February 2, 2016

Midwinter Madness 2016 - MWM kicked off last Thursday. This year's fundraiser will benefit Camions of Care. (Left to right: Kate P. '15, Hannah P. '15, Vincent and Nadya from Camions of Care, Calla S. '15, and Sarah W. '15)

NEWS FROM JORDAN ELLIOTT, HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

February is State of the School month at OES. As you read this, I hope many of you chose to join the evening event on February 1. Please refer to my recent letter for the upcoming opportunities throughout the month to hear the presentation and engage in conversation.

I also appreciate the feedback I received from many parents in response to my letter about recent events in the Upper School. It was important for me and all the
faculty and staff in the Upper School to share our thoughts about what has been going on and how we return to our core principles and values in the face of adversity. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns or hesitate to join upcoming PAL meetings to continue the conversation.

As I find interesting and relevant articles and resources on all topics relevant to the OES Upper School, I post them on Twitter. Please follow me if you would like to join the conversation: @OESheadUS.

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 2-5  MWM Mega-Bake Sale, 7:30 am, Great Hall
February 3  MWM Senior-Faculty Basketball game, 3:20 pm, OES Gym
February 6  US Semi Dance, 8:00 pm, Elysian Ballroom
February 8  9/10th Grade PAL: State of the School, 8:15 am, MS Commons; Junior College Panel, 7:00 pm, Great Hall
February 10  PCL, 8:00 am, DVR; Ash Wednesday Chapel, 9:55 am, OES Chapel; US Conferences, 3:30 pm, Drinkward Bldg.
February 11-12  NO US Classes - 10/11th Conferences
February 15  NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day

**SCHOOL NOTES**

**(NEW) All-School Concert Choir date change**

The All-School Choir Concert which was previously on March 7th has been moved to Monday, March 14th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the OES chapel. Groups involved include: Melodies, LS boys’ choir, LS Girl's Choir, MS choirs, US choir. Questions? Nancy Teskey.

**(NEW) Monthly US PAL note 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”

**BACKGROUND CHECKS for Upper School Volunteers**

Anyone wishing to volunteer in the Upper School must complete a DHS Background Check. Even if you had previously completed an online background check to volunteer
in the Lower or Middle Schools, you’ll need a DHS check when transitioning to Upper School. The process just takes a few minutes to initiate but several weeks to complete, so please allow sufficient time before volunteering. You’ll need to come to the US office, complete a one-page form, and present photo ID. Please call the US office at 503-768-3122 prior to your visit to ensure that Jean Verheggen or Gisela Walitzki is available to help you.

**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.](#)

**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!

**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.

**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).

**NEW AARDVARK SCIENCE EXPO**

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

On **Thursday, February 25th**, from **8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**, the exhibit hall in SPARC Gymnasium is open to the public. US student exhibitors will not be with their projects that day although the MS students will be interviewed at their exhibits from **9:00 - 11:00 AM**. This is an excellent time for members of the entire OES community to spend time perusing the wide
array of 250+ incredible projects and reading exhibit boards.

On **Friday, February 26th**, after judging, there will be 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 or Middle School office.

For a more comprehensive schedule click here: [Complete schedule](#).

**Would you like to help as a judge?** If you have a 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 [Aardvark Science Expo page](#).

**Aardvark Science Expo Volunteers Required**

On **Thursday, February 25th, from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**, the exhibit hall in SPARC Gymnasium is open to the public. We require volunteers to supervise visitors during the Open House. The exhibits are open for public viewing from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, and teachers often bring their classrooms for a visit. Main responsibilities will be greeting visitors, helping folks locate bathrooms or drinking fountains, and reminding folks to behave and not touch the exhibits or toss tennis balls. It is also a nice opportunity to peruse the exhibits.

It is a 1-2 hr. time commitment. To Volunteer, please click here - [Aardvark Science Expo Volunteers](#). If you have questions, please email – Ruchi Prakash (All School Volunteer Coordinator).

**Parent Volunteers for MS Science Research Needed**

The MS Science teachers are looking for parent volunteers to help support students’ research. If you are interested in being involved in this process, we have two volunteer opportunities for parents this year. You do not need to be an expert in the sciences, but a basic understanding of iterative process is helpful.

**Option 1:** For any parents interested in helping students to analyze their data, use excel for graphing, or helping students to design posters with inDesign/PowerPoint, **please consider volunteering during one of the 8th grade Analysis & Design Open Labs**.

