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At this time, more than 120 upperclassmen have elected to take the SAT on Oct. 10, which consists of 45 juniors and 75 seniors.

That is nearly four times the number of students we can test on our December testing day, which we will also be offering this year as well. Moreover, it is nearly double the number of junior students who take the SAT during their junior year. As for seniors, that equates to nearly 77 percent of the entire senior class, which is truly remarkable.

Why take the PSAT or SAT? Well, not only does it give students the experience of taking a standardized test, but both assessments allow students an additional opportunity to pass their state summative benchmarks for the Smarter Balanced testing. Graduating students will need to take a formalized national assessment, like the SAT, for college entrance and, as mentioned previously, may allow students to usurp the need to take placement tests for writing, reading

or mathematics. Many scholarships and grant programs inquire what a student's SAT scores are in order to qualify for additional financial aid. Lastly, there is a definite link between students taking the PSAT/SAT and the school's overall graduation performance. The more students are exposed to these kinds of testing requirements, the better prepared they are for their futures in school, the work force or the armed forces. How is this going to work you might ask? All SAT tests, and PSAT tests, will be free for students to take thanks to Measure 98 dollars. Oct. 10 will also be an early release day, as students will have the morning and early afternoon to test without interruption. Both SAT and PSAT will run a similar time frame, which allows for maximum testing time. Also, by testing in the classrooms students are accustomed to, the testing environment is nearly idea. Lunch will be provided after testing, along with busing

home once the day has concluded at 1:30 p.m. Students who are not testing will be separated into specific study groups to work on homework and current class assignments, which allows them a great amount of time to either catch up or in some cases progress ahead. When the day is over, nearly 225 high school students will have taken another step closer to attending college and achieving their career goals. Siuslaw High School is an institution built upon the idea that students require a college and career mindset in order to reach their potentials. Every year, the district strives to increase each student's access to academic supports and assessment services. It is with the hope that we can continue to build upon the successes of College Board day while simultaneously exploring other avenues of possible college and career assistance. With College Board Day, Siuslaw High School takes another step closer to supporting our students in their education and employment aspiration.

Unitarians discuss school bond measure

The Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (FUUF) will hear about the Siuslaw School Bond Measure 20-291 from Suzanne Mann-Heintz at its Sunday service on Oct. 7, from 10 to 11 a.m. Mann-Heintz's presentation will share many of the reasons the Siuslaw School Board

has decided to ask voters to consider a facilities improvement bond and will detail the elements of the proposed projects. Mann-Heintz is in her fourth year on the school board and has been involved throughout the facilities assessment and decision-making process.

FUUF, located at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road, is wheelchair accessible. Each service concludes with refreshments and a dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each worship service. For more information, visit www.florenceuuf.org.

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in the area and bring our community together to share ideas about what they'd like to see happen with parks and rec in the future."

Additionally, Sarles hopes that community members who participate in activities during Play Day will think of other ways to utilize the parks in the area in the future. "We want ideas from everyone, from kids to senior adults. We've sent home flyers with Siuslaw students to encourage them to draw or write a story about their ideal parks and rec facilities and activities. We'll have a drawing of the entries, award some prizes and share some of them on our Facebook page and website. The flyer is also available at RiverCal.org/play for those who didn't get one at school," she said. Outdoor events taking place during Play Day include four pickleball clinics at Rolling Dunes Park, located on 35th Street, given by John Griffin, U.S. Pickleball Association ambassador. Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association will be holding multiple soccer games from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Miller Park, 1651 18th St. From noon to 2 p.m. there will be a Jenga building event at the park. There will also be an indoor activity on Play Day, with

Mary McNutt leading "Yoga for Vitality" classes at Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood St. Sarles is hopeful that the first Siuslaw vision Play Day will be a chance for community members to take a few hours, get outside and have a good time. "Pack your own picnic and meet a new friend or bring some sports equipment and challenge your neighbors to a friendly pick-up soccer or basketball game," she said. "We're also looking for community members who have a passion for parks and rec and want to help bring more opportunities to the area. We'd love to add some new voices and faces to our initiative teams. There's a lot we can do if we all work together." Siuslaw Play Day events will wrap up with Vision volunteers handing out free gingerbread cookies to attendees from noon to 2 p.m. at Miller Park. A short survey will be available, in digital and paper form, to gather input from participants about what programs and facilities are desired for parks and recreation services in the region. For more information about Play Day, contact siuslawvision@gmail.com or 541-590-2425 or visit RiverCal.org.



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