We recently celebrated our Basketball Seniors. Thank you all who came out to cheer them on! Go Aardvarks!

**NEWS FROM JORDAN ELLIOTT, HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL**

Thanks to the many parents who attended our State of the School presentations this month. There is still one more opportunity at the 12th grade PAL meeting on February 29th and I look forward to closing out the
rounds of presentations with our most experienced group!

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. In addition, I am so proud that our community is supporting such a worthy beneficiary in Camions of Care; and I think it is such a cool collaboration with Catlin Gabel students.

Follow me on Twitter for more: @OESheadUS.

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **February 22** 11th Grade PAL, 8:00 am, DVR
  Grad Party Committee, 9:30 am, DVR
- **February 23** Books & Breakfast, 8:00 am, Platt
- **February 24** Science Fair Setup, 6:00 pm, SPARC
- **February 25** Science Fair Exhibits Open to Public, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, SPARC
- **February 26** Science Fair Judging, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, SPARC
  Science Fair Open House, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, SPARC
  Science Fair Awards, 7:30 - 8:30 pm, SPARC
- **February 29** 12th Grade PAL: State of the School, 8:00 am, DVR
  All School Instrumental Concert, 6:30 pm, OES Gym
- **March 2-5** Charley’s Aunt, 7:00 pm, Great Hall
- **March 5** Regional Speed Stacking Tournament, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, OES Gym

**SCHOOL NOTES**

**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.

**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).

**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.

Students not involved in Science Fair will engage in organized Service-Learning activities off campus during the Science Fair hours.

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) SPEED STACKING VOLUNTEERS**

Coach Stephanie and The Regional Speed Stacking Tournament **needs** your help for March 5th, 2016!

High schoolers can get **service hours** for helping out! No special knowledge of speed stacking needed to help Coach Stephanie and this special event. This is a qualifying tournament for the Junior Olympics, usually held in July. Many of our students had participated in that event before. **This tournament is from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm on Saturday, March 5th,** but there are shorter 4-hour shifts. If you can help all day, that would be wonderful, but just a few hours could really make a difference. The event will take place in the gym. We are looking for parents of not only our stackers, but any parent who could help us, along with high schoolers too, who could get **service learning hours** for helping out!

We have a small number of helpers already, and this tournament cannot be done without help from our parents and high schoolers. Helping would entail making sure that all stackers are judged in a timely manner, all lines go smoothly, all papers are turned in, etc. **We have a mandatory training session on 2/20 and/or 2/27 in the gym at school, from 9:30 - 11:00 am** where we will talk about all the above mentioned issues. There is also a 30-minute long training video anyone can watch to see how judging is done. No former knowledge or experience of this sport is needed if you would like to help out. We really need help! This is the first time an event like this is held at our school, and it is a very important milestone for our P. E. program and Coach Stephanie, who's been so actively involved with our children for years teaching them how to stack. If your child is interested in participating, **please register him/her** under upcoming tournaments. Thank you for considering helping out!

Please go on **volunteer spot** or email **Stephanie.**

**NEW) ADMISSIONS**

Forms for the 2016-2017 school year

**Online Health & Permission Forms** due **May 1**

Physical Forms due **August 1** (required for students who will be in Grades Kindergarten, 7, 9, and 11 in the 2016-2017 school year)
(NEW) OES AUCTION

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SATURDAY MARCH 12 AARDY LIGHTS
2016 GOES TO HOLLYWOOD CAMERA AUCTION

The Thirtieth Annual Oregon Episcopal School Auction

Coming Soon!

The auction is right around the corner and here are a few coming attractions to watch:

RSVP! Please either mail in your card that came with your invite or go online to RSVP for the event.

DONATE! We are still accepting donations for the auction so please either drop your item(s) off at the auction office (with donation form attached to it) or go online and fill out the form to donate now. Can’t attend but want to participate? We have some underwriting opportunities available to help with a few of the school items (such as the US live auction item, bulb planting, adventure weekend, etc.). Thank you in advance for helping us with these. Please contact the auction office for how to donate/underwrite.

