



NEWSLETTER

SEASIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
SEASIDE HIGH SCHOOL

AUGUST 2020

503-738-5586



STUDENT REGISTRATION

It is time to register your student for the 2020-2021 school year!

This year we are implementing a new online registration process. Please visit our websites for more information:

<https://shs.seaside.k12.or.us/>

<https://sms.seaside.k12.or.us/>

Families will have the choice of starting the school year with either Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) or utilizing the Online Thrive Program.

CDL will consist of online instruction facilitated by Seaside School District teachers. Instruction and support will be live and supported with online learning platforms including Canvas, Zoom, Edgenuity. Students will be assigned a regular daily schedule with classroom teachers and peers. When and if state metrics allow for a return to in-person learning, students will transition into a hybrid school model.

The Online Thrive Program will utilize an online curriculum called Edgenuity. This program will not have a set schedule and will be self-paced. Thrive will be facilitated by Seaside School District staff but students will not have access to live instruction. District staff will check in with families and students to assist with students making appropriate progress in their assigned classes.

Students may choose to transfer between the two options (CDL or Online Thrive) at the beginning of a trimester.

If you have any questions or need help registering, please contact the school at 503-738-5586

BRANDON LARSON

Please welcome Brandon Larson to the Seaside Middle School team as the new Assistant Principal. He has twelve years of experience in education and has worked as an ESL teacher, homeroom teacher, and special education teacher. Most recently he was the Dean of Students at Aloha-Huber Park PreK-8 in the Beaverton School District. He has previously worked in the Beaverton School District, Forest Grove School District and Astoria School District, with the majority of his experience being in Beaverton.

Brandon enjoys the outdoors and is very excited to be living on the Coast with all of the outdoor recreation opportunities. He enjoys running, playing basketball and golfing in his spare time. He loves reading, particularly books on history. He looks forward to getting to know the students and their families. Please welcome Brandon and give him a big hello when you see him.



NEW STUDENTS

New students to Seaside High School will need to complete the online registration process. Once the student is registered please call the high school to speak to our registrar, Tiffany Thompson, at 503-738-5586. She will help schedule an appointment for the new students to have a phone or video conversation with a school counselor. Appointments will be available from Tuesday, August 25th to Thursday, August 27th.

AARON TANABE

Please welcome Aaron Tanabe as Seaside Middle School's new Athletic Director. He is going into his third year as Seaside High School's Athletic Director and he is very excited to be the AD for grades 6-12. Aaron originally came to us from Valley Catholic High School where he served as the offensive and defensive line football coach for four years. He played football and baseball at Hilo High School in Hilo, HI and then two years of college football at Southern Oregon University and two years at Linfield University where he majored in Health and Physical Education. He's looking forward to working with all of the students to ensure that everyone has a great athletic experience.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

First Day of School
Sept 14th, 2020

SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE

All Middle School sports have been postponed until further notice. Middle school sports will resume when it is safe to do so. Now is a great time to make sure your physical is up to date so that when sports resume your student is ready to participate. If you have any questions regarding the status of your students physical you can reach the Athletic Secretary, Kerri Boutin at kboutin@seasidek12.org

The OSAA announced a revised sports calendar for the 2020-21 school year. The OSAA Season 1 will run from August 31st – December 27th. During this time, our athletic programs will hold voluntary outdoor workouts as we look to keep students engaged in healthy activity. In order to participate in these voluntary workouts, all students must have an up-to-date physical on file and have turned in their COVID-19 waiver (found on the school websites). Coaches from individual programs will be in contact regarding these workouts. If you need to contact an individual coach, that information can be found on the school websites.

Winter sports (basketball, swimming, wrestling) will now start the competition year, beginning official practice on December 28th, 2020.

Fall sports (cross country, football, soccer, volleyball) will begin official practice on February 22nd, 2021.

Spring Sports (baseball, golf, softball, track and field) will begin official practice on April 19th, 2021.

For any questions please contact:
Aaron Tanabe, MS/HS Athletic Director
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Kerri Boutin, Athletic Secretary
kboutin@seasidek12.org

CANDACE CARVER

Please welcome Candace Carver to Seaside Middle School. Candace will be joining us as our new Special Education Teacher. For the past 10 years she has been a special education teacher in Hood River County School District. Nine of those years were at Hood River Middle School. Prior to her teaching experience she was an instructional assistant for four years for South Coast ESD in a variety of middle schools in the region. To say that she has a passion for middle school students and their success would be an understatement. She believes in building relationships and inspiring students to become what they have dreamed.

Candace often gets asked about where she is from and that is usually received with a sigh because her father was in the military and for the first 10 years of her life they moved all over the country. As an adult she continued the tradition and moved many times within the state of Oregon. She has enjoyed many of her adventures and has found making friends to be pretty automatic as she was never sure how long she would be staying.

Her immediate family lives in western Washington and she visits them often. She currently has two guinea pigs that are a part of her classroom. Activities that she enjoys in her pastime are reading, playing board or card games, going to church, anything that has to do with arts, crafts and building, and road biking. Don't be surprised if you drive by her on her bike somewhere in the region. She is excited to be part of the Seaside team and working together to make our schools and community great so don't hesitate to stop by and introduce yourself, as she looks forward to working with everyone!



