

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28
Volleyball: OSAA Class 1A State Tournament, first round: North Clackamas Christian at Perrydale, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 29
Girls soccer: Western Oregon at Seattle Pacific, 7 p.m.

Volleyball: Western Oregon at Northwest Nazarene, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30
Football: Central at Woodburn, 7 p.m. Dallas at Silverton, 7 p.m. Falls City at North Douglas, 7 p.m. Arlington at Perrydale, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31
Boys soccer: OSAA Class 5A play-in round: TBA.

Cross-country: Central OSAA Class 5A State Cross-Country meet at Lane Community College, 1:15 p.m.

Football: Azusa Pacific at Western Oregon, 1 p.m.

Girls soccer: OSAA Class 5A play-in round: TBA. Western Oregon at Simon Fraser, 5 p.m.

Volleyball: OSAA Class 5A State Tournament, first round: TBA. OSAA Class 1A State Tournament, second round: TBA. Western Oregon at Central Washington, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 3
Boys soccer: OSAA Class 5A State playoffs, first round: TBA.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4
Girls soccer: OSAA Class 5A State playoffs, first round: TBA.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Cross Creek to host fundraiser

DALLAS — Cross Creek Golf Course is accepting applications for its 17th Annual Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament on Nov. 14.

The two-person scramble will begin at 9 a.m. All players will win a turkey and compete for net, gross and hole prizes.

Cost is \$55 per player and one can of food. Entry includes green fees, snacks and tee prizes.

Space is limited to the first 110 players to pay fees. Players may sign up as a team or as individuals.

Registration deadline is Nov. 10. All food and a portion of the proceeds will go toward providing Thanksgiving dinners to families in Polk County through the Dallas Food Bank. Applications can be found at www.cross-creekgc.com/tournament-events.html.

For more information: 503-623-6666.

Winter sports registration

DALLAS — Winter sports registration begins Nov. 4 at Dallas High. Athletes must be registered by Nov. 10 to be able to practice on Nov. 16, the first official practice.

Cost is \$150 for all sports.

Those qualifying for free lunch must provide the letter received from the district office. The cost will then be reduced to \$35. There is no reduction for the swim team.

Paperwork is available online at www.sites.google.com/a/dsd2.org/dallas-high-school-athletics/winter-sports.

PERRYDALE VOLLEYBALL

Pirates to host state playoff game

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

SALEM — The Pirates are playoff bound.

Perrydale hosts North Clackamas Christian Wednesday (today) at 6:30 p.m. in the first round of the OSAA Class 1A State Volleyball Championships after taking second in the Casco League Tournament on Saturday.

The Pirates defeated Crosshill Christian 25-14,

All-league

- Seniors Taylor Price and Kolbie Calonder earned first team all-Casco League honors on Saturday.
- Seniors Anna McGill and Taleyen Newton received second team all-league recognition.
- Senior Hannah Hallock earned an honorable mention.

25-18, 25-21 in its opening match, clinching the team's spot at state.

"We knew Crosshill (Christian) was a really important match for us to win," Perrydale coach

Denise Dickey said. "We focused on the fundamentals and what we needed to do to beat them. I don't think we played to our full potential during the first two times we played. We really



Price

focused on not letting down at any point during the match."

The Pirates lost to Country Christian in straight sets in the tournament title game.

"We only had a three-hour lapse between matches," Dickey said. "We just went out and played to the best of



Calonder

our ability against them. They're a well-rounded team. There's a reason they're the top-ranked team in the state."

Seniors Taylor Price and Anna McGill were named to the all-tournament team for their performances.

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CENTRAL CROSS-COUNTRY

Central duo off to state

Hartford, McBeth earn spots at the state cross-country meet Saturday

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

CORVALLIS — For the third year in a row, Central's Abby McBeth is headed to the state cross-country meet, and the junior has a new perspective on the experience.



Hartford

"Honestly, for me it's such a blessing," McBeth said.

McBeth and sophomore Baillie Hartford earned

spots at state by finishing in the top seven. Hartford took third in 19 minutes, 25.19 seconds, while McBeth placed fifth in 20:13.68.

McBeth's time wasn't as fast as she hoped, but she's thankful to be headed to state after where she's been.

"It's taken so much for me to get where I am," McBeth said. "I'm excited for a breakthrough track season because I'm not even close to where I want to be in-shape-wise."

McBeth's path to the state meet has been her most difficult yet. Health issues from over training last year caused her doctors to require a mandatory three-month break from running.

"I've never taken that much time off since middle school," McBeth said.

She entered this season completely healthy, but after missing crucial months of offseason workouts.

"Everyone's on three months of training and, day one, I'm just starting out," McBeth said. "It was discouraging. It still is sometimes. I try to stay as positive as I can."

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Central junior Abby McBeth runs during the Mid-Willamette Conference Championships on Oct. 21 at Crystal Lake Sports Park in Corvallis.

State

What: OSAA State Cross-Country Meet.

When: Saturday, 1:15 p.m.

Where: Lane Community College, Eugene.

Of note: Central sophomore Baillie Hartford and junior Abby McBeth qualified for the state meet by finishing in the top seven at the Mid-Willamette Conference Championships on Oct. 21. Hartford finished third overall, while McBeth placed fifth.



CENTRAL FOOTBALL

Panthers move into tie for MWC lead



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Central's Alvin Berroa dives for a touchdown on Friday.

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — The Central Panthers are growing up at the right time.

Just weeks after losing back-to-back games by a combined four points, the Panthers defeated Corvallis 36-30 on Friday — a win that moved Central into a three-way tie for first place in the Mid-Willamette Conference and moved the Panthers (5-3 overall, 4-2 MWC) within a win of clinching a spot in the state playoffs.

"I thought our players battled hard all night in what might arguably be the best

Playoffs

• Central needs a win over Woodburn to clinch a playoff spot.

• Woodburn is 0-8 overall this season and has given up 52 or more points in seven of its eight games.

team we've faced all year," Central coach Shane Hedrick said.

The Spartans had two drives in the Panthers' red zone in the fourth quarter, but an interception in the end zone and a fumble recovery on the 14-yard line helped Central hold off the

Spartans.

A 28-yard pass from Mendazona to Jarrett Landers with 4:50 left in the game put the Panthers back on top for good.

Mendazona, a sophomore, ended the game with 254 passing yards and three touchdowns — a far cry from his first start, a 10-0 loss to Bend on Sept. 4 when he threw for 51 yards and two interceptions.

"I was very nervous (against Bend)," Mendazona said. "It didn't feel good after, but I stuck in there."

Mendazona has helped the Panthers' offense begin to click in recent weeks.

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