

HILANDER TIMES

MAY 2023

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **May 5**
==> Graduation Speech Auditions
- **May 5-6**
==> Hilander Theatre @ 6:30 p.m.
- **May 7**
==> Hilander Theatre @ 2:00 p.m.
- **May 12-13**
==> Hilander Theatre @ 6:30 p.m.
- **May 31**
==> Senior Reception

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A Letter from Principal Walker

Hilander Families,

It is difficult to believe that we are already in May. The spring weather has finally brought some sunshine. Spring sports are in full swing. We are at the midterm point of the third trimester. Term 5 grading period ends April 28, and grades should be posted by May 4. Please check in with your student's progress through Skyward. If you need support with your student's success at school, reach out to your student's counselor and their teachers. We are here to be your partner in supporting your student's success.

Graduation is fast approaching. Save the date for June 10, and we will come together to celebrate this monumental event, opening the doors to a bright future for your graduating seniors. As we approach graduation, it is common for students to feel anxious about their future. Please encourage your students to come to school every day, stay focused on their school work, and stay on track to graduate. If your senior is struggling, please reach out to their counselor as soon as possible.

The Daily News has elected to not include the top 5% list in the publication this year; as a result, we will be including those honors in our June Parent Newsletter. Please be on the lookout for this recognition. In addition, we will be sending out a detailed letter to the parents of all senior students, which will include all graduation event dates and descriptions. Please be sure to read that closely to ensure that you and your seniors participate in each and every celebration.

If your student needs to recover some credits, please consider signing up for summer school at KHS, June 20-July 20 (no school July 3-5). It is an excellent opportunity for students to work closely with staff to earn back credit and start next school year on track. Meals will be served at KHS. Students will be working with certificated teachers, and Math and English skill development will be a central focus. There are 3 options for summer school: morning (8:00-11:00), afternoon (11:30-2:30), or all day (8:00-2:30). No transportation is provided, so students would need to be able to get to school on their own.

We are excited to finish this school year strong. We are thankful for your partnership in supporting your student as a respectful, responsible, kind, and resilient Hilander.

We Are Kelso Strong

Sheri Walker

Principal, Kelso High School



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+ RESPECTFUL
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+ RESILIENT
HILANDERS



SUMMER SCHOOL

Kelso High School

June 20 - July 20* • M - F

MORNING

8:00 - 11:00

AFTERNOON

11:30 - 2:30

FULL DAY

8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Lunch Served: 11:00 - 11:30 | *No school July 3-5

Kelso Virtual Academy

Session A: June 20 - July 14* • M - F

Session B: July 17 - August 4 • M - F

FULL DAY: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

HELD VIRTUALLY

Grades 9 - 12

*No school July 3-5

Sign Up

Use application on the back of this flyer or download one at [LINK](#). Return application to your school by May 20.

**MEALS SERVED
AT KHS**

**CERTIFICATED
TEACHERS**

**MATH &
ENGLISH SKILL
DEVELOPMENT**

**CREDIT
RECOVERY**





SAVE THE DATE

2023

GRADUATION

KELSO HIGH • KELSO VIRTUAL ACADEMY • LOOWIT



Saturday, June 10 • 1:00 pm

Attend: Laulainen Stadium at Schroeder Field

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| • Graduation Speech Auditions | May 5 |
| • Senior Reception | May 31 |
| • Last Day of Class for Seniors | June 7 |
| • Scholarships & Awards Night | June 7 |
| • Awards Assembly & Baccalaureate Practice | June 8 |
| • Baccalaureate | June 8 |
| • Graduation Rehearsal & Grad Parade (Mandatory) | June 9 |
| • Graduation | June 10 |

KHS April Student Core Values Spotlight

Congratulations to these students who demonstrate our core values in their actions, words, and service to our school community.

Kelso Rotary is highlighting academic standing, positive, representatives of our school, participation in extra-curricular activities, community involvement, and leadership and service to others. Two of these students will be chosen as Kelso

Rotary Students of the Month for November and will attend a luncheon with Superintendent Tack and receive a \$50 certificate commemorating this honor.

Alex Carmen
Carver Doehne
Skylar Ross
Marshall Stephens



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April Kelso Rotary Students of the Month

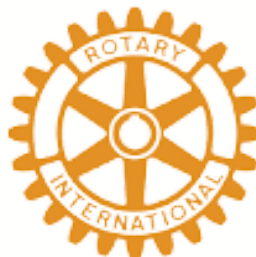


Carver Doehne



Skylar Ross

Kelso
Rotary
Club



Letter from the Athletic Director



Hilanders,

I hope this month's newsletter finds you full of hope and joy as we transition out of the gloomy weather of April into the fabulous, northwest sunshine. What a great time of year to be a Hilander, and celebrate all that is special about our community and our athletics. We have come so far and accomplished so much over the course of the year, let spring be a reminder of this, and rejuvenate us as we push forward towards the end of the year.

