

Superintendent's Message

Fall 21-22, Issue 3 – Dec 9, 2021

As I begin to write this communication it is already December 2021...where did the time go?

Return to After-School Programming:

Sherman County School is excited to take another step towards normalcy by launching our S.K.O.R.E (Sherman Kids on the Road to Excellence) program on December 13. This successful after-school academic program offers enrichment activities for our K-6 students. If you are interested in your student(s) attending, please complete the online registration at <https://hello.familyid.com/>.

For 7-12 students, we are thrilled to also be starting up our HHH (Husky Helping Hands) program after the Winter Break. This program provides students with an opportunity to stay after school and receive tutoring support in specific subject areas from certified staff. We will be sharing more information in January. Both the S.K.O.R.E and HHH programs will provide activity bus transportation back to Grass Valley, Kent, Moro, Rufus, and Wasco. The activity bus will depart the school shortly after 5:00 p.m. We are pleased to share that there are no fees associated with either program.

New COVID Testing Protocol Opportunity:

As we have shared in various communications to the school community, we are making every attempt to impact the least amount of students possible when we receive information regarding a positive COVID-19 test associated with Sherman County School. We are the first school in the region to have implemented the Test to Stay Protocol developed by the Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Health Authority. Test to Stay gives us another option to keep students and staff in school and maximizes time in the classroom learning. This program is a form of a modified quarantine that allows unvaccinated individuals to be tested twice (at school or by a health provider) during the 7 days following exposure. First, as soon as the exposure has been identified, with a second test occurring between days 5-7 following the exposure. It does increase the staff work-load when the school administers the tests, but we eagerly perform the test because it gives students the possible opportunity to stay at school. If you are interested in learning more about this program, we have the Test to Stay Protocol information posted on our school website.

With 2022 around the corner, we have an opportunity to reflect and celebrate our collective successes this fall despite all of the challenges/changes we still face during a long-standing pandemic. I would like to thank our students, staff, parents, partners, board members, and school community for the continued flexibility, support, and dedication. You all deserve to spend quality time with your family/friends, as well as time to rest as all of you rejuvenate for 2022!

December 17th is our last day of school before Winter Break and time will pass by quickly with all of the fun activities and holiday traditions planned the next couple weeks.

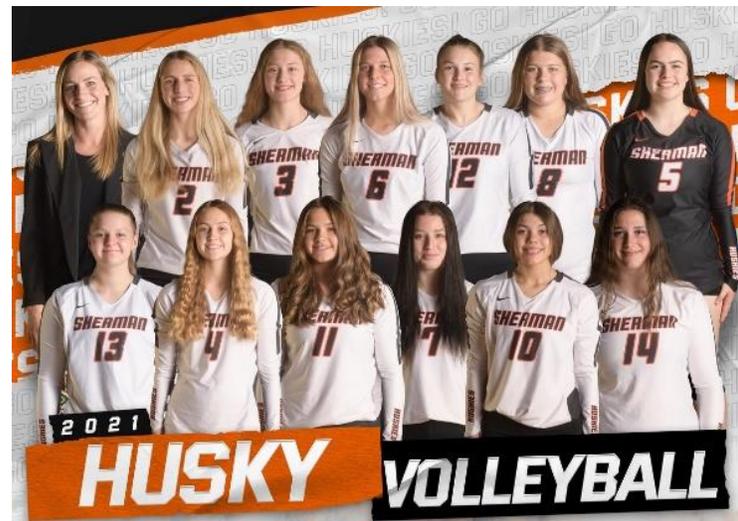
On behalf of the Sherman County School Board and entire staff, our warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a happy New Year!

Sincerely,



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OSAA Academic Top Ten



The OSAA with sponsorship assistance from The OnPoint Community Credit Union recognizes student athletes for their academic achievements during each season. For the 2021-22 Fall Season, Sherman County Husky Volleyball finished in the top ten of Class 1A squads for their combined team grade-point average. The Husky average of 3.66 placed them ninth among all schools competing in their classification, narrowly above Condon in tenth at 3.65. Trinity Lutheran, of Bend, led all teams with a 3.97 average.

