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## VOICE NEWSLETTER

January 11, 2017



Five alumni came back to visit with juniors and seniors to share some college advice and experiences. (Photo credit: Steph Hartford)

### NEWS FROM CORBET CLARK, INTERIM HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL



Winter has already made itself felt this school year. Missing the last two days of exams in December, we had to scramble to finish those assessments. Teachers found creative ways to have students do their exams at home (finals in PJ's!), and this last week we have managed to squeeze in the last of those assessments, with minimal disruption to our regular schedule. I really appreciate the flexibility that both faculty and students demonstrated to get us through this. Now, losing another day this week (as of Monday), there is a real possibility that we will have to add some academic days back to the calendar. Stay tuned.

As of this writing, the search for a new Upper School Head is in its final stages, with visits to OES by three different candidates. The hope is that there will be an announcement of an appointment before too long.

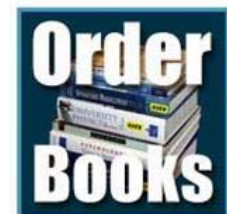
For parents, I want to extend a special invitation to attend our annual "State of the School" presentations. There will be an evening presentation for all parents on Monday, January 30 at 7 pm in the LS Presentation Commons. MS and LS PALs are hosting a presentation on Wednesday, February 1 at 8 am in the MS Commons. And US PAL is hosting another session on Monday, February 13 at 8 am in the Platt Global Classroom. (10th grade PAL will still meet after the presentation, and other grade level PALs will have their regular monthly meetings.) You are welcome at any of these events.

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 12	Community Conversation - What Are You? Mixed-Race and Interracial Families in Oregon's Past and Future - Speaker: Dmae Roberts, 6:00 pm, US Great Hall
January 16	No School - MLK Jr. Day
January 17	10th Grade PAL Meeting, 8:00 am, DVR OES Financial Aid Information Night, 7:00 pm, MS Commons US Choir & Instrumental Concert, 7:00 pm, OES Chapel

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January 18	
January 22	Community Conversations: A Conversation About Immigration in Oregon, 11:30 am, OES Chapel
January 23	11th Grade PAL Meeting, 8:00 am, DVR Grad Party Planning Meeting, 9:30 am, DVR Sports Leadership Class, 6:30 pm, MS Library
January 24	FOESL Meeting, 8:10 am, Platt
January 26	End of Semester for US
January 27	No Upper School: Comment Writing Seniors: One Service Project must be completed and second Service Project must be proposed and submitted
January 30	12th Grade PAL Meeting, 8:00 am, DVR Sports Leadership Class, 6:30 pm, MS Commons State of the School (Open to all parents), 7:00 pm, LS Performance Commons
February 1	State of the School (Hosted by LS & MS PALs), 8:00 am, MS Commons
February 2	Community Conversation - Power, Privilege, and Racial Diversity in Oregon - Speaker: Emily Drew, 6:00 pm, Great Hall Midwinter Madness Kickoff
February 4	Semi-formal Dance, 8:00 pm, Location TBD
February 6	9th Grade PAL, 8:00 am, DVR
February 8	Parent Community Link (PCL), 8:00 am, DVR Junior College Panel, 7:00 pm, Great Hall
February 13	State of the School (Hosted by US PAL), 8:00 am, Platt 10th Grade PAL Meeting, 9:00 am, Platt

## SCHOOL NOTES

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### **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. [Learn more.](#)

### **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 [USAttend](#) 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 [SmugMug account](#). 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: [OES Food and Allergy Policy](#). Please contact OES Nurse, Elaine Elliott, with any questions or concerns ([elliotte@oes.edu](mailto:elliotte@oes.edu)).

## (NEW) SERVICE LEARNING UPDATES

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**MLK weekend** is an especially appropriate time to use your power for good. Many activities welcome families or groups. Special service activities for that weekend posted [HERE](#); the list is live, so keep checking for new ones.

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

**REQUIREMENTS**--the following need to be done **before January 26**:

- ▶ 12th grade: Seniors should have at least one Project completed, and another proposed. Congratulations to 13 seniors who have completed TWO!!
- ▶ 11th grade: Work on Projects & Reflections, and turn in OVERDUE OFF campus hours (20 more juniors to go...).