VOLUNTEER! Sign up on volunteer spot to donate the day before, during and after the event.

Get your glamour on, the event is sure to be a Hollywood Hit! Which stars will you see this year...Greta Garbo, Marilyn Monroe, Clark Cable, Dean Martin? You never know...

Wall of Wine

Please join us Friday, February 19th from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for the much anticipated “Happy Hour” event to collect wine donations for our Wall of Wine! Please stop by Julie Kuni’s home located at 6045 SW Old Scholls Ferry Rd. for hosted wine tastings by local vineyards as well as some treats. To donate at the event, please bring your bottle(s) of wine valued at $25 or more. Children are welcome at the event.

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
Portland, OR 97229
(503)643-5655
wine@portlandwinecellar.com

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**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.

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**NEW** 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:

**ALL:** Students who have signed up for a Service-oriented
Winterim must still turn in the needed paperwork in order to earn credit: For HOURS, the SL Reporting Form, and for Projects, the Project Proposal Form.

9th grade: Work on the 20 exploratory OFF campus hours, look for ON-campus opp’ties too!

10th grade: Students will not be allowed to propose a Service-Learning Project until 20 OFF campus hours are completed. Check out the Opportunities page of the SL website. 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: CRUNCH TIME IS NOW. You have 3 months to complete your Service-Learning requirement. The deadline for ALL PAPERWORK is Friday, May 27. SENIORS WHO HAVE PROPOSED NO PROJECTS BY MARCH 15 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE DESIGN-A-PROJECT ACTIVITY FOR THE SPRING TRIMESTER. Make it happen, folks.

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.

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!

**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. Contact Jean Verheggen or Gisela Walitzki if you have questions.

- 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.

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 MS/US teacher David Gomes, this show promises to be fun for the whole family!

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

Curtain is up at 7:00PM sharp

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
**COLLEGE COUNSELING**

(NEW) **College Night for Parents of Freshmen**
Each year we offer an evening presentation regarding what parents of freshmen need to know about college admissions (9th Grade Parent Night—College Admissions and Finding Balance in a College Prep School). Our presentation will take place in the **Great Hall from 7:00-8:30 pm on March 17th**. 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 at this stage helps alleviate stress, gets accurate and well-timed information into your hands, and puts you in an even better position to support your child. This in turn may make it easier to help your son or daughter maintain a sense of balance and perspective during high school (not always easy to do in a college prep environment). For those who won’t be able to attend, please know that following the event we will send all parents a handout providing a summary of the presentation.

(NEW) **SAT, PSAT and ACT Prep Class through Stumptown Test Prep**
OES is excited to announce a new partnership with Stumptown Test Prep to host an SAT, PSAT, and ACT Prep for 11th and 10th graders. [View class details and register on-line here.](#)
(When on the SAT page, click the green “Register for classes here!” link to the right of the page.)
This class will be open exclusively to OES students through **Wednesday, February 24th** and will be advertised to the public after that date — **SECURE YOUR SPACE AND REGISTER TODAY!**

(NEW) **AP Testing**
It is time to register for AP Exams, which take place from May 2-13, 2016 during the school day at OES. Students were emailed the form they need to complete and give to Alison Nugent or Paula Sutton by Monday, March 14 (we have a little flexibility with the deadline). Students do need a parent signature on the form (a Dorm House Head will sign for dorm students). If a student is 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 (refunded all but $15 of the $92 fee).

**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
- 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 April 8th, 8:00 am, DVR. Questions? Contact **Rico McIver**.
  - Upcoming meetings: 5/6.

- **10th Grade PAL** – Next meeting is on April 11th, 8:00 am, DVR. Questions? Contact **Jana Reddoch**.
  - Upcoming meetings: 5/9.

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

- **12th Grade PAL** – Next meeting: **February 29th, 8:00am, DVR - State of the School**. Questions? Contact **Kay Pinkava**.

**PAL meeting Calendar (all grades)**