The award is in the form of a certificate and decal for each team member and a plaque for the school to display as a memoriam of the achievement.

Additionally, all schools achieving above a 3.0 GPA average earn 25 points toward the annual OSAA Cup competition with those in the top ten earning additional bonus points.

Great effort Husky Volleyball! Those contributing to this achievement are represented in the team collage above created by Jeremy Lanthorn:

Back row (l-r): Coach Gorham, Natalie M, Emily L, Allie M, Sophie H, Bailey C, and Cali J.
Front row (l-r): Pyeper W, Kaelex P, Lexi H, Stiehl G, Morgan G, and Cadence S.

Events for December

- Dec 7 - Gaming Club, Regular Tues/Thurs, 3:30-5PM
FFA Books/Job Interview Practice
- Dec 8 – FFA Officers noon meeting, Ag Rm
- Dec 9 – MS Basketball v. St. Mary’s
A-Teams 4 PM; B-Teams 5 PM
- Dec 10 – ½ Day/1-4/Music
- Dec 11 – HS BB @Elgin, 1 & 2:30 PM, Depart 8:30 AM
- Dec 13 – MS BB v Condon, 4 & 5 PM
S.K.O.R.E. after school until 5 PM
School Board Meeting, 6 PM Cafeteria
- Dec 14 – HS BB v Damascus Christian, 6 & 7:30 PM
- Dec 15 – FFA Officers noon meeting, Ag Rm
- Dec 17 – 1/2 Day/5-7/PE
HS BB @Spray/Mitchell, Wheeler, 6 & 7:30 PM
- Dec 18 – HS BB v Lone/Arlington, 2 & 3:30 PM
- Dec 20 – No School. Winter Break Begins
- Dec 21 – HS BB @Prairie City Noon, JV, 1:30, 3 PM

Just as a special emphasis of what Mr. Owens included in his message, the after school S.K.O.R.E. program returns to SCS on December 13 with Activity Bus at 5 PM.



NHS Fall Inductions



Above, the end of the first quarter created the first opportunity of the year for those students with a qualifying GPA to apply for admittance into the Sherman Chapter of the National Honor Society. Eligibility requires a B-average GPA and for a faculty committee to review each students' contribution to their school and community in the areas of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Pictured in the front row above were the Fall Inductees (l-r): junior Kole M along with seniors Koby B and Dillan S. In the back row are the chapter members from previous inductions: juniors Natalie M, Treasurer, and Morgan G, Secretary; seniors Emma R, President, and Aurora B, Vice-President, along with their Advisor, Mr. Casper.

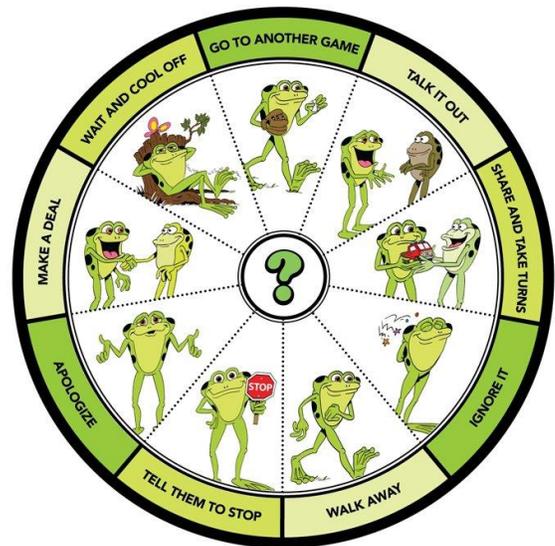
Photo by Jai C-L

New Reader Board



Above, after several months of investigation and planning, the new reader board was installed as the final days of November departed and first ones of December arrived. It sits just on the southwest edge of the upper parking lot entrance. The digital reader is controlled from computers in the office. The inaugural display promoted the return of the Sherman Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Managing Conflict with a Frog?