BRETT WOLFE

Please welcome Brett Wolfe to the Seaside High School community. Brett is our new Special Education Teacher. He was born and raised in Medford, OR. Upon graduating with an Elementary Education degree, from what is now Western Oregon University, he took a job teaching and coaching baseball at North Medford High School. He has taught Special Education in a site based class for the past 29 years and coached baseball at the same high school for the past 32 years. He loves working with young people!

His wife's name is Kim and they will be celebrating their 37th wedding anniversary this September. They have two children. Their son Hayden will be celebrating his 30th birthday soon and their daughter Amanda, who teaches 1st grade, is approaching her 28th birthday. They also have a beautiful daughter in law named Alley. Brett and Kim were blessed with their first grandson this past year named Bryson.

Brett came to know Seaside as he and his family camped and spent summer vacations in the area for the past 35 years. He enjoys the beach, hiking, crabbing, their dogs, outdoor activities, family and friends, and all athletic events. Baseball and softball have filled his spring and summer for longer than he can remember. He is excited to be a part of the community and looks forward to many more adventures in the area.

NICOLE AYDT

Please welcome Nicole Aydt to Seaside Middle School. She is very excited to start as their new PE teacher and the 7th grade volleyball coach. She is starting her third year teaching after spending the previous two years in Hillsboro teaching at North Plains Elementary.

Nicole was born and raised in Astoria and is excited to move back to the area. After high school, she attended Seattle University, Clatsop Community College, and Oregon State. She received both her Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and her Master of Science in Physical Education at Oregon State.

When she is not working she enjoys being outside with her family and friends biking, hiking, playing volleyball, wake boarding and paddle boarding. In addition, she enjoys riding horses and has the opportunity this year to represent the Canby Rodeo as their Queen. She's excited to get to know the community and students, so say hello to Nicole when you see her out and about!



CARLY BALTAZAR

Please welcome Carly Baltazar to the Seaside Middle School community. Carly will be teaching sixth grade science. She just moved here from the northwest suburbs of Chicago, Illinois at the end of June. She graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 2017 and this will be her fourth year teaching sixth grade science. Her favorite parts of teaching science are how it encourages us to look at our everyday world differently and how successes in a science classroom can look so different from each other. The things she prioritizes most in her classroom are communication, respect, and encouraging perseverance in each other.

Carly has one younger sister and a big, puffy dog named Smudge. In her free time, she likes to take Smudge for walks on the beach, craft and cook. Carly is a collector of random hobbies and skills like hand embroidery, sewing, making bread, DIY'ing everything and making her own sustainable cleaning products. She always likes learning something new. She is thrilled to be starting this school year on the beautiful West Coast. So if you see her out for a walk with Smudge say hi.

KRISTE YORK

Please welcome Kriste York to the Seaside High School team. Kriste will be teaching English, Social Studies and is our new Yearbook Advisor. She escaped Los Angeles as soon as she graduated from high school. She has mostly lived in Humboldt County (12 years) and Corvallis (15 years). Her parents moved to Corvallis, and her 27-year-old daughter and her four children also live there. During her twenty years working in education she has taught everything from 1st grade through college – most recently she was the entire English department at the high school in Siletz. She has been visiting Seaside for years, so she is very excited about this opportunity to live and work here.

The thing she misses the most during the pandemic is sitting in coffee shops with her oldest granddaughter. They like to do puzzles and chat with strangers. The thing she likes the most about it is feeling okay about bingeing reality TV shows. Kriste is a big road trip fan – she'll stop at any diner, drive-in or dive and she's been to lots of places that she never would have gone. She likes strolling around and checking things out. She challenged herself to visit all 50 states during her 40's – after 7 years she's managed to visit 37 states. She only counts a state if she's eaten in it (and not in an airport or national chain restaurant). We look forward to hearing about Kriste's amazing experiences.



SUZI REGAN

Please welcome Suzi Regan back to the Seaside Middle School team as the 6th Grade Math Teacher. This will be Suzi's 30th year teaching in the Seaside School District. She is excited to be part of students' first year of middle school! She says that "this year will be a year of new opportunities and challenges, and she is optimistic that we can be innovative and create new ways to interact as a learning community that may be better than ever before!" There are so many ways to learn math, and she has always worked hard to share the joy of the subject through games, explorations, and activities that invite students to learn in a collaborative environment. She is busy gathering resources to make that happen even while we continue distance learning. She's excited to try new apps, programs, and activities and hopes her students will bravely come along with her.

Outside of work Suzi enjoys to travel (not right now) and she and her husband are avid Oregon Duck football fans. She also loves to read, knit, paint, do Sudoku and jigsaw puzzles, and play cards and board games. Suzi is a big fan of celestial events including witnessing eclipses, lunar events, and the recent Perseid meteor showers. She is looking forward to meeting her new students and coworkers and working with them in new ways.