- ▶ 10th grade: Turn in the 20 OFF campus hours ASAP.
- ▶ 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: [SL REPORT SPREADSHEETS](#)

### **(NEW) 2017-2018 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DUE FEBRUARY 3**

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Families seeking **financial aid** for the 2017-2018 school year must complete the **Parent Financial Statement (PFS)** by Friday, February 3. Need help?

- ▶ School and Student Services (SSS) offers free webinars [here](#)
- ▶ OES Financial Aid Information Night – January 17, 7-8 pm, MS Commons. This event is most appropriate for families new to the FA process, but everyone who is interested in the OES Financial Aid process is welcome to attend.

### **ADMISSIONS APPLICATION DEADLINES**

- ▶ Grades PK – 8: January 19
- ▶ Grades 9-12: January 26

### **(NEW) RE-ENROLLMENT BEGINS JANUARY 23**

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We look forward to offering re-enrollment to current families soon! Look for more information via email on January 23. Re-enrollment deposits (10% tuition) will be due by February 7.

### **(NEW) 12TH GRADE PARENT POTLUCK**

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Let's catch up with the other senior parents one last time this February. Please RSVP to [Rico Mclver](#) and sign up for the potluck below:

<http://www.PerfectPotluck.com/meals.php?t=GI0F3673>

- ▶ Date: Friday, February 10th
- ▶ Time: 6 - 9pm
- ▶ Place: Mclver's (Their address is on the website above.)

### **(NEW) FOLLOW UP TO SCREENAGERS VIEWING**

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Thanks so much to all the parents who joined us to watch *Screenagers* Monday, December 5. There was a rich conversation that followed the film regarding parenting strategies and digital devices, school usage and education around technology, and helpful resources. Please follow [this link](#) if you are interested in seeing some resources that were mentioned in the discussion or that we recommended in our conversations.

The *Screenagers* website, [www.screenagersmovie.org](http://www.screenagersmovie.org), also has excellent lists of resources for parents. If you have any further questions about technology, please reach out to your divisional Educational Technology Specialists: Jeffrey Sprague and Debra Thomas (LS), Jenny Futrell (MS), or Ed Cecere (US). As suggested at the screening, there are possible plans for a viewing of the film for the Upper School students in January.

### **(NEW) IT'S LIKE TOTALLY AARDY AUCTION TIME!**

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I say do ya speaka my language? Planning for Auction 2017: *Like Totally Aardy* is heating up and we all know that girls just want to have fun. Boys do too! So join the fun to help make this auction the OES celebration of the year, for sure!

Wanna coordinate class baskets with somebody? Show your 80's creativity while putting together your hot auction theme basket. Oh what a feeling it is to be your

class's basket coordinator! Parent Tammy Moe can help you learn all the moves to make that basket a hit. Just send an email to [tammymoe@yahoo.com](mailto:tammymoe@yahoo.com) to get the wheels spinning.

#### **Red, red wine goes to my head...**

Collect some choice wine to make this Auction such a tubular success! Bring your favorite bottle of red, white or something in between, **valued at \$25 or more**. This means no Mad Dog or Boone's Farm Strawberry Hill – gag me with a spoon!!! Individual bottles welcome. If you want to do something really rad, get together with fellow parents to create a case that would be fresh to the max!

#### **Join us for the "Breakfast Club" – our second annual Wall of Wine Coffee Social!**

Right after drop-off on Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, stop by the home of Auction Committee member Julie Kuni at 6045 SW Scholls Ferry Rd. Bring one, two or as many bottles of wine you can carry and come chill out. Or just drop off your wine at the Development Office or contact [Jaime Sales](#).

Just can't get enough ways to get involved? Check out your Jan. 6 email for the 411:

- ▶ [Donate](#) or procure your dream auction gift.
- ▶ [Sponsor](#) the auction for prime seating and exclusive advertising opportunities.
- ▶ [Volunteer](#) your time and talent before, during or after the auction.
- ▶ Attend the auction for a totally awesome way to raise \$\$\$ all night long!

### **FROM COLONY TO COUNTRY: SUMMER TRIP WITH RON SILVER**

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Ron Silver, historian extraordinaire and famed Winterim guide, is leading a summer trip to Boston and Philadelphia. Please e-mail [Kati Stenstrom](#) to sign-up.

**Dates:** June 20-28, 2017

**Cost:** \$1300-\$1500 per person based on double occupancy. Cost does not include meals or 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.

