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VOICE NEWSLETTER

February 22, 2017



OES honored their senior basketball players on Senior Night. Congratulations to the Seniors and their families! (Photo credit: TJ, AM, GW--student intern photographers.)

NEWS FROM CORBET CLARK, INTERIM HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL



I write this as we are having classes on a "makeup" day for our losses to winter weather. This is the first of five days in Upper School that were originally scheduled to be days off or students that are now school days. The next three are in April: a reminder that we return to regular classes on Monday, April 3rd (instead of the 4th) and that we will have regular class days on April 14th and 17th. (We gain back the final day by having Upper School meet on Friday, June 16th. You will get an updated schedule for the final week of school soon.)

Another reminder about the calendar: Winterim in Upper School runs from Thursday, March 16th through Thursday

March 23rd. Completion of Winterim courses is required for graduation credit, and any absences from Winterim may require students to do makeup work in order to get credit. If that occurs, students are responsible for making arrangements with their Winterim instructors.

Underclassmen are beginning the pre-registration process for elective courses in various departments, which helps us determine the exact lineup of courses and sections for next year. The actual forecasting process for course signup for next year will begin after we get back from break. Encourage your students to give careful thought to elective choices for next year.

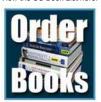
I want to appreciate and thank the students, faculty, and staff who planned and participated in this year's Midwinter Madness activities. These events bring fun and good cheer to a dark and dreary month in Oregon. The project we're assisting this year, working with Portland activists to help build a pre-school in Liberia, is truly inspiring and opens the possibility to an ongoing relationship with this organization.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

February 23	Science Fair Expo Exhibits Open to the Public, 8:00 am - 5pm, SPARC
February 24	Service Day for students not participating in Science Fair, 9:55 am -
	12:40 pm
	Science Fair Open House (Students Present Boards), 6:30-8:30 pm,
	SPARC
	Science Fair Awards Ceremony, 7:30-8:30 pm, SPARC
Ephruary 27	12th Grade PAL Meeting, 8:00 am, DVR
	All School Instrumental Concert, 6:30 pm, Gym
March 1-4	Winter Show, 7:00 pm, Great Hall
March 6	All School Choir Concert, 6:30 pm, Chapel

Important Information

- Who to Contact and Parent Communication
- Attendance email /phone -503/768-3169
- School Closure Info
- US faculty Google site links
- ► <u>Backyard Exchange</u> Spend a weekend in the dorms
- **▶** PCL Minutes
- After School Classes
- What's for lunch?
 Cafe Bon Appetit View the
 Weekly Menu
 Check out Bon Appetit on
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- View the US Book List here:



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March 8	Parent Community Link, 8:00 am, DVR
March 11	OES Auction, 5:00 pm, Montgomery Park
March 16- 23	Winterim
March 20	9th Grade College Parent Night, 7:00 pm, Great Hall
March 24	No US Classes
March 27- 31	Spring Break

SCHOOL NOTES

Honeywell Instant Alert

It is important to be ready for what nature throws our way. OES contracts with an emergency announcement calling service that will notify families of school delays and closures and other emergencies. In order to receive these announcements, you must register with Honeywell Instant Alert. <u>Learn more</u>.

Attendance REMINDER

Please remember to call or email in advance if your child is going to miss school or be late for any reason. Doing so will help us keep your child safe. Email <u>USAttend</u> or call US Attendance Coordinator, Kim Groh, at (503) 768-3169.

John Holloran Athletic Event Galleries

For more photos by John Holloran (Director of Studies/Upper School History Teacher), please visit his <u>SmugMug account</u>. Often we feature his photos in the *VOICE* and this is a great way for you to see them all!

OES Food & Allergy Policy

I invite you to read through our policy: <u>OES Food and Allergy Policy</u>. Please contact OES Nurse, Elaine Elliott, with any questions or concerns (<u>elliotte@oes.edu</u>).

