

# Eagle



# Update

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Our Elementary Jog-a-thon was a huge success this year! K-6<sup>th</sup> raised \$1700 to help fund their field trips this school year.



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## FNRL



If you like to climb trees, cut wood, or throw axes, FNRL is an organization for you! FNRL stands for Future Natural Resource Leaders, and it is all around Oregon, allowing kids to learn about everything natural resource related.

Here at Yoncalla High we encourage kids to join our team and the fun we have going to competitions. Kids get to compete against other schools by throwing axes, cross cutting logs, setting chokers, scaling trees and poles, ID-ing tools, map reading, first aid, ID-ing plants, chain sawing, and hose lay and more. The last competition we had the opportunity to attend, one of our students, Heaven Stevens, placed 3rd in setting chokers and it was her first time.

The high school is trying to grow the organization in our school, by starting to practice in our free time and during our Natural Resource classes. The students have been wanting to get more involved by going on field labs with FNRL and they seem to be having a good time with it.



### November

20th College & Career Day

25th Eagle Exploration—College Edition

26th Eagle Exploration

28th Thanksgiving

### December

3rd 4:30 MS Boys' Basketball

5th 3:30 HS Basketball

5th 9-12 HS Dance

7th 3:30 HS Basketball

10th 4:30 MS Boys' Basketball

11th 8:00 ASVAB testing (Juniors)

11th Progress Reports

12th 3:30 HS Basketball

16th Christmas Hat Day

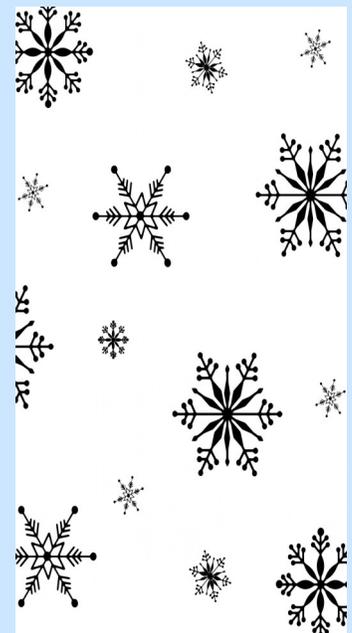
16th Winter Concert

17th Christmas Sock Day

18th Christmas Ugly Sweater Day

19th Christmas "OUT" Day

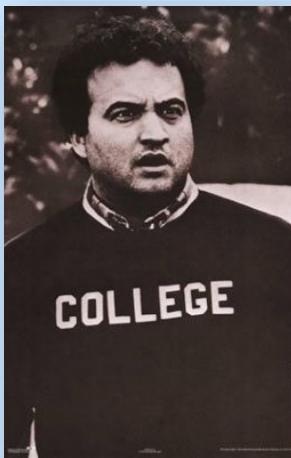
20th—5th Winter Break



## 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.

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month is college t-shirt day. Be proud and wear the college or career t-shirt of your choice.



The Life Skills students found a new skill. They spent some time in the wood shop building shelves. Good job, guys!

## Book Fair News

Thank you for supporting our school! The Middle School book fair, Feelin' Groovy, was a great success.

We kicked off during the parent/teacher conferences and served coffee along with shopping. This really got us off to a good start. Our total sales at the school came to \$195, which is 141% of our goal. We keep about \$80 of that as a credit with Scholastic. Online sales with post soon, so I will have more updated numbers in the near future.

You can continue to support by shopping at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/> and search for our school by zip code for the rest of the school year. We keep 2% of any additional sales made this way.



## OMEA Honor Choir

YHS Choir students participated in OMEA District 10's honor choir event on November 13 at Jacoby Auditorium at UCC. Students from Sutherlin, Douglas, Glide, North Douglas, Oakridge, and South Umpqua came together to form a Senior Honor Choir and, for the first time in 20 years, a separate Junior Honor Choir. Guest clinicians were Julie Cherry of Roseburg High School and Stacey Atwell-Keister of Yoncalla High School. The singers performed a variety of folk songs and classical literature in English, Korean, Latin, Swahili, and indigenous South American languages.

