Congratulations to the following students whose work has been chosen to be in the Oregon College of Art and Craft High School Juried Exhibition. (From left: Chandler W. '17, David S. '15, Greg H. '15, Alden F. '18, Kristin G. '15, Ava V. '15; not pictured: Min K. '15 and Patrick M. '15)

NEWS FROM JORDAN ELLIOTT, HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

Many thanks to those of you who have attended our State of the School presentations so far this month. The conversations have been very good and we have enjoyed the opportunity to engage parents in thinking about the big topics we are working on.

The second half of February includes the culmination of several outstanding student projects. Aardvark Science Expo is one of our greatest moments as a community when we have the opportunity to see and appreciate the work students have been doing all year. We will also have our biennial Arts Week, including the production of the student written and directed “Winter One Acts.” I encourage you to
join us for both the science fair and arts week. See the notes below for more information.

Follow me on Twitter: @OESheadUS.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

February 19  Science Exhibits Open to Public, 8:00am, SPARC
February 20  Science Fair Judging, 8:00am, SPARC
             Science Fair Open House, 6:30pm, SPARC
             Science Fair Awards, 7:30pm, SPARC
February 23  12th Grade PAL, 8:00am, DVR
February 24  Books & Breakfast, 8:00am, Platt
February 25-28 One-Acts, 7:00pm, Great Hall
February 26  Civil War Winterim Parent Mtg, 7:00pm, Rm 61
February 28  Junior States of America Chapter Mtg, 10:00am, MS Commons
March 1     US Boys Basketball End of Season Dinner, 5:00pm, MS Commons
March 2     AS Instrumental Concert, 5:30pm, Chapel
March 8     Ski Team Dinner & Awards, 7:00pm, MS Commons
March 9     AS Choir Concert, 7:00pm, Chapel
March 10    CDL: Mitchell Jackson Lecture, 7:00pm, Schnitzer Auditorium
March 14    OES Auction, 5:00pm, Montgomery Park
March 15-30 NO Upper School Classes - Winterim, Spring Break, PGD Day
March 16    9th Grade Parent College Night, 7:00pm, Great Hall

SCHOOL NOTES

(NEW) Parents of Seniors
TIME IS RUNNING OUT: ONLY 12 MORE WEEKS UNTIL FRIDAY, MAY 22, the deadline for completing all Service Learning Paperwork for graduation. SENIORS need to communicate with Robin Schauffler to make sure their Service-Learning plans are in order. Remember, ROBIN IS THERE TO HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN! Feel free to also enlist the help of their Advisor.

(NEW) Volunteer Opportunities
10th Grade Faculty Snack
It's the 10th Grade turn to provide 'snacks' for the Faculty Meeting on April 13th - same day as the next 10th Grade PAL meeting. Click here to signup!

(NEW) Junior States of America
OES is hosting a JSA Chapter Convention, the DictatorCon, on February 28 from 10:00am-3:00pm in the MS Commons. JSA delegates and others interested in JSA from around the Pacific Northwest will join OES' JSA chapter in discourse regarding democracy and the opposite. Approximately 30 people have already RSVP'd from JSA chapters throughout Washington and
Illness Information
With the cold season upon us, many times this means the peak of the Flu season, it is a good reminder to encourage our students to practice good hand washing and use of Kleenex. Please do not send your child to school if they experience any of the following symptoms:

- a temperature greater than 100.4
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- rash
- unusually sleepy or lethargic
- active cough

Additionally, coughs can be hard to manage because they can linger over a period of time while the student may no longer be contagious. Please do not send your child with a new, largely productive cough unless cleared by their physician as coughs can be very distracting as well as possibly very contagious. Before students return to school, they need to be symptom free for 24 hours. Questions? Contact Elaine Elliott.

Attendance
With the many ill students this time of year, 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
With Winter upon us, 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.

Dining Hall News
The OES dining hall has launched a new website, Cafe Bon Appetit. Now you can easily View 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.