**Option 2:** We are looking for parents to come to OES on **February, 25th from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM for a Feedback Forum**, Volunteers will interview, provide feedback, discuss challenges students faced, and offer suggestions to students on how to move forward and develop their project.

**(NEW) BOOKS & BREAKFAST**
February 23rd at 8 am in the Platt Global Classroom

Te-Nehisi Coates has shaken the world with his award winning book *Between the World and Me*. This poignant letter to his son will re-shape our thinking on race relations in America today. Please join your fellow OES community members in delving into this critical work. Joining us will be fellow OES parent and Board Member as well as recognized teacher, Chris Riser.

(NEW) ADMISSIONS

Admissions Update: Re-Enrollment & Financial Aid

Re-Enrollment
Enrollment Contracts for the 2016-17 school year are once again paperless and available online. Please visit our enrollment website for the following:

- Enrollment Contract – due **February 9**
- Letter from the business office – outlining important changes to the payment plans
- Key calendar dates for next year
- Link to the Online Health & Permission forms – due **May 1**
- Physical forms (required for all students in PK, K, 7, 9, and 11 in 2016-17) – due **August 1**

2016-2017 Financial Aid Application Now Available
Families seeking financial aid for the 2016-2017 school year may begin the online Parent Financial Statement (PFS). The PFS is due on **February 5**. School and Student Services (SSS) is offering many free webinars to guide parents through the financial aid process. Check out the offerings [here](#).
Complete FA application requirements may be found [here](#).

(NEW) MIDWINTER MADNESS 2016

WINTER FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT CAMIONS OF CARE

The Upper School’s annual winter fundraiser, Midwinter Madness, kicked off last Thursday and continues through Feb. 9. This year’s events are raising money for Camions of Care. This Portland-based nonprofit, founded by two current Catlin Gabel seniors, provides feminine-hygiene products to women who can’t afford them or don’t have access to them.
Parents are encouraged to attend and support the various Midwinter Madness events.

Upcoming or continuing fundraisers include:

- **Product Drives**: Starting today, Feb. 2, with “Tampon Tuesday”, we will take donations of feminine hygiene
products, in any quantity you want to buy them. Donation boxes will be in the Great Hall. The other drive days are Wetwipe Wednesday (Feb. 3), Thinpad Thursday (Feb. 4), Forgetful Friday (Feb. 5, if you forgot to bring something another day), and Maxipad Monday (Feb. 8).

- **CRUSH sales**, in which students (and parents!) can send a bottle of CRUSH soda to someone they have a "crush" on. Price is $2, or $3 to send anonymously.

- **Virtual CRUSHes**: Send a virtual CRUSH via email to a recent alum or another loved one who isn’t on campus! Please email Chris Myers to arrange virtual CRUSHes. Price is $2.

- **GorillaGrams**: Have your CRUSH delivered by a dancing gorilla or giant bunny! Prices vary, but start at $20. Please email Chris Myers to order one of these.

- The annual **Senior-Faculty Basketball Game**, at 3:20 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, in the OES gym. Admission: $5. Senior parents, there is a pregame fundraising competition, in which every $10 counts for a point on the scoreboard before the game starts. Email Chris Myers or talk to one of the senior reps, if you want to make a pledge to the senior team.

- **Mega-Bake Sale**, Tuesday-Friday, Feb. 2-5 in the Great Hall, from 7:30 a.m. until baked goods run out each day. Please email senior Hannah Park if you would like to contribute some goodies to the cause.

- **Casino Night @ Semi**, 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Location Elysian Ballroom. 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 Camions of Care, you may write a check or charge to your student’s OES account whatever amount you think is appropriate. A donation of $50, for example, funds hygiene products for 25 women for one menstrual cycle, or two women for an entire year. Please email Chris Myers if you
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.

More information about Camions of Care is available at the organization’s website: [http://www.camionsofcare.org](http://www.camionsofcare.org)

If you have questions about Midwinter Madness, please contact the faculty coordinator, Chris Myers, by phone or email: (503) 416-9352 / myersc@oes.edu.

