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VOICE NEWSLETTER

January 25, 2017



The OES campus was transformed into a gorgeous winter wonderland this month! Beautiful photos courtesy of John Holloran.

NEWS FROM CORBET CLARK, INTERIM HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL



The last time I wrote, we were anticipating another inch or so of snow the next day. Boy was that way off! You have heard from Mo Copeland about plans to make up the 9 snow days (so far). I want to detail what's happening in Upper School:

We will have regular school days on
Feb 20 (President's Day)
Apr 3 (was PGD day)
Apr 14 (Good Friday)
Apr 17 (was comment writing day)

In addition, we are adjusting the final week of school to add a class day, so that exams run from Monday 6/12 to

Thursday 6/15, with Graduation still on the 16th.

With the first semester ending this Thursday (the 26th), we begin the new semester next Monday (the 30th). This weekend is a no new homework weekend for all year-long Upper School courses.

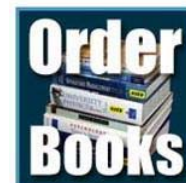
A reminder about the special "State of the School" presentations: There will be an evening presentation for all parents on Monday, January 30 at 7 pm in the LS Presentation Commons. MS and LS PALs are hosting a presentation on Wednesday, February 1 at 8 am in the MS Commons. And US PAL is hosting another session on Monday, February 13 at 8 am in the Platt Global Classroom. (10th grade PAL will still meet after the presentation from 9 to 9:30), and other grade level PALs will have their regular monthly meetings. Note that 11th grade PAL is on Tuesday the 21st.) You are welcome at any of these events.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 25 US Instrumental and Vocal Concert, 7:00 pm, Chapel
- January 26 End of Semester for US
Comedy Open Mic Night, 6:30 pm, Great Hall
No Upper School Classes: Comment Writing
- January 27 Seniors: One Service Project must be completed and second Service Project must be proposed and submitted
12th Grade PAL Meeting, 8:00 am, DVR
- January 30 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
Community Conversation - Power, Privilege, and Racial Diversity in
- February 2 Oregon - Speaker: Emily Drew, 6:00 pm, Great Hall
Midwinter Madness Kickoff, 10:45 am, Gym
- February 4 Semi-formal Dance, 8:00 pm, World Trade Center
- February 6 9th Grade PAL, 8:00 am, DVR
- February 8

Important Information

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Parent Community Link (PCL), 8:00 am, DVR
 Junior College Panel, 7:00 pm, Great Hall
 Community Conversation - What Are You? Mixed-Race and Interracial
 February 9 Families in Oregon's Past and Future - Speaker: Dmae Roberts, 6:00 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
 February 16-17 No US, 10th and 11th Grade Conferences, DC 2nd floor

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. [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).

(NEW) RE-ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT DUE FEBRUARY 7

Enrollment contracts for the 2017-2018 school year are now available online. Access your contract online at: www.oes.edu/enroll2017

- READ* and sign the contract – **due Feb 7**
- Make your Enrollment Deposit (10% tuition)– **due Feb 7**
- Complete your online health & permission forms – **due May 1**
- Access physical forms (*required for all students* entering PK, K, 7, 9, and 11 in 2017-18) – **due August 1**

* Please note we have made changes to the cancellation terms for the 2017-18 academic year.

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

Families seeking financial aid for the 2017-2018 school year must complete the [Parent Financial Statement \(PFS\)](#) by Friday, February 3. Don't forget to upload [supporting documents](#). Financial aid awards will be emailed mid-March.

(NEW) NEW UPPER SCHOOL HEAD

We are thrilled to announce that, following an extensive search in which many constituents participated, Asha Appel from Kingswood Oxford School will be joining us next year as our Upper School Head. Asha has extensive experience in curriculum, program, and working with teachers and students. She and her family will visit in March, and she will officially begin her work on July 1. A huge thank you to the search team: Chris Schuck, Dennis Sullivan, Kara Tambellini, Rick Rees, Elizabeth Weiler, Susie Gundle, Cameron Jack, Peter Langley, David Lowell, Maria McIvor, and Paula Sutton.

