

W.F. West High School NEWSLETTER

January 2024

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 2 Back to School
- Jan. 2 ASB Meeting (CCR)
- Jan. 5 Winter Sports Assembly (CCR)
- Jan. 8-9 BERC Showcase
- Jan. 12 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Assembly
- Jan. 15 NO SCHOOL MLK Jr. Day
- Jan. 16 Senior Student-Led Conferences
- Jan. 17 Senior Student-Led Conferences
- Jan. 18 Central Washington University Admissions Session (CCR)
- Jan. 19 FIT (CCR)
- Jan. 25 1st, 2nd & 4th Period Finals
- Jan. 26 5th, 6th & 7th Period Finals
- Jan. 26 End of 1st Semester
- Jan. 26 WFW Jazz Band @ Clark County Jazz Festival
- Jan. 27 Winter Ball 8:00-11:00 PM
- Jan. 29 2nd Semester Begins
- Jan. 30 Solo Ensemble Showcase 7:00 PM

Bob Walters, Principal Christine Voelker, Assistant Principal Mark Westley, Assistant Principal Tommy Elder, Asst. Principal/Athletic Director



Tickets:

342 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA (360) 807-7235 (Main Office) (360) 748-3664 (FAX) www.chehalisschools.org/wfw

Winter Ball January 27th

8:00 - 11:00 pm

WFW Commons

\$15 (w/o ASB)

\$25 (w/o ASB)

Single: \$10 (w/ASB)

Couples: \$20 (w/ASB)

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Bearcat Pride!







A big thank you to W.F. West Leadership students and advisors for putting on the annual "Winter Wishes" event for our high school students. Counselors and other adult advisors help identify student needs and wishes and try to fulfill them Gifts include everything from coats, shoes, bikes, games, art supplies, candy and more. Thank you to everyone in the community who donated and helped make this event happen!!





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Welcome Ms. Schori!



W.F. West is happy to welcome new staff member, Kelsey Schori. Kelsey began working in the Re-engagement Classroom in November as a substitute and was then hired to fill the position permanently. She has been a great addition to our staff! Kelsey provides a quiet and welcoming space for students to refocus their behavior and be ready to re-engage in their academics. The structure she provides by enforcing consistent rules of conduct has been very helpful in working with our students. Kelsey is a mom of two girls in the Chehalis School District. Her family likes to travel (especially to Hawaii) and she enjoys reading. Kelsey loves W.F. West because of "the sense of community and that everyone puts students" needs first." We're so glad Kelsey has joined our Bearcat team!



Changes to school schedules/bus routes will be announced through Remind, local radio stations, the Chehalis School District website, <u>The</u> Chronicle's website and through <u>FlashAlert</u>. We will make every attempt to make decisions by 6 a.m. Please do not call the transport it district office or school offices if Chronicle's website and through FlashAlert. We will make every attempt to make decisions by 6 a.m. Please do not call the transportation office, district office or school offices if you have checked these resources and see no announcement. No announcement means there is no change.

Schedule Changes

2-Hour Delay

- Buses pick up students 2 hours later than normal •
- No AM preschool
- If delay occurs on a Wednesday, there will be no • early release for Professional Academic Work for Success

School Canceled

- All Chehalis schools closed for the day •
- No activities for the day
- No athletics for the day

School Dismissed Early

- No afternoon athletics for the day •
- No activities for the day

Bus Snow Routes

- Snow route information along with • other useful information is posted on the Chehalis-Centralia Transportation Co-op's website
- Please watch for announcements • about snow routes as buses may be on AM or PM snow routes or both.



On January 12th, W. F. West will hold its Martin Luther King Jr. Day Assembly. We will be welcoming Erin Jones to speak to our students and share her message of inclusivity and kindness. Learn more about Ms. Jones here – Erin Jones, LinkedIn

W F West High School

Dear Parent or Student,

Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. In addition, revenues from Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please also consider our school's ad content guidelines below during the creation of your ad online. All orders must be placed by 01/19/2024.

DEADLINE: 01/19/2024

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1/2 Page	\$150.00			
1/4 Page	\$80.00			
1/8 Page	\$50.00			

*Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.

PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE ON ORDERS OF \$30 OR MORE.

3 EASY STEPS TO CREATE A YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD!





Step 1 Choose your ad size and layout



What are the guidelines for ad content?

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Ensure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication. Jostens retains the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.



(800) 358-0800 jostensadservice.com/student

Step 2 Add your photos



Step 3 Enter your text

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?

Recognition ad prices are determined by our school. Revenue from recognition ads helps the school create a better, more affordable yearbook.

