



# Garfield-Palouse Schools

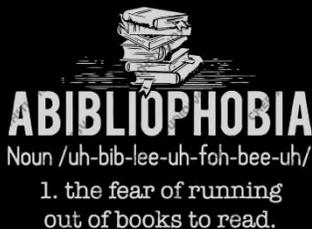
Palouse Schools Newsletter

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## Did you Know?

Research has found that children who are read to by their parents have a leg up when it comes to literacy. Reading can provide even infants with spoken words and sounds that form the basis of future language and literacy development.



## Class Lists

Class lists will vary by teacher. Staff will make class lists available starting on August 15, school registration.

School Start Time: 8:20  
School Release Time: 3:15

*"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."*

## Important Dates:

- August 1<sup>st</sup> - HS Athletic Registration Open
- August 15<sup>th</sup> - School Registration Open
- August 29<sup>th</sup> - Palouse Schools Open House
- August 31<sup>st</sup> - Start of 2022/2023 School Year

## 2022/2023 is Rapidly Approaching – Are you READY?

### From the Superintendent:

The start of the 2022/2023 school year is rapidly approaching and we are excited to welcome a new group of students to the building!

We have started the Science Room remodel, opening up the space for more efficient use, the sprinkler system has been installed on the football playfields, and we will soon install fencing to enclose the playground area, securing that area for use during the school day. We will be updating the heating system in the Annex Building and next summer HVAC and electrical systems in the main building will be updated. We are excited at these changes and upgrades to our facilities.

Additionally, we are looking closely at safety and modifying our facilities accordingly. We have installed barriers for the fire lane and ask that you not park in the fire lanes around the building, or walk through campus during school hours. High School students driving to campus will now park in the east parking lot, utilizing the east doors (Court Yard) for entry to the building. The west parking lot will be used for event and guest parking.

The school continues to explore opportunities for career and technical experiences to provide students with hands-on and real-world opportunities. This year we welcome Clover Park and their Nursing Assistant program to our course offerings, as well as an Automotive Pathway in cooperation with McGregors.

We are also excited to welcome back football this year to go along with our other extra-curricular offerings. The Whitman County Fair is quickly approaching and we wish the best of luck to all our entrants this year!

We are working to provide after-school opportunities for our elementary students, bringing back math club and adventure club, again partnering with our community to provide after-school activities for our elementary students.

Thank you to our community for their ongoing support of our school, our programs, and to our students. I'm excited to get the school year underway and welcome our students back!

~ Mike Jones  
Superintendent/Principal

### HS ATHLETIC PRACTICE START DATES

Please be sure to have your physical and athletic forms completed and on-file with Palouse office PRIOR to the start of practices.

- Football Practice Starts: August 17, 2022
- Volleyball Practice Starts: August 22, 2022
- X-Country Practice Starts: August 22, 2022

**GO VIKINGS!**

## 2022-2023 Academic

### Registration

Registration for the Palouse Schools will begin **August 15, 2022** for all preschool, elementary, and high school students.

Students/Parents new to our district should visit our website at: [www.garpal.net](http://www.garpal.net) or visit the Palouse office for the appropriate forms. Completed forms can be submitted to the Palouse School office at 600 E. Alder St.

Returning students should use their Skyward Login to access online registration.

For questions, please contact the Palouse office at: (509) 878-1921 or email [shallan@garpal.net](mailto:shallan@garpal.net)

### GPHS ATHLETIC REGISTRATION

Athletic registration is separate from and in addition to academic registration.

Beginning August 1, 2022, registration will open online via <https://garpal-wa.finalforms.com/>

For questions please contact the Palouse Office at: (509) 878-1921 or email:

[sthompson@garpal.net](mailto:sthompson@garpal.net)

### Transitional Kindergarten:

Like preschool, transitional kindergarten (TK) is an early-learning program, integrating 4-year-old students into a traditional classroom setting. The purpose is to help close the opportunity gap that we see among students entering kindergarten. TK provides the opportunity for 4-year-old students to engage in full-day kindergarten. Eligible students must be four (4) by August 31, in-order to enroll at no cost to the parents.

