

Dear Patrons,

Our elementary school, which will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the east wing, is overflowing with children. Adding ECEAP Preschool (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program), all-day kindergarten and lowering class sizes at the first through the third grades—all valued state-supported programs—led to the overcrowding.

To address the overcrowding opportunity, our school board requests a school construction bond from our community. With approval, our board will direct over fifty percent of the bond towards building elementary classrooms and a gym; these additions will relieve the overcrowding, provide a more proper eating area and increase learning time.

A half century ago, the relatively small multipurpose room was rightsized; now, undersized, this room serves as a gym, food serving area, passage way between classrooms, and a commons area. The addition of a gym will allow our students to move from eating in their classrooms to eating in the multipurpose room once again. This, in turn, will increase class instruction time since teachers will be relieved from daily lunch duty, decrease student lunch from about over an hour to about 40 minutes, and will also reduce the amount of noise distraction to neighboring classrooms where core academic learning takes place. Finally, to keep our fifth grade at our elementary school was the most overwhelming issue from our *ThoughtExchange* survey of our community—as opposed to moving fifth grade to our middle school, adding a gym and new classrooms will alleviate the overcrowding at our elementary school.

To learn more about the bond, I personally invite you to one of the evening meetings that are scheduled for 7:00pm in the fire halls in Charbonneau (January 17), Wallula (January 18), and Burbank on Humorist (January 19). I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Lou Gates, Superintendent

Basketball Dinners

The Back Alley BBQ Crew will be serving dinners on Friday, January 6th and Saturday, January 28th during the Coyotes basketball games, starting at 4:30 p.m. until gone. Come check out some award winning BBQ and help support your Coyote athletes.

Thank You!

The Coyote High School Wrestling team expresses our gratitude for the great support we received from our community during the first half of our season. We held two major events that came off as huge successes. First, we had a takedown jamboree, combined with a clinic taught by the Eastern Oregon University Wrestling team. Second, we held our first all-girls' wrestling tournament, which included 25 teams and over 150 female athletes. We could not have done either event without the many volunteers who offered their time and assistance, along with the food that we offered at a much appreciated hospitality room for the referees, event workers, bus drivers, and visiting coaches. Some of those we would like to publicly recognize are: Chris Towle, Barry McEachan, Angel Hernandez, Trevor Morrison, Makayla Grimm, Summer Michel, Cyndi Glazier, Jimalee Custer, Karen Holbrook, Araceli Sandoval, Ethan Armstrong, Mackenzie Dotta, Kaylyn Morgan, Lauren Obrien, Ana Scott, Josh Martinez, Jasmine Flores, Jadyn Johnson, Mikael Foltz, and our administrators Kyle Miller and Jay Aune. We appreciate the hours of service and donations from these Coyote fans and alumni. We welcome everyone out to our final home event of the year, Thursday, January 26th against Mabton. As such, it will be our senior night and your final chance to see four stellar wrestlers in action on our home mat.

Thank you again,
Coaches Josh Reardon and Joe Sloan



GEAR UP thanks all of the students and staff that participated in the Destined for College activities in December. It was a great way to expose students to high school and college information. With the help of the Coyote Boosters and Washington State Opportunity Scholarship we were able to have some nice prizes for the students.

We would also like to make sure that all seniors who haven't applied for the FAFSA do so as soon as possible. This month GEAR UP will be working on encouraging seniors to sign up for colleges before the dead line.

Thank you to everyone who purchased coffee or fudge from the recent Columbia Middle School fundraiser. All product has been sent out for delivery, so if you have not received your order yet, please contact the Middle School Office at 509-545-8571

We thank you again for your support!!

Mr. Muchlinski, CMS ASB Advisor



THANK YOU

The CHS National Honor Society would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all those in the community who donated to the annual Coats for Kids coat drive and our annual food drive. Thanks to your generous donations we were able to put together 35 amazing holiday food baskets that were distributed to local families. We also collected 75 coats. We are very fortunate to live in such a giving community. These events would not be a success without your support.

Thank you, Burbank!

School Board Meeting



Board Workshop Meeting

January 9, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Future Board Meeting Dates:

January 23, 2017

February 13 & 27, 2017

For a complete list of agenda items, please visit the district website at <http://www.csd400.org/CSD/board>

YUMMY, DOUGHNUTS!

The Columbia High School FBLA is holding a fundraiser in January, selling maple bars to be delivered on Wednesday morning (January 18th) at the beginning of first hour. This is the first day of semester finals. If you would like to order doughnuts, please contact Mrs. Aune at 509.545.8573 ext. 1320, or email her at patti.aune@csd400.org. Members will be preselling doughnuts until January 17th.



Middle School Yearbooks

Middle School Yearbooks are on sale now. They are \$25 during January and February and \$30 after March 1st. There will be a limited supply, so be sure to buy your yearbook soon!

