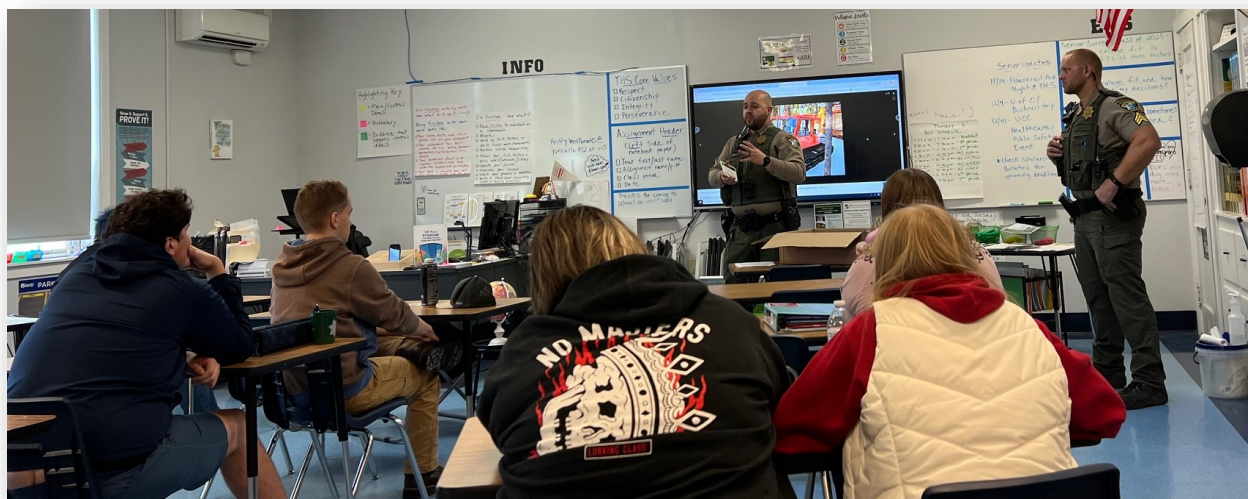
Financial Aid Night

YHS seniors and their families attended the annual Umpqua Community College Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, November 14th, in Mrs. Westbrook's room to primarily learn about the importance of filing the upcoming Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), for the 2025-2026 school year. The event was hosted by Ben Horvath, UCC's Financial Aid Specialist, and included UCC WIRE Grant partners, Tawnie Goetz-Kennedy and Nick Marshall, as well as community partner, Rob Adams from College and Career Options.

Throughout the night, seniors and their parents/guardians applied for their FSA ID's, enjoyed a pizza dinner, and received a wealth of information about grants, scholarships, and potential loans to ensure that they have all of the necessary financial resources to make postsecondary success a reality for them. The highlight of the evening arrived when Rob drew the winner of a \$50 Visa card (sponsored by The Ford Family Foundation) to one lucky recipient, and that went to a very excited senior, Ashlyn Ellis!

This event will be followed by a second UCC Financial Aid Night on Thursday, December 14th, at 5:30 p.m. in Mrs. Westbrook's room, where seniors and their families will work together to actually file their FAFSA's with the assistance of Ben Horvath, YHS staff, and UCC and community partners. For more information about the FAFSA, please visit fafsa.gov.





Local Douglas County Sheriff Deputies talk to students about job opportunities in law enforcement.

Macroinvertebrate Day in Natural Resources

