



Beaver News

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Homework

Homework is a normal part of the school experience, but is it really effective in improving student outcomes? The research is actually pretty convincing. For high school students, the “effect size” - the amount of impact on student learning - becomes significant for students who spend moderate amounts of time on well-crafted assignments. High school students who do so also are more behaviorally and emotionally engaged in school work and those who spend 1-2 hours per day perform better on standardized assessments than their peers who spend less than one hour a day. So, yes, moderate amounts of homework are effective for high school students.

Homework often feels like a battleground in many homes. As parents, your support is invaluable. Here's how you can help without doing the homework for them:

- **Create a Conducive Environment:** Wherever possible, designate a quiet, well-lit space free from distractions where your child can focus.
- **Establish a Routine:** Encourage a consistent homework schedule. This helps build discipline and makes homework a predictable part of their day.
- **Be a Resource, Not a Solution:** Offer to help clarify instructions or discuss challenging concepts, but resist the urge to provide direct answers. Guide them towards finding solutions themselves.
- **Communicate with Teachers:** Stay informed about their academic progress and any specific challenges they might be facing. Teachers are valuable partners in your child's success.
- **Prioritize Sleep and Breaks:** Ensure your student gets enough rest and takes short breaks during long study sessions to avoid burnout.
- **Celebrate Efforts:** Acknowledge their hard work and dedication, not just their grades. This reinforces a positive attitude towards learning.

By actively supporting your high school student, you empower them to develop strong study habits, build confidence, and ultimately achieve their academic potential.

Parent Conferences & Connect Night

Woodland High School parent conferences and Family Connect Night are scheduled for Thursday, October 30. Teachers will be available for conferences by appointment between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm that afternoon and for drop in conferences from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm that evening. From 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm that evening, we will host Connect Night, featuring club and information tables, activities and games, and food for purchase.

Welcome to New Staff

This fall, WHS welcomed a number of new faces to our team. Casey Carl joined our counseling team, Liz Hix joined our ELA team, Brent LiaBraaten began as the WHS student advocate, Ryan Brubaker joined our science faculty, Johnattan Curiel and Daniel Boucher joined our CTE staff in the culinary room and shop respectively, Glen Petrites joined the team as our new ASL instructor, Stacey Browning joined our staff to capably fill in for Ms. Propersi while she's on leave, and Nancy Chavez joined the team as our paraprofessional aide to our multilingual students. Each of these folks have already started making a difference in the lives of kids.

9th Grade on Track

One of the metrics Washington State tracks for WHS is our rate of “9th grade on track.” This is the measure of the percentage of our students who finished 9th grade with six credits and are, therefore, on track to graduate. This specific measure is tracked because it's been shown to be highly predictive of eventual success graduating on time for high school.

The most recent data available for the OSPI website is for the 23-24 school year. That year, the state's 9th grade on track rate was 70.6%. What was the WHS rate? “>91.4%”, meaning that **at least 91.4%** of WHS 9th graders were on track to graduate on time. We absolutely PUMMELED the state average! Go Beavs!



2025-26 ASB OFFICERS / CLASS SENATORS

ASB Executive Officers

President - Chase Dunn

Vice President - Alex Vega

Secretary - Samantha Shores

Treasurer - Lexi Manalili

Communications - Mackenzie Neibler

School Board Representative - Wedley Stuart

Running Start Representative - Kaylynn McSmith

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Cascadia Senator at Large - Riley Jones Huezo

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Ava Johnson, Makenzie Neibler, Kaylynn McSmith, Faith Hay

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Alex Vega, Elizabeth Osorio, Selah Hay, Gavin Doughty

Sophomore Senators

Payton McSmith, Jackson Andrews, Daphne Starr, Connor Davis



<u>CLUB OR ACTIVITY</u>	<u>ADVISOR</u>
ART CLUB	Michael Smith
ASB	Emma Lindquist
DECA	Andria Terry - meetings every Thursday during lunch
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	Anna Brassel - meetings during lunch, ask the advisor for meeting details
FCA	Jody Flanagan - every Tuesday during lunch
FFA	Kendra Pearce - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month during lunch
GSA	Miranda Bullock - every Thursday during lunch
HONOR SOCIETY	Jordyn Smith
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CLUB	Gordon Williford
KEY CLUB	Natalina Melton - meetings during lunch, ask the advisor for meeting details
KNOWLEDGE BOWL	Liz Williams - every Tuesday 4:00 - 5:00
LIFE SKILLS CLUB	Alex Onslow
MUSIC CLUB	Patrice Lins
ROBOTICS (Beaver Bots)	Stephanie Marshall - Monday & Wednesday 4:00 - 6:00
THEATER	Ronda Oathes
VIDEO PRODUCTION (Beaver Broadcast)	Jaclyn Stewart - every Wednesday during lunch
W CLUB	Taylor Adrian

Helpful Information Links

ATHLETICS: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/95>, <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/48>

- For updated information and sport schedules: <https://www.arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=26210>, <https://whsbeavers.com/>