Above, if your K-5 student has not mentioned something about Kelso, he/she may do so very soon. Kelso is a frog (the character in the choice wheel above) and is the personality used to help students remember the choice options when we face issues in life that can be emotionally difficult and often lead to conflict.

On Friday, Nov. 19, the elementary staff began the Kelso's Choice training. As explained by SCS Student Success Coach, Cindie King, ***"Our goal is that students learn to deal with difficult situations by learning and implementing one of the nine simple strategies/choices they will learn and practice in classroom lessons (the wheel above). Recess supervisors are trained in this program, and we will all learn to support the students in carrying out these strategies on the playground and throughout all areas of the school, not just in the classroom. Colorful charts illustrating the strategies practiced in classroom lessons on ways to deal with conflict will be posted so all children will know their choices. Teachers will be sharing materials so that families can become familiar with this program and may choose to use it at home as well. By working together, we can develop a healthy life skill for young people to use."***

From The Classrooms

Right, Mr. Stuart annually sets forth the challenge for his Beginning US History to memorize all the states and capitals. Those receiving perfect marks on the final test over them earn the additional award of being allowed to win state, bicentennial minted quarters (US territory quarters have also been added and included in the prize). Those 7th Graders earning the right to divide these coins this year were (l-r) T'Sharrá L, Kiara P, and Dulce A. The award is a donation provided by Mr. Stuart with quarter acquisition assistance from Bank of Eastern Oregon.

6th Grade Learn History from Clay



Left and above: Right before Thanksgiving, the 6th Graders, were studying archeological and cultural concepts that arose out of the study of the famous Chinese terracotta army and other archeology artifacts generally. To make this learning a more memorable experience, the 6th Grade were directed to engage in some of their own clay-creations as you

Biology Donates a Discovery to OSU

Below: As reported in our last edition, Mr. Dearborn had his Biology Class outside doing a population count of the local ecosystem by using a grid method. In the course of conducting this population activity, it just so happened that the students were able to capture a Rain Beetle (far right). Rain Beetles are native to western North America and generally live underground until such time as rain or snow melt dampens their habitat, which forces them to the surface – hence their name. Mr. Dearborn consulted OSU expertise regarding this particular species of Rain Beetle from east of the Cascades to discover that OSU's Arthropod Collection would very much like to have said specimen to add to their collection. So, SCS made the donation to Dr. Chris Marshall, the curator of the collection, personally when he came and picked up the beetle on Tuesday, November 9th. He also brought along a host of other specimen samples to bedazzle the students with what the collection already possesses (left and middle below).