(NEW) UPCOMING CONCERTS

All-School Instrumental Concert - Monday, Feb. 27 in the Gym - 6:30 pm Come hear our fabulous US Instrumental Ensemble as well as other fine musicians!

All-School Choral Concert - Monday, Mar. 7 in the chapel - 6:30 pm Come hear the amazing US Concert Choir as well as A Cappella and more!

(NEW) ANIMAL FARM

OES Visual and Performing Art Department Presents: **Animal Farm**A musical
By George Orwell
Adapted by Peter Hall

Music and Lyrics by: Adrian Mitchell and Richard Peaslee March 1st - 4th Great Hall Theatre Curtain rises at 7:00 pm

Adapted from George Orwell's political fable by the same title, *Animal Farm*, tells the tale of a group of animals who rebel against their human caretaker and overtake their yard with the intention of establishing equality, freedom,

and happiness for all. Inevitably, however, the new rule becomes a cruel tyranny of its own led by the pigs.



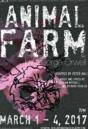
Directed by: David Gomes Instrumental Music Director: Nancy Teskey Vocal Music Director: Jeri Haskins

(NEW) WINTERIM 2017

Winterim 2017 begins on March 16! If your child is participating in a trip for Winterim this year you should already have heard from the trip leaders with details. If your child is participating in a local course, please ask them to tell you what they learned about their upcoming Winterim experience during their first group meeting on February 10.

Winterim is a fun, educational, community-building time for all upper school students. It's a chance for all of us to immerse ourselves in one area of study, and to work with a new group of people in a unique way. Having a large chunk of time also enables us to have some flexibility in our schedule in order to take advantage of opportunities in the community that don't fit within the school day. Please ask your child if there will be any days when their Winterim class will begin early or return to campus later than 3:00. Full participation in Winterim each year is a graduation requirement. If your child gets sick during Winterim, please let us know of their absence just as you would any other time during the school year.

If you have questions prior to Winterim, please contact **Christina Meyerhoff**.



FORMS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Online Health & Permission Forms due May 1

Paper forms (as applicable) to be completed and returned to OES by August 1: Physical Forms (required for students who will be in Grades K, 7, 9, and 11 in the 2017-2018 school year)

- Physical Form (Grades PK 6)
- Physical Form (Grades 7 12)

Allergy Information Form and Action Plan – update annually
Asthma Action Plan – update annually
Driving Permission Form (Boarding students – update annually)
Overnight Permission Form (Boarding students – update annually)

(UPDATED) OES AARDVARK SCIENCE EXPO

Parents, family, and friends of the OES community are invited to visit the OES **Aardvark Science Expo** where Upper School research projects/exhibits will be on display.

On Thursday, February 23rd, from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, the exhibit hall in SPARC Gymnasium is open to the public. This is an excellent time for members of the entire OES community to spend time perusing the wide array of 200+ incredible projects and reading exhibit boards. Student exhibitors will not be with their projects for interviews.

On Friday, February 24th, after judging, there is an open house from 6:30 – 7:30 pm, followed by the awards ceremony from 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Buses will run between SPARC and the lower lot by the athletic fields from 6:20–9:00 pm. Parking at SPARC by permit only; if you would like a parking permit for SPARC, inquire at the Upper School office.

There is a Required Service Day from 9:55 am - 12:40 pm on Friday for all students not participating in the Science Expo.

Would you like to help as a **judge** or volunteer? If you have science degree, work experience, or extensive knowledge in any of the scientific disciplines and your children are <u>not attending upper school yet</u>, please consider volunteering as a science fair judge. If you cannot judge, please consider asking your friends or colleagues to volunteer for our event. Breakfast and lunch provided. Visit the <u>Volunteer Opportunities page</u>.

For a more comprehensive schedule visit Complete schedule link.

FOESL & GOBS

Friends of OES Libraries (FOESL) is starting to coordinate this year's Great OES Book Swap (GOBS), planned for the week of April 24th.

As we move from hosting GOBS every other year to every year, this is a great time to get involved.

