

Distance learning at MHS: Daily advisory, locked-in schedules

BY MATT RAWLINGS
Of the Keizertimes

After releasing a mid-August video that shared back-to-school details, McNary principal Erik Jespersen made a second video last week answering more questions that the school has received from parents.

The school year will officially get started on Tuesday, Sept. 15, and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students will spend at least the first nine weeks of the school year doing comprehensive distance learning.

McNary will be going from a semester system to a quarter system this year, where students, instead of taking eight classes per semester, will be taking four classes per quarter — students can earn one-half of a credit for each class per quarter.

Although students will only be having virtual classes with their teachers and classmates two days per week — while working independently on the other three weekdays — Jespersen said in the video that students will have to meet with their advisory teacher Monday through Friday.

“It’s a requirement of the Oregon Department of Education that we do take daily attendance of our students, plus it’s an opportunity for us to check in with kids and make sure they have everything they need,” Jespersen said.

According to Jespersen, students will meet with their advisor each Monday for around 30 minutes. The Tuesday through Friday meet-ups will approximately be 10 to 15 minutes.

Jespersen also said that students will not be able to change their class schedules once they receive them, even if they don’t like the classes that they were assigned.

“Unfortunately, unless there has been a mistake or there needs to be a level change, students won’t be able to change their schedules once they are published,” Jespersen said.

Schedules will be available for students on Monday Sept. 8.

“Students won’t be able to change their schedules once they are published.”

— Erik Jespersen
McNary principal

Earlier this week, McNary started scheduling times for students and families to retrieve any personal items that kids had left in their lockers when school was canceled in March. This time will also be used to have students return borrowed school items, such as textbooks.

“It also going to be an opportunity to collect items such as yearbooks that were paid for last year,” Jespersen said.

In April, Salem-Keizer Public Schools (SKPS) provided Google Chromebooks to those who were unable to access the technology needed to complete distance learning from home. The district will once again be providing Chromebooks to those in need this fall.

Those having problems with their Chromebooks can schedule an appointment with technical support staff members, who will be at the school ready to resolve technological issues.

just married

Candland - Neddo

Brock Neddo, son of Mark and Shelley Neddo of Keizer, and Kimberly Candland, daughter of Stacy Willoughby of Keizer and George Candland of Junction City, were married in the backyard of her grandparents, Phil and Linda Willoughby, on August 28, 2020. A “drive-by” reception was held the next day. Friends came to celebrate and wish them well while bridesmaids Jenna, Kelly and Allison Candland served cupcakes through car windows. After a honeymoon, the couple will live in Keizer.



95th birthday



Submitted by Tillman Bennett

Family and friends of Paul Morgan held a celebratory parade in honor of the man’s 95th birthday Sunday, Aug. 30. About 21 members of his church family and a half a dozen family members participated in the event. Morgan and his wife, Nancy, were an early driving force behind the John Knox Food Bank that later evolved into the Keizer Community Food Bank. (Editor’s note: Happy belated birthday, Paul. Thank you for being a constant reminder of the things I still things I want to be when I grow up, Eric H.).

puzzle answers

7	9	1	8	2	6	4	3	5
8	3	5	7	4	1	6	2	9
4	6	2	5	3	9	7	8	1
3	1	8	2	5	7	9	6	4
2	5	9	1	6	4	3	7	8
6	7	4	9	8	3	1	5	2
1	2	6	4	7	5	8	9	3
9	8	7	3	1	2	5	4	6
5	4	3	6	9	8	2	1	7

M	A	B	E		B	A	B	E
R	E	B	A	T	E	S		B
I	R	O	N	A	G	E		A
B	L	U	E	P	E	T	E	R
S	E	R		S	T	A	L	K
S	A	T		M	E	S	S	J
P	R	E	L	A	T	E		S
E	S	T	O	N	I	A		B
C	O	R	N	E	D		S	T
S	N	A	G		E	P	I	C
				J	A	D	E	S
A	F	O	O		P	L	A	I
N	O	W	H	E	R		M	O
S	I	E	N	N	A	S		P
N	S	E	W				D	A



ASK MR. TRASH

Q. I heard about China’s ban on recycling. What IS recyclable now?

A. Be very careful to only recycle the things on your hauler’s approved list. **PLASTIC BAGS, STYROFOAM, AND WAXY CARTONS WERE NEVER RECYCLABLE!**

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING GOOD RECYCLABLES EMPTY, CLEAN AND DRY:
• Cardboard and uncoated greyboard boxes (Shipping & cereal type). No frozen food boxes!
• Print-quality paper - newspaper, junk & office paper, and magazines;
• Tin & Aluminum Cans Only - NO foil, trays, or scrap metal;
• Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only - NO bags, tubs, clamshells, bubble Pak, or other plastics.

Serving Keizer for Nearly 50 years!

LOREN'S
SANITATION & RECYCLING SERVICE, INC.
503.393.2262

VALLEY
RECYCLING & DISPOSAL, INC.
503.585.4300



Shopping break. A perfect moment to talk about alcohol.

An alarming number of pre-teens are drinking alcohol – which makes it urgent to find every opportunity to talk to your kids about the dangers of underage drinking. For tips on how – and when – to begin the conversation, visit:
www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov

talk
they hear you



Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAMHSA
www.samhsa.gov • 1-877-SAMHSA-7 (1-877-726-4727)

OUR STORY

Meet the people that make your community newspaper

Since 1987, the *Keizertimes* has been proud to be honored with more than 60 first place awards bestowed by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association, as judged by members of press associations from states around the country.

The current staff is dedicated to publishing the best newspaper for the people of Keizer — they deserve nothing less.

LET'S MEET **Lyndon Zaitz**

Publisher & Editor
(Born: Naples, Fla., Resides: Keizer)

WHY THE KEIZERTIMES?

Journalism has been in the family blood since the 1930s. My father owned the *Keizer News* in the 1940s. After a career spent in food and beverage I finally joined the family business and it has been the most rewarding career I could have had.

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

The news distributed on social media is just that: social. Local community newspapers is where the public can put their trust, especially with the *Keizertimes*. No other source can get into the nooks and crannies of the Keizer community like the local newspaper. We live here. Decisions are made here. We like to say: “You think you know, to be sure read the *Keizertimes*.”

MY PASSION

Government and politics. And The Container Store — it’s my Mecca.

**3 EASY
WAYS TO
SUBSCRIBE**

CALL: 503.390.1051
CLICK: keizertimes.com/store
COME BY: 142 Chemawa Rd N