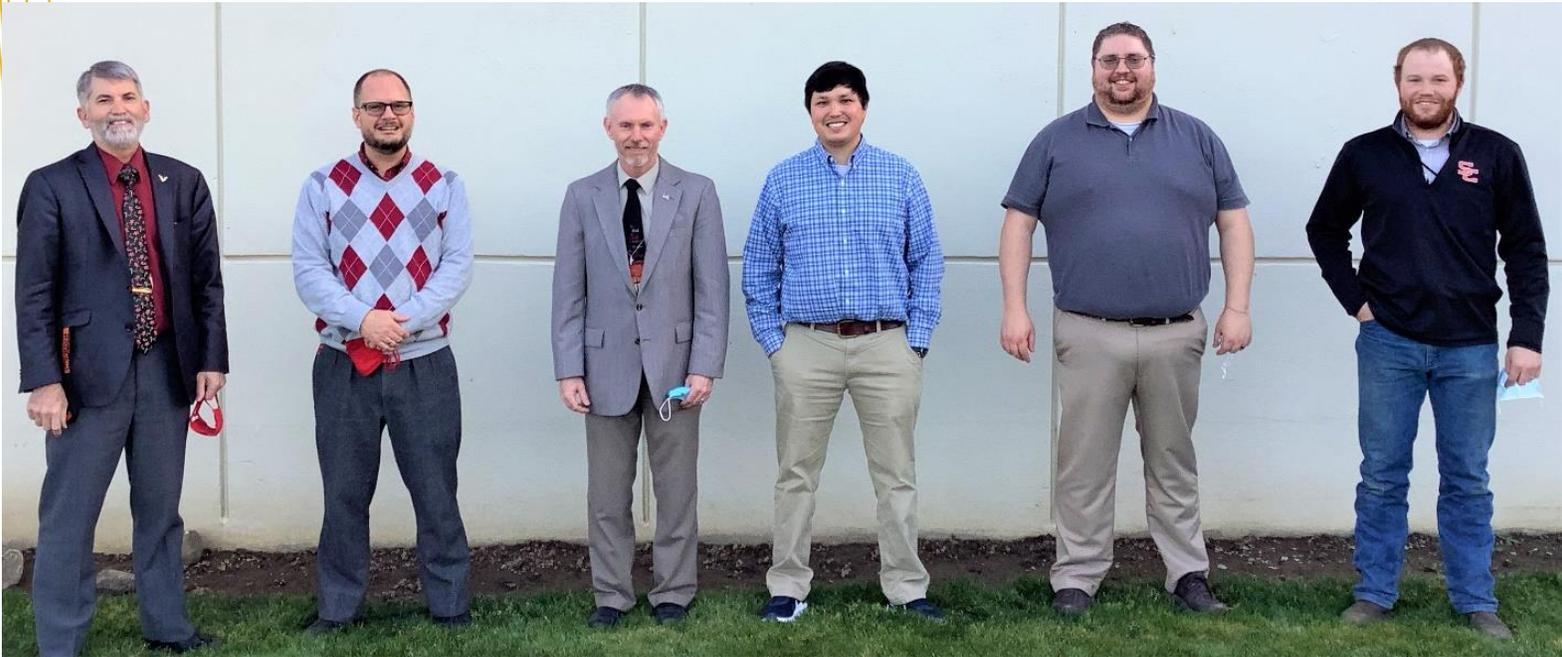


Photos above by Beth B

No Shave November



Above (l-r): photos of Mr. Z and Casper as well as Mr. Kido middle right courtesy of Lifetouch. Group photo below by Mrs. Petersen.



There is never a November when Mr. Dearborn isn't challenging his colleagues to participate in the No-Shave Challenge. It has been a few years since he has had any takers, but 2021-22 delivered the 'winning' year. Five staff members and two senior students took up the challenge. Though as you notice, a few did have a head start. At top of page are staff member individual photos in October or on November 1. The group photo above is their respective no-shave results from December 1: (l-r) Mr. Z, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Casper, Mr. Kido, Mr. Dearborn, and Mr. Swenson. Below right are (l-r) seniors Austin O. and Isaac A. from school photos (Lifetouch) in October and their December 1 photo in the Senior Lounge lunch room.



Character Matters: Tolerance

The character trait highlighted at SCS for the month of November was 'tolerance.' As a character trait, tolerance is a general attitude of openness toward - and respect shown - for people, beliefs, or behaviors that are or seem different from the norm but do not conflict with moral or ethical standards.

Students were to be looking for this trait in their fellow classmates to award their own appreciation ticket and teachers reflecting on the past month made their selections for special recognition. Those achieving teacher recognition are as follows – Kindergarten, JJ O; 1st Grade, Kennan C and Stephanie J; 2nd Grade, Eva P; 3rd Grade, Logan C; 4th Grade, Andrew T and Emma S; 6th Grade, Katelynn G, Cael B, and Evan L; 8th Grade, Myah H and Emma G; 9th Grade, Isaiah R, Michael B, Griffin G and Jai C-L; 10th Grade, Sophie H and Henry H; 11th Grade, Stiehl G; and, 12th Grade, Cali J.

Tolerance Honorees

Near to far right:
Joyce O,
Kennan C,
and Eva P.



