Alumna Jacquelyn Busick ‘14 participated in the OES Summer Camp program this summer.

NEWS FROM JORDAN ELLIOTT, HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

I am excited to welcome you all back to another year in the Upper School and with it, to another year of the Voice Newsletter. For those of you new to the community, we hope this update, published on the 1st and 15th of each month, will be a useful resource. For more frequent communications, look for our weekly e-Gathering emails as well.

We just completed an excellent week of opening meetings for faculty and staff. As usual, I am inspired to work with such dedicated and skilled teachers and staff members. As one faculty member reflected, we are fortunate to work in an environment with such a high degree of professionalism and respect. It lets us really focus in on the students and their experience. For some hints at what we covered during our time together, take a look at my Twitter feed.

As your family makes final preparations for the beginning of the year, three specifics to keep in mind are: First, please make sure that all forms for the opening of school have been submitted to the US Office. Second, please make sure that your child has all the necessary equipment for their opening school trip. Trip letters specific to each grade level give detailed packing lists. Finally, please support your child in obtaining all of the books and materials they will need for their classes.

Please also make note of our annual Back-to-School-Night. It will be held Wednesday, September 30 beginning at 6:30 pm.

Follow me on Twitter: @OESheadUS.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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SCHOOL NOTES (NEW)

IMPORTANT: Traffic & Parking This Year
The Lower School building project will have a significant impact on traffic and parking for the 2015-16 school year. Please be aware of the NEW morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up plans. While we have done our best to design traffic patterns to work as efficiently as possible this year, there is no doubt that campus traffic and parking will be more crowded.

Upper School Students:

- East side of JV field: Seniors ONLY
- Vermont Rd: No student parking
- Employee Lot (south of JV field): No student parking
- SPARC: All juniors sophomores, and freshmen
- Upper Lot: Before Sept 21, no student parking
- Upper Lot: After Sept 21, approved student carpool allowed

First Day of School (Sept. 9 at 8:00am)
Students will meet with their class and participate in the All-School Opening, after which they will begin their fall trip. Please keep in mind that we prefer students not drive to school on Wednesday, September 9th, since they will be going on trips. If it is necessary, please remember that seniors may only park in designated areas next to the practice field unless granted permission to park elsewhere by the Upper School Office. All other students must park at SPARC. Parking stickers MUST be obtained from the US office (your current sticker is valid if you have the same car).

Note to Class of 2019:
We look forward to seeing students on Tuesday, September 8th for Freshmen Orientation (3:30-5:00pm). Parents, don't forget dinner (5:00-6:00pm) when you will meet your new students new academic advisor.

Here are a few key reminders about the 9th Grade Retreat:
- Closed-toed shoes in the kitchen for meal prep.
- Bring sensible clothing suitable for hiking, sand, rain and cold weather (especially at night).
- Bring a water bottle.
- Bring a pillow.
- Optional: musical instrument.

Questions? Contact Deb Walsh, Dean of Students, or John Holloran, Director of Studies.

Student Forms
We hope you have already turned in all the forms we require - without them we cannot send students on upcoming fall trips and they cannot practice for sports.

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, Alison Nugent, at (503) 768-3169.

Honeywell Instant Alert
As Winter fast approaches 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 emergency’s. In order to receive these announcements, you must register with Honeywell Instant Alert. Learn more.

US Picture Day
Please mark your calendar for US Picture Day: Wednesday, September 23rd. For more information, click here. Click here for pricing details. Questions? Contact Roberta at Holland Studios or call 503-238-5957.

Attention 10th & 12th Grade Parents!
While our 10th & 12th graders are away, how about coming over for a potluck and seeing the annual migration of Vaux’s swifts at Chapman Elementary?

What: 10th & 12th grade Parent Potluck & swift watch
Date: Thursday, September 10th
Time: 6pm until sunset
Place: Wallace Park, at the corner of NW 26th & Pettygrove Streets
What to Bring: A dish to share & a lawn chair or blanket to sit on
Questions? Call or e-mail Grace (Hannah & Maxwell Park's mom) 503-227-7004

OES Food & Allergy Policy
In keeping with our Food and Allergy Policy, we have amended the title of our school program as “Allergy Aware.” While the title has changed, the practice of how we manage allergens in our dining halls and classrooms remains the same. Allergens will still be labeled in our dining halls, and special age-appropriate care and support will continue for all of our younger students. In collaboration with Bon Appetit, we will
continue to ban nuts and nut products from all of our dining halls and classrooms. 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).