(NEW) WINTERIM 2015
Winterim officially begins on March 12 at 8:45am and runs through the end of the school day on Thursday, March 19. If your student is participating in a trip, s/he may depart earlier or return later. Please contact the individual course leader for details.

Please remember that full participation in Winterim is a graduation requirement for all students. If students miss days during Winterim, they will be required to make up the missed time. Lastly,
if you are certified to drive students and you would be willing to assist with transporting students for courses during Winterim, please contact **Tna Meyerhoff** – we would very much appreciate your help!

(NEW) **OES AUCTION 2015**

**Operation Alert 1**

Code Name: RSVPB4227

Please RSVP by February 27

Please **RSVP** no later than February 27 to reserve your spot. You can RSVP by mail or online **here**. In addition to registering for the auction, we hope you'll attend this year's "after party" across the street from Montgomery Park at Agent Aardy's After Party, Ray's Lakeview Lounge, 1900 NW 27th Ave. Continue the party with dancing, great food and one last Vesper Martini! It's not too late to **get a ticket**!

**Operation Alert 2**

Code Name: D2WOW

**Please Make a Donation to the Wall of Wine**

We are currently in **need of 120 more** donated bottles of wine. Please donate a bottle (or two...) today. Simply grab a bottle of red, white or sparkling from your home or a store, valued at or above $20. Label it with your name (add the estimated value if you know it). Make the drop in the Charlton Room in the Morris House (across from Admissions) or contact parent volunteer **Jaime Sales** at to arrange for a handoff or pickup.

**Short on time or selection ideas? Simply phone it in!**

Just call one of the wine

**Crack the Code Challenge**

**OES Code #1**: KEAUTANVROGDJMY

**OES Code #2**: GDYLG ORZHOO

**OES Code #3**: rewotlleb

**OES Code #4**: andswetl

**OES Code #5**: Drmgvirm

**Challenge rules:**

Newsletter auction updates feature 8 coded messages. The first three people to email a complete set of correctly decoded messages to **auction@oes.edu** will each receive a $20 coupon redeemable at the OES store. Emailed submissions must be received by midnight on March 13, 2015.
stores we’ve partnered with, mention the OES auction, and give them your price point and credit card number. They can select and/or deliver the bottle(s) FOR you.

**Sec Wines:** 1717 NE 19th Ave. Contact: Eric Pottmeyer 503.805.5871 or eric@secwines.com

E & R Wine Shop: 6141 SW Macadam Ave. Contact: Richard Elden 503.246.6101

**CRITICAL UPDATE: Change of Status Alert**

All OES operatives have passed security clearance and are urgently needed for the following missions:

**Mission 1:** Wednesday, March 4, 8:15am-12:00pm (DVR)
Please help us sort, mail, and distribute catalogs (onsite at school). [Click here to volunteer!](#)

**Mission 2:** Wednesday, March 11, 8:00-10:00am or 10:00am-12:00pm (US Project Room)
Do you have a talent for origami and/or napkin folding? We need help folding 425 napkins for the auction dinner. Please [sign up](#) for one of the 2 (2) hour shifts.

**Mission 3:** Friday, March 13 to Monday, March 16 "Weekend of"

**Volunteer Opportunities:** If your auction weekend assignments permit, please [sign up](#) to help the day before, day of, night of, and/or Monday after the auction.

Please consider helping to load/unload the vans on Friday, set up the auction on Saturday, assist with silent auction closing or check out Saturday night, or unload the vans back at school Monday. Without our volunteers we could never succeed in pulling off an amazing auction.

Thank you for contributing your time and talents to help our children, school and community.

*The preceding includes eyes only information -- please destroy after reading*

**NEW** AASK TUTORING

Make a significant contribution to a child’s educational experience, and be a tutor in AASK this spring! We work with middle school students at Whitford Middle School who are primarily English Language Learners working hard to meet the proficiency levels for their grade. Tutors volunteer right after school every Tuesday and Thursday through June 2. Tutors attend training to be their most effective in teaching basic skills in reading, writing and math and are expected to be at every session. Transportation (we leave right after school and return to OES no later than 5:00) and snacks are provided. There are wonderful students waiting for your help, new friends, and the chance to really make a difference.

