

# Siuslaw Enrichment Opportunities

Enrichment activities and clubs provide opportunities for students to pursue learning in their own areas of interest. [HERE is a link to enrichment opportunities in the Florence area.](#) Check out the MANY enrichment opportunities our schools are currently providing.



## AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

### **NEW Siuslaw WeCC After School Program**

Beginning on December 4th, Siuslaw Elementary and Middle Schools will provide an after school program that offers students enrichment activities, academic support, and a meal after school. Registration for this program opened Friday, November 17th, and forms are available at the front offices, on Parent Square, and attached here. It is first come, first served and will fill up quickly. All registration forms should be turned into your front office. There is no cost for students to attend. The program is Monday-Thursday from 3:00-5:30 with options to enroll in some or all of the program. Amanda Sarles and Jadzia Berry are co-site coordinators and questions can be directed their way. [asarles@siuslaw.k12.or.us](mailto:asarles@siuslaw.k12.or.us) , [jsimpsonberry@siuslaw.k12.or.us](mailto:jsimpsonberry@siuslaw.k12.or.us)

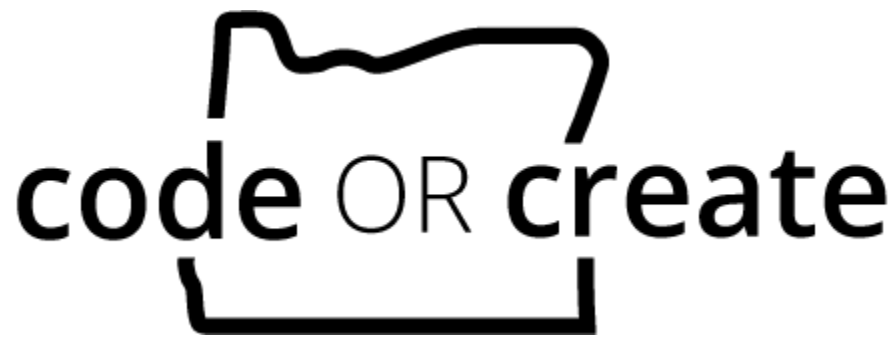
[SES WeCC Registration](#)

[SMS WeCC Registration](#)



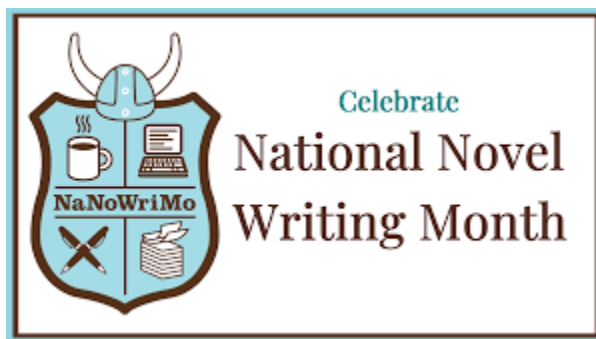
**Did you know SHS has an ESports Team?**

Esports is now backed by the Oregon School Activities Association. Our high school team has finished up the exhibition season and the official ranked season starts in the middle of January. They also have some other games like Overwatch available that are not part of the official OSAA season. Check out their website here: <https://siuslawesports.com/>. See Mr. Looney for more information.



### SHS plans for CodeORCreate Event

This year's High School CodeORCreate event will take place the weekend of December 8-10. CodeORCreate is a coding/game development 48-hour competition that Siuslaw has participated in for the past 3 years and placed 1st in at least one category each year. [Check out the codeORcreate website here.](#) There is another similar event called "Marketing Jam" in January that focuses on Marketing/Web Design. See Mr. Looney for more information.



### National Novel Writing Month

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)! Students have been participating with Mrs. Keppol at the elementary school. Check out the website [www.nanowrimo.org](http://www.nanowrimo.org). NaNoWriMo is also a young writers program for students with downloadable workbooks and lesson plans.



### **Let's play chess**

We currently have chess clubs at the elementary and high schools! Elementary students can join Ms. Patterson in the library during lunch recess, no experience required. Just see your teacher for the grade level schedule. High School students meet in Mr. Wartnik's classroom at lunch.



### **Art Clubs at SES, SMS, and SHS**

The elementary art club is for 3rd-5th graders and they meet before school every day with Mrs. Keppol from 7:45-8:25. Parents can email her at [kkeppol@siuslaw.k12.or.us](mailto:kkeppol@siuslaw.k12.or.us) to sign up.

The Middle School Art Club meets every Thursday from 3:30-5:00 with Mrs. Ory. Students have open studio time to explore the world of art and their interests. The club is open to all students, even if they aren't taking art class. For more information, contact Mrs. Ory at [cory@siuslaw.k12.or.us](mailto:cory@siuslaw.k12.or.us)

The High School Business of Art Club meets on Mondays from 3:30-6:30. They work on projects for their portfolios and discuss running an art business. Contact Mrs. Keppol at [kkeppol@siuslaw.k12.or.us](mailto:kkeppol@siuslaw.k12.or.us) for more information.



