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New year at Eagle Academy

Some important changes are coming up this school year at the Warm Springs k-8 Eagle Academy. There are new bus routes, new school hours, and new staff at the academy, entering its second year.

The start of the school day for grades k-8 will be 8:55 a.m., and the day will end at 3:40 p.m. Buses depart at 3:45 p.m. Athletics begin at 4 p.m.

While the school class day begins at 8:55 a.m.—one hour later than last year—student activities are available starting at 7:45 a.m. This is so parents with jobs can still drop their children off at school before going to work.

One of the main reasons for changing the start of the school day is to have a time to engage teachers, administrators and support staff in training, said Eagle Academy principal Ken Parshall.

The school is pursuing a program as set out in part by the organization AVID, Advancement Via Individual Advancement. The goal of the organization:

“Simply, AVID trains educators to use proven practices in order to prepare students for success in high school, college, and a career, especially students traditionally underrepresented in higher education.”

This will be the first year at the Warm Springs Academy for Principal Parshall, who has experience and success in school performance improvement.

He was principal at McNary and McKay high schools in the Salem-Keizer district. Later, he was Salem-Keizer assistant district superintendent, overseeing 63 schools. “He is a well-recognized turnaround principal in Oregon,” said district superintendent Rick Molitor.

McKay High School, for instance, is a turnaround school: Students there saw dramatic improvement—doubling reading and math skills—during Parshall’s tenure.

Diane Dominiak and Chris Wyland are the assistant principals at the school. Dominiak comes to Warm Springs from the Jefferson County Middle School, while Wyland is in his second year at the academy.

Bus routes, athletics

The district is changing bus routes this school year, by reducing the number of stops.

There will be neighborhood pick-up stops, instead of the door-to-door route. Fewer stops will mean less time on the bus.

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Back to School BBQ

The Warm Springs Back to School Barbecue is this Thursday, September 3, at the Warm Springs Eagle Academy. Students can pick up backpacks, school supplies and class lists, and meet with teachers and staff.

The first day of school is next Wednesday, Sept. 9. At the high school for grades 10 through 12, the first day is September 10.

At the barbecue on Wednesday, the Johnson O'Malley Committee will have the 2015-16 enrollment and survey forms to be completed by k-12 students. For more information contact Deanie Smith, chairwoman of the Johnson O'Malley Committee, 541-553-3290.

Also at the barbecue, Warm Springs Prevention is hosting the Sacred Hoop, in recognition of National Recovery Month.

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Tribes stand against Nestlé water plan

The Nestlé company and the city of Cascade Locks have been planning the commercial use and sale of Oxbow Springs water.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are against the idea, as another threat to tribal water, fisheries and other treaty rights. The treaty rights date back at least to 1855, earlier than any other.

Nestlé is proposing to build a water bottling plant at Cascade Locks. The idea would involve the removal of about 118 million gallons of water per year from the pristine Oxbow Springs, the water source for the Oxbow Fish Hatchery.

Tribal Council Chairman Austin Greene Jr. stated the tribes’ opposition earlier this year in a letter to Gov. Brown and other officials:



Oxbow Springs at the Columbia.

Courtesy Keep Nestle Out of the Gorge

“Water quantity and quality and hatchery operations are of paramount importance to ongoing treaty-based rights of the Tribe in the Columbia River area, and to ongoing federal litigation,” the let-

ter says. “These factors are not only reasonable to evaluate but of critical importance for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife’s proposed water transfer, particularly in

the context of climate change... and more frequent droughts and dry years.”

The city of Cascade Locks supposedly traded water rights from the Herman Creek aquifer with ODFW, in order to sell the Oxbow Springs water to Nestlé. This transaction happened after Chairman Greene sent his letter to the governor and others.

The Confederated Tribes are not alone in opposing the Nestlé-Cascade Locks proposal.

The group ‘Keep Nestlé Out of the Gorge’ is a coalition including the Sierra Club, Food and Water Watch, and Bark—Defending and Restoring Mount Hood. Several state lawmakers, and tens of thousands of citizens have voiced their opposition.

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Budget talks starting

Tribal Council has a full agenda in September, with 2016 budget and enterprise presentations set to begin next week.

Enterprise updates begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8, with Ventures, the Telecom, Power and Water, Indian Head Casino, Credit, Composite Products, Kah-Nee-Ta, and Forest Products on the agenda.

The following day begins the 2016 budget presentations, with the secretary-treasurer, community assistance, Human Resources Branch, Finance, Tribal Court, Human Services, Public Safety and Natural Resources branches on the agenda.

Then on Thursday, presentations are scheduled for Public Utilities, Tribal Council and committees, debt service, A Place for Kids, capital projects, High Lookee Lodge, the Museum at Warm Springs, and administrative service management.

Friday, Sept. 11, time is available for Governmental Affairs, the Gaming Commission and surveillance, and callbacks. The 2016 budget review is scheduled for all day on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Once the draft proposal is ready, Tribal Council will post it for member consideration, followed by the district and general council meetings.

Some other items on the September agenda for Tribal Council: a meeting with the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians; and meetings with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, and the Gorge Commission.

Forest Products is scheduled to give its quarterly report to Council on Monday, Sept. 28.

Future leaders meet at Youth Council

The Warm Springs Youth Council is one of the inspiring stories to happen this year on the reservation.

The Youth Council started just a few months ago, inspired by the Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) Youth Challenge. Since then the Youth Council has already made some impressive accomplishments.

Most recently, the Youth Council met with Tribal Council, which gave the group its official support and endorsement. (Tribal Council Resolution 12,053, see page 6).

The Tribal Council recognition is a step in the process toward the Youth Council becoming a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

Over the past several weeks, the Youth Council has developed their Constitution and By-Laws, vision and mission statements, and a Code of Conduct. They held a two-day training seminar last week, with guest speakers and community support.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

This summer they traveled to Washington, D.C., for the first White House Tribal Youth Gathering and National UNITY Conference. They met with federal law-

makers, and other Native youth leaders from across Indian Country.

The Warm Springs Youth Council has a Twitter account, and

Facebook page, where you can learn more about the group.

They were the second Youth Council in the country to become affiliated with UNITY (United National Indian Tribal Youth). The Youth Council is open to local young people ages 14-24.

In August the Youth Council members held their first election, choosing the group officers. Co-presidents are Gavin Begay and Keeyana Yellowman. Mary Olney is vice-president.

The Youth Council treasurer is Malia Collins, the secretary is Ashley Meanus, and the communications manager is Raymond Sam Smith.

Ashley Meanus, Malia Collins, Mary Olney (at back) and Mitchell Lira (from left) address Tribal Council.



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