Four alumni came back to visit with juniors and seniors to share some college advice and experiences. From left, Mukund R. ’15 (UC-Berkeley), Jacqui B. ’14 (Boston University), Kyle W. ’13 (Vassar College), and Claire S. ’13 (Yale).

NEWS FROM JORDAN ELLIOTT, HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

Returning to school after Winter Break I have a renewed appreciation for the
passion students feel for this community and their commitment to making the school the best place it can be. I have loved the opportunity to work with our Student Council Policy Board; we prepared last week’s presentation to students on the topics Policy Board is discussing (Dress Code, Drug and Alcohol Policies, and Day/Dorm relationships), facilitated our first ever Student Leadership Workshop where more than 30 students engaged in leadership training and action, and engaged in conversations about issues raised in our vibrant student newspaper, The Aardvark Dig. All of these conversations renew my hope and trust that together, students and adults in this community can tackle difficult topics and renew our school culture.

For parents, I want to extend a special invitation to attend our annual “State of the School” presentations. In addition to presentations in each grade level PAL meeting throughout February, I encourage you to join an evening presentation on on Monday, February 1, at 7:00 pm in the Platt Global Classroom.

Follow me on Twitter for updates of what’s going on in the Upper School and for trends in education: @OESheadUS.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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SCHOOL NOTES

(NEW) MLK Weekend Volunteer Opportunities
USE YOUR POWER FOR GOOD DURING MARTIN LUTHER KING WEEKEND--honor the spirit of the day: Click HERE.

(NEW) Order School Photos
Reminder – Last chance to order your school portraits online
(NEW) Volunteer Opportunity - 12th Grade Parents
Faculty Snacks: 12th Grade parents are invited to provide snacks for the Feb 2nd faculty/staff meeting (please note this date does not coincide with a PAL meeting this year). Snacks may be dropped off at the US Office anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Finger food only, refrigeration available. Questions? Please contact Kay Pinkava. Sign up on VolunteerSpot.

(NEW) 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
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 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) MIDWINTER MADNESS 2016

WINTER FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT CAMIONS OF CARE

The Upper School’s annual winter fundraiser, Midwinter Madness, will run Jan. 28-Feb. 9 and this year will raise 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, beginning with the Kickoff Assembly at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, in the gym.

This year’s planned events include:

- **Sales of Midwinter Madness Tshirts:** Each Upper School grade has a different custom-designed shirt, which will be used as a jersey for Midwinter Madness sporting events but also to show Midwinter Madness spirit. The deadline to preorder these shirts is today, Friday, Jan. 15, and the cost is $19 per shirt.

- **Bubble Soccer:** This second-year Midwinter Madness event is sure to be fun and entertaining. It will take place 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, in the gym. Admission is $5.

- **CRUSH sales,** in which students (and parents!) can send a bottle of CRUSH soda to someone they have a “crush” on.

- **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.

- **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.

- **PowderTuff Volleyball,** in which teams of boys will compete in 6 v. 6 volleyball, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday,
Feb. 1, in the OES gym. Admission to play or watch is $5 per person.

- **Mega-Bake Sale**, Tuesday-Friday, Feb. 2-5 in the Great Hall, from 7:30 a.m. until baked goods run out each day.
- **Casino Night @ Semi**, 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Location TBA. 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](http://www.camionsofcare.org).  

- **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.

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](http://www.camionsofcare.org) is available at the organization’s website:

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

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**NEW** ADMISSIONS

**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](http://www.camionsofcare.org).

**Admissions Application Deadlines**

Application Deadline (Grades PK – 8) – January 19
Application Deadline (Grades 9-12) – January 28

Re-Enrollment
Enrollment Contracts for the 2016-2017 school year are once again paperless! We will be opening up the contract website on Tuesday, January 26. Like last year, you will be given the option to pay your deposit using an e-check. We will not be accepting credit card payments for enrollment deposits. **Contracts and deposits are due back by February 9.**

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

Curtain is up at 7:00PM sharp

(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; Jean will also be available after the January 19th PAL meeting.
- 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 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: Must finish the 20 OFF campus hours by the end of this month: January 29 (!!), 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 5 months to complete your Service-Learning requirement.

(NEW) AASK FRIEND-RAISING BREAKFAST

AASK Friend-Raising Breakfast

Honoring Myra "Rainbow" Clark’s OES service as she starts her next adventure.

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
(NEW) OES AUCTION

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016
AARDY LIGHTS
GOES TO HOLLYWOOD
AUCTION

The Thirtieth Annual Oregon Episcopal School Auction

Heading up the 30th Annual OES Auction this year are Auction Chair: Michelle Fitzhenry and Auction Co-Chair: Hilary O'Hollaren. The event theme this year is “Aardy Goes to Hollywood” so get ready to get your glamour on!

Wall of Wine

The Auction is right around the corner and it is time for us to start thinking about collecting all of the wine that makes our Auction Wall of Wine a success! For those of you hosting OES parties or gatherings, please consider asking guests to bring an extra bottle of wine valued at $25 or more, to donate to this effort. The earlier we start collecting wine, the better! Please contact Jaime Sales with any questions!

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.

(NEW) 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

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 8:30 - 11:30 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 or volunteer?
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.

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**

**(NEW) 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**
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**
- January 23 (12/28, late 1/12)

**ACT testing**
- February 6 (1/8, late 1/15)
CLASS NOTES

- **9th Grade PAL** – Next meeting is on February 5th, 8:00 am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Rico McIver.  
  Binary Interoperability, Understanding the interim.  

- **10th Grade PAL** – Next meeting is on February 8th, 8:00 am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Jana Reddoch.  

- **11th Grade PAL** – Next meeting: January 19th, 8:00am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Holly Hady.  
  Upcoming meetings: 2/22, 4/18, 5/16.

- **12th Grade PAL** – Next meeting: January 25th, 8:00am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Kay Pinkava.  

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

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