At right below (l-r):
Stephie J;
Cael B and
Evan L.



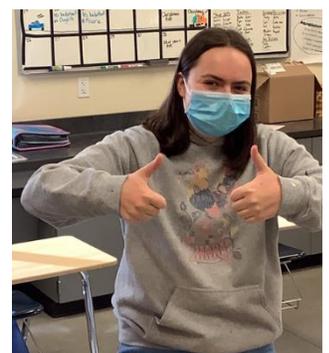
Elementary photos
courtesy of
Mrs. King.



At left: Logan C; Above:
Andrew T and Emma S. At
right: Katelynn G.



Above: freshmen (l-r): Michael B, Isaiah R, Griffin G, and Jai C-L. At far right starting third up: (l-r) Sophie H and Henry P; (middle l-r) Emma G and Myah H; bottom, Cali J. Near right: Stiehl G.



Girls' HS Hoops

Fall is almost gone and winter is approaching, so it's nice to be back inside for athletic competitions as was the case on December 3rd and 4th with the return of the Sherman Invitational Tournament. At right, the team huddles during first half action of their opening tourney contest versus Pilot Rock. Additionally, new for this season are some coaches and players. Kneeling center is new Head Coach Doug Martin. While standing just to the right is new Assistant Coach Joe Justesen. Behind Coach Martin is returning Assistant Coach Laurie Perisho.

The squad is comprised of two seniors, Cali J and Allie M; two returning juniors, Natalie M and Morgan G, along with a transfer junior, Caitlyn J; three sophomores, Sophie H, Kaelex P, and Courtney C; along with three freshmen, Bailey C, Lexi H, and Taylor P.

The opening tournament contest was a tight affair with several lead changes. Despite leading early in the second half and pulling to within one late in the 4th quarter, the Huskies fell to defeat by six. The following afternoon was different as far as the tightness of the contest went with the Huskies opening a sizable first-half advantage; however, Mannahouse stormed back in the second half to make it a much closer ball game. Yet, the Huskies reversed the previous night's result with a six-point win of their own.



GIRLS' SCHEDULE

12/3 – v Pilot Rock, L 33-39
12/4 – v Mannahouse, W 58-52
12/11 - @Elgin, 1 PM, Depart 8:30 AM
12/14 – v Damascus Christian, 6 PM
12/17 - @ Spray/Mitchell/Wheeler, 6 PM*
12/18 – v Ione/Arlington, 2 PM*
12/20 – v Dayville/Monument, 2 PM
12/21 - @Prairie City, 3 PM

***Denotes League Contest**



Above and clockwise from the Pilot Rock contest: Cali J drives for a second half lay-in under pressure; in first half action, Allie M gets a put back off an offensive rebound with Sophie H (center) and Natalie M (background); new comer to the squad, junior Caitlyn J lead the break in the second half; and, Morgan G applied defensive pressure as seen here throughout the contest.



Boys' HS Hoops

On the boys' side of the action, there is not as many new faces beyond the in-coming freshmen. As seen during the introductions to December 3rds opening contest, the lone senior is Dillan S and Bill Martin (left) and Gary Lewis (right) return as assistant and head coach, respectively.

Along with Dillan, returning players include juniors Logan B, Cade vB, Tyler W-B, and Eduardo R; sophomores, Talon D and Luke F; along with incoming freshmen Calvin A, Talon D, and James P on the varsity. Additional freshmen comprising the JV squad include, Michael B, Isaiah R, Antone A, and Ben A.

Against Pilot Rock, the team struggled early and fell behind by double-digits at points during the first half. While they were able to cut into the lead during the early going of the second half, they were still down by eight with four minutes remaining. Their determination won out, however, as they finished by out-scoring the Rockets by 14 over those last four minutes to win by six.



Immediately above and clockwise: junior Kole M drives for a lay-in off of a steal during first half action with freshmen Calvin A trailing; Kole was not as successful going up against the Rocket's post on this effort right before the half; and finally, freshman James P came off the bench and immediately impacted the contest with a couple of quick buckets that enable the Huskies to stay in striking distance.