How is the ad deadline determined?

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.



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Want to receive the latest "Friday Connect" emails and other School District News? Join our email group! Sign up by emailing: communications@chehalisschools.org

Chehalis School District Community Newsletter

"The Learning Network," can be accessed online through the district's website at <u>http://www.chehalisschools.org</u>



Counseling Center

Honors Pathways / Certificates of Proficiency



Seniors have received information on WFW's Honors Pathways and applications, and Certificates of Proficiency information and application, in their school emails. Printed copies are available in the counseling center; students must submit completed applications to the counseling center before spring break so graduation materials can be ordered.



College & Career Readiness

Upcoming Events!

Financial Aid!

The FAFSA Application is opened for seniors and families on **December 31st.** This online form is the key step to accessing federal grants, state grants, workstudy opportunities, loans, as well as select scholarships. Each school will have their own deadlines, so please watch for those and complete the application as soon as possible. If you or your families need any help in completing this form, please contact Mrs. Chaput. The online application is available at <u>www.fafsa.gov</u>.

CWU Admissions Session

Central Washington University Admissions Session. A CWU representative will be here on **January 18th** to help students apply and will also be waiving the application fee. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and can sign up to attend with Mrs. Chaput.

Apprenticeship Panel / Trades Fair

We will have representatives from different unions and trades for students to learn about the variety of opportunities available to them. This event will be held on **February 22nd.** Please be watching for more details to come.



Scholarships

** Indicates scholarship is new this month

LGBTQ+/Pride Scholarships - Through GSBA and Pride Foundation, for pursuit of post secondary education. Apply online at: <u>https://pridefoundation.org/find-funding/scholarships/</u> for additional details. **Deadline will be January 5th.**

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship - For minority seniors who are US citizens with demonstrated financial need, academic excellence and dedication to community service. Must plan to attend 4-year college/university. Apply online at: https://jackierobinson.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2023-jrf-scholarship.pdf Deadline is January 10th.

FFA Scholarships- National FFA Foundation, businesses and individuals support scholarships that are awarded to students with a wide variety of higher education plans and career goals. Scholarships support non-FFA and FFA high school seniors and collegiate members. Just one application is required for multiple opportunities. https://www.ffa.org/participate/grants-and-scholarships/scholarships/ Deadline is January 11th.



John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage - Essay contest open to students in grades 9-12. Go to: <u>https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest/eligibility-and-requirements</u> for details and requirements. **Deadline is January 12th.**

WA State Fair Foundation Scholarships - Multiple scholarships with varying qualifications. Information online at https://www.thefair.com/foundation/scholarships/ Application opens December 1st and **deadlines are Jan.31st.**

Washington State University Scholarship - Click on 'WSU General Scholarship Application' on the right side at: https://admission.wsu.edu/scholarships/washington-resident/. Deadline is January 31st.

****BECU Foundation Scholarship:** Must be a member/account holder at BECU, and be enrolling in college or technical school and have at least a 2.5 gpa. Apply online at: <u>https://www.becu.org/members-matter/community-involvement/scholarships</u> **Deadline is January 31st.**

Epsilon Sigma Alpha Foundation - Numerous scholarships awarded in a variety of categories, search those offered to Washington state students (you don't need to attend a college in WA however). Apply early and include all documents. There is a small fee for each scholarship you apply for. For further information, visit

<u>https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/</u> Once there, click on the scholarship link and choose Washington State. This will open up all of the scholarships available. Read requirements for each to see if you qualify. **Deadline is February 1st!**

Eastern WA University Scholarship - Application online at <u>https://www.ewu.edu/apply/tuition/scholarships/</u> Deadline is February 1st.

Elks National Foundation - Legacy Awards Scholarship - Seniors who are children or grandchildren of Elks member. Apply online at <u>www.elks.org/enf/scholars</u>. **Deadline for submission is February 5th.**

****Washington State Opportunities Scholarship** – If you're interested in an associate degree, certificate, or apprenticeship from a community or technical college, or approved apprenticeship sponsor Must have at least a 2.75 GPA. Helps low - middle income WA residents attending school in the state. Check online for a list of approved program, income guidelines, and included colleges. Application online at:

https://waopportunityscholarship.org/applicants/career-technical/ Deadline is February 5th.

****Washington State Employees Credit Union** – Open to any WSECU member in good standing. Applications online at <u>https://wsecu.org/scholarships</u>. **Deadline February 12th.**

****HACER Scholarship (Hispanic American Commitment to Education Resources)** - Seniors planning to continue their education, at least a 2.8 GPA and at least one parent must be of Hispanic/Latino heritage. Must also complete your FAFSA. Apply at: https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer.html deadline is February 13th.