**Dining Hall News**

The OES dining hall has launched a new website, Cafe Bon Appetit. Now you can easily view the Weekly Menu. Do you want to keep up on what's happening in the OES dining hall? Are you interested in the Bon Appetit story or how Bon Appetit stumbled into sustainability? Check us out on Facebook at Bon Appetit @ OES.

**DORM NEWS**

Greetings from Rodney and Jackson House! This year we have a wonderful group of domestic and international students living in the dorms this year, and we have been busy all summer preparing the dorms for their arrival. We are thrilled to enrich our OES community with students from Afghanistan, Brazil, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Kenya, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, and the United States. We also welcome Deri Bash as our new Director of Residential Life; Peter Buonincontro as the Boys’ House Head; and Shayla Lawson and Sarah Grenett-Funk as new Dorm Parents in the boys dorm.

**VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS**

The OES Visual and Performing Arts Department Present:

**Medea**
Opening November 12th

"Of all creatures that can feel and think,
we women are the worst treated things alive."

After being spurned by her husband Jason and Banished by Creon the King, Medea wrestles with rage and her own conscious as she plots her bloody revenge.

Directed by local acclaimed performer, actor and choreographer Emily Grace-Stone. Her collaboratively-devised projects have been produced by Performance Works Northwest, Conduit, On the Boards, 10 Tiny Dances, defunkt theater and PICA’s TBA Festival. Emily holds a MFA in Interdisciplinary Arts with a focus in Experiential Education from Goddard College, her BA in Theater and Dance Performance from Lewis and Clark College, and currently works as Arts Integration Coach for The Right Brain Initiative in Portland, OR.

Auditions will be held after school from 3:30 to 6:30 September 15-16th. Rehearsals are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-6:30.

**SERVICE LEARNING**

September is a great time for students to get in the habit of using their power for good and working toward their Service Learning requirement. Complete information about Service Learning in the Upper School is on the US Service Learning website. Bookmark it and refer to it frequently! What can parents do to help? Remind your child to stay alert and aware of what she or he needs to do, and support him or her in finding opportunities – starting with the SL Opportunities Page. Questions? Contact Robin Schauffler, Service Learning Coordinator.

**By grade level, students should focus on different tasks this fall:**

**9th grade:** Work on the 20 exploratory OFF campus hours needed before January 2016, and look for ON campus opportunities. Any service-learning you have done over the summer—since finishing 8th grade—will count! Just fill out and turn in the Service-Learning Hours Reporting Form in Area 51.

**10th grade:** Finish those 20 OFF campus hours this semester (!!), look for ON campus opportunities, and be thinking about what to do for Service Learning Projects.

**11th grade:** Look for ON campus opportunities, and be thinking about what to do for Service Learning Projects; it is wise to complete at least one Project before June 2016 (and if the 20 OFF campus hours are not complete, see Robin NOW!)

**12th grade:** This is it. Do not put off your hours or your Projects. June 2016 is sooner than you think.

**ALL STUDENTS:** Get signatures and turn in all those forms for any work you've done that hasn't been reported yet. Need help with all this? SEE ROBIN.

**JUNIOR PARENTS: GRAD PARTY**

Calling all Junior parents! As a “pay it forward,” tradition has the Junior parents organizing and hosting the All Night Grad Party, which takes place immediately following the graduation ceremony in June. (That way we won’t have to worry about
this when our kiddos are seniors.) We will need each and every one of you to step up to
the plate in one way or another, but for now we need volunteers to help with the
Organizing Committee. We usually meet once a month (usually after PAL meetings) to
plan the evening and make sure it’s a wonderful experience for all. If you are at all
interested in helping, please contact Nora Semonsen or Belinda Calabia.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Hello from Kati Stenstrom, the new Summer and After School Programs
Director:
Thank you to all who participated in our camps this summer! I am thrilled to have
joined the OES community in July and experienced a fantastic and lively summer on
our beautiful campus. Our fall and winter class information will be available on the
OES website on Tuesday, September 8th. Registration will open at 8:00 a.m. on
Monday, September 14th also through our website. Please reach out to me at
stenstromk@oes.edu or to Cherie Davison, our program coordinator, at
davisonc@oes.edu if you have any questions. Have a great start to your year!