BOYS' SCHEDULE

12/3 – v Pilot Rock, W 47-41
12/4 – v Mannahouse, L 35-60
12/11 - @Elgin, 1 PM, Depart 8:30 AM
12/14 – v Damascus Christian, 6 PM
12/17 - @ Spray/Mitchell/Wheeler, 6 PM*
12/18 – v Ione/Arlington, 2 PM*
12/20 – v Dayville/Monument, 2 PM
12/21 - @Prairie City, JV, noon; Varsity, 3 PM

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MS Girls' Basketball



The SCS elementary/middle school girls program sports 24 student athletes for the 2021-22 winter sports season of basketball. Representing the 5th graders are Skyler A, Haley B, Claire C, Mya D, Vivian R, Chloe S, Marie S, and Kennedy T. The 6th graders are represented by Katelynn G, Maddie K, Shanoah L, Rylee N, and Sara Jo T. Representing the 7th graders are Dulce A, Savanna D, Kaileigh K, and T'Sharra L. The 8th graders are represented by Ellery B, Savannah B, Allison R, Addie S, and Emersyn S. The 5th-6th level, B-Team, did not have a team last year, so many of these athletes are new to basketball in a team competitive format. However, they maintain a high level of effort and determination to get better and compete in practice and throughout their opening game at Arlington/Ione.

The A-Team for the 7th-8th level has a number of returning players but that are also playing new positions and with new teammates as last year's 8th-graders have moved on to the high school team. Their contest against Arlington/Ione was more competitive with Addie S, Ellery B, Savanna D, and Dulce A scoring in a 24-37 loss.

Above center, Coach Smith directs Dulce A (at her left) and other defenders Allison R and Ellery B on ball man positioning during the first week of practice. As their first game was away, the Media class was not able to get photos, but look for game photos in the Weekly Highlights and the next edition of the Husky Newsletter.

GIRLS' DECEMBER SCHEDULE

12/6 - @Arlington/Ione, A - L, 24-37
B - L, 7-31

12/9 - v St. Mary's, 4 & 5 PM, A, B-Team

12/13 - v Condon, 4 & 5, PM, A, B-Team

MS BOYS' BASKETBALL

The SCS elementary/middle school is represented by sixteen student athletes for the winter basketball season. Fifth graders include Austen A, Levi A, Diego A, Trysten L, Jayden M, Cristian R, Brock vB, Creed W, and Robert W. Sixth graders include Cael B and Gunner K. These athletes comprise the designated B-Team.

The A-Team is comprised of 7th graders Drake D, Tyler G, Gage S, and Rhyder S along with 8th graders Dakota M and Eli P.

The competitive season opened on the road at Arlington/Ione. The B-Team attacked the rim and played a stifling defense to earn the commanding 38-2 victory. The squad was led by a 16 point effort from Levi A pictured beginning a scoop shot at the hoop. Austen A chipped in seven points, who is seen going for a lay-in at middle far right below. Domination was on the other side of the court for the A-Team contest. Arlington/Ione just brought too many bodies bigger, faster, and stronger.



BOYS' DECEMBER SCHEDULE

12/6 - @Arlington/Ione, A- Team L, 6-60

B - Team W, 38-2

12/9 - v St. Mary's, 4 & 5 PM, A, B-Team

12/13 - v Condon, 4 & 5, PM, A, B-Team



At left, representing A-Team action versus Arlington/Ione, Dakota M makes a strong drive to earn a lay-in attempt. Above left, Gage S does a good job of forcing his 'man' away from the key while (l-r) Eli P and Rhyder S work to deny the key entry pass.

FFA State Officers and Sales CDE



Two major events for the FFA and Ag programs at SCS last month was the visit by state officers. On Monday, November 8, two State Officers met with Mr. Swenson's classes to discuss their roles as State Officers and agricultural issues local, national, and internationally. At left (l-r), Mr. Swenson is with them in his Ag classroom: State Treasurer, JW D of Imbler, and State Sentinel, Katie P of Sutherlin.