****Women's University Club Foundation (WUC)** - Four young women of character, scholarship and community service (performed independent of their school requirements). Must be planning to attend college or university in the fall. Application available in the counseling center and once completed, emailed by **deadline of February 14th.**

Oregon State Univ. Scholar Dollars: Must be accepted to OSU prior to applying. **Deadline is February 15th.** <u>https://scholarships.oregonstate.edu/scholardollars</u>

Hispanic Scholarship Fund - Seniors of Hispanic heritage, with U.S. citizenship, permanent legal resident or DACA status, minimum 3.0 GPA and plans to enroll in a 4-year university. Apply online: <u>https://www.hsf.net/scholarship</u> **Deadline is February 15th.**

DECA Scholarships - For current DECA member students. Apply online at: https://www.deca.org/high-school-programs/scholarships/ deadline is January 12, 2024.



Scholarships

****American Association of University Women (AAUW)** - Female, high school seniors or female college students planning to attend approved college, university, technical or trade school. Application in counseling center. Your paper copy must be emailed **or** mailed to address on application by the **deadline of February 15th.**

****Association of Computer Professionals in Education (ACPE)** - Seniors in WA & OR who have been actively involved in the use of technology and are planning to pursue studies in a technology field. Online application at: <u>www.acpenw.org/scholarships</u> **Deadline to submit is February 16th at 5:00 p.m.**

****Gordon A. Rich Memorial Scholarship-** Seniors with demonstrated financial need whose parents/guardians have or had a career in the financial services industry. Must have a GPA or at least 3.5. Online application at: http://www.gordonrich.org/html/index.html with **deadline of February 20th.**

****Robert Morris Masonic Lodge #97 Outstanding Student** - For seniors planning to enroll in a post high school educational program. Award based on scholastic achievement, community service, citizensinship, and financial need. Application in counseling center and must be mailed to address on application by **deadline of February 28th.**

****Washington State Nursery & Landscape Association (WSNLA)** - For seniors planning on attending a Northwest Accredited institution and pursuing a major in the Horticultural Industry. Apply online at <u>www.wsnla.org/charitablefund</u> **Deadline is February 28th.**

****Washington State Opportunities Scholarship** – For students entering college in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), health care or teaching field.. Must have at least a 2.75 GPA. Helps low - middle income WA residents attending school in state. Check online for a list of approved major, income guidelines, and included colleges. Application online at https://waopportunityscholarship.org/applicants/baccalaureate/ Application opens January 10th with a deadline on February 29th.

The W.F. and Blanch West Educational Fund & The John Freeman Coffman Scholarship - Must have a GPA of 2.5 orhigher. One application for both scholarships must be filled out online, completed and submitted by3:00 p.m. on February 28th.Follow this Path: Chehalisschools.org/wfw > Academics

- > Counseling Services
- > WFW School Counseling
- > West/Coffman Scholarship info links
- > W.F. West/Coffman Scholarship NEW Application Form
- 1. You only need to fill out one application for both scholarships.
- 2. Once you begin, if you are not able to complete the entire application, you must still "submit" what you have completed in order to have it saved. You will then receive an email to the address you've provided. The email will contain a link for you to use to edit your application. You can make changes to your application at any time prior to **3:00 p.m. on February 28th**. Once you certify that your application is complete by clicking yes, and hit the submit button one last time, you will no longer be able to make changes.
- 3. Your application is NOT complete until you also provide a copy of your resume we will provide a transcript.
- 4. Scholarship applications must be completed online by **3:00 p.m. on February 28th.**

****** NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ******

****Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation -** Two scholarships for children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen pursuing post secondary education or training.

Undergraduate/Associate Scholarship - apply at https://www.mcsf.org/scholarship/ Deadline is March 1st.

Career & Technical Education Scholarship - apply online at <u>https://www.mcsf.org/cte/</u>. This application is open all year long and completed **applications are processed monthly**.

Central WA University Scholarship - Application online at <u>https://www.cwu.edu/scholarships/scholarship-central</u> deadline is March 1st.



Scholarships

American Indian Endowed Scholarships - Have close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe in Washington, intend to use your education to benefit their community and have demonstrated financial need. Apply online at https://wsac.wa.gov/american-indian-endowed-scholarship. Opens in December with a deadline of **March 1st**.