If you were inspired to clear out your bookshelves over winter break or as part of a New Year's resolution, please save your books to share at GOBS! We will look forward to collecting gently used children's, young adult, and adult books (no textbooks, please) to share and exchange within our community this spring, with any remaining books being donated to local libraries or charities. We're likely to be able to start accepting donations the week of April 17th.

Please also consider joining us at a future meeting of FOESL to help plan campus events that celebrate our community's love of books and reading, including author visits, literary festivals, and the now-annual GOBS event.

Friendly people. Fun events. Small time commitment!

Upcoming meetings on Tuesday mornings 8:05 - 9:30 am in the DVR:

February 28th April 18th May 23rd

Changes posted to FOESL website if any occur.

http://www.oes.edu/page.cfm?p=948

Qs?: Rebecca Thompson, rebecca.n.thompson@gmail.com

(NEW) THE OES EIGHTIES AUCTION NEWS



It's Like Totally Aardy to get jamming early for this 80s Auction! Fer sure!! Reserve your spot and get Amped!

You don't need to be at the head of the class to get a seat at this year's auction. And it's easy to <u>register online</u>. Or drop your RSVP by the Auction Office. Consider these seating options: Homeroom tickets cover dinner go for \$125 each; Varsity seats include Homeroom dinner plus Post Prom festivities for \$175 each; or slide right up to the Student Council Table when your group of 10 teams up for Varsity Tickets all around. Parking is complimentary for all attendees.

NOTE: If you want to be part of the fun, but can't get to the auction, then break the rules. Just click on this link to sign yourself up for an **absentee bid**:

Start your bidding early when you check out the class projects!

You'll be down to bid early and often when you see this year's class art projects. These big time works of art will be on display during Lower School Conferences on Thursday and Friday, March 2nd and 3rd. If you know how to write your name, then you can bid.

Catalogs will be out in early March ~ and this ain't from the library

EVERY family gets an Auction Catalog this year. You can cool out once you see why you'll be down for bidding on a lot of items this year.

Get your Golden Ticket

Don't get burned and miss the opportunity of the decade to win your favorite Live Package for just \$100. That's right! You can purchase your Golden raffle ticket(s) right here. Only 250 tickets will be sold, so don't get caught in the cold. Look through your catalog for descriptions of each package. Tickets will be sold through the night of the auction as long as supplies last. You need not be present to win.

Here's a few of our Happen'in Prizes from this year's prize auction stock! For the music lover, choose from two amazing packages:

- ~ Get set to bid, live on a **Fender Squire Stratocaster** guitar **AUTOGRAPHED** by **ALL FOUR MEMBERS OF KISS**: Gene Simmons, Tommy Thayer, Paul Stanley and Eric Singer.
- ~ Or in the Super Silent Auction, find a **Fender American Stratocaster** guitar combined with **a guitar lesson** from OES alumnus Peter Holmstrom ('87). Peter is the guitar player in the Dandy Warhols, a well-known Portland rock band.

Are you looking for a unique vacation opportunity?

~ In the LIVE Auction, an amazing **four night stay** at America's true **Grand Hotel, on Mackinac Island, Michigan**. The winner of this package will stay in one of the hotels' fantabulous two bedroom suites on a mutually agreeable date between May 3 and October 29, 2017. These suites are spacious and include two bedrooms and a parlor, providing ample space for a party of eight.

It's Just Another brick in the wall

Or is it? Wine aficionados, we need you! The Auction's Wall of Wine still needs a few more bottles! Bring your bottle or bottles valued at \$25 or more to the Development Office or simply contact The Wine Cellar. Erin Palmer, owner of The Wine Cellar has graciously offered to partner with OES to help us finish filling our wall and you can shop remotely. Plus, 10% of the total sales made for the auction will be donated to OES as a cash contribution. That's good math!

Here's the 911 on how to get that wine: The Wine Cellar is located at 525 NW Saltzman Rd., Portland, OR 97229. They are closed Sundays and Mondays. Or you can call 503.643.5655 or at wine@portlandwinecellar.com.

