



Hansen named Washougal High School principal

WHS Associate Principal Aaron Hansen has been named principal beginning in the 2010-11 school year. He succeeds Gerry Stavney, who has served as principal for the past three years. Stavney was hired out of retirement in 2007 and could only work through the 2009-10 school year.

Hansen began his teaching career in the Spokane School District. He has worked in the Washougal School District since 2001, teaching math and science and serving as associate principal and secondary math coach. In 2007, Hansen became Associate Principal at Washougal High School and in 2009 he added Excelsior High School Principal to his job duties.

Hansen received his Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Eastern Washington University. He is currently participating in the Washington State Administrative Professional Certification program at WSU Vancouver. Hansen is married with two children.

"I am looking forward to continuing the work the WHS staff has committed to regarding improving our effectiveness," said Hansen. "I feel very fortunate because I know we (the WHS staff) have the support from district office, a community that knows how important our work is, and students who care about their education and want to learn."

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Hathaway Elementary band receives grant

Hathaway Elementary School received several band instruments—two clarinets, two trumpets and one euphonium—as part of a grant from The Amphitheater at Clark County and the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation.

The donation was especially welcome during a time when many school districts are facing budget cuts for band programs and families are struggling with their budgets as well.

Sandee Canton is the fifth grade band teacher at Hathaway.



Washougal High School students save money, earn college credit

Earning college credits by taking Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes has added up to welcome tuition savings for a number of Washougal High School students – and their parents. In 2008-09, Washougal High School students earned 221 credits and saved \$17,504 by taking CTE classes at WHS. In 2007-08, students earned 200 credits for a savings of \$15,720.

Tech Prep continues to strengthen the relationship between Clark College and high school Professional/Technical programs at local high schools giving students a seamless transition into college. An articulation agreement between Washougal High School (WHS) and Clark College allows students earning a 'B' grade or better in an approved course and completing registration

requirements will receive Clark College credits. This year, the WHS Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department offers seven approved 'tech prep' classes in Accounting, Computer Applications, Medical Office Applications, Child Development, and Metals Technology. Credits are guaranteed at Clark College and may be transferable to another community college or university dependent upon the school's admission criteria.

Washougal High School offers students additional opportunities to jump start careers, earn college credits, and save money in the process. These include Running Start classes at Clark College, Clark County Skills Center vocational training, and WHS on-site Advanced Placement eligibility classes.

You're invited to the Washougal School Board meetings!

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the district board room, 4855 Evergreen Way.
May 11 & 25 • June 8 & 22 • July 27 • August 24

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STRIDE for education May 15, 2010

Don't miss this fun family event sponsored by the Washougal Schools Foundation. Find more info at: washougalschoolsfoundation.org



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WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Message from the Superintendent

Washougal School District joins school districts around the state in monitoring the status of school funding for 2010-11. As of April 9, the legislature had not yet finalized the state supplemental budget for next year, which means that school district funding is still undecided.

Although no action will be taken until the Governor approves the final state budget, the District has moved forward to prepare a list of potential budget reductions, should reductions be necessary.

The Budget Goal this year is to develop a balanced budget within available revenues which meets these objectives:

- Considers fund reductions that least impact students and learning
- Reserves 6% of expenditures in an undesignated fund balance
- Resources the Board of Directors' Ends Policy

The timeline below outlines the communication plan that allows for broad public input on potential budget reductions and budget development for 2010-11. The Community Budget Task Force plays a significant role in analyzing budget options, reviewing public input, developing recommendations and presenting those recommendations to the Board of Directors on May 11, 2010.

Communication Timeline and Action Plan for Budget Planning Purposes: (All meetings will be held in the Board Room at the District Office unless noted.)

April 13—6:30 p.m. Board of Directors meeting with discussion of potential budget reductions list
April 19—4:30 p.m. Staff Forum for input on budget and potential budget reductions list (meeting to be held at Washougal High School)

April 21—6:30 p.m. Community Budget Task Force meeting to review, discuss and add to potential budget reductions list

April 26—10:00 a.m. Public Forum for community member input

April 26—6:30 p.m. Public Forum for community member input

April 27—6:30 p.m. Board of Directors meeting to review all input gathered on potential budget reductions

April 29—6:30 p.m. Community Budget Task Force meeting to review all input gathered on potential budget reductions and, by consensus, finalize

recommendations to be taken to the Board on May 11, 2010

May 11—6:30 p.m. Board of Directors meeting with Community Budget Task Force on the agenda to present budget recommendation

June 22—6:30 p.m. Board meeting; Board finalizes draft of 2010-11 Budget

For more information on budget development for 2010-11, please visit the District's website, www.washougal.k12.wa.us

Teresa Baldwin, Superintendent

Annual Report to the Community

The district's annual Report to the Community for the 2008-09 school year is posted on the District website, www.washougal.k12.wa.us. To receive a copy by mail, please call Sandy Ladd at 954-3000 and provide your name and mailing address. Copies are also available at each school and at the District Office.