TK blends social and emotional learning with academic exposure so that students not only learn essential *pre-literacy*, *pre-math* and other *cognitive skills*, but also develop *social and self-regulation skills* needed to succeed in school and life. The goals of the program are to ensure that students:

- Will be better prepared to succeed in school.
- Will enter Grade 1 with the maturity, confidence and skills they need to excel.
- Will be better prepared to succeed academically, and less likely to be identified for remediation, special education or language services.

We look forward to offering the TK program and providing this opportunity for our students. For more information or questions, please contact [bjonnewman@garpal.net](mailto:bjonnewman@garpal.net) or the school office at (509) 878-1921.



### Blood Drive!

The Garfield-Palouse School's \$2000 STEM Grant Blood Drive will be Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Vitalant Bus and will be parked in the upper elementary parking lot. The blood drive times will be 12:30 – 7:00 pm. In order to qualify for the STEM Grant, we need about 40 blood donors to sign up. Money received goes to support the Garfield-Palouse Robotics Program.

### Student Safety:

Student safety is constantly at the forefront of our thoughts and taken seriously by our administration and staff. We thank the Palouse Police Department and Garfield Police Department, along with Fire and Response services for their continued support and availability to our district. Changes this school year with child safety in mind:

- Student parking will be in the lot on the east side of the building (currently bus parking)
- High school entrance will be on the east side of the building at the courtyard entrance.
- Elementary students will enter the building through the main entrance, individual room, or after bus recess.
- Officer Anderson will be on the grounds at various times during the week.

Visitors to the school should continue to check in with the main office. The exterior doors will continue to be locked and monitored, please use the front main doors for entry.

To help enclose the facility, gates have been placed on the fire lane, these are *No Parking* areas and we ask that you please keep clear in case of an emergency. Additionally, fencing will be installed this fall to enclose our playfield and playground area. These areas will be closed from 7:30-4:00 pm.

In the event of an emergency, communication to parents will occur via Blackboard and in case of an evacuation, the Palouse community Center and Palouse Federated Church will be utilized as pick up points.



# Career & College Readiness

## Pre-Apprentice Automotive Technician Program

The Garfield-Palouse High School Pre-Apprentice Automotive Technician program offers semi-skilled work designed to introduce career options and hands-on learning in connection with the operation, maintenance and repair of automotive vehicles. As part of a pre-apprenticeship program, students will have exposure to the work environment, required mechanical skills, and real-life experience to help them explore career options as an apprentice which can lead to them having the opportunity to become journey level technicians.

The Garfield-Palouse High School Pre-Apprentice Automotive Technician program is being supported by ASE Western States Education consultants. Spokane Community College (SCC) Automotive Technology and Collision Repair faculty will conduct site visits with hands-on experiences, advisory, etc. eventually leading to CTE Dual Credit articulations. McGregor Co. will be a primary site for job placement and youth work-based learning opportunities. These organizations and companies will also assist with reinforcing workplace skills

The Garfield-Palouse High School Automotive Technology program will provide career preparation through a combination of classroom instruction, earning industry-recognized certificates and hands-on/work-based learning which will give students the confidence to enter the workforce. The program teacher provides students the fundamental knowledge and experience needed to become entry level technicians in the automotive industry with the support of ITAC curriculum and program standards, mentors from the SCC Automotive Technology and Collision programs as well as North West Auto Care Alliance and the local industry partners.

## Certified Nursing Assistant Program

We are excited to announce that Palouse Schools is developing a Registered Medical Assistant Pre-Apprenticeship program in our school. We anticipate this program setting up students for an accelerated healthcare pathway leading to a career as a Certified-Medical Assistant, a position in high-demand throughout the region. As an education partner, students who are enrolled in the Medical Assistant Pre-Apprenticeship program will complete up to 212 hours of online classroom modules through curriculum provided from the Washington Association of Community Health's existing Registered Medical Assistant Apprenticeship, through Clover Park Technical College.

Outside of the classroom, our students will participate in on-the-job training provided by Industry Partners, namely Ladow Court and Regency Assisted Living facilities in Garfield and Pullman, as well as with Pullman Regional Hospital. Students will train at Gar-Pal High School and then do their clinicals at these local sites, completing their program by next summer, becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant.

## Outdoor Classroom

Palouse Schools is introducing an outdoor classroom for staff and student use. Materials have been donated by Chris and John Bofenkamp and the Palouse School. This outdoor area, located near the annex entrance, will be a wonderful area utilized by students across grade levels for a variety of classes.

