

## SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21**  
**Boys basketball:** Central at Churchill, 7 p.m. Rebel Basketball Classic: Dallas vs. Redmond (at South Albany), 3 p.m. Perrydale at Bandon Dunes Invitational, TBA.

**Girls basketball:** Churchill at Central, 7 p.m. Dallas at Hillsboro, 1:30 p.m. Perrydale at Bandon Dunes Invitational, TBA.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 22**  
**Boys basketball:** Rebel Basketball Classic: Dallas vs. North Eugene (at South Albany), 1 p.m.  
**Girls basketball:** Summit at Central, 5 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 23**  
**Boys basketball:** Rebel Basketball Classic: Dallas vs. Roseburg (at South Albany), 5 p.m.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 27**  
**Boys basketball:** Dallas at Hermiston, 7 p.m. Falls City vs. Trinity Lutheran (at Damascus Christian), 3:30 p.m.

**Girls basketball:** Nike Interstate Shootout: Dallas vs. Sherwood (at Lake Oswego) 8 p.m. Valley 10 Tournament: Falls City vs. Siletz Valley (at Damascus Christian), 2 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28**  
**Boys basketball:** Century/Hillsboro Tournament: Central vs. Tigard (at Century), 8:15 p.m. Dallas at Pendleton, noon. Falls City vs. Firm Foundation (at Southwest Christian), 4:30 p.m.

**Girls basketball:** Nike Interstate Shootout: Dallas vs. TBA, TBA. Valley 10 Tournament: Falls City vs. Camas Valley (at Southwest Christian), 3 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

## QUICK HITS

### BDST competes at Winter Open

EUGENE — The Blue Dolphins Swim Team competed at the Winter Open in Eugene Dec. 9-11.

Gentry Hagedorn won the girls 200-yard individual medley (10 and under) with a time of 3 minutes, 3.28 seconds.

Among Hagedorn's other top finishes included a third-place finish in the 100 breaststroke (10 and younger) in 1:38.96 and a fifth-place finish in the 100 individual medley (10 and younger) in 1:27.62.

Taylor Hagedorn finished third in the 400 individual medley (11-12) with a time of 5:58.97. She also placed sixth in the 500 freestyle (11-12) in 6:34.57.

David Beasley led the boys with a fifth-place finish in the 500 freestyle (11-12) in 6:54.79.

Cash Hagedorn took sixth in the 200 freestyle (10 and under).

### Perrydale games postponed

PERRYDALE — Perrydale's boys and girls basketball teams saw scheduled games against Crosshill Christian on Dec. 14 and Falls City on Friday postponed due to weather conditions.

Both games will be made up in January.

Perrydale's boys and girls teams are competing at the Bandon Dunes Invitational Wednesday (today).



# Falls City may move up to Class 2A

By Jolene Guzman  
 The Itemizer-Observer

FALLS CITY — The athletics co-op between Falls City High School and Kings Valley Charter School may have to move up a classification in the 2017-18 school year due to growth at both schools.

Falls City and Kings Valley have had a co-op, meaning students from both schools

## Falls City/Kings Valley co-op teams

- **FOOTBALL** — Falls City 19, Kings Valley 3.
- **VOLLEYBALL** — Falls City 8, Kings Valley 8.
- **GIRLS BASKETBALL** — Falls City 7, Kings Valley 9.
- **BOYS BASKETBALL** — Falls City 17, Kings Valley 4.

compete on one team, for several years. In November, the Oregon School Activities Association sent a letter to both schools saying that based on enrollment num-

bers, the co-op exceeded the limit to compete at the 1A level.

The high schools at Falls City and Kings Valley have a combined enrollment of 109

(60 at Falls City and 49 at Kings Valley). The OSAA adjusts enrollment numbers to account for students considered in poverty, bringing the number down to 96. The cutoff for 1A classification is 89.

Falls City Athletic Director Dennis Sickles said he was surprised to see the numbers so high so soon.

"I knew we were going to have to consider going to 2A

at some point," he said. Just not now.

After meeting with officials from Kings Valley on Thursday, the Falls City School Board decided to appeal the decision and lobby the OSAA to play 1A for the 2017-18 school year. The OSAA is reviewing the classification system with possible changes effective in the 2018-19 school year.

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## PREP SPORTS

# Schools weather the storm

By Lukas Eggen  
 The Itemizer-Observer

POLK COUNTY — Oh the weather outside is frightful. For high school sports, that means schedules can change on a dime.

Dallas, Central, Falls City and Perrydale high schools saw multiple events canceled or postponed last Wednesday through Saturday across all sports.

"Cancellations and postponements are just part of doing business this time of year," Perrydale athletic director Dan Dugan said. "Granted, this year seems to be worse so far."

Among the cancellations and/or postponements included boys and girls basketball games, a swim meet and wrestling tournaments. What happens next is an attempt to find common open dates to make up missed events.

"We just look for open dates," Dallas athletic director Tim Larson said. "Sometimes it's difficult to find open dates and, in extreme cases, we cannot make them up after league starts. Everyone we work with does a great job of working together to make it happen for our athletes."

The process of rescheduling often



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Centrals boys and girls basketball teams returned to the court on Monday night.

involves constant contact between athletic directors, Dugan said. But it goes beyond that. Coaches, transportation companies, official associ-

ations, game personnel, custodians and parents are all kept in the loop during the rescheduling process.

In smaller schools, like Perrydale

and Falls City, a rescheduled varsity game can have big impacts on other teams.

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# PE requirements loom large



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LaCreole Middle School is already near the new PE requirements for next school year.

By Jolene Guzman  
 The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Teachers and administrators in Dallas School District must get creative to meet minimal physical education instruction time requirements starting next school year.

The state will require elementary school grades (kindergarten through fifth-grade) to spend 150 minutes per week in PE classes or other structured activities — not recess, which is non-structured play — per week. Middle School students (sixth- through eighth-grade) are required to have 225 minutes per week.

Steve Martinelli, the director of instructional services,

said this year, students at Lyle Elementary School have one hour of PE per week; Oakdale Elementary students spend 72 minutes in PE; Whitworth Elementary students average 80 minutes per week; and LaCreole Middle School students fall just short of the requirement at 215 minutes.

"We can see we are short in all of the those, and we are aware of that. We've been aware of that for a couple years," Martinelli said during the Dec. 12 Dallas School Board meeting.

He said LaCreole's staff isn't worried about finding another 10 minutes per week, but elementary schools have a lot more work to do to achieve standards.

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## PREP FOOTBALL

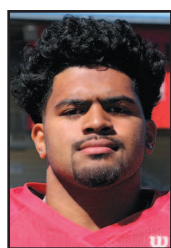
# County players earn all-state honors

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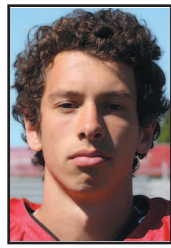
POLK COUNTY — Dallas seniors Tanner Earhart and Cody Janssen, and Central seniors Marlon Tuipulotu and Peter Mason were among the selections for first team all-state on Thursday.

Tuipulotu was named first team all-state at offensive and defensive line. Mason earned first team honors at wide receiver and defensive back.

Earhart received first team honors at running back, and



Tuipulotu



Mason

Janssen was named first team all-state at offensive line.

Dallas junior tight end T.J. Dimick, defensive lineman Cade Caudill, and linebacker Jacob Collins earned second team

all-state recognition.

Dallas and Central's football teams advanced to the 5A state semifinals.

## Candlelight Services

Christmas Eve 5-6 p.m. Christmas Day 10:30-11:30 a.m.

everyone is welcome!

Childcare for ages 3 and under

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