Kindergarten "Round-up" Registration May 3-7, 2010

Registration for children entering Kindergarten at Cape Horn-Skye, Gause and Hathaway Elementary Schools will be held May 3-7, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the school where the child will attend. Children entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2010. Parents must present the following for registration: 1) The child's original birth certificate 2) Proof of vaccinations 3) A completed and signed Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form. CIS forms are available from the school offices. For more information, visit the District website at www.washougal.k12.wa.us

Washougal students achieve success and earn recognition...

Washougal students continue to be recognized for outstanding academic, music, art and athletic performances. A few examples are highlighted below.

ACADEMICS

The Camas-Washougal Rotary Club selects a Scholar of the Month from each high school. Students honored this year from WHS include **Lauren Fialdini, David Choi, Sam O’Hara, Katie Ladwig, Isaac Bischoff** and **Noah Collins**. These exemplary students are recognized for academic success, as well as for contributions to their school and community.

WHS students **Brandon Aga** and **Patrick McCarthy** have been accepted into phase one of the Washington Aerospace Scholars program for 2009-2010. They are among 247 juniors from across the state selected to participate in a NASA-designed online curriculum covering the history and future of space exploration, the Space Shuttle, the International Space Station, the Moon, and Mars. They are competing for admission to a summer aerospace residency in Seattle.

Robotics team members **Patrick McCarthy, Jared Freeman, T.J. Houze**, and **Anna Kellogg** joined other team members



Washougal Robotics team members Patrick McCarthy, Anna Kellogg, T.J. Houze and Panther Jarred Freeman display their 2nd place medals and trophies from the Autodesk Portland Regional.

from Camas High School and built a robot in six weeks, and then battled robots from 60 other teams to earn a 2nd place Silver Medal and the Delphi Engineering Excellence Award in the Autodesk Portland Regional Robotics challenge. This exciting and highly competitive event is sponsored by NASA, Boeing and other high tech companies. The team also competed in the Microsoft Seattle Regionals where they tied for third place and received the Rockwell Automation Innovation in Controls Award. Robotics team members work alongside engineers who volunteer their time to give students a glimpse of the real world applications of their efforts to build a robot.

Patrick McCarthy received the Prudential Spirit of Community Certificate of Excellence for his community service. In addition, he received the President’s Volunteer Service Award signed by the president.

BAND

The **WHS Jazz Band** placed 2nd at the 2010 Clark College Jazz Festival.

The **WHS Wind Ensemble** performed at the Lower Columbia River Band festival at Mountain View High School. The band placed 2nd out of 15 Clark County High



Members of the WHS band.

School bands, including larger districts such as Vancouver and Evergreen. The musicians “wowed” the judges and received high compliments from the other band directors in the county.

WHS students **Shane Phillips**, alto saxophone; **Matt Bullene**, tenor saxophone; **Molly Day**, flute/piccolo; **Mayelee Watts**, trumpet; **Corrine Murphy**, clarinet; **Will Paulson**, tuba; and **Patrick McCarthy**, French horn were named to the Western International Honor Band. **Shane Phillips** was also named to the Washington All-State Honor Band.

VOCAL MUSIC

WHS senior **Steven Goolsby**, tenor, qualified for the state vocal competition. **Goolsby, Taylor Merritt, James Maguire**, and **Luke Block** were selected for the 2010 All-State Symphonic Choir. These students joined other high school musicians from around the state for this prestigious event.

WHS junior **Emma Haynes** was a featured soloist on the Vancouver USA Singers concert. Emma was invited as part of a school outreach program through the Camas Performing Arts Series.

WHS’s renowned a capella group, **X-Tet**, performed at several community events, including the Washougal Tree Lighting, Camas Hometown Holidays, the Christmas Ships Launch at the Port of Camas-Washougal, the ESD 112 Christmas party and the Riverview Bank Christmas party.

The **WHS Chamber Choir** participated in a choir retreat at Serenity Lodge on Mt. Hood in October, and the owners wrote a letter to the District in appreciation of the students’ courteous demeanor, as well as their amazing musical talent and performance. The choir earned

straight “I” Superior ratings at the Regional LCRMEA Choral Festival on April 8 at Skyview auditorium. One of the adjudicators requested the chance to visit WHS and work with the choir in the future.

