

# Warrenton High kicks off football season

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Warrior football was back in action as the team headed off to the Willamina Jamboree last Friday.

"I'm excited. I think we are a really good team," safety/receiver Joshua Earls said as the team boarded the bus. "Yeah, we've lost some players, but others have stepped up to fill those roles. Our strength is an offense backed by Hordie Boden Boden."

And then he thought a bit. "Our weakness is our focus. We're a little loose, a little too comfortable. We need



Joshua Earls and teammates board the bus for last Friday's Willamina Jamboree.

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Ethan Caldwell

to play up, to play a little bit harder."

The weakness also was clear to Assistant Coach Cade Wilkins, a government, economics, and weight training

teacher at the high school.

"Football? We have a new front line, but they're solid," Wilkins said. "The backfield is experienced and good. We were league champs last year

and we hope to do that again."

After the game, linebacker/receiver Ethan Caldwell said the season looked promising.

"It got me excited, the way we could take in the opportunities, the accomplishments that we made," he said.

Standouts, according to Ethan, were Kaisen Smith, a left tackle, Josh Smith, a left guard, and Ryder Sturgell, an inside linebacker.

"Josh never let the energy go down," he said. "He picked up his teammates emotionally. Ryder is only a freshman, but he wasn't afraid to make a tackle. Good for him."

The Warriors' first home game is at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, against Knappa.

## Schools: New campus, new administrators

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"Mr. O'Brien has been instrumental in keeping our high

school student-athletes engaged in the classroom and on the playing fields throughout the pandemic," Rogozinski said.



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### WARRENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Classes are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for grades 6-8.

Joining Jannusch is Chad Madsen as assistant principal.

Madsen has been an educator for 18 years, with four years as assistant principal at Astoria High School and one year as principal at Hilltop Middle School in Ilwaco.



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### WARRENTON GRADE SCHOOL

Classes are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tiffany O'Donnell has been named principal. She has 11 years of experience as a principal in Oregon public schools.

She is an innovative elementary school administrator, Rogozinski said, with a successful track record in developing young readers and building focused, positive, dynamic schools.

Longtime WGS teacher Dionne Marshall is the new assistant principal. She is a



O'Donnell

Warrenton High School graduate. In 2019, Marshall received an Outstanding Teacher Award from the Oregon Science Teachers Association.

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