When you call, just give Erin the dollar amount you wish to spend (\$25+) and she will pick out a nice bottle for you... or offer some direction of what you would like her to select. She can take your credit card over the phone. Or just email her with your request

LIKE, TOTALLY AARDY - THE OES EIGHTIES AUCTION

Dear Junior Parents,

We are still in need of items for the 11th grade basket for the Auction!!

Our 11th Grade class basket theme is "Spring Break Portland". Please help build this basket with gift certificates and donations. There is a list below with ideas that will be listed on the volunteer website https://signup.com/go/h6mEvE. I am happy to add additional items if you have something you would like to donate that is not listed. If you want to share/split the donation with another family feel free to do so. You can drop items off in the box marked "US Auction Basket Donations" located in the US lobby or you can call me and drop it by my house when you are driving to and from OES. Please note you or your child's name and the value of the donation on the item and/or attach the donor form here is the link.

Thank you very much for helping with this. Let's make Hilary proud!

Thanks.

Leslie Aaron 503.341.7080 Ideas for Items:

Activities - iFLY, Skyhigh, Ynot Laser tag, Glowing Greens Miniature Golf, Mental Trap Escape Room Game, Movie passes, SuperPlay, Timberline/Mount Hood Meadows lift tickets, OMSI, Portland by Segway, Portland Kayak Company, Blazers, Winterhawks, Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Local theater productions, Bag&Bagagage

<u>Food</u> - Slappy Cakes Restaurant, Benihana Beaverton, Voodoo Doughnuts, Salt and Straw

<u>Lodging</u> - One or Two night stay at Lodge/hotel/condo or personal home/cabin — Mount Hood and Oregon Coast.

<u>Shopping</u> - Columbia Employee Store Passes, Nike Employee Store Passes, Adidas Employee Store Passes, REI Gift Card

SERVICE LEARNING UPDATES

There are always lots of new and ongoing Service Learning opportunities, ON and OFF campus, posted on the SL website; check it out.

Service Learning records have been updated as of January 26, and appear in Semester 1 Comments. If you have questions about the records, please contact SL Coordinator Robin Schauffler.

REQUIREMENTS by grade:

- 12th grade: Seniors should have at least one Project completed, and another proposed. We now have 18 seniors who have completed TWO!!
- 11th grade: Work on Projects & Reflections, and turn in OVERDUE OFF campus hours. JUNIORS MUST COMMUNICATE WITH ROBIN ABOUT PLANS FOR COMPLETING THIS REQUIREMENT before any Project will be approved.
- ▶ 10th grade: Turn in the 20 OFF campus hours ASAP--they are now OVERDUE
- ▶ 9th grade: Keep using your power for good, and turning in those forms!
- ALL: PLEASE check your own record and be sure you know where you stand; records have been updated SINCE the Semester 1 Comment Report: <u>SL</u>

REPORT SPREADSHEETS

10TH GRADE PARENTS GATHERING

Bissells are kindly opening up their house again for our grade's parents gathering Please sign up for the potluck below:

http://www.PerfectPotluck.com/meals.php?t=BSIM9078

- Date: Saturday, February 25th
- Fime: 5 8 pm
- Place: Kim & Dan Bissell's house (Their address is on the website above.)
- Questions: Rico McIver (<u>ricomciver@me.com</u>)

CLASS OF 2017 GRAD PARTY

Attention all Junior Parents - the Grad Party volunteer "Sign Up" link is open!

Every year, the current 11 grade parents host an all-night party for the graduating seniors. This event provides the graduates with a fun, safe and memorable night to close out their OES experience.

This is an OES tradition, and 11 grade parents will receive the same benefit next year when our kids graduate. As you can imagine, it will take a lot of volunteers to help run the event and we'd love to have 100% participation from our 71 local 11th grade families.

The date is June 16th 2017 (Friday) to early morning of June 17th 2017 (Saturday). The graduation party will be held at a location conveniently located close to OES. Volunteers will be told the location as we get closer to the date - please help us keep the secret!