**Training starts February 28**th from 9:00am – noon, and March 7th at the same time. Our first tutoring session is March 3rd.

Please contact Myra Clark at clarkm@oes.edu or 503-768-3193 if
you have questions! Applications are available outside Area 51.

**NEW** SCHOOL STORE

NEW! School Store is Moving!
The School Store will be relocating to the Morris House as of March 5th. This move will take several weeks, and the Store will be CLOSED from March 13th- March 27th. Please come and visit the Store in its new location, starting Tuesday, March 31st!

Sport Pre-Orders will be bagged and ready for pick up prior to March 5th- an email will alert you that your order is ready.

Thank you for your patience during this transition!! Questions?
Please email menashem@oes.edu

**NEW** OES SERVICE LEARNING

If your child—in any grade—is looking for a way to earn Service-Learning hours, design a Service-Learning Project, or use his or her Power for Good, the Service-Learning Opportunities Page is constantly updated with new options for ON and OFF campus hours and projects. Don’t let these opportunities go to waste! You will also find on the website all the details of the Service-Learning Requirement. Questions or suggestions?
Contact Robin Schauffler, 503-416-9308.

Great opportunities for SL Projects or hours are linked on the SL web site HERE.

**NEW** COLLEGE COUNSELING

**NEW** Advanced Placement Exams
It is time to register for AP Exams, which take place from May 4-15, 2015 (with late testing on the 20th) during the school day at OES. Students were emailed the form they need to complete and give to Alison Nugent or Paula Sutton by Friday, March 6 (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 $91 fee).

**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 16th. 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) College Night for Parents of Sophomores
We have scheduled our annual College Night for Parents of Sophomores on Monday, April 6th. Our presentation will take place in the Great Hall from 7:00-8:45 pm. The college counselors will offer an overview of the college search and application process (landscape of college admissions, a timeline, roles in the process, resources, testing, and lots of reassurance). There will be time for questions. This event is designed to provide you with helpful information as your child heads into the junior year. Handouts from the evening will be e-mailed to parents following the event.

(NEW) Spring College Fair
Will be held on Sunday April 26th from 12-3pm at University of Portland – Chiles Center. Students should register in advance at gotocollegefairs.com. This will allow them to have a barcode scanned by colleges of interest (the alternative is to fill out a card for each college of interest—this can get tedious).

SAT Prep at OES
This two-week course will teach students the critical reading, math and writing skills that are needed to perform well on the SAT. Students will gain hands-on experience through taking a practice SAT and will learn effective score-enhancing strategies that are specific to the SAT. In addition, we will cover the psychology of test-taking as well as proven methods for overcoming test anxiety. Each student will receive their own book, The Official SAT Study Guide 2. With the SAT scheduled on May 2, this is a great opportunity to get prepared!

Instructor Douglas Bloch, a teacher, author and counselor, obtained his BA in math and psychology from New York University and his MA in counseling from the University of Oregon. He is the author of 12 books on personal development, including The Power of Positive Talk: Words to Help Every Child Succeed.

11th-12th Grade
April 18 & 25 (2 classes)
Saturday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Location: DC 206
Cost: $160 (includes SAT book)

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):

2/19/2015 1:33 PM
(NEW) VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Arts Week is starting with a LS Kick off assembly on Friday morning. Please look to the Arts Week blog for ALL things ARTS WEEK. We hope to have something for very one!

The Visual and Performing Arts Department and the Music Department will be celebrating the Arts from all Divisions Monday Feb 23 through Saturday Feb 28th. The Winter One Acts open Wednesday evening, Feb. 25th, and run through Saturday, Feb 28th. We will have music performances and student and guest speakers in Chapel, and mini arts workshops for students and staff. Keep your eyes open for more details to come!

Congratulations to the following students whose work has been chosen to be in the Oregon College of Art and Craft High School Juried Exhibition. OCAC normally chooses 6 pieces from each school and we had 8 art students’ work selected - 11 pieces in total! Click here to view their work!

