



# UHS Bobcat News

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**FAMILYLINK:** This is a great way to stay up on your child's progress in all classes. Hopefully you have received your username and password in the mail. In order to utilize this program you go onto our website:

[www.union.k12.or.us](http://www.union.k12.or.us) and click on "parents" then click "family link".

There you will find the portal to enter your username and password. If you have forgotten or misplaced it please contact: Traci (in the office) @ 541-562-5166.

## LEAD TEST RESULTS:

Union School District tested drinking water sites at all of its schools for the potential presence of lead. Results from (Box R water Analysis Laboratory) indicate that all sites were below the acceptable EPA limits.

"The Union School District is pleased to report that water at our schools does not contain harmful lead levels. We will continue to monitor this and keep communicating to parents and our community," said Carter Wells, superintendent.

For more information about the plan to support school districts, please visit the Oregon Health Authority at <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/new/s/>.

## ATHLETICS:

**Football** is off to a rough start with two non-league losses. 13-21 Umatilla and 27-30 Riverside. Bobcats celebrate a win over enterprise 31-29! We are also happy to report the boys beat Imbler at the Homecoming game. Great job boys!

**Volleyball** rose to the challenge at the Condon tournament and won 1<sup>st</sup> place overall! They headed into districts with 4 wins and 4 losses. They came out placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wapati league play. Good job ladies!

**Cross Country** hosted a race at Catherine Creek named "The Scamper". UHS varsity boys and girls placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall! It was a well-attended race of over 18 different schools and 500+ participants.

**Honors Diplomas:** UHS is now offering "Honors Diplomas". This is a great way to challenge our students into taking the most demanding classes available. If you are interested in learning more about this contact Traci Antoine or Mr. Wells.

**Robotics:** If you would like to be involved in the robotics club meetings are every Tues. 5:30-7pm.

**Bobcat Booster Club:** The booster club is currently searching for new members and fundraising ideas. They are not currently in the position to help families with "pay to play" scholarships. Meetings are every 3<sup>rd</sup> wed. At 6:30pm. (Behind the big gym)



## FFA:

The Union FFA is under exceptional leadership this year with Wade Rynearson as our chapter and Eastern Oregon District President, Kortnee Marriott as the vice president, Delanie Kohr as the secretary, Ashten Wright as the treasurer, Ellie Clark as the reporter, Quinn Evans as the sentinel, Dawson Kennon as the historian, and Michelle Herbes as our junior advisor. Our chapter did many great things in October including crops and soils on the 5th, leadership camp on the 9th and 10th, and a big chapter meeting on the 11th to welcome the Oregon FFA State Officers. If you are wanting to know what time or when things are please refer to our chapter website at <http://union.theaet.com>. Please encourage your children to update their AET (agricultural experience tracker) with time, pictures, and earnings after working or doing anything related to their Supervised Agricultural Experience. I am looking forward to an outstanding year by helping your children develop their potential for premier leadership personal growth, and career success.



**FBLA:** We are gearing up for an exciting year with FBLA. Our president is Emma Dotson; our vice president is Matt Hull; our treasurer/secretary is Rylee Montgomery, and our fundraising/concessions coordinators are Crystal Marks and Eve Goodwater. They've all done an amazing job of planning the year out so far, and I believe the officer team will lead us to do great things this year.

## IN'S AND OUT'S OF THE CLASSROOMS:

### SCIENCE

**GREG POOR:** The science department at Union High School is off to a new and exciting start this year. Old fashioned textbooks and paper have been replaced with Chromebooks, CK12 science curriculum, and Google Classroom. Chromebooks are similar to laptops with some differences. They allow students access to online curriculum, word processing and numerous other useful tools. Each student has access every day to their own Chromebook in science class.

CK12 is the science curriculum adopted by Union for grades 7-12. It is an outstanding curriculum that is up to date, interactive, and can be customized as needed to meet the district's goals.

Google Classroom is a free web-based platform that integrates Google Apps for Education accounts with all your Google Apps services, including Google Docs, Gmail, and Google Calendar. Classroom saves time and paper, and makes it easy to create classes, distribute and collect assignments, communicate with students and parents, and keep students organized. In addition, all the students can access all assignments, curriculum and other material at any time from any device that has access to the internet.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

**KELLY ANDERES:** The Picture below is of sophomores in World History class using the football field to measure time since the Big Bang.