The sign up link is available now on the OES website (OES/Parents/Volunteers/US) and <u>HERE</u>. There are three shifts to cover the night.

Please take a minute to sign up for a shift or two, and use the upcoming conference dates to do your DHS check. OES requires that all volunteers must have a DHS background check. If you need one, the application process only takes 5 minutes but you must be present at upper school administration office with your photo ID. However, the approval process actually takes 4 to 6 weeks - so we ask you to get this started as soon as possible. The US office is generally open between 8:00-4:00 and will be accepting applications during conferences. If you need to schedule something outside of these hours, or have any volunteer questions. please contact Julie Solomon or Jessica McVay.

Don't forget to recruit your friends and your spouse to signup, too! We need everyone's support to make this night a success!

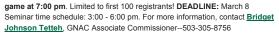
WOMEN IN SPORTS CAREER SEMINAR

For college and high school females. Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the Portland Memorial Coliseum (Georgia Pacific Room). Presented by the Great Northwest Athletics Conference (NCAA Division II) in association with the Portland Trail Blazers.

Anticipated panelist categories

- Athletic Director/Assistant AD
- Front Office (Conference/Pro)
- Sports Commission
- Coaching
- Media/Media Relations
- Business/Marketing
- Sports Medicine
- NCAA Compliance
- Event Management

<u>Click here to register.</u> Cost: Starts at \$36 per person and includes a ticket to the **Blazers-Jazz**





Ron Silver, historian extraordinaire and famed Winterim guide, is leading a summer trip to Boston and Philadelphia. Please e-mail <u>Kati Stenstrom</u> to sign-up.

Dates: June 20-28, 2017

Cost: \$1300-\$1500 per person based on double occupancy. Cost includes meals but does not include airfare.

Participants: Open to parents with students (entering 9th grade or older) and to students entering 10th grade or above without parents. 12 participants only.

Course instructors: Ron Silver, Colleen Shoemaker

Description: This trip is a chance to explore the events and factors that changed 13 independent colonies into the United States of America. We'll use Boston and Philadelphia as the base to experience how we went from content subjects of a far away King to revolutionaries wanting our own government. In the Boston area we'll spend two days walking the Freedom Trail, reliving the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party, the start of Paul Revere's ride (with William Dawes as well) and look at Colonial life. We'll wrestle with the conflicts of John and Sam Adams, James Otis and John Hancock, all wanting revolution, and Governor Hutchinson and General Gage, good men, who wanted order and the status quo. We'll spend one day at Lexington Green where "the shot heard round the world" was fired and then on to Concord to the "rude bridge that arched the April flood", as the Regulars first realized the rabble would shoot back, and not back down. After that we'll travel via high speed Acela train to Philadelphia, where both the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were authored. We'll go to Carpenter's Hall, where the First Continental Congress met, Independence Hall where our government was created, as well as other buildings that served as the nation's capital before the establishment of Washington, D.C. We'll also spend a day at Valley Forge to fully appreciate the experience and sacrifice of the Revolutionary War soldier.

Travel: In an effort to accommodate family summer travel plans, the trip group will meet in Boston on the evening of June 20. Students traveling without a parent will be welcome to travel one or both directions with trip leader Ron Silver, flying into Boston and out of Philadelphia.

SCHOOL STORE

Cycling Jerseys will soon be available in the School Store! Be sure to contact Madeleine if you're interested! Store hours are 2-4 pm each school day, and by appointment. The Store is located in the Morris House, below Admissions.

Shop the online OES School Store

Contact Information: Store Manager Madeleine Menashe (503) 768-3170

YEARBOOK INFO

Click on the following link to access the yearbook site <u>US Yearbook 2016-17</u>. Here, you will find helpful information for all students (and parents) to access.