WA State School Retirees' Assoc. - Seniors with at least a 3.0 GPA who plan to have a career in the "field of education". Areas of study can be teacher, counselor, speech therapist, occupational therapist or psychologist. Apply online at: https://wssra.org/index.php/foundation/scholarships Must be completed online, printed and **postmarked by March 1st.**

WA State School Retirees' Assoc.- Gene Forrester - Seniors who plan to major in AG Education at WSU apply online at https://wssra.org/index.php/foundation/scholarships Must be completed online, printed and **postmarked by March 1st**.

Cancer Unwrapped - High School Writing Contest and Scholarship. Open to students in grades 9-12 in WA State. Essay about experience with cancer and how it has affected your life. Application at: https://cancerpathways.org/programs/cancer-unwrapped/ and **deadline is March 1st.**

Ewing C. Kelly Scholarship - Seniors planning to attend 2/4 year institution or vocational training. Some additional requirements depending on the college path being pursued. Based on academic merit, extracurricular activities and financial need. Applicants will be judged on their academic merit, extracurricular achievements--both scholastically and in their community--and financial need. Two ways to apply: **Deadline is March 8th.** See below for two options to complete the application, **but both must be mailed.**

Link to the 2023 Manual Form (to print, then handwrite answers, and mail-in): http://kellyfoundationwashington.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Official-Ewing-C-Kelly-Scholarship-Application-10 -02-2023.pdf

Link to the 2023 Fillable Form (can type directly in the document, then print, and mail-in): <u>http://kellyfoundationwashington.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Official-Ewing-C-Kelly-Scholarship-Application-10</u> <u>-02-2023-form.pdf</u>

Smart Choices Scholarship - Seniors from WIAA member high schools for excellence in athletics/activities, academics, leadership and community service. Apply online at <u>www.wiaa.com/smartchoices</u> **Deadline is March 15th.**

****American Legion Legacy Scholarship** - For children of deceased of disabled veterans with financial need. Additional requirements can be found on website: <u>https://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy</u> **Deadline is March 27th.**

*Hearthstone Housing Foundation - Students from low-income families with 3.0 GPA planning on continuing the education or training. Apply online at <u>www.hearthstonehousing.org/scholarship</u>. **Deadline is March 31st.**

****Twin Star Community Foundation** - Seniors who are members in good standing with TwinStar Credit Union and planning on continuing their education. **Deadline is March 31st.** Applications available to download online at: https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/TwinStarCommunityFoundationHighSchoolScholarship

****Masonic Legacy and Masonic Youth Order** - For seniors pursuing higher education who have family connection to WA Masonic Lodge . Other requirements can be found with application at: <u>https://www.wa-masoniccharities.org/on-the-level-student-success/scholarships/</u> Deadline is March 31st.

Scholarship America - Listings for **many** scholarships administered by Scholarship America. Various requirements and deadlines. <u>https://scholarshipamerica.org/students/browse-scholarship/</u>

StudentScholarships.org - <u>This website posts many scholarships with a variety of options for students.</u> Check out their website at: <u>https://studentscholarships.org/</u>

Incredible Health Nursing Scholarships and Grants resource guide - This link contains numerous links to scholarships and nursing career resources. <u>https://www.incrediblehealth.com/blog/nursing-scholarships-and-grants/</u>

Scholarship Junkies.org - This website posts many scholarships with a variety of option and deadlines: <u>https://www.scholarshipjunkies.org/scholarship-search</u>



Bearcat Athletics

January Sports Schedule

*HOME GAMES IN BOLD AND ALL CAPS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

JV - 5:30 / Varsity - 7:00				
1/3	ABERDEEN			
1/5	@ Centralia			
1/6	CAPITAL			
1/9	TUMWATER			
1/11	@ Rochester			
1/13	@ Kings HS			
1/17	SHELTON			
1/23	BLACK HILLS			
1/25	@ Tumwater			
1/31	CENTRALIA			

BOYS BASKETBALL

JV & C-team - 5:30 / Varsity - 7:00

- 1/2 @ Aberdeen
- 1/4 CENTRALIA
- 1/10 @ Tumwater
- 1/12 ROCHESTER
- 1/13 WHITE RIVER
- 1/15 @ Lower Columbia College (no C-team)
- 1/16 @ Shelton (C-team @ Oakland Bay)
- 1/24 @ Black Hills
- 1/26 TUMWATER
- 1/30 @ Centralia

GIRLS BOWLING

- @ Rochester (Fairway Lanes) 1/9
- 1/11 @ Shelton
- 1/16 ABERDEEN

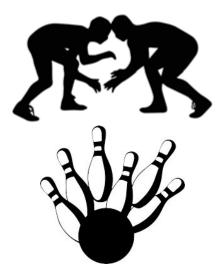


BOYS WRESTLING

- 1/5 @ McMinnville
- 1/6 @ McMinnville
- 1/10 TUMWATER
- 1/13 @ Curtis HS
- 1/17 @ Centralia
- WFW INVITATIONAL 1/20
- 1/24 **BLACK HILLS**
- 1/25 @ Aberdeen
- 1/27 @ Tumwater

