

VHS Winter Sports Update

Boys Basketball – The Vernonia boys continued their dominance of the Northwest League with four league wins in the last two weeks.

The Loggers have now won 13 straight games and are currently ranked #3 in OSAA 2A with a 8-0 league record and 13-1 record over all.

Vernonia traveled and beat Knappa 57-38 on January 8, defeated Nestucca 47-19, and overpowered Gaston 89-44, before returning home for an exciting, come from behind, overtime 69-64 win over #10 ranked Life Christian on Tuesday, January 19.

The Loggers will travel to Delphian and are then looking forward to a huge test against #1 ranked Western Mennonite away on January 23. The Loggers return home against City Christian on January 26, travel to Neah-Kah-Nie on January 28, and then play at home versus Knappa on January 30.

Girls Basketball – The Lady Loggers have now won 13 straight games after easily defeating Life Christian at home by a score of 72-28 on Tuesday, January 19.

Vernonia is ranked #7 in OSAA 2A and boast a 7-0 record against Northwest League opponents and a 14-1 record over all.

The Lady Loggers recently traveled for four straight games, defeating Knappa 64-29, Columbia Christian 52-26, Nestucca 50-32 and Gaston 53-17.

Against Life Christian the Lady Loggers looked sharp with point guard Leire Valladares running and pushing the high tempo offense up the court. Their inside game continues to be a strength, with Paige Smith, Megan Ely and Morgan



Harral dominating the paint. Vivianna Bustamante, Payton Wolf, Jocie Roberts and Sara Smith also saw significant minutes on the wings.

The Lady Loggers will travel on January 23 for a tough matchup with defending state champions Western Mennonite, currently ranked #6. The Loggers return home on January 26 against City Christian, travel to face Neah-Kah-Nie on January 28, and then play at home against Knappa on January 30.

Wrestling – The Loggers had two good meets when they traveled to the Pac Rim Tournament in Seaside on January 8-9 and returned to the Oregon Classic in Redmond on January 15-16.

At the Pac Rim Tournament Kalia Jackson got a quarterfinal 7-4 decision win on her way to taking 6th place at 106 pounds. Mekhi Williams took 6th place at 126 going 3-3 in the tournament and recording 2 wins by fall. Storm Hensen went 2-2 at 145 pounds, but did not place. Jake Harbour also went 2-2 at 152 pounds and also did not place.

The format at the Oregon Classic is a

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Two VHS Students Participate in Honor Band

Kaitlyn Eyrriick and Amanda Rose Sicard were recent participants in the District III Honor Band. Eyrriick plays the clarinet and Sicard plays the flute.

The Honor Band is an event that takes place at St. Helens High School that includes a middle school group and a high school group. Students must be nominated by their band directors and the students must accept the nomination.

According to VHS Band Director Mathew Urban, the purpose of the honor band is to allow students, who have a talent for music and/or work hard to be good musicians, a chance to play with other top band students from around the District (St. Helens, Banks, Nestucca, etc.).

In addition to playing with the Honor Band, Eyrriick also auditioned for the All State Honor Bands. Urban explained that the All State Honor Bands are “audition only” groups that select students from schools of all sizes from across the state. “There is a group called the Symphonic Band that most students from small schools



Left: Kaitlyn Eyrriick, Right: Amanda Rose Sicard

like Vernonia tend to get into, and a group called the Wind Ensemble that students from large schools with lots of money to hire private tutors and such tend to get into,” said Urban. Eyrriick was selected for the Wind Ensemble, which is a very high honor.

The District III Honor Band was a two day event. Eyrriick will attend the All State Honor Band, a three day event that takes place in Eugene at the same time as the Oregon Music Educator’s Conference, so music teachers from around Oregon will be attending workshops, observing Honor Band rehearsals, and attending the Honor Band concerts.

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