Charley's Aunt - A rare "behind the scenes" look at the work that goes into set construction at OES. Come see the cast and crew's hard work March 2-5! (Photo courtesy of OES Green Room)

NEWS FROM JORDAN ELLIOTT, HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

The hallmark of our experiential education program in the Upper School, Winterim, lies just before us. Students and teachers are deeply engaged in preparation work for courses that begin in a few weeks; courses that will take them to experiences as broad as international travel and local service.
Each year as spring arrives, I am grateful for the commitment we have at OES to give students a chance to learn through direct and sustained experience of something new and different.

Closing out February, I am also grateful for the time and energy students put into their science research projects. Each year the Aardvark Science Expo is an amazing display of that energy and the amazing learning the science research program has made available to students. I want to take a moment to thank all the faculty and staff that guide students through their research and make the Expo a reality.

Follow me on Twitter for more: @OESheadUS.

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**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **March 2-5**
  - *Charley's Aunt*, 7:00 pm, Great Hall
- **March 4**
  - Guest Speaker: Walidah Imarisha, 8:30 am, Platt (parents)
  - Guest Speaker: Walidah Imarisha, 9:55 am, Chapel
  - Senior Baby Photos due
- **March 5**
  - Regional Speed Stacking Tournament, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, OES Gym
- **March 9**
  - PCL, 8:00 am, DVR
- **March 12**
  - OES Auction, 6:00 pm, Montgomery Park
- **March 14**
  - All School Choir Concert, 6:30 pm, Chapel
- **March 17**
  - Freshmen Parent College Night, 7:00 pm, Great Hall
- **March 17-24**
  - Winterim
- **March 25 - April 4**
  - Spring Break
- **April 8**
  - 9th Grade PAL, 8:00 am, DVR
- **April 11**
  - 10th Grade PAL, 8:00 am, DVR
- **April 12**
  - Books & Breakfast, 8:00 am, Platt
- **April 13**
  - PCL, 8:00 am, DVR
  - Patty Jeanne Semura Award Ceremony, 9:55 am, Great Hall
  - Sophomore Parent College Night, 7:00 pm, Great Hall
- **April 14**
  - Senior Pictures, 7:45 am - 1:30 pm, US Project Rm
- **April 15**
  - NO US CLASSES

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**SCHOOL NOTES**

- Annual Fund online.

  [OES Fund Donate Now]

- Backyard Exchange
  - Spend a weekend in the dorms

- PCL Minutes
  - (parents)

- After School Classes

- Archived Newsletters:
  - [March 1](#)
  - [February 16](#)
  - [February 2](#)
  - [January 15](#)
  - [December 1](#)
  - [November 16](#)
  - [November 2](#)
  - [October 15](#)
  - [October 1](#)
  - [September 15](#)
  - [September 4](#)
(NEW) **Guest Speaker: Walidah Imarsha**
On Friday, March 4, the US will be hosting writer and educator, **Walidah Imarsha**. Program is scheduled for all US students during our community time in the chapel, 9:55 to 10:45 AM. **Parents are invited to join us for a community discussion at 8:30 AM in the Platt Global Classroom** with Walidah Imarsha, topic: Why Aren't There More Black People in Oregon? Imarsha's dialogues have inspired further discussions and social action in rural and metropolitan communities around the state. As she says, “Each of us has the power to learn these hidden histories, and each of us has the right and the responsibility to create the kind of state, nation, and world we all want to live in.”

(NEW) **Dorm News**
We want to thank all of you who have offered home stays to many of our International students during the Holiday Breaks. We greatly appreciate your generosity and the friendships you have developed along the way. We are currently looking for a couple of families to host students during the **Spring Vacation week: March 26 to April 3**. If you are interested, please contact: Brad Hoffman, Head of House, at **hoffmanb@oes.edu**.

**Monthly US PAL notes 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](http://oes.edu).

Please contact OES Nurse, Elaine Elliott, with any questions or concerns (elliotte@oes.edu).

