

# HELIX

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Mr. Joshua Murray conducts the Helix 7-12 grade band at the annual Holiday Concert.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

This year, winter weather has impacted the Helix School District earlier than expected. Due to icy road conditions, we have had to already delay or close school. We hope that the worst of the weather is behind us, but we have over 2 months of possible winter weather ahead. We will continue to keep the community aware of weather related delays and closures.

High School band members MayaBella Texidor (left) and Ellery Flerchinger perform at the concert.



The annual K - 12 band holiday concert was held on **December 15th**. The concert featured works from the Polar Express and the Trans Siberian Orchestra. A packed house turned out for great music, refreshments, and a visit from Santa.

## in numbers

70

k-5 students

35

6-8 students

44

high school students

Enrollment continues to be steady

## Honor Roll TO BE Released

On January 13, we will finish our second quarter of instruction. In Q1, 69% of middle school students and 52% of our high school students were recognized on the honor roll. A total of 18 students total received a 4.0 grade point average for the quarter! **We look forward to excellent academic achievements for Quarter 2!**

## DISTRICT NEWS

### DISTRICT SURVEY

At the beginning of the school year, the Oregon Department of Education provided additional funding to the Helix School District for six initiatives that have positively affected our school's ability to provide academic and social emotional support for all students. The Helix School District is asking for your help as we assess our current initiatives and plan for the future.

Thank you to those who have already completed the survey. If you have not yet had an opportunity, please take a few minutes to complete the survey that will be used to gather specific information on our current areas of focus.

This brief [video presents an overview of the survey.](#)



The [survey can be found here](#)



Increase and maintain technology in the classroom (i.e., Chromebooks, PC Desktops, Interactive Boards, and iPads)

Support for Social Emotional Learning (staffing and curriculum)

Updating Curriculum (recent ELA adoption)

Summer school opportunities for all K-8 students and 9-12 students needing credit recovery

Career and Technical Education (staffing and supplies for the construction and welding classes at Griswold HS)

Support for Early Intervention and High School On-Track (staffing and curriculum)

Staff training specific to increasing student learning and performance

### FUNDRAISERS

We want to extend our appreciation to our school community for the generous support of our fundraisers. This holiday, the Class of 2023 sold Grand Fir Christmas Trees from Klicker Farms, and the Euro Club again sold wreaths. Currently, our girls basketball team is selling Tillamook smoked sausage sticks, and the Helix Booster club will be selling Crab Feed tickets starting this month for the feed scheduled for February 23rd!

## ON THE CALENDAR: NOV/DEC

**D21** Last day of class before Christmas break. Classes will be dismissed at 12:30 pm. Happy Holidays from everyone at the Helix School District!

**J4** Wednesday: Classes will resume to complete the last few days of the 2nd quarter.

**D27** The Helix School District Board will meet at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

**J13** End of 2nd Quarter Classes. This will be a half day of school with class dismissal at 12:30 pm.

### CAROLING

As part of the holiday season, Mrs. Miranda Morris again organized the Helix Middle School students to go caroling. On Friday, December 16th, the students spread holiday cheer within the town of Helix and delivered baked treats where folks were at home.

### CTE CONSTRUCTION

As part of our CTE Revitalization Grant, Mr. Olivera recently purchased new shop tools at cost that are needed to support our construction trades program through Kelly Lumber. We appreciate the interest of our local businesses to support our programs and students.

### WELDING SHOP

The school district has requested that our attorney draft an agreement for the Helix School District to use part of the old Moon shop for our metals program. The draft agreement will be brought to the board for consideration and approval.

### SCHOOL LIBRARY

The district is in the process of upgrading the school library software so students can have search access from their electronic devices. Watch for a link on the school webpage soon. There is a Donorschoose.org request to add new books to the library. This is a super way to increase reading skills and the joy of reading. To find this go to donorschoose.org and search for Expand and Renew Library Book Offerings or by location. Donations will go towards purchasing Caldecott, and Newbery books for students to enjoy, as well as K-6 "must have" books. This choice expires March 24th.

### COMMUNITY PEP RALLY

The Grizzly Hype is putting on a community pep rally to show our support for the boys and girls high school basketball teams. The pep rally will be on January 6th at 5:45 in the main gym. There will be a free hot dog meal at 5:30 and a surprise performance after.

**December 20:** High School Basketball: Sherman County at Helix. Tip off is at 5:00

**December 27:** High School Basketball: Helix at Stanfield JV. Tip off is at 1:00.

**December 30:** High School Basketball: Helix at Wallowa. Tip off is at 1:00.