

WINTER LAKES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families: A Letter From Mrs. Sweeney, Principal

The first official day of school was Tuesday, September 7th.

As most of you know, Winter Lakes students each have a different plan for how they and their family choose to attend school. Here are some helpful hints:

- If you have not received your Google information or Odysseyware information yet, contact your Learning Specialist or the school office.
- If you are a new student at WLHS, an 8th grader, or a Freshman, your OW classes are set to what is required. As you continue through the enrollment process, you'll meet with your learning specialist, and Mrs. Regan, the academic counselor, who will chat with you about the best way for you to learn to earn your graduation requirements. Then additional classes can be added.
- For all students, your learning specialist should have contacted you by now. Please contact your school (WLE or WLHS) if they have not.
- If you are planning on attending in-person sessions at WLE, hours are 8:00 AM to 2:45 PM and you do not need to pre-schedule your student's time slot. If you are planning on attending in-person at WLHS, you MUST reserve a spot for your student in a morning or afternoon cohort. You may only attend morning or afternoon throughout the week, but not both. Please contact the main office to see what is available if you have not already done so.
- SENIORS: If you have not already met with Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Regan yet to discuss your senior plan, please get that scheduled! I want to make sure we've mapped out your path to graduation!
- I send mass emails once or twice per week with announcements and information. Feel free to ask me any questions.
- Here's our webpage within the school district's site:
<https://www.coquille.k12.or.us/winter-lakes-high-school/>

Thank you for joining us at WLHS. Our system is intentionally personalized for each student. We know this is different and can confuse our new families, but we also know this personalization is what's best for our families and especially our students

Jennifer Sweeney, WLHS Principal



DON'T MISS OUT!

Make sure to stop in at our annual Open House, October 5th from 5 to 7 PM!!!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- **SEP 5 - 11:** National Suicide Prevention Week
- **SEP 6:** Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- **SEP 7:** First Day of School
- **SEP 10:** NO SCHOOL
- **SEP 11:** Patriot Day
- **SEP 17:** NO SCHOOL
- **SEP 22:** First Day of Fall
- **SEP 24:** NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2021

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5 National Suicide Prevention Week	6 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	7 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	8	9	10 NO SCHOOL	11 Patriot Day
12	13	14	15	16	17 NO SCHOOL	18
19	20	21	22 First Day of Fall	23	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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Who's Who at Winter Lakes

Winter Lakes Schools have wonderful, welcoming administrators, teachers, and staff! Here's how to contact them!

Winter Lakes Elementary School – Phone: (541)396-2414

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Who's NEW at Winter Lakes

Winter Lakes Schools have welcomed several new teachers and staff members this year. Please give a warm welcome to:

- Christine Regan – Academic Counselor – Winter Lakes High School
- Daniel Leberger – Teacher, CTE Construction – Winter Lakes High School
- Zachary Clute-Reinig – Teacher, English, Literacy – Winter Lakes High School
- Liz Gallagher – Teacher, Math, Cooking – Winter Lakes High School
- Kailey Carey – Teacher, English, Literacy, & PE – Winter Lakes High School
- Jacob Artman – Teacher, Social Studies – Winter Lakes High School
- Mary Robson – Teacher, 3-4 – Winter Lakes Elementary School



WHO AM I?: Getting to Know Our Wonderful Teachers & Staff

Shanda Laney – WLHS Registrar

Formerly Ms. FitzHenry, Winter Lakes High School's registrar became Mrs. Laney over the Summer, when she married her favorite person, her new husband Loma. She's one of the two smiling faces our kids see first when they come to school at WLHS each day.

Mrs. Laney loves living in her little "cottage by the sea" in Charleston with her husband, their three cats, and dog. Mrs. Laney's hidden talent is counted cross stitch which she has been doing for 25 years. She listens to a heavy metal playlist on her way to work to get "jazzed up" for the day, and is a proud member of the Ravenclaw house.

Mrs. Laney's three "trapped on a desert island" books are The "Memory, Sorrow, & Thorn" trilogy by Tad Williams, "Cloud Atlas" by David Mitchell, and "Lamb" by Christopher Moore.

Misty Snively – WLHS Secretary

"I love that we have the technology now to allow a student to receive an education in such a way that best meets the needs of that student and their family. If schooling in a traditional environment isn't the best fit, we are able now to work from home, or a hybrid of at-home and on-campus learning. I think our teaching staff do an excellent job of connecting with all types of those learning styles."

Mrs. Snively's favorite hobbies are binge-watching Netflix shows and knitting. She knows from watching too many episodes of The Walking Dead, that she would be ready to survive a Zombie Apocalypse, with her knitting needles at the ready to fend off those zombies. She still remembers the words to the entire McDonald's menu song from that commercial that aired waaaaa back. She knows she's dating herself by admitting that. Anyone else remember that song?

Re'Chelle Singh – WLE Secretary

A good day at school for Mrs. Singh includes happy kids that are having fun and working hard. Mrs. Singh mans the front office at Winter Lakes Elementary School. She believes "it's not what you look at that matters. It's what you see", and most importantly "NEVER GIVE UP!"