For additional information on outdoor classrooms:

<https://greenschoolyardnetwork.org/2011/09/25/top-ten-reasons-to-have-an-outdoor-classroom/>

## Q: How do we prepare our students for the future?

In 2018 Harvard University predicted that 33% of all jobs will require a 4-year degree or higher, while 57% will be middle-skilled jobs requiring training at the credential or associate degree level.

We encourage students to follow these steps to prepare for their future.

1. Career Awareness / Exploration
2. Make a Plan
3. Develop Transferable Skills

## Looking for College Credit?

GPHS offers a wide range of dual-credit courses and is excited to establish new partnerships with our local universities and professional partners

Eastern Washington University  
- English 101, 170,  
Gov 100, INST 200

Central Washington University  
- Calculus

Bellevue College  
- Biology 108

Clover Park Technical College  
- Certified Nursing  
Assistant Program  
\* *Satellite Campus*



## Staff Welcome/Moves:

For the 2022-2023 school year we would like to welcome the following individuals to our staff and congratulate those changing their roles!

Brianna Jones Newman – Transitional Kindergarten /  
Preschool  
Sequoia Ladd – Kindergarten  
Emma Burbank – First Grade  
Tonya Knauff – Math / Special Services /  
Office  
Jennifer Raup – Custodian  
Noel Akin – High School English /  
Principal

For a full list of staff and contacts, please visit  
www.garpal.net

## Facility Use:

As a reminder, community members wishing to use school facilities, need to please contact and submit facility use forms to the school office. These forms can be found on the website at: [www.garpal.net](http://www.garpal.net)  
We are happy to share and support our local members, and this helps us schedule and prepare effectively.

Students/children need to be accompanied by an adult when in the main building, annex, or weight room. You must be 18 years of age or older and out of high school to get a code. Please do not share your code with others as you are responsible for damages and/or equipment.

### Football Schedule

9/2	SJE	away	7 pm
9/9	TR	away	7 pm
9/16	DeSales	Home	7 pm
9/23	SJE	Home	7 pm
9/30	Lib Chr	away	7 pm
10/7	Sun Chr	Home	7 pm
10/14	Pom	away	7 pm
10/21	Bye		
10/28	Touchet	Home	7 pm
11/4	Yak Tri	away	7 pm

### Volleyball Schedule

9/6	Reardan	Home	6 pm
9/12	Logos	away	6 pm
9/15	Touchet	away	6 pm
9/17	Spikefest	Ros	9 am
9/20	Touchet	Home	6 pm
9/22	Pomeroy	Home	6 pm
9/27	SJE	Home	6 pm
9/29	TR	Tek	6 pm
10/1	Pea & Lentil	Gen	8 am
10/4	Colton	Home	6 pm
10/6	Oakes	away	6 pm
10/11	SJE	Lax	6 pm
10/13	TR	Home	6 pm
10/18	Colton	Home	6 pm
10/20	Oakes	Home	6 pm
10/25	Pom	away	6 pm

### Cross Country – TBD



Please contact Scott Thompson if you would like to work the gate or clock or help at sporting events.  
sthompson@garpal.net



Donations are currently being accepted for our “Kindness for Kids” fund. Money donated to this fund is used to help support Palouse students PK-12 throughout the year who are in need of financial assistance to help offset miscellaneous expenses associated with school and school activities. You can donate at the Palouse School office and we would like thank everyone who has donated for their continued support of the students at the Palouse Schools.

## EYE ON IT

### Intensive Courses

2021/2022 School year saw the introduction of the school's first intensive courses. These are 2-3 week, mini-courses that provide students and staff the opportunity to explore/share their interests and delve deeper into subjects of interest.

The purpose of these classes:

- Provide additional support in core subject areas
- Provide non-traditional experiences in elective courses
- Provide interest-level experiences for students
- Support community connections through exploration and partnerships

What the students say:

*“I liked that we had more interesting and diverse options”*

*“I liked being able to study things that I wanted to learn about outside the regular curriculum”*

## Viking Fuel

Every month, elementary students are introduced to a “Food of the Month” and educated on the food presented. A small sample is provided for students to try and later incorporated into the menu. Many of the items come from our local growers and support Farm to Table programs at the school. We are excited to continue this program and support healthy eating. For more information please contact the office.