



*Home of the Vikings*

# Siuslaw High School

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Dear SHS Staff,

It's been a busy summer! The new office is installed and ready for service. There are a few small projects left to tackle but we should be a pretty smooth operation by the time classes start. We know there will be some new routines to consider with this change and we're ready to make adjustments over the opening few weeks.

The counseling center has moved downstairs. Progress there has been a little slower. Please know, what you see when you come back to school is a work in progress. It will be a nice workspace when completed. It's just going to take a little more time.

We have some significant changes to the SHS staff to announce:

- Amy Tregoning joins our Science team where she will have a big role in launching our new Natural Resources CTE Program.
- Jason Metting is also joining the Science team. He will be teaching our Chemistry and Physics classes. He is replacing Jason Lipe who has taken a job as an Assistant Principal at Roseburg High School.
- Bill Shaw has been hired as the new Business CTE teacher. His time will be split between the Middle School and the High School.
- Sheena Moore has been hired as our new Special Education Teacher.
- Cassidie Harrison is moving to On-campus Credit Recovery Tracker.
- Brock Luedtke is moving to the High School full time as an Aide in the Life Skills room.
- Corina Carr is also joining the Life Skills team.
- Vanessa Flosi has been hired as our new Library Assistant
- Hannah Wartnik will be joining us for one period each day to teach AP Literature and Composition.
- Jamie Kitchen is our new Health/Counseling Aide.
- Krystal Heckle, who worked with us briefly last year, is the new Finance Secretary.

We still have an unfilled position for an Educational Aide at Siuslaw West.

There has been a shake-up of sorts at the district level. Donnie Danials has been hired as the Facilities Director for the district. He started off with several big projects underway. He's a quick study and we're in good hands as we work to complete the covered walkways and the new modular office.

We are also looking for a new Food Service Director for the district. Dave Bitner is heading for a position in the Portland metro area. Dave led our transition to our district-directed food service program. He leaves big shoes to fill. We hope to have a full-time replacement hired soon.

Congratulations to District Teacher-Librarian, Jennifer McKenzie who was recently named the Oregon Teacher-Librarian of the Year. We all appreciate her expertise and vision for expanding programs in our Library.

The In-service Calendar is complete and available on the district website under staff resources. As always, it is subject to change as dates approach. I will be conscious of the need for individual and team prep time in classrooms during our first week back. That said, we do have some obligations that need to be taken care of that week.

The bell schedule was a big point of discussion last spring. We've decided on a schedule with no block days this year. Also, PRIDE classes will be scheduled only for Monday-Thursday.

Lonie and his team have done a great job preparing the building for our return. Thanks, also, to the summer school team who worked hard to get students back on track.

I know everyone is chomping-at-the-bit to get a start on SafeSchools training. Some new courses have been added. If you are interested (and who wouldn't be) in getting an early start, check your email or a message from Vector.

Enjoy these final weeks of summer. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or pleasantries. I can be reached at 541.902.7483 or on my cell at 503.702.3036.

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