GIRLS WRESTLING

- @ Kelso 1/5
- 1/5 @ Kelso
- TUMWATER 1/10
- @ Black Hills (Queen of the Hill) 1/13
- 1/20 @ Ft. Vancouver (Lady Trapper)
 - **BLACK HILLS**



Stay up to date with W.F. West sports schedules, scores and more on the Athletics website gowfwestbearcats.com and onTwitter @WFWest Bearcats.

If an event is postponed, cancelled or rescheduled, notification will be posted on these sites.



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Student Health

Sick Policy Reminders for Students and Families

If an Individual has one or more of the following symptoms they should isolate at home and test for COVID-19:

- Fever greater than 100.4 F or chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Cough (new, changed, or worsening)
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Sore throat

It is recommended that they be tested for COVID 19. They may return to school, once they are fever free and not vomiting for 24-hours, as well as have significantly improved symptoms. *Please contact the school nurse if your family is in need of COVID 19 Test Kits.*



Jour Costa Rica!

There are still a few spots left to join the group trip to Costa Rica in the Summer of 2025!

Sign up at <u>eftours.com/2724965DJ</u> for your chance at adventure!!

See Mrs. Poole for more information!

Title I Notification

Parents can request the following information regarding instructional staff who work with their children:

• Whether or not the child's teacher has met state certification for the grades and subjects she/he is teaching.

• Whether or not the teacher is working with an emergency or conditional certificate where state certification criteria has been waived.

• The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held, including field of discipline of the certificate or degree.

• If the child receives instructional services from a paraeducator, the paraeducator's qualifications.

Chehalis School District Annual School's Report

Chehalis School District and the State of Washington believe that important information about local public schools should be provided to educators, parents, community members and the general public. The combined support of these various stakeholders ensures the success of all students. Information regarding current and past test scores, demographics, teacher qualifications, graduation and dropout rates for secondary students, and the status of school improvement can be obtained from the following website:

http://reportcards.ospi.k12.wa.us/.

Search for Chehalis School District and click on the school of choice.

Printed copies of the annual school's report or newsletter may be obtained from the Chehalis School District Office at 310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7200. You may also log on to the district website at <u>http://www.chehalisschools.org</u> and click on the appropriate link to view each document.

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Habla espanol? El distrito escolar de Chehalis ofrece servicios de traduccion al espanol a nuestros padres y familias. Por favor comuniquese con Emma Reynolds al 360-807-7225, o al correo electrónico a ereynolds@chehalisschools.org

Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity Statement

Chehalis School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Chehalis School District offers classes in many career and technical education (CTE) program areas, including Agriculture, Business and Marketing, Family and Consumer Sciences, Skilled and Technical Sciences, Health Sciences and STEM. Lack of English language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in career and technical education programs.

The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

El Distrito Escolar de Chehalis no discrimina en ningún programa o actividad por sexo, raza, credo, religión, color, origen nacional, edad, estado veterano o militar, orientación sexual, expresión o identidad de género, discapacidad o el uso de un Guía de perros entrenados o un animal de servicio y proporciona igual acceso a los Boy Scouts y otros grupos juveniles designados.

El Distrito Escolar de Chehalis ofrece clases en varias áreas con programas de educación vocacional y técnica (CTE), incluyendo Agricultura, Negocios y Mercadotecnia, Ciencias de la Familia y del Consumidor, Ciencias Técnicas y Calificadas, Ciencias de la Salud y STEM. La falta de dominio del idioma inglés no será una barrera para la admisión y participación en programas de educación profesional y técnica.

Los siguientes empleados han sido designados para manejar las preguntas y quejas de supuestas discriminaciones:

Title IX Coordinator Athletic Director, Jeff Johnson, 310 SW 16th Street Chehalis, WA 98532 360-807-7235 jjohnson2@chehalisschools.org

Section 504/ADA Coordinator

Director of Special Education, Katie Howell, 2025 SW Salsbury Ave Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7245 option 3 (360) 748-8767 Fax khowell@chehalisschools.org

Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator Debby Gregory, 310 SW 16th Street Chehalis, WA 98532 360-807-7200 dgregory@chehalisschools.org

Career and Technical Education Coordinator Christine Voelker, 310 SW 16th Street Chehalis, WA 98532360-807-7235 cvoelker@chehalisschools.org