She loves to travel, spend time with friends & family, and bake up a storm! Most people don't know that she writes poetry and was in choir from 4th through 12th grade. Not being much of a reader, her three "trapped on a desert island" movies would be A Star is Born, Love and Basketball, and any comedy film.

If she could take her students on a field trip anywhere, she would take them to Disneyland because it's FUN.

Should we undergo a Zombie Apocalypse, she feels she wouldn't last long, because she hasn't studied enough about zombies yet.

Her perfect party would include music, food, and cake! Speaking of music, she loves to listen to music, knows the lyrics to SO MANY songs, and includes music as a part of her morning routine to get jazzed up for the day. Especially country music!

SEPTEMBER IS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

#SchoolEveryDay

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Checking in With the Attendance Office

As the pandemic continues to challenge us in unique, and often frustrating ways, we are anxious for normalcy, in this case, where our learning is involved. Despite these challenges and frustrations, regular attendance in school remains as critically important as ever. How that “attendance” actually happens may just look a little different right now from student to student based on their and their family’s needs. There are many ways to achieve a positive attendance profile:

- Participate in a video class
- Communicate with a teacher via chat, text, message, communication app, or email
- A phone call between the teacher and student
- Posting completed coursework to a learning management system (Odysseyware) or web-based platform or via email
- Turning in completed course work, including paper packets, on a given day
- Attending class on campus
- Visiting with a Winter Lakes teacher in the Google “Office Hours” platform

It is the responsibility of Winter Lakes students to earn an “attendance hit” daily, Monday through Thursday, via one or more of the above means.

Please note, merely logging in to your student Odysseyware account **DOES NOT** count toward positive attendance.

In this current climate of distance learning and masking up, “Meaningful Engagement” is the name of the game! Get connected, get engaged, and get learning!

If you have any attendance-related questions, feel free to contact the attendance office at WLHS at (541)824-0115 or WLE at (541)396-2414

Shanda Laney, Attendance Secretary

CAMPUS RULES

A Few Items to Remember

- ALL tobacco products are strictly forbidden on campus, including vapes.
- ALL weapons (including pocket knives) are strictly forbidden on school property.
- During the school day, there is to be NO loitering outside. You may be asked to leave campus.
- Winter Lakes School is a CLOSED campus. Leaving campus at any other time means that you will be asked to leave if you try to return.
- Please do not loiter outside of nearby homes or businesses.

EARN CREDIT FOR WORKING!

Do you have a job? Earn high school credit for hours worked!

Check with Mr. Rilatos to see how!

KRilatos@csd8.info

STUDENTS CORNER:

A Place for Student-Submitted Works

STUDENTS! Got a short story or poem you'd like to share? How about a painting or craft? Been brushing up on your photography? Submit your works to the school newsletter! We will be dedicating a space just for you and all of the creative, amazing things you do! Email slaney@csd8.info or drop your submissions off at the front office for publishing.



ATTENTION: SENIORS!!!!

The start of our school year may still be fresh, but graduation, as always, is right around the corner! As you prepare to collect your diploma in nine short months, that means that it's time to start thinking about your post-graduate plans.

College? Career? Flying the nest? There's no wrong answer! And we're here to help you figure that all out. Let's start by making sure you're scheduled in all the right classes to finish your required credits.

Schedule your Senior Planning Meeting with Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Regan to find out where you stand credit-wise, and review your future goals and how we can help you meet those goals!

Lastly, as you may or may not know, the Essential Skills requirement remains suspended for all Seniors by the Oregon Department of Education. They will not be a required step for graduating Seniors this year.



With our current ability to allow more students in the building, we are forging ahead with a variety of great learning opportunities to get engaged in that Winter Lakes life! Take a look at all of the great stuff we've got going on at Winter Lakes High School and ask how you can get involved in one or more! Sign-up is required so make sure you reach out and let us know.

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| ✓ Cosmetology | ✓ MakerSpace | ✓ Video Production |
| ✓ GED Prep | ✓ Food Prep/Cooking | ✓ Math Support |
| ✓ Literacy Support | ✓ Science Support | ✓ Construction |
| ✓ Heavy Equipment Simulators | ✓ Truck Driving Simulator | ✓ Flight Simulator |
| ✓ Creative Writing | ✓ Coding | ✓ Leadership |
| ✓ Radio/Podcasts | ✓ Drama | ✓ Work Experience |
| ✓ Language Arts Support | ✓ Social Skills | ✓ Credit Deficiency |
| ✓ ELL/Oral Communication | ✓ Honors Courses | ✓ Switch Vehicle |
| ✓ Expanded Options for College Credit | ✓ Project-Based Learning | ✓ Drones |
| ✓ Hands-On Science Lab | ✓ Structured Learning Center (SPED) | ✓ PE |

The Southern Oregon Trade Careers Expo is coming to Southern Oregon!
Please contact your Learning Specialist or the WLHS front office to sign up!