### **CONFERENCES AND COMMENT REPORTS**

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The season of student conferences and course reports is upon us. Conferences for returning Sophomores and Juniors are held February 16 and 17. Families are provided an opportunity to indicate a preference of timing and given advance notice of the conference schedule. We urge all students to attend their conference.

Three or four times a year, teachers write narrative reports that describe performance and progress: November, January, April, and June. New this year,

advisors will prepare a report in the spring, commenting on the commitments and growth of each student, framed by the Essential Competencies. These reports will include student reflections and replace third-quarter comments for year-long courses.

In addition, teachers may write Interim Reports whenever a student's work in a class is not satisfactory, deserves special mention, if the student fails a major assessment, or if the student has a cumulative grade of C- or below. Interim Reports are sent to the parents and the student.

For more information about the [Conferences](#) or [Comment Reports](#), please visit the [Upper School Handbook](#).

### **(NEW) CLASS OF 2017 GRAD PARTY**

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**11th Grade PARENTS:** It will take a village of Junior Parents to help with this all night event! We will be needing at least 60 11th grade parents to sign up to volunteer for shifts throughout night! Get your DHS Background check done NOW so you can lend a hand! Contact the US office for details.

The big day: **JUNE 16, 2017, 10:30 PM to 5:30 AM**

OES tradition includes 11th grade parents planning, organizing, & hosting the graduating seniors' all-night party that brings the night of graduation to a close. The US Graduation Party will take place at an undisclosed location immediately following the 2017 Commencement and reception on **June 16, 2017** and goes through the night! As parents of seniors in June 2018, our students will be hosted by the Junior Parents, and we will be off the hook for their senior all-night graduation party!

The planning committees are working hard to make this a wonderful event for this year's graduates. If you'd like more information about how to get involved, please contact [Michele Ackerman](#) and [Kris Smole](#), Grad Party Chairs

### **YEARBOOK INFO**

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

If you have any questions, contact [Sue Jensen](#).

#### **Senior deadlines:**

1. **SENIOR PAGES: February 1, 2017 (Date extended)**
2. **BABY PICTURES: March 3, 2017**
3. **PARENT ADS: March 10, 2017**

### **(UPDATED) COLLEGE COUNSELING**

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Parents of juniors are invited to join us for the **Junior College Panel** on February 8 at 7:00 pm in the Great Hall. The discussion is preceded by dinner at 4:45 pm in DVR. Guest speakers include:

- ▶ [Milyon Trulove](#), Vice President and Dean of Admission & Financial Aid at Reed College
- ▶ [Jim Rawlins](#), Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management/Director of Admissions at the University of Oregon
- ▶ [Mark Kemball](#), father of Molly Kemball, OES Class of 2014

#### **Gap Year Fair**

February 15 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at Cleveland High School (3400 SE 26th Ave., Portland, 97202)

Speaker: [Jane Sarouhan](#) (6:00 - 6:30 pm)

#### **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**

- ▶ January 21 (12/21, late 1/10)
- ▶ March 11 (2/10, late 2/28)

- ▶ May 6 (4/7, late 4/25)
- ▶ June 3 (5/9, late 5/16)

#### **ACT testing**

- ▶ February 11 (1/13, late 1/20)
- ▶ April 8 (3/3, late 3/17)
- ▶ June 10 (5/5, late 5/19)

#### **CLASS NOTES**

- ▶ **9th Grade PAL** – Next meeting: February 6, 8:00 am, DVR. Questions?  
Contact [Clare Rathbone](#).
  - ▶ Upcoming meetings: 4/4, 5/1.
- ▶ **10th Grade PAL** – Next meeting: January 17, 8:00 am, DVR. Questions?  
Contact [Rico McIver](#).
  - ▶ Upcoming meetings: 2/13, 4/10, 5/8
- ▶ **11th Grade PAL** – Next meeting: January 23, 8:00 am, DVR. Questions?  
Contact [Jennifer Hapke](#).
  - ▶ Upcoming meetings: 2/21, 4/18 (Platt), 5/15.
- ▶ **12th Grade PAL** – Next meeting: January 30, 8:00am, DVR. Questions?  
Contact [Holly Hady](#).
  - ▶ Upcoming meetings: 2/27, 4/24, 5/22
- ▶ **Monthly US PAL notes are now accessible by doing the following:**
  - ▶ [www.oes.edu](http://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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