The other main event was the Ag Sales competition held at Crook County High School in Prineville on Wednesday, Nov. 17. At far left middle, freshman Gabe F is seen practicing his sales pitch to sell Mr. Swenson on a bucket. At near left, sophomore Courtney C is pictured during competition working on a media advertisement. Below is the full team pictured (l-r) in Prineville: freshmen Courtney C, Gabe F, Josh W, Isaiah R, and Griffin G, along with seniors, President Cali J and Vice-Pres. Joseph R.



Photo above and at right courtesy of Mr. Swenson

GREENHOUSE PROGRESS

As we have related previously, the Ag greenhouse is up, and now the water and electrical sources have been completely connected and the holes facilitating the process have been filled as seen in the photo below.

Currently, the Ag students are working on building the tables that will hold the plant containers as is evident from the photo at left with Mr. Swenson providing a measurement for table-leg installation with assistance from (far left to right) Isaac A, Allie M and Logan B.



SMALL ENGINES DERBY CAR



Another project going on at SCS that we have noted in a previous edition of this newsletter and the Weekly Highlights is the Small Engines class taking on the much bigger project of leaning the engine function, mechanics, repair, and maintenance of an entire Derby Car. The goal is to fully transform what was once a vintage Cadillac classy ride into strong, powerful fortress of a vehicle able to take on all comers in the demolition derby at next summer's Sherman County Fair. As evident from the photo at left moving counterclockwise below, the engine was stripped down to the block and has now been almost fully rebuilt, with credit going to a sample of the student workers below left (l-r): Mr. Swenson, Logan B, Koby B, Cade vB, Eduardo R, Tyler W-B, and Josiah C. With only so many hands able to work on the engine at one time, other students have moved to painting the car's chassis. Below left, you can see the orange and black on the driver's from the original view at bottom right. The plans depicting the full driver's side 'APEX' tailfin logo and hood with the SCS FFA logo can be seen resting on the windshield protection screen (bottom left),