(NEW) ART NOTES

The following students have been selected for Scholastic Art Awards

**Portland Metro Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition**

Exhibition Dates: 1/31/2016 - 2/26/2016
Pacific Northwest College of Art
511 NW Broadway, Portland, OR

**Yunyi D. ‘16**
Gold Key Art Drawing and Illustration *Awakening*
Gold Key Art Drawing and Illustration *Intertwine*
Gold Key Art Painting *Watermelon*
Silver Key Art Painting *Pandora*
Silver Key Art Printmaking *Ache*
*Honorable Mention Art Painting Pure Light*

**Hannah P. ‘16**
Silver Key Art Drawing and Illustration *A Little Birdie Told Me.*

**Yunzhou S. ‘16**
Gold Key Art Design *Flying Castle*

**Andy S. ‘16**
Silver Key Art Photography *False*

**Annie C. ‘18**
Gold Key Art Drawing and Illustration *The Fence*
Gold Key Art Painting *Reflection*

**Ella B. ‘19**
Honorable Mention Art Digital Art *Black Lace*

**Cheney S. ‘19**
Gold Key, American Visions Nominee Art Mixed Media From *Life to Barbecue*
The following works received the highest award possible, the **American Vision Nominees**. Out of 4550 entries, 5 students were selected from all of the Gold Key work as the Best of the Best. Best of Show.

One student from OES: Cheney S. ’19 - "From Life to Barbecue" will be on view in Portland at PNCA then go on to be exhibited in New York!

**NEW** JUNIOR PARENTS: GRAD PARTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Grad Party is a safe, fun way for the graduating Seniors to get a last few hours together before they go their separate ways. OES is unique in that the Junior parents “pay it forward” by hosting this all-night event.

The senior celebration can only occur if we have full participation of ALL local 11th grade parents. We need a minimum of 60 volunteers to ensure the success of the evening.

**11th grade Parent Grad Party To Do list:**

- **Save the Date:** June 17, 2016. Festivities run from ~10 pm Friday to 5 am Saturday.
- **Sign up** for one or more of the three volunteer shifts here [Volunteer Spot - Grad Party 2016](#)
- All volunteers must **complete a DHS Background Check**, NOW is the time to start the process if you haven’t already. See the VOICE for directions on how to do this. Note: Jean Verheggen or Gisela Walitzki will be available for background checks on February conferences days until 3:00 pm.
- Watch for the “For Your Eyes Only” e-mails from the Grad Party Committee including secret info we cannot share here.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact the 2016 Grad Party Co-Chairs, Nora Semonsen or Belinda Calabia.

**NEW** OES AUCTION

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

**SATURDAY AARDY LIGHTS**

MARCH 12 AARDY CAMERGOES TO HOLLYWOOD AUCTION

The Thirtieth Annual Oregon Episcopal School Auction
Coming Soon-Aardy Goes to Hollywood! Invitations have gone out to join Aardy at the 30th Anniversary of the OES Auction on **Saturday, March 12th at Montgomery Park**.

**Here are a few highlights:**

- **RSVP:** Please reserve your table or seats either on-line or by sending in or dropping off your RSVP card, this event will fill up fast.

- **Donate:** Have something to share? Either drop off at the auction office or donate online. Want to participate in the Grade Level Baskets? There is still time, final donations will be collected on February 12th. Would you like to help whether or not you are attending? We still have some items that need to be underwritten (for the MS and US live auction parties in particular) - please contact the auction office for more information on how you can help.

- **Volunteer:** Please sign up on volunteer spot for activities before, during and after the auction.

- **Wall of Wine:** We are still collecting wines valued at $25 or more for our ever popular Wall of Wine!

- **Get your glamour on!** Who will you be on this Old Hollywood Night? Dean Martin, Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe, Rita Hayworth? So many choices…

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**Wall of Wine**
Thank you to everyone who attended the Wall of Wine coffee social- it was a great success! In fact, the feedback was so positive, we are planning another WOW social event in February- so stay tuned for details!

In the meantime, for those of you who want to donate your bottle(s) valued at $25 or more, from the comfort of your own home, we have enlisted the help of two local wine shops who have generously **offered 10% cash back to OES for all wine purchased** for the auction. They will help you select wines and hold your orders until we can pick it up for you. To order, simply call, email, or drop in to one of these shops:

**World Class Wines**
269 A Avenue
Lake Oswego, OR
(503)974-9841
susano@worldclasswines.com

**The Wine Cellar**
525 NW Saltzman Road
Oscar Party
Ladies, let's go to the Oscars! Join us for Oscar Night 2016 on the BIG screen. Wear your SWEATS – TIARAS provided. Catered dinner, beer, wine and signature cocktail. Photo opportunity and conversation with a real Oscar winner and his golden statuette. Ballot contest with prizes. The party starts with Red Carpet coverage at 4 pm PST.