Third Biennial Southern Oregon Trade Careers Expo



Empower the Possible
SAVE THE DATE
9.28.21

Beginning at 8:00 am - Juniors and Seniors
1:15 pm – Job seeking veterans/military (and spouses), second chance,
gap populations and job seekers (no boundaries)!

7 Feathers Convention Center, Canyonville

Trade and industrial careers in today's market include high-tech and great earning potential. This event is organized to introduce attendees to exciting opportunities in many arenas: Aviation, Rail, Archeology, Architecture, Engineering, Geology, Survey, Carpenters, Cement Masons, Heavy Equipment Operators, Diesel Engine Repairers, Welders, Plumbers, Pipefitters, Steamfitters, Iron Workers, Skilled Laborers, Wild Land Fire Fighting and more. Don't miss out!

ACTIVITIES & INFORMATION

- Hands on activities
- Inside and Outside Exhibitors
- Apprenticeship (JATCs)

DID YOU KNOW?

- Skilled Trade Workers average age in Oregon is 50 and Nationwide is 55
- 2+ million skilled trade and professionals are needed now!

If you have any questions or would like more information please call Christie Meacham 541-580-5507

Visit www.empowerthepossible.org &
<https://www.facebook.com/southernoregontradecareers/>

Our Services

Beyond an individualized education, Winter Lakes Schools and the Coquille School District offer many services to our students in need. According to a 2017-18 report 21,756 students in the state of Oregon were classified as “Homeless”, some of them in Coquille. These students often struggle harder to succeed and graduate. This is why we are stepping up to provide vital services to help fill some of the gaps created by homelessness.

Completion of a Student Residency Questionnaire helps us target those families who qualify as “Homeless”, and provide them with critical services. You should have completed one of these forms at registration. Make sure to complete a new one any time that your living situation has changed. If you have any questions about your current status, contact our Director of Special Programs at the district office at (541) 396-2181.

A STUDENT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE HOMELESS TO BE IN NEED THOUGH!!!!!!

We have an enormous number of resources available. Your requests for assistance of any kind will be met with kindness and discretion. We have:

- A very full clothing closet with sizes ranging from XS – XXL, including socks, underwear, and shoes
- School supplies
- Personal care items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, menstrual care products, body wash/soap, toilet paper, etc.)
- Baby clothing and care items for Pregnant & Parenting students
- Food
- Gas cards and CCAT punch cards

Call WLHS at (541)824-0115 or WLE at (541)396-2414 or check in with the front office to ask about availability.

*****Winter Lakes Schools are also always accepting donations of your clean, gently used clothing items, as well as new, unopened personal care items and school supplies*****

Services We Provide At Winter Lakes School:

- Toiletries and Personal Care Items
- A Full Clothing Closet
- Laundry
- Showers
- Free Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack Every Day
- Private Counseling Services by a Licensed Counselor
- Formula, diapers, clothing, etc. as part of our Pregnant & Parenting program
- YTP Services for Qualifying Youth
- Gas cards and CCAT punch cards



September 5 - 11 National Suicide Awareness Week

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among school-aged youth. However, **suicide is preventable**. Youth who are contemplating suicide frequently give warning signs of their distress. Parents, teachers, and friends are in a key position to pick up on these signs and get help.

Most important is to never take these warning signs lightly or promise to keep them secret. When an entire community is committed to making suicide prevention a priority, we can help youth before they engage in behavior with irreversible consequences.

If you or someone you know is considering suicide, REACH OUT! We are here for you and we care.

LOCAL RESOURCES

- Coos Health & Wellness 24-Hour Crisis Hotline
(541)266-6800
(888)543-5763
- Coos County Mental Health
(541)751-2500
- Text "Talk" to 741741 for free 24/7 crisis support

Remember
the times
you could have
pressed quit -
but you hit
continue

-Shane Koyczan

Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741

Online Chat: www.imalive.org

Hopeline Network: 1-800-442-HOPE

The Trevor Project (LGBTQ): 1-866-488-7386

REMINDERS & NOTES

Accessing Your Odysseyware

Don't forget, we've moved accounts from the old Odysseyware SELECT site. We are now exclusively located at the K12 site!

<https://coquillek12.owschools.com/owsoo/login/auth>

Your username and password are both the same and should be entered in ALL lowercase.

Your first initial and last name.

For last names that are less than five letters, additional letters from the user's first name will be added to reach the six letter minimum.



In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Coos Drop's services are completely virtual until further notice. Their staff are available to continue providing peer support on Facebook, Instagram, Discord, Twitch, Snapchat, text, email, and phone. Reach out to them if you need support!

<https://www.youthera.org/coos-drop>

If you have not yet logged in to your student Gmail, please do!

- Go to <https://accounts.google.com/>
- Your email address is firstname.lastname@csd8.info (Example: John.Smith@csd8.info)
- Your password is "wl" followed by your 6-digit student ID number (Example: wl123456). If you do not know your ID number, ask at the front office or your Learning Specialist



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