Photos by Nathan R



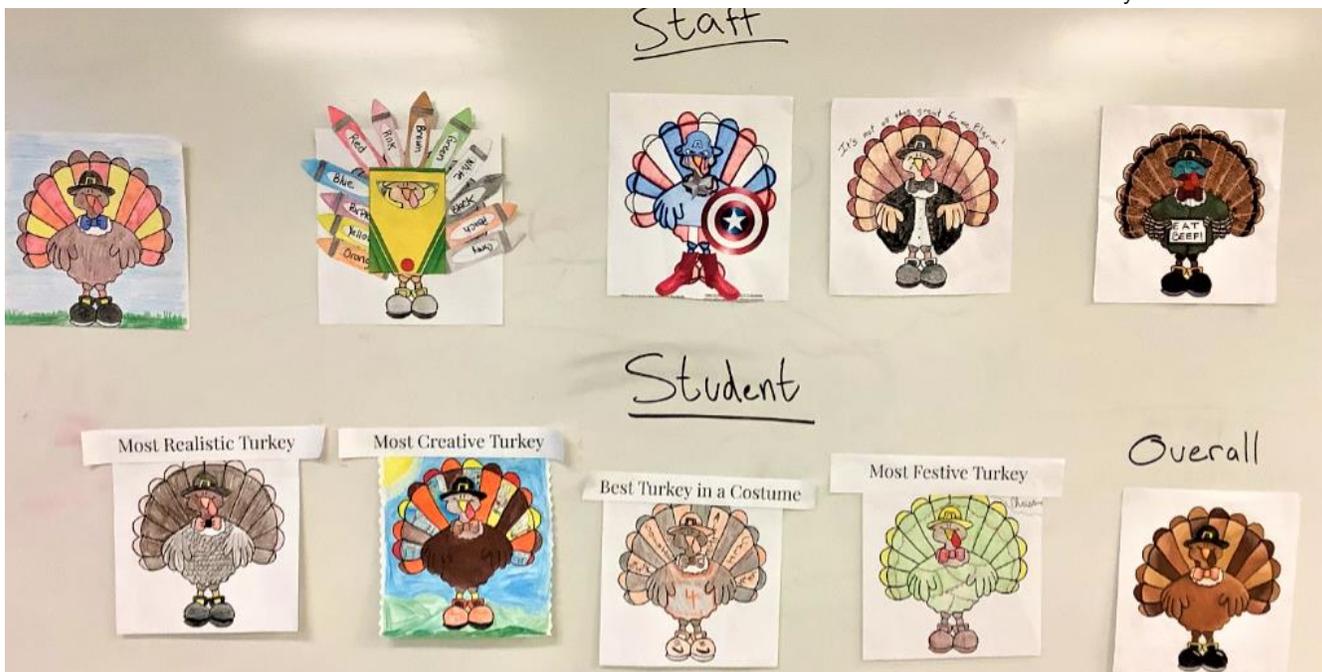
Those Poor Turkeys



While we all tend to enjoy Thanksgiving a great deal, there is one creature that if they had their say would be less thrilled – the featured meat at most feasts on the occasion – the turkey. In honor of said bird's contribution to our human festivity, the ASB sponsored a coloring contest of this fine food source throughout all SCS levels.

The top photo is a sample of the younger grade-level efforts. At left is a display of the selected winners as determined by a photo of the Leadership Class: Kindergarten Kinsley M; Clara W for 1st grade; Brianna B for 2nd grade; Logan L. for 3rd grade; Jorge A for 4th grade; Skyler A for 5th grade; and, Sara Jo for 6th grade.

The secondary winners (below and bottom row l-r) were sophomore Luke F for Most Realistic; 7th grader Rhyder S for Most Creative; junior Natalie M for Best Turkey in a Costume; Allison R for Most Festive; and, Stiehl G for the Best Overall Student Turkey. The top below are the category winners for the staff contributions with one from Darcy Carlson winner of Best Overall Staff entry.



Are You A Duck or Beaver?



Support Your Favorite Football Team

Wednesday, Nov. 24th

Show your spirit by wearing U of O or OSU Colors, clothing and/or hats.



The annual gridiron rivalry between the UO Ducks and OSU Beavers provided another opportunity for a dress-up day – hats included. The SCS rivalry day happened to fall on the half-day prior to the Thanksgiving break. Perhaps this accounted for a little less participation than usual as it appeared to our correspondents. However, two groups seemed to stand out: the middle school and the staff, which are illustrated here. Clockwise beginning at top left: Mrs. von Borstel, Mr. Swenson (double capped and flying his preferred colors); 8th graders (l-r) Hunter K and Dakota M, Mrs. Gunderson (outside), Mr. Z and Mr. Lewis (l-r, inside), and (below right) the 7th grade side of the Upper Gym prior to the start of school leaning – with one note exception in right background – toward the Beaver (or maybe SCS) orange and black, while at the far 8th-grade end there seems to be more Duck support coming from (l-r) Allison R and Savanna B.



Students of 1st Quarter 2021-22

The end of the 1st Quarter brought with it the opportunity to again recognize students whose academic efforts and attention to be safe, responsible, and respectful role models are worthy of special recognition. Nominations are submitted by grade-level appropriate staff who then cast the deciding vote among those nominated. Grade levels K-6 select two finalists, 7-8th select one, and 9-12 select one male and one female.

SCS is honored to recognize its Fall Quarter students of special distinction at right clockwise from the nearest: 2nd Grader, Amelia A; Kindergarten Lilian R; senior Austin O; senior Allie M; and, 8th Grader Allision R.



Sherman School Board

Back row (l-r): Kristie Coelsch,
Paul Bish, Vice-chair, Jesse Stutzman, Chair



Front Row: Scott Susi; Jeremy Lanthorn

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