Each day I have the opportunity to witness what truly makes Kelso special. Very few communities are as close and dedicated to the maturation and development of their youth. Hundreds of kids flood the grounds of Kelso and Coweeman, all in search of that special connection. An opportunity to find their place, their role, their identity within their group. This, in its purest form, is what is sacred about sports. Sports provide a platform for children to be their best version of self, while developing their own self efficacy.

Much like our little Hilanders, our high school athletes compete with a freedom and joy seldom found in other communities. They navigate their individual challenges with grace and pride, but collectively pursue one common goal. Success is subjective, it's in the eye of the beholder. Success for me, is the understanding that we are providing equitable opportunities for all our students to be great. Not the outcome at the end of the game or the match, but opportunity for self-expression, the opportunity to develop confidence, the opportunity to find their identity our ever-changing environment. Success is not determined by numbers on a scoreboard, but by the tools and skills our young people develop through the process of competition.

It's often overlooked the power of sport and competition. All too often our indicators of success are measured by numbers and outcomes, tallied up to compile a sum. While that has its place, it dismisses the true power of sport and competition. There is no greater classroom than the athletic arena. The lessons learned on the field or court cannot be duplicated anywhere else in society. No other platform teaches the importance and maturation of the fundamental skills and characteristics, necessary for healthy living.

I know this month newsletter has taken a slightly different tone. But, I challenge you, next time you are taking part in sport or competition, shift your mind from the focus based on outcome, to a focus based on growth. What are the individual challenges within each sport teaching, rather than the implications related to the outcome? I think you will find the pure joy in sport, the freedom to compete without the barriers driven by outcome.

Thank you so much for your unwavering commitment. Each day, I look forward to the work we have in front of us and for the opportunity to build relationships. I am honored and privileged to be the athletic director at Kelso High School, and I am thankful to be part of such a great school and community.

Thank you,

Ryan Aldred
Athletic Director

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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Girls Tennis – Lana Osman

Girls Tennis would like to nominate Lana Osman for Athlete of the Month. Lana is our #2 singles player but this month she played in the #1 singles spot on two occasions. Lana has also been playing excellent tennis this month beating three different opponents 6-0, 6-0. Lana always maintains her composure and positivity on the court. She hustles for every ball and is a great example to the large number of players who are new to the team this year. She is truly a leader on and off the court.



Baseball – Easton Marshall

Baseball would like to nominate Easton Marshall for April's Athlete of the Month. Easton is currently leading the team in batting average at .550. He also recently broke the all-time KHS Stolen Base record. Easton is a great leader on and off field to the rest of the guys. He is a great student leader, mentor in the classroom, and an ambassador for KHS.

April 2023

Hilander Theatre Presents



Heathers The Musical: Teen Edition is the darkly delicious story of Veronica Sawyer, a brainy, beautiful teenage misfit who hustles her way into the most powerful and ruthless clique at Westerberg High: the Heathers. But before she can get comfortable atop the high school food chain, Veronica falls in love with the dangerously handsome new kid J.D. When Heather Chandler, the Almighty, kicks her out of the group, Veronica decides to bite the bullet and kiss Heather's aerobicized butt... but J.D. has another plan for that bullet.

Book, music, and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe & Kevin Murphy

Based on the Film written by Daniel Walters

Heathers the Musical was originally directed Off-Broadway by Andy Fickman &

Choreographed by Marguerite Derricks

Heathers the Musical: Teen Edition is presented by arrangement w/ Concord Theatrical

Artwork designed by Aka NYC

Show Dates & Times:

*Doors Open 30
minutes prior to show

May 5th, 6th,
12th, & 13th @
6:30 PM

Matinee Sunday
May 7th
@ 2:00 PM

Price of Admission:

*Tickets Purchased at
Ticket Window Prior to
Showtime

Adults - \$15
Seniors 65+ - \$12
Kids & Students - \$10

**May not be suitable
for children**





KHS LIBRARY

May

Genre of the Month

May's Genre of the Month is: Fantasy.

Epic tales of wizards, fairy tales, kingdoms, mythology, folklore, and legends!

Come check out the genre display table in the library, and find a great new read for the month!

Library Contest

Contest for May is:

Guess the Book from the Last Line!

Come check it out on the contest bulletin board.

You could win a gift card, free food, & more! Contest runs from May 1st through May 31st; see library for rules & more info.



Fine Reminders

Do you have Library fines? Check with the Library Clerk about the Library Fees Assistance Form, & get some help paying those fees off!



KHS LIBRARY

GOT LIBRARY FINES?