Goldenguy - OSCAR PARTY          $150.00
DATE: Sunday, February 28, 2016
TIME: 4:00 pm
LOCATION: The Pinkava Residence

There are a few spots available to purchase an additional ticket for a friend or new OES mom! Please register.

PERFORMING ARTS

Charley's Aunt
March 2nd - 5th

Originally produced in 1892, this high farce piece is a love story filled with near misses, quick change disguise, and fast paced dialogue. Written by Brandon Thomas, it soon became one of the longest running pieces in western theater history, and has been translated and adapted the world over. Directed by OES' David Gomes, this show promises to be fun for the whole family!

Tickets will be made available 2 weeks prior to show opening, and will be available at http://oesgreenroom.blogspot.com/

Curtain is up at 7:00PM sharp

OES SERVICE LEARNING

CEREAL THURSDAYS! This is a long-time Upper School tradition: helping to provide breakfast cereal for the kids at Community Transitional School for children experiencing homelessness.

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 month:

9th grade: Work on the 20 exploratory OFF campus hours needed before January 2017, and look for ON campus opportunities.

10th grade: Students will not be allowed to propose a Service-Learning Project until those hours are completed. Check out the Opportunities page of the SL website, and meanwhile you can check the website for year-round possibilities. Students are always welcome to drop by Area 51 to brainstorm ideas!

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. You have 4 months to complete your Service-Learning requirement.

SCHOOL STORE

New at the School Store!

It's time to Pre-Order your LAX, Tennis, Golf and Track & Field Sweatshirts and Tees!

Get out there and show your OES pride! Lots of styles and colors are being ordered for Lacrosse, Track and Field, Tennis and Golf. Come into the store to get your Green and White, whether it's Sport gear, OES Striped Scarves, Beanie Hats, or Rain Ponchos in case of inclement weather, we have it in stock. Come by and check it out- Represent your Aardvarks in Style!

Placing a pre-order? Look for the Constant Contact this weekend, or swing by and place your order at the Store!

Also coming soon: LAX hats and Full Zip sweatshirts

Store hours: 2-4 Monday-Friday or on-line at www.oes.edu/store

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.

US Yearbook Senior Deadlines:

- BABY PICTURES: March 4, 2016
- **PARENT ADS:** March 16, 2016

For more info, contact Sue Jensen, US Arts Faculty & Advisor to Yearbook

**COLLEGE COUNSELING**

**GAP Year Fair**
Wednesday, February 10, 2016 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm @ Cleveland High School
3400 SE 26th Ave, Portland, Oregon 97202
[Register here](#)

**Junior College Panel for Parents**
Will be held on **Monday February 8, from 7:00-9:00 pm** in the Great Hall. The speakers will include Tom Marlitt, Director of West Coast Admission, Connecticut College; Jennifer Delahunty, Associate Dean of Admissions for the West Coast, Kenyon College; and Katherine Bloomfield parent of Tess O. '15 and Elliot O. '07.

**Topics:** College options and how students learn about colleges / How colleges make admissions decisions / The parent role in this process.

We hope you can join us as this is not an event that lends itself to handouts or PowerPoint slides. The college deans will talk with the juniors on Monday afternoon.

**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):**

**Redesigned SAT Testing**
- March 5 (2/5, late 2/23)
- May 7 (4/8, late 4/26)
- June 4 (5/5, late 5/25)

**ACT testing**
- February 6
- April 9 (3/4, late 3/18)
- June 11 (5/6, late 5/20)

**CLASS NOTES**

- 9th Grade PAL – Next meeting is on February 8th, 8:15 am, MS Commons - State of the School.
Questions? Contact Rico McIver.

10th Grade PAL – Next meeting is on February 8th,
8:15 am, MS Commons - State of the School.
Questions? Contact Jana Reddoch.

11th Grade PAL – Next meeting: February 22nd, 8:00
am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Please join one of
the other PAL Meetings for State of the School.
Questions? Contact Holly Hady.
  ➤ Upcoming meetings: 4/18, 5/16.

12th Grade PAL – Next meeting: February 29th*,
8:00am, Drinkward Volunteer Room - State of the

PAL meeting Calendar (all grades)