**NEW** **WINTERIM 2016**

Winterim 2016 is just around the corner!

Students participating in local Winterim courses will begin at 8:45 am on Thursday, March 17. For folks staying local, Winterim will run on a regular school-day schedule, ending at 3:05 pm on Thursday, March 24. Just like any other time through the school year, if your child is sick, please report his/her absence to Alison Nugent.

If your student is participating in a domestic or international trip, you should have received travel and schedule details from the trip leaders. If you have any questions at all, please contact the trip leader or Christina Meyerhoff, Director of Winterim.

**NEW** **MIDWINTER MADNESS**

**MIDWINTER MADNESS NETS $13,000 for CAMIONS OF CARE**

Thank you to everyone in the Upper School community who supported our Midwinter Madness events this year. Through your generosity and enthusiasm, Midwinter Madness raised over $13,000 in cash and feminine-hygiene products for Camions of Care, a local nonprofit that provides menstrual-care products to women who can't afford them or don't have access to them.

Parents, please be aware that the billing for Midwinter
Madness-related charges by your child will show up on your March bill from the school.

Special thanks to the Midwinter Madness student committee, especially senior leaders Hannah P., Kate P., Calla S., and Sarah W. Other members of the committee were: 9th graders Christina B., Andrew C., Claire C., Ingrid D., Noelani J., Bridget M., Rachel P., Grace W.; 10th graders Anna B., Chloe F-G., Ian G., Oren P., and Maxwell P.; 11th graders Bisrat B., Leo P., Sophie S., and Lexy T.; and 12 grader Cameron S.

**NEW** SCHOOL STORE

**Spring sport pre-orders have arrived!** Didn't place your order in time? No worries, we have you covered! We now have a large selection of **Tennis, Golf, Track and Field, and Lacrosse** to choose from, as well as extra Pajamas, Vineyard Vines Ties and Bow Ties, License Plate Frames, Mugs, Picture Frames, Gloves and so much more! You’ll find something for all of your favorite Aardvarks and Aardvark Fans!

We are located in the lower level of the Morris House, below Admissions. You can also find us at: [www.oes.edu/store](http://www.oes.edu/store)

Questions? Contact [Madeleine Menashe](mailto:Madeleine.Menashe@oes.edu).

**NEW** VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS for 2016-17

Signups are here for **Interest in Volunteer Leadership Positions for 2016-2017**

It is time to start thinking ahead to our next school year. The Parent Community Link is looking for people to help lead our many volunteer efforts. Please take a moment to investigate the different volunteer leadership positions open for Lower, Middle and Upper school for 2016-2017.

Please express your interest in being considered for a specific position by clicking the following link – **Interest in Volunteer Leadership Positions for 2016-17**

By clicking “Sign-up” you are expressing interest and will be contacted by a representative from PCL. All interested individuals will be contacted by members of Parent Community Link between March and April to determine if a placement might work and to discuss options. We look forward to hearing from you!

Please also feel free to contact [Ruchi Prakash](mailto:Ruchi.Prakash@oes.edu) (All School Volunteer Coordinator) or [Courtney Fitzloff](mailto:Courtney.Fitzloff@oes.edu) (Parent Community Link Chair) with any questions.

**NEW** BOOKS & BREAKFAST / CDL
What an amazing year of great reads we’ve had! The final CDL Books and Breakfast meeting will be on April 12th at 8:00 am in the Platt Global Classroom. We will be discussing the *Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid.

Community Diversity Link 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 Wednesday, May 25 at 8:00 am in the Platt Global Classroom.

(NEW) OES AUCTION

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SATURDAY MARCH 12 AARDY LIGHTS
2016 GOES TO HOLLYWOOD AUCTION

The Thirtieth Annual Oregon Episcopal School Auction

Coming Soon to Montgomery Park…

We are less than two weeks away from the big night! Don’t forget to RSVP for your tickets now either [online](#) or by mailing in the card that arrived with your invitation.