The art work will be on display at the OCAC Feb. 19 - March 4, 2015 at the Hoffman Gallery. Please join us for the Opening Reception, Thursday February 19, 4 - 6pm Oregon College of Art and Craft, 8245 SW Barnes Road, Portland OR 97225

Join us in congratulating:
Kristin G., '15 - fused glass
Min K., '15 - Diptych
Min K., '15 - Grenades
Chandler W., '17 - fused glass
Ava V., '15 - wood sculpture
Patrick M., '15 - abstract painting
Patrick M., '15 - self-portrait
Greg H., '15 - red ceramic vase
Greg H., '15 - green/white ceramic vase
Alden F., '18 - fused glass
David S., '15 - fused glass

PERFORMING ARTS

11th Annual Student One-Acts!
February, 25th-28th, Curtain up at 7:00PM
Developed in the first semester playwriting class, three pieces of student work have been chosen for production under the supervision and direction of Art Ward and Gabriel Edge.

This year's One Act's are:

**Pass The Salt**, by Natalie Berger
After a dramatic break-up, Nora writes about her ideal boyfriend on her computer, and the following morning, her manifestation comes to life. This one act light-heartedly and humorously examines the flaws that exist within relationships.

**Absolutely**, by Sophia Anderson
Marigold, a sweet but rules-oriented humanitarian, has her life turned upside down after a bizarre encounter with a spell-casting homeless man when walking to her car one night. With the help of her friends, she learns to cope with herself and her new "blessing". What will she do when she learns to use it to its full potential?

**Ain't That A Shame**, by Roz Sullivan-Lovett
Taking place in 1956, *Ain't That a Shame* concerns two hit men whose personal lives are thrown into disarray when they mistakenly rough up a civil servant. Shots are fired, hearts are broken, and a dinner party is absolutely ruined.

Tickets for the show will be released on February 9th, and are available initially on a two tickets per household limit. There is a $10 per ticket suggested tax deductible donation at the door, (payable by check or cash only) Students of OES will not be asked for a donation for their ticket. For tickets, information about the show's production, and the Performing Arts Department, please click here:

[http://oesgreenroom.blogspot.com/](http://oesgreenroom.blogspot.com/)

See you at the show!

*Some material may not be suitable for students K-5. Please contact Peter Buonincontro with questions.*

**BOY'S & GIRL'S GOLF PARENT MEETING**

This meeting is for anyone and everyone who has a son or daughter who is planning on playing Golf this year in the Upper School. It will be in the MS commons on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 6:30pm. Valuable information about the program will be given along with calendar dates for practices and matches. If your son or daughter is coming out to play OES Golf this year, at least one parent must attend this very important meeting, even if he/she has played OES Golf before. Any questions, please contact Coach Missy Smith at smithm@oes.edu.

**MEAL RESERVATIONS IN DINING HALL**

The food service staff makes only enough food for the boarding program other than school day lunches. Most days we can increase the amount of food we prepare if dinner is requested with
24 hours’ notice. Weekend meal requests need to be made no later than 10:00 am Thursday morning.

Faculty, staff, parents, guests and students are expected to pay for their meals by signing in, or when appropriate, charging to a budget account.

If you make dinner reservations and you do not cancel by 2:00 pm the day of your reservation, you will be charged for the extra food that was prepared for you.

*Please note that there may be times we are not able to accommodate requests.

You can make arrangements to dine in the OES Dining Hall by emailing Kelly Cowing at cowingk@oes.edu

**Updated Pricing 2014-2015:**
Breakfast $4.00
Lunch $4.50
Dinner $7.00
Wednesday Dinner $9.00
Sunday Brunch $9.00

**JUNIOR PARENTS: SENIOR GRADUATION PARTY CHAPERONES NEEDED**

Each year the current 11th grade parents host an all-night (11 PM to 5 AM) fun, safe and memorable party for the graduating seniors. This is a “pay it forward” thing, so we will be able to relax next year when our own children graduate and next year’s 11th grade parents plan the party. **We need about 60 volunteers** to ensure the success of the evening; so ALL the local 11th grade parents are needed to help out with the planning and/or chaperoning of the event. It will be a very special night for the seniors. It will be challenging for all of us over the age of 18 to be up in the middle of the night, but the shifts are manageable if everyone helps out for a short portion of the night. The energy of the kids will keep us going! The location is TOP SECRET, but volunteers will be told the location as the time draws near.