WE CAN HELP!

Active and current KHS students can get an application from the Library Clerk, and apply for assistance funds to help pay off those fines before graduation.

Talk to the Library Clerk for more info, and to get your application!

[SITES.GOOGLE.COM/KELSO.WEDNET.EDU/
KHS LIBRARY/HOME](https://sites.google.com/kelso.wednet.edu/khslibrary/home)



**Fines for Chromebook
damages occurring
this school year will
be posted soon. Watch
your mailbox for more
information.**



Gaither Pool

Kelso High School

360-501-1855

www.gaitherpool.com

Come check out our new swim lessons. Lesson are Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 4-7pm

Level Spotlight: Pufferfish



Pufferfish is for our students over the age of 5, who are still getting used to the water. Learning to float, basic propulsion, breathing techniques and safety skills are the focus here.

Upcoming Lessons:

April 24-May 5

May 8th - 19

May 22 - June 2, add Wed 5/31

Upcoming Closures:

May 27 & 29th

June 10 - Graduation

June 12-17 - Maintenance

Water Safety Tip:

As the weather gets nicer and the snow and ice melt, that water will make our lakes and rivers very cold. Please limit your exposure to such cold water..

GAITHER POOL

SWIM LESSONS



OFFERED ALL YEAR

MON, TUES, THURS, FRIDAY 4-7PM

KELSO HIGH SCHOOL

1901 Allen Street, Kelso, WA 98626

2 WEEK SESSIONS \$45

For more information, please contact 360-501-1855

www.gaitherpool.com



GOOGLE DRIVE

AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S "CAREER, COLLEGE, AND COMMUNITY READY" GOAL, OUR STUDENTS WILL BE UTILIZING GOOGLE DRIVE ACCOUNTS THAT ALLOW THEM TO PRODUCE, SHARE, AND EASILY ACCESS ASSIGNMENTS, DOCUMENTS AND PROJECTS USING ONLINE TOOLS.

GOOGLE DRIVE PROVIDES FREE WORD PROCESSING, SPREADSHEET, AND PRESENTATION SOFTWARE THAT STUDENTS CAN USE TO CREATE DOCUMENTS FROM ANY COMPUTER THAT HAS INTERNET ACCESS. THE DISTRICT HAS ITS OWN GOOGLE DRIVE PORTAL THAT ALLOWS FOR THE CREATION OF ACCOUNTS FOR OUR STUDENTS. THESE ARE NOT TO BE TREATED AS PRIVATE ACCOUNTS, BUT ARE PROVIDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCHOOL RELATED WORK AND COMMUNICATIONS. THE BENEFIT OF GOOGLE DRIVE IS THAT STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR DOCUMENTS BOTH AT HOME AND SCHOOL ON ANY COMPUTER THAT HAS ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. IN ADDITION TO FAMILIAR TOOLS LIKE GOOGLE DRIVE, CLASSROOM, KEEP, AND SITES, SECONDARY STUDENTS WILL ALSO HAVE ACTIVE GMAIL ACCOUNTS THAT CAN BE USED FOR SCHOOL RELATED PURPOSES. WE ARE USING A MONITORING TOOL CALLED BARK THAT ALERTS US TO INAPPROPRIATE OR DANGEROUS CONTENT. FLAGGED ACTIVITY WILL BE REVIEWED AND FOLLOWED UP ON IF NEEDED. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR CHILD HOW HE/SHE IS USING GOOGLE DRIVE IN SCHOOL.



WE ARE RESPONSIBLE ♦ RESPECTFUL ♦ KIND ♦ RESILIENT HILANDERS

All Kelso schools take the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) of students very seriously. According to the most recent Healthy Youth Survey, the majority of students in Kelso schools indicate that they feel safe at school. Any student, parent or other interested adult can report an incident of HIB using the Kelso Incident Report Form (which is available on the website and in the main office of all schools).

Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying (HIB) is an intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act that:

- Physically harms a student or damages the student's property.
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education.
- Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment.
- Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

If you have any questions about this policy please contact the principal of your child's school, or the Director of Student Services,, Gunnar Guttormsen, at the Kelso School District office.

Kelso School District #458 complies with all federal rules and regulations and 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 or 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 listed in Title 36 of the United States Code. The following employee(s) has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Holly Budge, Director of Human Resources, the school district's Title VII Officer and ADA Coordinator. People of disability may request reasonable accommodation in the hiring process by contacting, Holly Budge, Director of Human Resources, 601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626 or (360) 501-1924.

Inquiries regarding compliance procedures regarding students may be directed to Gunnar Guttormsen, Director of Student Services, the school district's Title IX & Section 504 Coordinator, 601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626 (360) 501-1900.

KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A DRUG AND TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE