

TEACHERS: Staff is enthusiastic entering new school year

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She added it’s a delight to be working with a talented SHS group of educators, saying, “I couldn’t ask for a better staff to work with — they are scholars as well as super caring.”

Corrigan brings a wealth of high-tech experience to the job, having worked seven years in California’s Silicon Valley. His jobs there ranged from senior vice president of sales and marketing for a company with nearly \$1 billion in sales to a two-year stint with Apple, where he helped develop the first consumer digital camera in cooperation with Kodak.

The Harvard University

graduate and his wife made a conscious decision to move to Sisters several years ago, citing the good public school system for their then-young children as well as the recreational opportunities.

Corrigan joined the Sisters School Board in 2005 and was chairman from 2006 to 2007. He’s volunteered for many school and local community projects, and is happy to be back in the classroom.

“It’s not for the money,” he said of the decision to teach again. “I missed the (educational) process.”

Corrigan said he enjoyed the brief association with Crux Brewery, but ultimately found it less satisfying than teaching.

He showed an easy, engaging manner while teaching the 8:05 a.m. physics class last week. He’s even comfortable enough to make fun of himself, telling students after a coffee-cup mishap, “Yes, I did just pour coffee all over myself.”

Later, during a free period, he showed his compassion after spotting a new transfer student sitting all alone. Corrigan immediately found a member of the school’s LINK Crew organization

who befriended the new boy. “It just breaks your heart to see that,” Corrigan said.

Like all good teachers, he believes that every youngster has the ability to learn.

“Teaching is about making it interesting for them,” he said. “That’s my challenge.”

He almost always succeeds, according to student Andrew Stevens, who has taken five courses under Corrigan.

“He’s quite entertaining,” Stevens said. “He doesn’t just teach from a book.”

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Hosang is happy to have Corrigan back, too.

“He’s just a super-smart guy, had a bunch of start-up businesses, and worked at think-tanks,” the principal said. “He brought all that knowledge here and is

extremely talented at teaching math and science.

“He doesn’t want anyone to fail. He will consume himself with how a struggling student can pass his course.”

Corrigan noted that some people believe schools should be run like businesses. But there are differences that prevent that comparison from being valid, he said.

“You can’t fire students,” he said.

He added that teachers are doing an important job for which the compensation is relatively low.

“We’re banking on the future with underpaid ‘volunteers,’” he said, meaning staff members, “but we all care deeply.”

Besides new teachers, there are a few other assignment changes for high school staff this year. Tim Roth will continue as athletic director while also taking on some instructional and student discipline responsibilities in an assistant-principal role.

Also, Jillian Frankl will be the primary secretary for communications and events in the main office. Hosang called her “positive, resourceful and full of energy.”

Ore. students show slight improvement on tests

PORTLAND (AP) — Scores released Thursday show Oregon students performed slightly better on state tests than they did a year ago.

The exams taken by nearly 300,000 students this spring are designed to show how well schools helped students meet the rigorous Common Core standards in English and math.

Fifty-five percent of students met the standards in English — up one percentage point from 2015. Forty-two percent of students were up to standards in math, also an increase of one percentage point.

A new state law allows parents to opt their children out of taking the tests for any reason. As a result, Portland, Eugene, Bend and several smaller districts had participation rates below 90 percent.

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