FOESL & BOOK FAIR

The first FOESL and Book Fair meeting will be Tuesday September 15, from 8 am to
9:30 am in the DVR. Please come to learn about the volunteer needs we have in the
next 8 weeks before the Book Fair at Annie Bloom’s! Senior student Jenny Dai has
designed the Book Fair poster and it is terrific. We need people to help with
on-campus publicity, with OES community-building to possibly bring other student
groups to perform at the fair, and with reaching out to other vendors in Multnomah
Village. Let’s continue our success and get real books in to our students’ hands!
Contact Jana Reddoch 503-459-2576 or jmreddoch@aol.com with questions.

AASK

Save the dates!
AASK fall tutoring begins at Whitford Middle School on October 13th, with training on
October 10th and 17th at OES. Change a child’s life by helping with homework and
basic academic skills, make new friends and even fulfill your service learning
requirements!

Fall session runs from October 3th - November 24th, and runs each Tuesday and
Thursday after school. A commitment for both days each week is required.
Transportation is provided, leaving immediately after school and returning no later than
5:00 p.m. AASK service learning can be applied for on or off campus hours, and
tutors can also use it as a service learning project after two terms of tutoring.

WINTERIM 2016

International trips for Winterim 2016 were announced last June, and applications for
those courses will be due October 1. The full catalogue will be announced prior to
Thanksgiving break.

In 2016, Winterim will run March 17-24. These dates overlap with spring break for
Portland Public Schools and most other schools in the area. We realize that the
misalignment of school spring breaks may create a challenge for some families, so we
are considering offering a few Winterim courses during OES’s spring break, and
allowing the students who participate in those courses to take their spring break during
the PPS spring break week. If you would like to have this option, please contact
the director of Winterim, Christina Meyerhoff, so that we can accurately assess
the need.

US YEARBOOK

There are several opportunities for seniors and their parents to contribute to the
yearbook. Below is a description of these opportunities and their deadlines. We need
to submit our pages to the publisher at certain intervals, so these deadlines are not
flexible! Please let us know if you have any questions.

1. MUG SHOTS: December 4, 2015
2. SENIOR PAGES: January 14, 2016
3. BABY PICTURES: March 4, 2016
4. PARENT ADS: March 16, 2016

MUG SHOTS: Sometimes students submit a studio photo to be used in place of their
school photo for the yearbook. This is not required. Sending a digital photo to me is
the easiest way to submit an image, or we will scan the photo and return it to the

SENIOR PHOTO GUIDELINES
Head and shoulders only
Print size – 3”X 3”
Quality - 300 DPI
For more info, contact Sue Jensen, US Arts Faculty & Advisor to Yearbook

SCHOOL STORE

Homecoming and New Fall Sport Designs are Available in the OES Store!

Homecoming and Spirit Wear are arriving at the School Store next week! Come in and find a great selection of Crew Neck and Hooded Sweatshirts, as well as Tee Shirts, Sweatpants, and again this year: girl-cut tee shirts. We also have 6 new colors of Sunglasses, Key chains, Power Banks, Spirit scarves, New styles of hats, Water bottles, Nike socks and much more!

ALREADY IN: Spirit wear for Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country, featuring our Classic Bold OES font, back by popular demand! New styles of tee shirts for both guys and girls, as well as your favorite sweatshirt styles. Drop by or place a pre-order to be sure you get the size and color you want!

Regular Store Hours resume on 9/3: Open 2pm-4pm every weekday, as well as by appointment in the morning.