You can purchase from the Middle School Office or through the Family Access Portal. If you have any questions, please contact the Middle School Office.



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Columbia School District

Capital Projects BOND Proposal



Remember to Vote by February 14, 2017!

In 1998 the Columbia School District Board of Directors obtained a 20-year capital projects bond that primarily remodeled our high school; this bond expires in December 2017. The Columbia School District Board of Directors recently unanimously approved placing a \$4.5 million bond on the February 14, 2017 special election ballot. This proposition would authorize the district to issue general obligation bonds to make district-wide student safety and security improvements. The greater portion of this proposal would go towards the elementary school; this includes adding a needed new gym, constructing new classroom space to alleviate overcrowding, and expanding the very small staff restrooms.

To understand more about the upcoming bond proposal we invite you to join us for a forum in your area. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions and gain additional information.



Community Forum Dates

January 17, 2017—Charbonneau Fire Station (7:00 pm)

January 18, 2017—Wallula Fire Hall (7:00 pm)

January 19, 2017 —Fire Station on Humorist (7:00 pm)

Questions? Please contact Superintendent Dr. Lou Gates at 547-2136.



January 2017

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Schools Closed 2	Schools Closed 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS Girls Wrestling – Burbank at Ki-Be (TBD) ▪ HS Basketball – Burbank at Highland (3:30pm & 5pm) 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Middle School Wrestling & Girls Basketball Practice Begins 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS Wrestling – Burbank at Granger (6:00 pm) 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS Basketball – Connell at Burbank (4:30pm, 6pm & 7:30pm) 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS Wrestling – Burbank at Warden (8:00 am) ▪ HS Basketball – Burbank at Ki-Be (4:30pm, 6pm & 7:30pm)
8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coyote Boosters Mtg. at CHS Library (6:00pm) ▪ School Board Meeting (7pm) 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS Basketball – Riverview at Burbank (4:30pm, 6pm & 7:30pm) ▪ Senior Night at CBC (5:30 pm – 7:30 pm) 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Reptile Man” Assembly at CMS (6pm) 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS Wrestling – Burbank at Riverview (8:00 am) 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elementary PTO Meeting at Elementary School (8:10am) ▪ ACT Registration Deadline for Feb 11th test ▪ HS Basketball – Burbank at Wahluke (4:30pm, 6pm & 7:30pm) 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS Wrestling – Burbank at Othello (8:00 am) ▪ HS Basketball – Burbank at College Place (4:30pm, 6pm & 7:30pm)
15	16 <p>Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>Schools Closed</p>	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BOND COMMUNITY FORUM at Charbonneau Fire Station (7pm) 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS Semester Testing (Early Release, HS ONLY) ▪ Coffee Talk at Baptist Church in Arlene’s Addition (8:00 am) ▪ BOND COMMUNITY FORUM at Wallula Fire Hall (7pm) 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Early Release, HS ONLY ▪ MS Wrestling – at Burbank (4 pm) ▪ MS Girls Basketball- Burbank at Ki-Be (4pm & 5pm) ▪ HS Wrestling – Burbank at Cle Elum (6pm) ▪ BOND COMMUNITY FORUM at Humorist Fire Station (7pm) 	20 <p>End of 2nd Quarter</p> <p>~Early Release~</p>	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SAT test ▪ HS Boys Wrestling – Burbank at Mabton (8:00 am) ▪ HS Girls Wrestling – Burbank at Grandview (8:00 am) ▪ HS Basketball – Burbank at Royal (4:30pm, 6pm & 7:30pm)
22	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Band Booster Meeting at CHS Band Room (6:30pm) ▪ School Board Meeting (7pm) 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MS Wrestling – Burbank at Connell (3:30 pm) ▪ MS Girls Basketball- Royal at Burbank (4pm & 5pm) 	25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MS Girls Basketball- Burbank at Connell (4pm & 5pm) ▪ HS Boys Wrestling- at Burbank (6pm) 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS Basketball – Burbank at Connell (4:30pm, 6pm & 7:30pm) 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS Wrestling – at Royal (10am) ▪ HS Basketball –Ki-Be at Burbank (4:30pm, 6pm & 7:30pm)
29	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MS Girls Basketball- McFarland at Burbank (4pm & 5pm) ▪ HS Basketball – Burbank at Riverview (4:30pm, 6pm & 7:30pm) 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “We Care Sports” Assembly at CMS (6pm) 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MS Wrestling – Burbank at Warden (4pm) ▪ HS Basketball – College Place at Burbank (4:30pm, 6pm & 7:30pm) 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS Basketball – Wahluke at Burbank (4:30pm, 6pm & 7:30pm) 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS District Wrestling – at Wahluke (TBD)