### **Join the Spanish Club at SMS or SHS**

The Middle School and High School Spanish Clubs are led by Senora Peddycord, and Senora Hernandez. The two clubs recently took a trip together to Eugene for the 2nd Annual Day of the Dead Celebration, enjoying live performances with music and dance at UO's Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art.



### **Let the Reading Battles Begin**

All three schools have teams participating in the Oregon Battle of the Books. This is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries. Students are in teams and read 16 books. They go to "battle" with other teams to answer comprehension questions. Last year our High School team took 6th place at State! Our OBOB coaches are: Kelly Joslin, Melanie Goedel, Hilary Roach, Kelly Dotson, Greg Jorgensen, and Kassy Keppol.



### **Get involved with the Kiwanis Builders Club**

The SMS Builder's Club meets every Thursday from 11:45-12:05 in Mr. Kemp's classroom. This club is led by Kiwanis members Elizabeth Thompson and Robin Bowers. Some of their projects this year have been: volunteering at the Oregon Coast Humane Society, planning and participating in a beach clean up, and handing out kindness cards to students in the hallway. They are always welcoming new members.



### **SHS Key Club serves our Florence Community**

Key Club members around the world are learning how to lead and stand for what's right through service and volunteerism. In partnership with their local Kiwanis Club, high school students are making a positive impact as they serve others in their schools and communities. Key Club meets monthly on Tuesdays with Mrs. Holden.



### **SES Provides Band and Choir**

Students in grades 4-5 can participate in after school band and choir. They each meet once a week with music teacher, Mrs. Sarles. She can be contacted at [asarles@siuslaw.k12.or.us](mailto:asarles@siuslaw.k12.or.us) for more information.



### **National Noetic Math Contest**

The NLMC is one of the largest math contests in the United States for elementary and middle school students. Every year, more than 30,000 students across the country participate in the contest to compete against each other. We had 108 students in grades 3-8 participate in our Fall contest, and we will also participate in the Spring contest in April.



### SHS Tabletop Games

D-20 is an after school club that provides a space for high school students to play various "tabletop" games as well as engage with others who share a passion for imagination, strategy, and friendly competition. D20 is every Wednesday from 3:30-5 pm in the SHS Library. Students have been playing games such as Dungeons & Dragons, Magic: the Gathering, and Settlers of Catan. Staff volunteers are Melanie Goeddel, Andreus Dunn, and Charlie Melville. Students who are interested can also go to [tinyurl.com/D20SHS](https://tinyurl.com/D20SHS) to fill out an application to join!



### Family Bilingual Literacy Nights

Join the Family Bilingual Nights to learn English, work on writing and communication skills, and network with other families. Meetings are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:45-6:30, and a meal will be provided. Email [kkeppol@siuslaw.k12.or.us](mailto:kkeppol@siuslaw.k12.or.us) for more information.





### **Siuslaw Library Happenings**

Check out these online resources from our library and media services. Ms. McKenzie will take you on [Virtual Field Trips](#), and you can check out the monthly programming here: <https://www.siuslaw.k12.or.us/page/library-media-services>



### **Circle of Friends** The Path to Inclusion

#### **Circle of Friends at SHS**

Circle of Friends is a school inclusion program, promoting socialization, friendships, acceptance, and fun, with a focus on inclusion of students with special needs who may experience social isolation due to various challenges. Any student attending Siuslaw High School is welcome to apply. They meet the 3rd Monday of each month in Room #4 for our lunch get together, and various planned activities. Jaculin Johnson is the advisor.



### **GSA at Siuslaw High School**

The GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance, formerly Gay Straight Alliance) Club at SHS is a student-led organization that provides a supportive and inclusive space for individuals of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The club aims to promote understanding, acceptance, and advocacy for LGBTQ+ individuals within the school



community. The GSA works to foster a safe-space for all individuals, raise funds for important causes, educate others, and provide fun community building activities. This club meets Mondays at lunch and Melanie Goeddel is the advisor.



#### **4-H Coming Soon - Volunteers needed**

Are you interested in volunteering with the OSU Extension of 4-H right here in Florence? Just contact Luna Del Isle at [luna.delisle@oregonstate.edu](mailto:luna.delisle@oregonstate.edu). She is ready to start some local clubs, and just needs volunteers to get started.



#### **Join the SMS Interact Jr. Club**

This club is led by Rotarians, Stephanie Restrepo and Bob Teter. They meet before school from 7:45-8:15 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. They plan activities to give back to the community, be part of a bigger cause, and gain leadership skills. This is a great way to meet new friends. The club is open to any students that would like to join.



### **SHS Interact Club develops leadership skills**

Interact Clubs bring together young people ages 12 to 18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of service above self. Interact clubs organize at least two projects every year. One that helps their school or community, and one that promotes international understanding. Bob Teter and Lori Gates are the advisors.