Senior Trinity Bell said, "I really enjoyed it. There were so many people I never met and they related to things just like I did."

Nearly 80 students from Douglas County performed in the concert, which featured percussionists, vocal soloists, and a recorder/percussion ensemble.



### Future Music Dates

- December 14: YHS Band, Choir, and Elf Choir at Yoncalla Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting and Christmas party 7:00pm
- December 16: Band and Choir Winter Concert 6:00pm
- December 18: Elementary Winter Concert 6:00pm

# Canned Food Drive



Each Fall, the Yoncalla High School Leadership Class coordinates the Annual Canned Food Drive with the Yoncalla Food Bank to raise donations for local families. Being able to meet our goal last year, the Leadership class reached a bit higher and set the goal of 1,257 donated goods for 2019. Despite several last-minute deliveries, we unfortunately were short of our goal with only 1,067 items.

Despite not meeting our goal, the Leadership class was happy to make their delivery to the Yoncalla Community Center on Thursday November 14th. The Leadership class was able to donate SIX Costco sized totes of food with four additional boxes and even needed some help loading it all up into the delivery truck as some totes were just too heavy to lift.

The most commonly donated items this year were beans – dried and canned, corn, green beans, and soup. We sincerely appreciate your help in our efforts to support our local community and look forward to meeting our goal next fall!



## Student of the Month



Farah Strickland  
Yoncalla Middle School



Joelle Adkisson  
Yoncalla High School

## Avid Corner

In the 8th grade at Yoncalla High School, students in the AVID class are working on something new – finding their passions. AVID – a class and program in its second year at YHS – stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. In this class, students learn positive study skills, note taking strategies, organization skills and planning, work towards finding intrinsic motivators, and explore various careers and colleges that might interest them in the future.

One new thing they are looking at finding this year – their passions. Students are writing a paper that will ultimately be a speech on something that is their passion. In this speech, they are to describe it, talk about where it came from, why they are passionate about it, and how their passion can connect to goals in the future. Many students are writing about their passions for sports, cars, writing, art, and reading.

Many times, our passions can guide us explore various career opportunities in the future or know what we don't want to do, so students will be using this as a kickoff activity to career and college exploration in December.



## Oregon Association of Student Councils

On November 2-4, Yoncalla High Leadership had the opportunity to go to Seaside, Oregon for the Oregon Association of Student Councils (OASC) Fall Conference. Their day started at 12pm and ended at 11pm when lights were called out. When the group of kids and their advisors, Chelsea Ross and Alex Kilmer, finally got to Seaside they decided to take a short trip to the beach, where they took pictures and did some team building. When it was time to eat the entire team came together for a home cooked meal with spaghetti and meatballs and garlic bread.

On Sunday morning they got up early enough to do some shopping and grab some coffee. After making it to the Convention Center, several of the kids participated in activities like Zumba and Axe Throwing. Zumba was probably the most popular activity, because the kids dance their hearts out till it was time for the Key Note Speaker to take stage.

Carlos Ojeda Jr, Chu as his friends and family call him, gave everyone listening some great insight on life. His overall theme was that no matter where you come from, how you were raised, or what you have different about you, your voice is your power and if you have your voice, you can accomplish anything. After that, we went back to the beach to get ready for dinner. We went to Fultano's Pizza and had a big meal, then some kids went to the fun land arcade and some kids went shopping a little. Right after dinner the leadership kids went to attend some very valuable workshops. This includes workshops about School Spirit, Mental Health, and Small School Problems with Solutions.

After the workshops were done it was time for the kids to have a little fun. OASC hosted a huge dance and karaoke event with games in the Convention Center. Kids from all over Oregon came together dressed in their "Groovy 70s" clothes to meet new people and get friendly.

Monday started early, with the closing session beginning at 9am. Kate Perkins, singer, song writer and motivational speaker, came onto the stage to talk to everyone about perseverance and fighting through our hardships. At the end of her speech, she performed one of her very own powerful songs "Fearless".

Our team building and the great activities made for a memorable and successful weekend.

