

Coach of the Year, player recognition

After their impressive 2021-22 regular season, the Madras High School girls basketball team made a great showing at the Class 4A state tournament, with the girls defeating Hidden Valley to take third place overall. As is the custom, Warm Springs was well-represented on the team. In their final game at state this past March, for instance, Kalise Holliday led Madras with 12 points, three assists and three steals, among the other great player performances.

The team-work during the season overall has earned Jerin Say the Oregon Coach of the Year Award. Mr. Say has been the Madras High School girls' coach for four years now. Recognition as the 4A Girls Coach of the Year comes from The Oregonian-OregonLive selection team.

"Without those players, I can't be the coach I am also, so it isn't about me," Mr. Say says. "It's about all of us collectively on the team and reaching goals."

In addition to being the girls' basketball head coach, Jerin is the Educational Resource Center teacher at Madras Elementary. He is in his first-year teaching but has worked for the school district for the last six years as an educational assistant at the high school.

"This is what I do," he says. "This is what I love to do, you know, helping the kids in our community. I grew up here. I graduated from Madras."

Say is a 2004 alum from Madras High School. He was a junior in high school the last time the girls' basketball team won a state championship back in 2003.

"I talked to the girls about what



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the 2003 girls went through," he says. "The leadership and the teams they face, the caliber of players they face, and what it took for them to win as well."

He is looking forward to what the next few years have in store for him as a coach, and also for his players.

"We have a bright future. We're looking forward to building on where we got this year," he said.

"It's very promising to see the work they want to continue to put into themselves, the team, the program, and the offseason to try to get back to state next year and see if we can go a little further than what we did this year."

Sophomore Ryland Davis also earned some individual awards this year. She was named an Honorable Mention for The Oregonian/OregonLive's All-State team. She earned second-team all-tournament in the state playoffs and second-team all-state from the Oregon



Jerin Say, Oregon 4A Girls Coach of the Year.

Basketball Coaches Association.

Teammate and sophomore Sasha Esquiro was named First-Team All-Tournament. The Madras girls' team also brought home the Sportsmanship Award from the state tournament this year. *by 509J Communications*

Education Sovereignty, Our Choice at conference

The National Indian Education Association will host the Fifty-Third Annual Convention and Trade Show in Oklahoma City this coming fall.

The Jefferson County 509-J School District will sponsor up to four students to attend this year's

NIEA Conference. The students will represent grades 10 through 12, as of the start of the 2022-23 school year.

The theme of this year's convention is *Education Sovereignty—Our Choice*, bringing together partners, stakeholders, tribal leaders, educa-

tors, teachers, parents and community members to impact the future of Native education. They will be offering advocacy and empowerment, college and career readiness, and wellbeing-mindfulness programming, and access to colleges and universities at the Annual Trade show.

Voting information for the reservation

Election Results from the May 17 election will be certified on Monday, June 13. This year, Oregon ballots counted postmarks for eligible ballots as long as those postmarks were made before 8 p.m. on May 17.

Most all election results are known at this point but await certification.

Regarding the upcoming November election: For the Warm Springs area, redistricting has changed the area's Oregon legislative districts.

Jefferson County and Crook County make up most of Oregon State District 59. That district now excludes the Warm Springs Reservation, which now falls in district 57 with much of Wasco County.

In the November election, Republican Greg Smith is running unopposed for District 57 representation. District 59 has incumbent Vikki Breese-Iverson facing off against Lawrence Jones.

Warm Springs is now part of Oregon State Senate District 29 along with Wasco Counties, Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties.

The November ballot will have Susan McClain vying for the Senate seat against Gina Munster-Moore.

District 30 includes a large part of Jefferson County plus Crook, Grant, Baker, Lake, Harney and Malheur counties. Lyn Findley is the Senator for District 30.

The November 8 General Election will also include candidates for Oregon Governor: Tina Kotek and Christine Drazan; and candi-

dates for Oregon's U.S. Senate with incumbent Sen. Ron Wyden facing Joe Rae Perkins.

Warm Springs is in District 2 for the U.S. House of Representatives, with incumbent Rep. Cliff

Bentz facing Joe Yetter, Democrat. To vote you do need to register. To register you need to be 18 or older and live in Oregon. For information see the website, jeffco.net/cc

Kindergarten registration

Dear parents and families,

We are so excited about having your child enroll in Kindergarten in a Jefferson County school. You care deeply about the well-being and safety of your child, and we take that responsibility very seriously.

Follow these steps to get your child ready for their first year.

1. Find your area school. 509-J has seven options for elementary.

These are the Warm Springs Academy, Madras, Buff, Metolius, Big Muddy, and 509-J Online, and our new Dual Language Program. For school boundaries, you can see a map on the district website jcsd.k12.or.us/

2. Families who want to enroll their child in one of our schools need to fill out the Kindergarten Registration packet and bring it to their neighborhood elementary school.

If a family is wanting to apply for the dual-language program, they can fill out the application at in the registration packet. Packets are available at schools or the district office, or on the website.

3. Families will also find a



Kindergarten Summer Acceleration Camp form in the packet. This program is free for students entering kindergarten in September 2022.

This will enhance your child's reading, math, and language development skills through STEAM. The dates are August 1-19, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

4. Gather your documents. Parents or guardians will need proof of address, birth verification, and immunization records when turning in the registration packet.

5. Take a look at the school district 22-23 school calendar for important dates like the first day of school, breaks, and more. Schools will be reaching out to families to let them know when kindergarten students will attend.



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Warm Springs

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