To sign-up for a party chaperone shift, please use this [VolunteerSpot link](#). All volunteers will need to have completed a DHS Background Check to participate. Contact [Jean Verheggen](#) in the US office for more information on completing the process. For all other questions about the party, please contact [Linda Blakely](#) or [Michele Levis](#), Graduation Party Co-Chairs.

**COMMUNITY DIVERSITY LINK (CDL)**

**Books and Breakfast 2014-15**
**February 24th,** 8:00 am, Platt Global Classroom - CDL, State of the School; Intercultural Competency and Diversity. It’s been a busy few years of intercultural competency training, focus, and engagement for OES Faculty and Staff. Come hear US Head Jordan Elliott's report on 2014-2015 State of the School with respect to Intercultural Competency.
March 10th, *The Residue Years* by Portland native Mitchell Jackson. Lecture 7:30 pm at the Schnitzer Auditorium. *The Residue Years* is the Multnomah County Library's Everybody Reads 2015 selection. As part of this program, Literary Arts and the Multnomah County Library will host a lecture by Mitchell Jackson on March 10th, and we have secured tickets! Tickets will be $10 and you can sign up at www.mysignup.com/residueyears

April 14th, Books and Breakfast - *Whistling Vivaldi* by Claude M Steele, 8:00 am in the Platt Global Classroom. Our final B&B title is a powerful work (yet easy read) by social psychologist Claude Steele, who lays out his groundbreaking work on stereotypes and identity.

**AARDVARK SCIENCE EXPOSITION 2015**

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. For more information see the Aardvark Science Expo webpage.

On **Thursday, February 19th**, from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, the exhibit hall in SPARC Gymnasium is open to the public (*Please note that Oleson Road is under construction so alternate routes will need to be taken*). Student exhibitors will not be with their projects that day, though it is an excellent opportunity 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 20th**, 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 or Middle School office.

For a more comprehensive schedule click here: Complete Schedule.

**DORM NEWS**

We want to thank all those families who have taken part in the Backyard Exchange Program. It has been a true joy having your children as part of our dorm community. If you are interested in finding out more information about B.Y.E., or would like to inquire about availability for your student, please contact Brad Hoffman.

With the holiday season behind us, we wanted to ask that those of you interested in hosting a dorm student for Spring Break to contact Brad Hoffman, to let him know you are interested. Our international students truly enjoy spending time with our host families, and greatly appreciate your generosity.

**US YEARBOOK - SENIORS!**

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. For more info - see the US Yearbook Home site.

1. **MUG SHOTS:** December 1st, 2014 (past due)
2. **SENIOR PAGES:** January 10th, 2015 (past due)
3. **BABY PICTURES:** March 1st, 2015
4. **PARENT ADS:** March 1st, 2015

**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 student.

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

**CLASS NOTES**

- **9th Grade PAL** – Next meeting is on **April 6th** at 8am in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions? Contact [Jana Reddoch](mailto:Jana.Reddoch@us.edu).
  - **Upcoming meetings:** May 4th.
- **10th Grade PAL** – Next meeting is on **April 13th** at 8am in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions? Contact [Jane Langley](mailto:Jane.Langley@us.edu).
  - **Upcoming meetings:** May 11th.
- **11th Grade PAL** – Next meeting is on **April 20th** at 8am in Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions? Contact [Kay Pinkava](mailto:Kay.Pinkava@us.edu).
  - **Upcoming meetings:** May 18th.
- **12th Grade PAL** – Next meeting is on **February 23rd** at 8am in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions? Contact [Jan Massaro](mailto:Jan.Massaro@us.edu).
  - **Upcoming meetings:** April 27th, and May 26th (Tuesday).

*PAL meeting Calendar (all grades)*