Questions? Contact Store Manager: Madeleine Menashe 503-768-3170 or menashem@oes.edu

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Senior Parent College Night
Tuesday, September 22, Great Hall, 7:00-9:00pm. We encourage parents to attend if possible, as we will offer key details and lots of reassurance and perspective. Handouts will be emailed after the event. The seniors are not expected to attend—we will be in touch with them at school and via email.

College Visits at OES
Many colleges will visit OES this fall to meet with interested students. We encourage juniors and seniors to keep a close eye on the college visit schedule in Naviance (juniors will learn how to access and use Naviance during the retreat the first week of school). The schedule will be posted on bulletin boards in the Library and Great Hall and on the OES website (college counseling page). We will do our best to send juniors and seniors an email each week with the schedule for the upcoming two weeks. However, Naviance is the source of the most up-to-date schedule and will change throughout the fall as visits are added. Students are encouraged to sign up for visits on Naviance, which results in an automatic email reminder close to the date of the visit.

Junior College Admission Retreat
Following our retreat with juniors, we will be in touch with parents via email regarding our activities at the retreat and what we encourage juniors and their parents to do and keep in mind this fall in relation to the college search process.

PSAT at OES
Sophomore and junior families, please note that the PSAT will be given the morning of Wednesday, October 14. Students do not need to register and will take the test at OES. We will send details in a later email, and early in the school year students will receive practice materials at school.

Octoberim and Seniors
Seniors have the opportunity to visit colleges during Octoberim (October 14-16). Those involved in sports should keep in mind that there may be athletic events scheduled during this time that limit your travel. On Wednesday and Thursday the college counselors will be available to assist students who stay on campus with college applications and essays.

SAT/ACT Tests
Seniors, 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
- October 3 (9/3, late 9/22)
- November 7 (10/9, late 10/27)
- December 5 (11/5, late 11/23)

ACT testing
- September 12 (8/7, late 8/21)
- October 24 (9/18, late 10/2)
- December 12 (11/6, late 11/20)

COMMUNITY DIVERSITY LINK (CDL)

A Note from Kim & Lucy:
We are pleased to chair the OES Community Diversity Link for the '15-'16 school year and hope to encourage the continued exploration of diverse perspectives through a few special events and the Books and Breakfast Series.

We plan to begin the year with a trip to see the A Community on the Move exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society in downtown Portland. We have secured a docent-led tour at 10AM on Tuesday, September 22nd, and would love for you to grab a friend and meet us to see this 'original exhibition created by the Oregon Black Pioneers, [that] explores how the WWII shipyards, migration from the South, the Vanport flood, and urban renewal projects impacted Portland's black families and businesses.'

The first of four Books and Breakfast meetings is scheduled for November 10th, where we plan to discuss New York Times Op-Ed Columnist David Brook's The Road to Character.

January 12th we will tackle Claudia Rankine's Citizen: An American Lyric, a finalist for the 2014 National Book award, the winner of the 2014 National Book Critics Award for poetry and a finalist for that same award for criticism.

In February we will discuss Ta-Nehisi Coates' powerful letter to his son, Between the World and Me.

And our final Books and Breakfast of the Year will be on April 12th, with a book as yet to be determined.

We will conclude the year with a meeting dedicated to the state of the school and new strategic plan with respect to issues of diversity on the morning of Wednesday, May 25th.

We look forward to seeing you during the year,
Lucy Shanno and Kim Bissell

CLASS NOTES

- **9th Grade PAL** – First meeting is on October 8th, 8:00am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Rico McIver.
  - Upcoming meetings: 11/6, 1/8, 2/8, 4/8, 5/6. February meeting will be combined with 10th grade.

- **10th Grade PAL** – First meeting is on October 12th, 8:00am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Jana Reddoch.
  - Upcoming meetings: 11/9, 1/11, 2/8*, 4/11, 5/9. February meeting will be combined with 9th grade.

- **11th Grade PAL** – First meeting is on September 21st, 8:00am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Holly Hady.
  - Upcoming meetings: 10/19, 11/16, 1/19, 2/22, 4/18, 5/16.

- **12th Grade PAL** – First meeting is on September 28th, 8:00am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Kay Pinkava.

- **PAL meeting Calendar (all grades)**