

VHS Winter Sports Report

Girls Basketball - After losing two non-league games in a row on either side of the holiday break, the Lady Loggers have bounced back with four straight victories.

The Lady Loggers defeated Southwest Christian 65-24 on January 3, to end their two game slide, which included loses to Damascus Christian and Westside Christian.

The Lady Loggers opened their Northwest League schedule with a 46-37 win at City Christian on January 6, followed by 41-19 home victory over Faith Bible on January 9 and 55-41 away win at Knappa.

Vernonia is now 10-4 on the season, 3-0 in league play and are currently ranked 4 in Oregon 2A play.

The Lady Loggers travel to Neah-Kah-Nie on Friday, January 16 and then return home to face Gaston on Saturday, January 17. Other upcoming home games include match-ups with City Christian on January 27 and Knappa on January 30.

Boys Basketball - After losing four straight games the

Loggers rebounded with three straight wins, including league wins at City Christian, Faith Bible before losing to Knappa 65-38 on January 13.

The Loggers have a 5-8 record overall after a tough non-league schedule, and are 2-0 in Northwest League play after defeating City Christian 55-54, Faith Bible 68-57 and the loss at Knappa.

The Loggers travel on Friday January 16 to face Neah-Kah-Nie and then return home against Gaston on Saturday, January 17. Other upcoming home games include games against City Christian on January 27 and Knappa on January 30.

Wrestling - The young Vernonia wrestling squad continues to impress, getting some good results.

At the prestigious Pac-Rim tournament, several Loggers placed, with Jeffrey Goodman, Jake Harbour and Alex West all taking 6th place and Niklas Merzadah taking 5th.

The Loggers have upcoming league meets on January 22 and 29 and the Rainier Tournament

on January 31. Vernonia will host a home meet on February 3.



Jeffrey Goodman

Vernonia School Board Report

At the January 8, 2015 School Board Meeting:

School Building Suffers Water Damage from Leak- School District Superintendent Aaron Miller informed the Council that a water leak was discovered early in the morning of Thursday, January 8 which caused significant damage to the library and computer lab upstairs and the school office on the ground floor. Miller told the Board the staff all helped with clean up and the building was ready for students when they arrived with no delays. Because the damage had just occurred that day, Miller told the Board he had not had a chance to talk with the insurance company, and was unsure how much of the damage would be covered. The Board later approved Resolution 1415-02 declaring an emergency that needed to be remedied through emergency contracts for repair work.

Student Reports- Fourth grade students from Ms. Blacker's class made a presentation about volcanoes. Lily Lindsley and Taylor Titus, representing the Leadership Class reported on activities at the high school. Alexis Baska and Summer Snow presented Board members with a gift to thank them for their service in honor of School Board Week.

NWRESD Report- Lisa Poehlitz and Paul Peterson, representing the Northwest Regional Education Service

District (NWRESD), provided the Board with their Annual Report. The NWRESD assists school districts by providing educational services and opportunities for special needs students, for technological assistance and other instructional services.

Attendance Report- Elementary School Principal Aaron Miller provided the Board with an Attendance Report. Miller reported that of 236 students: 69 or 29.2% had missed more than 4 days; 19 or 8.1 % had missed more than 8 days; 7 or 2.9% had missed more than 12 days; and 1 had missed more than 15 days. Miller told the Board he had filed two initial truancy reports and had one meeting with the Truancy Officer. At Mist Grade School 4 students had missed more than 4 days. Miller told the Board that mandatory contact from school staff to parents of chronically absent students was having some impact for certain students. School Board President Bill Langmaid told Miller, "We have to do better."

Fall Sports Report- Athletic Director Gordon Jarman provided the Board with a Fall Sports Report. Jarman told the Board that Girls Volleyball team were league champions with a 14-4 record and qualified for the state tournament. The JV team only had one loss. Julia Fletcher, Taylor Titus and Brittany Young were all named First Team All League and Kassidy Fetch was

named Second Team All League.

The Girls Cross Country team, made up exclusively of exchange students, won the league championship. The Boys team finished second in the league and were led by Drew Cheney.

The football team won one game this season and ended the season with thirty-one players.

Jarman unveiled Northwest League Championship banners for the Volleyball and Girls Cross Country teams, which will be hung in the gym.

"The Promise of Oregon" Campaign- Board member Greg Kintz made a presentation to the Board on "The Promise of Oregon," a campaign to focus attention on the accomplishments of Oregon's kindergarten-14 students and the need to adequately fund public education. The campaign was designed by the Oregon School Board Association. Kintz showed the Board a short video created for the campaign. The Board later passed resolution 1415-01 to support "The Promise of Oregon." To watch the video go to <http://promiseoregon.org/photo-video>.

Board Hears First Reading of Policy Updates- The Board heard the first reading of eight policy updates.

Division 22 Standards- Superintendent Aaron Miller provided the Board with the Division 22 Report to the Community, which shows the school district's compliance and non-compliance with Oregon Administrative Rules. According to the report the district is in compliance with every rule except one- Required Instructional Time at the High School level. The Board later authorized the district to include up to thirty hours of professional development in the calculation of instructional time.



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