

**HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY, 2016**

BOOSTER CLUB CRAB FEED

It's almost here! Mark your calendars! Thursday, **February 25th from 5 to 7 PM** is the annual Booster Club Crab Feed. We will be serving scrumptious, mouth-watering, all-you-can-eat salmon, shrimp, fried oysters, crab, and clam chowder. If you have auction items or need information, call Mr. Miller at 276-4274.

SENIOR SLAVE AUCTION

The Class of 2016, Senior Slave Auction will be on **Friday, February 12th**, after the Varsity boys' basketball game. For more information, please contact the Helix District office at (541) 457-2175.

SPRING SCHOOL PICTURES

Lifetouch Photography will be at the Helix School District on **Tuesday, February 23rd** to take group class photos and spring pictures. Lifetouch will begin taking pictures at 8:30 AM.

COMMUNITY WEIGHT ROOM ACCESS

The Helix School District appreciates the community support displayed when local patrons were asked to vote "Yes" on the GO Bonds in 2008 and 2012. As a result of both of these bonds being passed, the District was able to complete several construction projects. One main project was the addition of a gymnasium and weight room. The District would like to provide public access to the weight room, on a limited basis, starting **Monday, February 1st**.

The weight room will be open **6:00AM – 6:45PM**, Monday, Wednesday & Thursday. One of our custodians will unlock the weight room at 6:00AM, and the other custodian will close down the weight room and secure the building at 6:45PM.

Prior to using the weight room for the first time, a person **must** report to the Helix School District Office to sign a Liability Waiver/Assumption of Risk form. Failure to have a signed waiver form on record in the Helix School District Office, when using the weight room, may result in a Trespass charge being filed with the Umatilla County Sheriff's Department.

The public will have access to the weight room and bathrooms only, no access to gym. Access to the weight room is for Helix School District Residents Only.

A surveillance system is currently in place and will be used to monitor activity or review premises, in the event that damage has occurred in the weight room. Only adults are allowed in weight room. Griswold High School students are allowed **only** with adult supervision.

VACCINATION EXCLUSION DAY

All students deficient in vaccinations need to have those completed by **February 17th** (Exclusion Day). If they do not have their required vaccinations by that date, they will not be permitted to attend school. Those deficient should have received recent notification from the health department. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Wood 457-2175.

VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER

This year the junior class will be in charge of the Valentine's Day gift fundraiser and would like to invite you to support them by ordering items to send to your child or their friends. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$3.00 and order forms are available in the office, or from your student's teacher. The juniors will be accepting orders until **Monday, February 8th**; however, quantities are limited and will be filled on a first come, first serve, basis. There will be a bulk discount of 20% if you, or your child, would like to give something to an entire class. If your child plans to make an order, please assist them in filling out the forms so we can read them. Checks should be made to Helix Class of 2017.

Thanks for your support!

SCHOLARSHIP AND CAREER INFO

Sophomores and juniors need to be mindful of two upcoming opportunities this spring. SAT and ACT tests are being offered in the area and are good indicators of aptitude, interests, and achievement as senior year approaches.

Seniors at Griswold High School have been busy preparing scholarship applications as they become available. Many of the students have completed their FAFSA and are receiving information from the colleges of their choice. Please contact Mrs. DeRuwe if any questions during this exciting time.

The freshmen are currently taking a Career Awareness class which offers the possibility of earning 3 college credits from EOU. This year our freshmen will have the opportunity to gain a total of 6 college credits through participation in the Eastern Promise program. If you have any questions about the Eastern Promise program and what it offers to our students, please contact the school.

ATHLETIC PICTURES AVAILABLE

If your student is missing an athletic team portrait from the past few years, Mr. Kubishta has most of the sports team's photos available for purchase. Please contact him at the school for further information. Proceeds from photo purchases help fund FBLA and NHD activities.

HELIX WEBSITE

Just a reminder, the Helix School website is a great source of information. It includes breakfast and lunch menus, sports schedules, scores, Booster Club info, staff email addresses, etc. The website is at **<http://www.helix.k12.or.us>**.