## **SPANISH**

**JAY BLACKBURN:** In Spanish 1 we are learning verbs and how to conjugate those verbs. The students are having a good time learning these conjugations through practice and posters presentations. For Spanish 2 we are learning the imperfect tense and the differences between the preterit and imperfect tenses. We are writing a kid scary story to demonstrate the differences in these two tenses. The students are progressing very well and I believe that they are enjoying the class. Also we are planning a trip to Costa Rica Spring Break of 2018 for those interested.

## **ENGLISH/PERSONAL FINANCE**

**SARA DYCHE:** In English IV, English III, and English 8, we have been working on short story units. My hope is that the discussions during these units will help each student to better learn how to analyze future life situations. For Speech 10, we have been learning the basic fundamentals of speech. The Journalism students have been working hard to put together the school year's first issue of the school newspaper. The seniors in Personal Finance have started with planning their lives after high school, whether that includes college or joining the workforce.

**VIVIAN MATTHEWS:** College, high school and junior high classes are underway in Room 13. Seniors are earning credit through OIT (Oregon Institute of Technology) in Writing 121 where they are working on Voice of Democracy essays for the VFW. Also writing VOD essays are the sophomores who will begin their college adventure next semester with OIT Speech 111. Juniors in Advanced Placement Literature have read *Death of a Salesman*, and they will soon be reading *Oedipus Rex* and *Antigone*. Freshmen are learning to write sentences. They

covered the play, *The Miracle Worker* recently while the seventh graders enjoyed *The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street*. Seventh graders are participating in the Patriots' Pen contest--the junior high equivalent of the Voice of Democracy. Watch for the winners from the VFW.



## **ART**

**JAIME GUSTAVSON:** The UHS art classes have been bustling with keen creativity. The high school students began with a value studies by carving and printing block prints. Currently, they are carving and printing reduction block prints. This complicated process has been mastered by all of the students, demonstrating their skill and creativity. The junior high classes have been studying color mixing through water color paints. Currently, they are learning how to mix color specific to atmospheric perspective. All of the current student work is hanging in the art room.

## **AGRICULTURE**

**CHELCEE MANSFIELD:** Agricultural classes (Ag. 8 and Ag. 1 and 2) studied hard for the crops and weeds, and soils Career Development Events, which took place Wednesday, October 5th in Enterprise. Advanced agriculture classes have been preparing and planning for the October Hunger Initiative Event, as well as learning about agricultural business and economics. Animal science is currently learning about the dairy industry and is preparing to take a field trip to a local dairy and creamery to learn about nutrition, genetics, food science, and the day to day operation of a dairy.

## **HEALTH/P.E**

**JORDAN KLEBAUM:** A lot of exciting things are happening in the Health/PE classes this fall! In our junior health class we are learning about physical activity and nutrition. Students are learning of the various ways that their bodies are affected by their level of physical fitness and

by what they eat. The juniors are ready to roll with their new lifestyle changes! In the PE classes we have finished up our physical best testing. We now are utilizing as much of this nice weather as possible. We have been playing flag football and soccer and a few other outside activities! We are looking forward to staying active and learning how it positively affects our lives!

## **MUSIC**

**SARAH MAXWELL:** The music department hit the ground running this year. We have several upcoming events for each of the classes. November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, two students will be attending the honors choir in Milton-Freewater. The Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will perform at the Veteran's assembly. November 11, the pep band will be playing in the Veteran's Day Parade. November 16<sup>th</sup>, the choir will be attending EOSSMA (Eastern Oregon Small Schools Music Association) festival in Wallowa. December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Christmas program will start at 6:00 for the elementary and Santa, and 7:15 for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, intermediate, and high school bands and the choir. January 12<sup>th</sup>, a select group of intermediate and high school band members will be attending the All State festival and conference. It is going to be a busy and exciting few months.

## **MATH**

### **JOE SHAW and FAITH**

**COURTNEY:** The math department has some exciting new changes this year!

Students will be able to take Math111 College Algebra this fall and Math112 Trigonometry in the spring. These college level classes are being offered through OIT and students can earn 4 college credits for each class.

Several of our math classes are also working with some new technology. Most of our seventh graders are part of a new program called i-Ready, which is being tested at a few sites statewide to see if it is helpful in providing the students with individualized, directed math help.

We are working with students to prepare them for the rigorous new state standards that are expected to be met with the new state testing, while also providing students with opportunities to understand how math applies to real-life and everyday situations.