(NEW) MIDWINTER MADNESS

WINTER FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT *The Seed School*

The Upper School's annual winter fundraiser, **Midwinter Madness**, will run Feb 2-Feb 14 and this year will raise money for **The Seed School**. This Portland-based nonprofit is designing, constructing and running a school in Liberia focusing on providing early childhood education. Parents are encouraged to attend and support the various Midwinter Madness events, beginning with the **Kickoff Assembly** at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, in the gym.

This year's planned events include:

- **Juice sales: Feb 2-12** For only \$2, a student (and parents!) can send a bottle of IZZE to a friend or someone who is "their main squeeze." For \$3 a student can send an IZZE with her or his identity blocked. For \$1 a student who has received an IZZE can find out who sent him or her the drink (unless the identity

is blocked). Virtual IZZEs are also available to send to OES alums. Parents please email [Bettina Gregg](#) or [Liz Weiler](#) to arrange IZZE orders.

- **GorillaGrams: Feb 2-12** Have your IZZE delivered by a dancing gorilla or giant bunny! Prices vary, but start at \$20.
- The annual **Senior-Faculty Basketball Game**, at 3:20 pm Friday, Feb. 10, in the OES gym. Admission: \$5.
- **OES-Catlin Gabel Volleyball Event**, at 6:00 pm Friday Feb. 10, in the OES gym. Admission to play or watch is \$5 per person.
- **Mega-Bake Sale, Feb.6-10** in the Great Hall, from 7:30 am until baked goods run out each day.
- **Casino Night @ Semi**, 8-11 pm Saturday, Feb. 4. World Trade Center. Students purchase funny money to play card games or roulette when they are taking a break from dancing. Everyone who buys funny money is eligible for a variety of non-cash prizes. **Parent volunteers needed to deal cards!** If you are interested and available, please sign up on VolunteerSpot at this link: [Midwinter Madness Casino Night](#).
- **Parent Participation Plan:** If you are just excited about supporting the great work of **The Seed School**, you may write a check or charge to your student's OES account whatever amount you think is appropriate.

Parents, please be aware that students will be allowed to charge Midwinter Madness purchases to their OES accounts. You may wish to discuss with your child some limitations on these charges. Midwinter Madness purchases may also be made with cash or with checks made out to OES (please indicate "Midwinter Madness" in the memo space). Approximately 50-75 percent of all Midwinter Madness purchases are tax-deductible, depending on the event/item.

If you have questions about Midwinter Madness, please contact the faculty coordinators, [Bettina Gregg](#) or [Liz Weiler](#).

(NEW) 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.

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 not attending upper school yet, 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 [Volunteer Opportunities page](#).

For a more comprehensive schedule visit [Complete schedule link](#).

(NEW) 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.

(NEW) 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

- ▶ Time: 5 - 8pm
- ▶ Place: Kim & Dan Bissell's house (Their address is on the website above.)
- ▶ Questions: Rico McIver (ricomciver@me.com)

(NEW) COWABUNGA! AUCTION TIME IS BIG TIME NOW!



Fer sure, you'd have to explain what a Walkman™ is to your young Aardvark, yet it defined the portable music market in the 1980s as cassette sales surpassed those of LPs. But that's all history. So get your posse together – it's time to jam on collecting those auction donations that will have everyone spazzing on March 11th!

Consider these bodacious donations

Vacation home: You'd be someone's B.F.F. if they won a week or weekend at your way cool mountain or beach hideaway. That would be so totally ace!

Airfare Mileage: NASA's first successful SPACE shuttle mission was in 1981. By 1985 it had nine. Could you be down for offering some of the miles from your missions to make a travel package even more glam?