BELL SCHEDULE: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/6812>

CELL PHONE POLICY & Personally Owned Electronic Devices:

COMMUNITY RESOURCES: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/59>, <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/203>

- Latino & Spanish speaking families: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/341>

COUNSELING: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/99>

- Career Pathways <https://sites.google.com/woodlandschools.org/whs-curriculum-handbook/pathways?authuser=0>
- Financial Aid: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>, <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/108>

DIGITAL RESOURCES: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/116>

FOOD SERVICES: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/45>

FOOD MENU: <https://woodlandschooldistrict.nutrislice.com/menu/woodland-high-school>

HEALTH DESK: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/21>

- Parents - If your child has a life-threatening health condition that requires rescue medication, medication orders and an updated care plan should be in place. If you have any questions you can reach our district nurse, Kerri Six at sixk@woodlandschools.org or 360-841-2837.

SENIORS:

- Here is a link to the Senior Page on our District Website <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/124>

TECH SUPPORT: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/195>, <https://www.woodlandschools.org/home-tech-support>

YEARBOOK & PICTURES: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/117>

TECHNOLOGY

As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety and well-being, Woodland Public Schools uses a monitoring system on district-issued devices. This software can detect searches related to self-harm or unsafe activity. If this happens after school hours, parents/guardians may automatically receive a notification via email. If you receive an alert, please know the suicide prevention hotline number is 988 and available 24 hours a day.

2025 - 2026 YEARBOOK COST

- Now through January 2026 - \$50
- February through April 2026 - \$55
- May 2026 (wait list) - \$60
 - Your name will be put on a wait list, you do not pay in advance. Once yearbooks come in and we have a book for you, then you will pay before receiving the book.
- NO Engraving Available

Check, cash, or card in the WHS office, or online through InTouch.



Hoco Spirit Week

MON: PAJAMA DAY



TUES: CLASS COLOR



Freshmen-Yellow

Sophomores- Green

Juniors- White

Seniors- Black

WED: CAMOUFLAGE



THUR: ADAM SANDLER



FRIDAY: USA



TEACHERS WEAR NEON



WELCOME TO WHS - FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Rasmus Holz ~ Germany



UPCOMING OCTOBER & NOVEMBER EVENTS (as of 9/30/25)

- OCTOBER 4: WHS Art Show at the Woodland Community Library, 12:00pm - 2:00pm, this is a closing event, art that has been in the library on display all summer will be taken down.
- OCTOBER 21: Fall Choir Concert, 7:00pm Woodland High School commons. Featuring the Middle School Choir, High School Choir, & Vocal Jazz.
- OCTOBER 23: Fall Band Concert, 7:00pm Woodland High School commons.
- OCTOBER 25: Make a Difference Day - Woodland Community event. For more information call Kathy Morrison, Public Works Clerk at 360-225-7999.
- OCTOBER 30: WHS Connect Night, this is an open house with clubs, organizations, and community resources, more details coming soon.
- NOVEMBER 6: Latino Family Night from 5:00pm - 7:00pm in the commons at Woodland Middle School.
- NOVEMBER 20: Red Cross Blood Drive at Woodland High School, details coming soon.
- NOVEMBER 20: Mr. Woodland Fashion Show hosted by WHS DECA, 7:00pm, doors open at 6:00. \$50 VIP tickets, \$400 VIP Table (for 8), \$15 General Admission. Woodland High School commons.

FROM THE WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

Woodland High School wishes to congratulate the student of the month for September for ASL and Spanish classes. (*Please see photo.*) Students are chosen for this award based on classroom interaction, work completion, on time to class, and the Woodland High School Spirit which is fostering a positive high school learning experience in World Language (WL). Students will also get a signed certificate from the Assistant Principal Mr. Lindsay and their respective WL teacher--Finally, there will be a student of the month winner every month for ASL and Spanish respectively, keep your eyes peeled, more to come.

Again, Congratulations to Sept Student of the month winners



Looking for More Students at the Student-Run iQ Credit Union Branch at Woodland High School!

Exciting news! Starting Fall 2025, Woodland High School students have the chance to gain real-world work experience right on campus through a brand-new, student-run iQ Credit Union branch. This hands-on opportunity will allow students to manage a fully functioning credit union location, supported by financial literacy and business coursework. If you are a student interested in this class, please contact Ms. Andria Terry.

Exclusively available during lunch to students, staff, and associated families, the program will offer financial education, job training, valuable career-building experience, and possible paid internships. Woodland will join seven other high schools in Southwest Washington participating in this innovative program.

We're proud to partner with iQ Credit Union to bring financial education—and a little red and black plaid—to our campus!





**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 15**

**1:00 - 4:30
AUX GYM**

**This is Camouflage Day for
Homecoming Spirit Week. Come
prepared with an alternative shirt if
needed.**

IMPORTANT - FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

FAFSA & WAFSA Application Information

What are FAFSA and WAFSA?

- **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the form you need to fill out to apply for federal financial aid for college and participating career and trade programs.
- **WAFSA** (Washington Application for State Financial Aid) is for students not eligible for FAFSA.