We are still accepting DONATIONS for the silent auction so please feel free to drop items off at the auction office with a donation form, or [donate online](#).

When the last scene is "a wrap", it's the film crew that becomes the star of the show. We need you to become part of this key area of our auction. Under the direction of the amazing Tracy Arensberg of LS classroom and math specialist fame, you can have fun, meet new people and truly be the ones to "bring the house down". This happens after the auction and the crew breaks down the set. Tracy has headed this with spirit, fun and expertise for years. You can still attend the auction as a VOLUNTEER, peruse the silent auction, enjoy yummy volunteer treats and jump into action as the curtain comes down. Sound exciting? [Head to volunteer spot](#).

Want a preview of the auction? Volunteers needed to stuff catalogs for auction attendees on Tuesday, March 8 from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Platt Global Classroom. Please use volunteer spot to [sign up](#).

Donations for our ever popular WALL OF WINE are still ongoing. We are getting so close to having all the bottles we need, but we still would love more! Please drop off at the auction office, with a donation form - we promise not to drink

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**NEW TO THE AUCTION?** Please join us! It's a great time for our entire community to get together and have a fabulous time. So get ready to get your glamour on, the evening is sure to be a Hollywood Hit.

“So keep your head high, keep your chin up, and most importantly, keep smiling, because life’s a beautiful thing and there’s so much to smile about.” - Marilyn Monroe.

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**Wall of Wine**
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 one of these shops:

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

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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](http://www.usosl.org). 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](http://www.usosl.org/services). Questions? Contact [Robin Schauffler](mailto:robin.schauffler@usosl.org), 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 opportunities 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 on 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.

(NEW) ART NOTES

Senior Andy S. received an Honorable Mention at the 2016 Oregon College of Art & Craft (OCAC) Juried High School Exhibition!

Seven OES students were chosen to exhibit their work:
Andy S. '16 - drawing
Emma F. '17 - silkscreen print
Jane S. '16 - sculpture
Bisrat B. '17 - sculpture
Evan L. '16 - ceramics
Yunyi D. '16 - printmaking
Cheney S. '19 - mixed media sculpture

The exhibition is in the Hoffman Gallery at OCAC - until March 10.

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

Tickets are now available at: http://oesgreenroom.blogspot.com/ click on the poster image on the right side of the page.

Curtain is up at 7:00 pm sharp

**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 Wallitzki 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.

**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 have previously participated in that event. **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 has been 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.

**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)

- **Physical Form (Grades PK - 6)**
- **Physical Form (Grades 7 - 12)**

**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**
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.

College Night for Parents of Sophomores
We have scheduled our annual College Night for Parents of Sophomores on Wednesday, April 13. 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.

Case Studies Program with Catlin Gabel (for Juniors and Parents of Juniors)
Please mark your calendar for a Case Studies program (also known as mock admissions) that will be hosted jointly with Catlin Gabel this spring. The program will take place at Catlin Gabel on Sunday, April 24 from 6:00-8:30 pm (with check in starting before 6:00 pm). The evening will include an opportunity for parents and students to read college applications and make admissions decisions under the direction of a college admission officer (in small groups). The last hour of the evening will be a mini college fair in which parents and students can talk with college representatives about their college. We will have over 35 college admission officers from all over the country. The event offers a wonderful opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the college admission process (an insider’s view) and to connect with and learn more about some of the participating colleges. We hope that most juniors and their parents will attend!

Spring College Fair
Will be held on Sunday April 24 from 12:00-3:00 pm at the University of Portland – Chiles Center. Students should register in advance at gotocollegetours.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 be tedious).

**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**
  - 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: April 18th, 8:00 am, DVR. Questions? Contact Holly Hady.
  - Upcoming meetings: 5/16.

- **12th Grade PAL** – Next meeting: April 25th, 8:00 am, DVR. Questions? Contact Kay Pinkava.
Upcoming meetings: 5/23.

PAL meeting Calendar (all grades)

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