

# WARRENTON SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Newsletter

Serving Warrenton Students Since 2007

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## Mission of the Warrenton Schools Foundation

Our mission is to fund projects that will strengthen the academic programs in the Warrenton School District, improve the physical campus, and enrich the variety of extra-curricular activities so that all students have the opportunity to excel both inside and outside the classroom.

## The Name Has Changed!

The **Warrenton Hall of Fame Foundation** has changed its name to the **Warrenton Schools Foundation**. This name better describes its purpose, mission and who it serves. Since the Foundation originally arose from a fund-raising effort aimed at raising money to pay coaches for sports programs, it has sometimes been assumed that funds are used specifically for sports. Its name has also led people to believe Foundation funds are used to host the Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony to recognize those being inducted into the Hall of Fame. No donated funds are used to host the Banquet as it funds itself and many, many programs, not just athletics, have benefited from donations to the Foundation. It is our hope the new name, the "Warrenton Schools Foundation", will eliminate these misconceptions and help our supporters feel comfortable that their donations will be used to provide needed support to make the schools in the Warrenton-Hammond School District a first class place for kids to get a well-rounded education.

### Funded Projects and Purchases

Since it was created, the Foundation has provided \$174,426.77 in financial support for the students in the Warrenton School District. There have been technology purchases throughout the district that have provided computers, laptops, cameras, sound systems, projectors, and classroom clickers; the music department has received two pianos, band instruments and sheet music; athletic programs have received uniforms, a volleyball net for the grade school, a high jump pit, a football scoreboard, athletic equipment; the high school weight room has been updated with new equipment; a new stage curtain was purchased for the high school; the school newspaper was funded; and grants were matched to provide additional technology and to start a STEM program at the high school just to name a few programs that have benefited from the communities support of the Foundation.

### Artificial Turf on the Baseball Field

A grant awarded to the baseball team will put artificial turf around the home plate area as well as the bull pen mounds. We live on the Oregon coast and it has been challenging to say the least, to play a full schedule of baseball games in the spring due to the rain. Even when games are possible, a great deal of time goes into making the field playable. This improvement to the facility will make it much easier and more enjoyable to "Play Ball" at Huddleston Field!

### Middle School Basketball Teams Play more Games

The Middle School Boys' and Girls' basketball teams will get to play more games thanks to a grant from the Warrenton Schools Foundation. \$500 was awarded to each team to help pay expenses so they can participate in more tournaments to extend their seasons and play more games against different opponents than those they see in their regular six-week season. Additional tournaments provide the opportunity to play multiple games over a weekend and the valuable extra playing time will help strengthen our youth basketball programs. Go Braves!

### STEM Technology Grant

Warrenton High School students have been building and maneuvering underwater robots in a make-shift pond out by the bus barn. They are creating cars, turtles and houses with a 3-D printer and learning to code. These are but a few of the skills being taught in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) classes taught by Mr. Josh Jannusch at the high school. This class was made possible by the Warrenton Schools Foundation grant for \$20,000 over two years. These funds were matched by a state grant and allowed Warrenton to be the first school in the area to offer this type of advance technological training to its students. This jump-start to the future is of great benefit to our kids.

### Hall of Fame Member Recognition Plaque

An oak Hall of Fame Members Recognition Plaque with raised bronze letters was purchased and is now on display in the high school cafeteria. This beautiful board was purchased with funds donated for this specific purpose. Check it out next time you attend an event at Warrenton High School.

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## Hall of Fame Update

The Hall of Fame Class of 2015 was inducted into the Warrenton Hall of Fame during a ceremony at Warrenton High School on October 3, 2015. The inductees were:

**Dick Ledgerwood** - Athlete  
**Earl Lahti** - Athlete

**Nancy Kennell** – Distinguished Staff  
**Cindy Johnson** – Distinguished Alumni  
**Steven Barnard** – Distinguished Alumni  
**1976 & 1977 Wrestling Teams**

Congratulations to these outstanding citizens who have "made Warrenton proud".

The Hall of Fame banquet has been hosted yearly by the Foundation since 2007. At its' 2015 Board meeting, the members decided to continue to select individuals and teams for induction into the Hall of Fame but will now do so every other year. The next Hall of Fame class will be the Class of 2017 and will be inducted in the fall of 2017. Nominations will be accepted until April of that year.



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