Jemtegaard Middle School’s Choir and Ensemble groups received outstanding reviews at the Junior Solo & Ensemble Contest on March 6, held at Shahala Middle School. **James Stout**, baritone soloist, and **Lauren Tofell**, soprano soloist, were recognized individually.

VISUAL ARTS

The following students received recognition at the Southwest Washington Regional High School Art Show. **Ryan Erdwins** - *Theater at Night* - pastel on paper; **Paige Janosi** - *The Schnitz and Blue Bells* - color photography; **Raymond Mullen** - *Once in a New Moon* and *Another Day in Paradise* - Oil Paint on Paper.



Washougal High School X-tet

SPORTS

The **WHS Girls Cross Country** team won the District Championship, and Boys Cross County team finished 4th. Both teams qualified for the State meet. Individuals recognized for excellent performance in cross country this year were **Dylan Croeni** and **Kendall Zutter**. Croeni place 4th at the state meet and qualified to run in the Nike Border Clash.

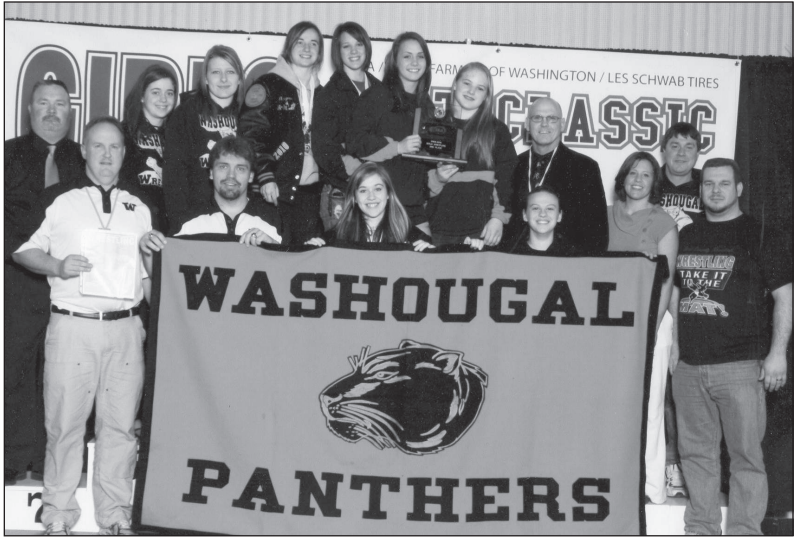
Tennis doubles team, Steven Goolsby and **Caylem Nunez**, qualified for the State tournament.

In **Boys Golf, Connor O’Neil** and **Beau Scott** qualified for the State tournament.

The WHS **Boys Wrestling** Team finished the season with an 11-3 record in dual meets, a 5-0 record in league competitions, and the St. Helens League 2A League championship. Senior **Chism King** placed 4th and **Corey Latimer** placed 7th at the State tournament.



Equestrian Team: Full Team Photo - Back Row, left to right: Patrick McCarthy, Chandler Audette, Sarah Hess, Missy Knapp, Tori Francisco, Coach Tammy Harrison
Middle Row, left to right: Advisor Rene Carroll, Emily Carroll, Braman Warren, Tenley Stedmen, Nina Pawelzick, Coach Brandy Audette
Front Row, left to right: Katie Ladwig, Maddy Kitchen, Rachel Nelson,
Not pictured: Elsa Dinsmore-Smith



Washougal Girls Wrestling Team

The **WHS Girls Wrestling** Team finished with a 6-1 record, becoming the Greater St. Helens League 2A League champions. The team placed 2nd at the State tournament where **Madelynn McIlwain** and **Arin Vandiver** were crowned as State Champions, followed by **Chelsea Eakins**, 3rd place; **Megan Dunham** 7th place and **Colleen Wright**, 8th place. **Hailey Watts** earned an Academic State Champion award by having the highest GPA of all female wrestlers in her weight class. The team also took first place in three major tournaments this season, the Inaugural Clark County Invitational for Girls, the Kelso Tournament and the Emerald Ridge Tournament.

The **WHS Equestrian Team** received kudos for its hard work and sportsmanship. This year, 13 riders and one groom participated.

Through E-team, students practice and improve their horsemanship skills, compete with riders from throughout the state and receive recognition for their accomplishments.

Several WHS E-team alumni have gone on to compete at the college level and study for careers in the equestrian field.

WHS senior **Sarah J. Walker** will join Team USA Volleyball in Sydney Australia in July 2010.