Gift Certificates Galore: Who's up for dinner out? The Movies? A trip to Disneyland? Come up with your own rad idea or check in with the Auction Office to see if there is something special needed to complete a package. A few gift certificates that are always auction faves are those for hot *hotels and B&Bs*, *rad restaurants*, and sick *special events*.

Wine, wine and more wine. Bring in some choice wines to make this Auction a tubular success! It's time to showcase your favorite bottles of red, white or something in between, **valued at \$25 or more**. Then, bring more wine to the "Breakfast Club" – our second annual **Wall of Wine Coffee Social!** On Friday February 3rd, stop by the home of Auction Committee member Julie Kuni at 6045 SW Schools Ferry Rd., right after drop-off. Bring one, two or as many bottles of wine you can carry and come chill out.

Drop off your donation at any Division Office or The Development Office. You can also contact us at auction@oes.edu or 503-768-3156 for pickup. For the auction donor form, click [here](#).

(NEW) 11TH GRADE AUCTION BASKET

The 11th Grade basket theme is "Spring Break Portland". Please help build this basket with gift certificates and donations. Visit the volunteer website <http://signup.com/go/h6mEvE> to choose one of the suggested donations. Additional items may be added if you would like to donate something that is not listed, or you can share/split the donation with another family. Please drop items off in the box marked "11th Grade Auction" located in the US lobby or contact [Leslie Aaron](#) to make another arrangement. Please note you or your child's name and the value of the donation on the item and/or attach the donor form [linked here](#). The goal is to start today and have everything in by **February 3rd**!

(UPDATED) 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](#).

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 17 seniors who have completed TWO!!
- ▶ 11th grade: Work on Projects & Reflections, and turn in OVERDUE OFF campus hours. **Parents will be alerted if these are not turned in before Comments go out.**
- ▶ 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](#)

12TH GRADE PARENT POTLUCK

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

<http://www.PerfectPotluck.com/meals.php?t=GIOF3673>

- ▶ Date: Friday, February 10th

- Time: 6 - 9pm
- Place: McIver's (Their address is on the website above.)

FROM COLONY TO COUNTRY: SUMMER TRIP WITH RON SILVER

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

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](#).

CLASS OF 2017 GRAD PARTY

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

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

Parents of juniors are invited to join us for the **Junior College Panel** on February 8 at 7:00 pm in the Great Hall. Guest speakers include:

- ▀ [Milvon 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 Kembal](#), father of Molly Kembal, OES Class of 2014

Gap Year Fair—Wednesday, February 15 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Cleveland High

School. There will be a presentation from 6:00-6:45 followed by the fair. We encourage interested Upper School students and parents to attend. Various organizations offering gap year programs will be available to answer questions. A description from the organizers of this fair is included below. For more information: www.usagapyearfairs.org.

Students considering a gap year between high school and college (or during college) have an array of opportunities for personal growth through experiential education (travel, language immersion, directed study, outdoor adventure, community service, and internships). More and more students are finding that post-secondary gap year programs enhance their traditional academic experience and lead them to a clearer direction and motivation for college studies and/or a career path.

This free event, sponsored by [USA Gap Year Fairs](#), brings reputable Gap Year providers together to conveniently connect you with reputable organizations that focus on education, service and personal growth.

[Pre-register](#) to avoid the check in line.

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

- ▀ 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: February 13, 9:00 am, Platt. Questions? Contact [Rico McIver](#).
 - ▀ Upcoming meetings: 4/11 (**UPDATED**), 5/8
- ▀ **11th Grade PAL** – Next meeting: February 21, 8:00 am, DVR. Questions? Contact [Jennifer Hapke](#).
 - ▀ Upcoming meetings: 4/18 (Platt), 5/15.
- ▀ **12th Grade PAL** – Next meeting: January 30, 8:00am, DVR. (**Remember this is the day we provide snacks for the faculty meeting**). 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
 - ▀ 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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