If you have any questions, contact **Sue Jensen.**

Senior deadlines:

- 1. BABY PICTURES: March 3, 2017
- 2. PARENT ADS: March 10, 2017



(UPDATED) COLLEGE COUNSELING

AP Exams

It is time to register for AP Exams, which take place from May 1-12 during the school day at OES. Those of you planning on registering need to print out and complete the registration form and give it to Kim or Paula in the college counseling office (in the library) by Wednesday.March 15. Students in AP courses will also be reminded about registration by your teacher. Extra forms are available on the bulletin board outside the College Counseling office.

Due to Mt. Hood Climb Service Day on May 10, we will be offering the late testing date (5/17) for the English Language and Composition Exam.

We generally don't give AP Exams that are not listed on the registration form, due to limited space and proctors.

Please use one form to register for any and all exams that you intend to take.

Read the instructions carefully and make sure that you indicate any and all AP exams that you intend to take. You will need a parent signature (Deri, Brad, or Peter if you live in the dorms). If you are taking more than three exams or exams for which you are not in an AP course, you will need permission from the appropriate people (see instructions on AP form).

If you are in doubt as to whether or not you should take an AP exam, please talk with the appropriate teacher and Paula Sutton (college counselor).

If you are in doubt about taking an exam, it is better to sign up now and cancel in early April (full refund) or cancel closer to the exam (you will be refunded all but \$15 of the \$93 fee).

9th Grade Parent Night—College Admissions and Finding Balance in a College Prep School

Monday, March 20 @ 7:00-8:30 pm in the Great Hall

Please join us for an evening presentation regarding what parents of freshmen need to know about college admissions. As your child makes choices about academics and extracurricular activities, we want you to be well informed about how this all works in relation to college. We find that a college night early in high school helps alleviate stress, gets accurate and well-timed information into your hands, and puts you in an even better position to support your child.

College Board Accommodations

Since the College Board announced plans to streamline its process for students seeking accommodations starting January, 2017, parents and educators have awaited details about how these changes might facilitate access for more students. Press releases indicated students with school-based accommodations would be eligible for accommodations on these high-stakes tests. The College Board page for students with disabilities now describes what applicants can anticipate once the new system is in place. According to that page the College Board will continue to require documentation of disability and a formal learning plan, and is developing a new system for applicants from private and independent schools by March 2017. OES students with learning plans and those who actively use their in-school accommodations are likely to benefit from the College Board's shift towards accommodating a greater range of disabilities but the changes do not appear to include our international students or those with informal accommodations. If you have questions about in-school, College Board or ACT accommodations please visit Colleen Shoemaker's OES page or contact me at shoemakerc@oes.edu.

SAT/ACT Tests

Please note the following test dates and registration deadlines. Enter the school code when you register (380915) and if you are taking the ACT, it is important to include the optional writing test. There is a late registration deadline for each test date that requires an additional fee. See the testing websites for additional information.

SAT/ACT Dates and (Registration Deadline):

SAT testing

- March 11 (2/10, late 2/28)
- May 6 (4/7, late 4/25)
- ▶ June 3 (5/9, late 5/16)

ACT testing

- ► April 8 (3/3, late 3/17)
- June 10 (5/5, late 5/19)

CLASS NOTES

- 9th Grade PAL Next meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 8:00 am, DVR. Questions? Contact <u>Clare Rathbone</u>.
 - Upcoming meetings: 5/1.
- 10th Grade PAL Next meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 9:00 am, Platt. Questions? Contact <u>Rico McIver</u>.

- ▶ Upcoming meetings: 5/8
- 11th Grade PAL Next meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 8:00 am, Platt. Questions? Contact <u>Jennifer Hapke</u>.
 - ▶ Upcoming meetings: 5/15 (DVR).
- 12th Grade PAL Next meeting: February 27, 8:00am, DVR. Questions? Contact Holly Hady.
 - ▶ Upcoming meetings: 4/24, 5/22
- Monthly US PAL notes are now accessible by doing the following:
 - www.oes.edu
 - ► Click on "Parent Home Page" at the bottom
 - Scroll down and click on "Get Connected"
 - Click on "PCL & PAL Minutes"
- PAL meeting Calendar (all grades)

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