Where to Apply

- **FAFSA:** studentaid.gov
- **WAFSA:** wsac.wa.gov/wafsa

Important Dates

- **FAFSA:** The 2026-27 application is expected to open on **October 1, 2025**.
- **WAFSA:** The 2026-27 application is also expected to open in **October 1, 2025**.
- **Priority Deadlines:** Be sure to check with your specific colleges and universities for their priority deadlines, which are often much earlier than the federal or state deadlines.

Why apply for FAFSA/WAFSA?

- **Access money for college and participating career and trade programs:** This is the first step to getting grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study funds to help pay for tuition, books, and living expenses.
- **It's FREE:** The applications are completely free to submit. You have nothing to lose!
- **You may be eligible for more than you think:** Don't assume you won't qualify. Many families are surprised by the aid they can receive.
- **Early is best:** Complete your application as soon as possible to meet priority deadlines and have the best chance at securing aid.

Don't wait! Apply today!

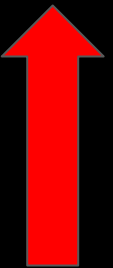
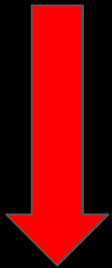
VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SENIORS - CLASS OF 2026

IMPORTANT INFO FOR OCTOBER 2026

October 15: PICTURE RETAKE DAY, for Seniors ONLY if you missed picture day in September. This is not for a second Senior Silly Picture. You only get one ID/ASB card. This is retakes for all staff and all students who missed the September 11th picture day. If you truly need retakes and are unsatisfied with your pictures from 9/11, you must turn in your old pictures that you purchased and your ID/ASB card from 9/11 at the time of retakes to Bell Studios.

- CAP AND GOWN ORDERING COMING IN A FEW WEEKS
 - Seniors you will be notified by email.
 - Info will be posted on our Senior Information page see link below.
 - Paper copies of info will be available on the Senior counter in the front office.
 - ANY QUESTIONS? See Sheri or Sarah in the front office.
 - Info will be announced in the Daily Morning Bulletin, posted on Senior GRIT Slides, also see your Senior Class Advisor, Ms. Klaus.



REMINDERS ~ SENIORS ~ REMINDERS

- Check your school emails often.
- Tell your running start friends to check their Woodland High School email often.
- Check the website often.
 - Senior Information: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/124>
 - Yearbook & Pictures: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/117>

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PORTLAND
VS.
SACRAMENTO

SUNDAY, APR. 12
5:30 PM



WOODLAND
TRACK &
FIELD NIGHT

Come out and support the Portland Trail Blazers as they take on the Sacramento Kings on Sunday, April 12th! Enjoy exclusive discounted tickets with friends, family, and teammates from Woodland Track & Field. It's a great night to celebrate the season and experience the excitement of NBA basketball together at Moda Center!

VISIT:
[Blazersgroups.com](http://Blazersgroups.com/woodland)
[/woodland](http://woodland)

ORDER DEADLINE:
Mon, Mar. 16

CONTACT:
CHANDLER MORSE
503.963.3946
chandler.morse@trailblazers.com

STARTING AT \$23

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FOOD DRIVE



Cereal

October
27-31

**HELP FEED
OUR
COMMUNITY**

**Bring your non-
perishable items to
school**

**WOODLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ANNUAL FALL FOOD DRIVE**

School Board Meetings - October 9 at 6:30 pm and October 23 at 6:30 pm
ALL TEACHERS CAN BE REACHED BY email using the following format: first seven letters of their last name & first initial of first name
@woodlandschools.org (Ex: pearsonp@woodlandschools.org)
Woodland High School 1500 Dike Access Road Woodland, WA 98674-9498,
Main Line 360-841-2800 Fax: 360-841-2801
Dr. Phillip Pearson, Principal - Michael Lindsay, Assistant Principal

Woodland Public School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Vicky Barnes, Title IX Officer, Civil Rights Coordinator, and Affirmative Action Officer, 800 Second St. Woodland, WA 98674, barnesv@woodlandschools.org, (360) 841-2702 Jake Hall, 504 Coordinator, 800 Second St. Woodland, WA 98674, hallj@woodlandschools.org, (360) 841-2720. You can report discrimination and discriminatory harassment to any school staff member or to the district's Civil Rights Coordinator, listed above. You also have the right to file a complaint. For a copy of your district's nondiscrimination policy and procedure, contact your school or district office or view it online at www.woodlandschools.org.

District Vision Statement: Woodland Public Schools, in partnership with its community, will create a PreK-12 system that serves and supports ALL children and ensures EACH child has FULL access to, is engaged in, and obtains an excellent education that prepares them for responsible citizenship and a future of adaptability and success in life and their chosen endeavors.

District Calendar

Woodland High School Calendar of Events: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/page/92>



Woodland Beaver Boosters

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October Calendar

- Oct. 10 - No School

(staff professional development day)

- Oct. 30 & 31
early release