One-Acts 2015 - The cast and crew from the 2015 OES One-Acts. The three plays were: Pass The Salt, Natalie B. '15; Absolutely, Sophia A. '15; and Ain't That A Shame, Roz S-L '15. (Photo Credit: John Holloran; more photos here)

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 giving students a chance to learn through direct and sustained experience of something new and different.

I want to give all parents a heads up about Culture Shock. Culture Shock is our annual conference for students where we explore and appreciate different cultures at OES and increase students’ intercultural competency. This year, we will include events for parents on the evenings of Wednesday, April 15 and Thursday,
April 16. Stay tuned for more details and please hold those dates on your calendars.

Follow me on Twitter: @OESheadUS.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2   AS Instrumental Concert, 5:30pm, Gym
March 8   Ski Team Dinner & Awards, 5-7pm, MS Commons
March 9   AS Choir Concert, 7:00pm, Chapel
March 10  CDL: Mitchell Jackson Lecture, 7:30pm, Schnitzer Auditorium
March     Winterim
12-19     Winterim
March 14  OES Auction, 5 pm, Montgomery Park
March 16  9th Grade Parent College Night, 7:00 pm, Great Hall
March 20-30 US Spring Break
March 31  US Classes resume
April 2   Senior Pictures, 8:00am-1:00pm, US Project Rm
April 3   No School - Good Friday

SCHOOL NOTES

(NEW) Illness Information
Important Information About OES’s Communicable Diseases Protocol:
In the unlikely event of a measles (or other communicable disease) outbreak at OES, we want all families to familiarize themselves with current protocols for schools (public and private), as directed by local health officials. Click here for more information and resources. Questions? Contact Elaine Elliott.

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!

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.

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

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MIDWINTER MADNESS RAISES $14,000 FOR OUTSIDE IN

Thank you to everyone in the OES community who participated enthusiastically and generously in our Midwinter Madness fundraising events Jan. 29-Feb. 10. The events raised a total of $14,025 for Outside In, a Portland non-profit that provides shelter and other services to homeless youth to help them achieve greater self-sufficiency and better lives.

Special thanks to this year's senior leaders: Cara D., Kristin G., Holly L., Lily M., Emi O-F., and David S. They did a tremendous job organizing and motivating the student committee. Thanks also to the committee members, whose hard work, creativity, and dedication made everything run smoothly and successfully: freshmen Peter B., Chloe F-G., Mia F., Julia H., and Kyla K; sophomores Bisrat B., Aley B., Clem D., Anna K., James L., Vanessa L., Henry M., Alex O., Sophie S., and Lexy T.; juniors Jonathan D. and Jonathan S; and seniors Lisa L. and Rushi N.

Stay tuned for our final event of the year, Powderpuff Football, which will be staged near the end of the year, when the weather is warmer and more dependable. The fabled CRUSH Cup will be up for grabs! Day and time TBD.

AASK TUTORING

It is not too late to make a difference in a young person’s education this spring! Sign up to be an AASK tutor and work with students at Whitford Middle School who are primarily English Language Learners working hard to meet the proficiency levels for their grade level. 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. Busing (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.

Our first tutoring session is March 3rd. Training will be after spring break.

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

COMMUNITY DIVERSITY LINK (CDL)

Join us! The Community Diversity Link is venturing out on the town to hear Portland native Mitchell Jackson discuss his book, The Residue Years on March 10th at 7:30 pm at the Schnitzer Concert Hall.
The Residue Years is the Multnomah County Library's Everybody Reads 2015 selection and Jackson's reading is sponsored by Literary Arts. Tickets for the OES Community are $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.

(NEW) OES SERVICE LEARNING

In April the All-School Service Learning Committee and the US Service Learning Action Committee (SLAC) will launch our annual all-school drive to collect and donate nonperishable food items. A spin-off of the statewide Project Second Wind, this drive supports our nearby service agency, Neighborhood House, whose Emergency Food Box Program helps to feed over 500 families every month. We ask the whole OES community to join in to support this effort—stay tuned for more information after Spring Break.

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

(NEW) COLLEGE COUNSELING

(NEW) 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 26 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 close to 30 college admission officers from all over the country. This evening 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!

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).

**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.

**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.

**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)
Sign up for this class on the OES After School Classes website.

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**
  - March 14
  - May 2 (4/6)
  - June 6 (5/8)
- **ACT testing**
  - April 18 (3/13)
  - June 13 (5/8)

(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 5th - March 27th. Please come and visit the store in its new location, starting Tuesday, March 31st!

Need something desperately? Gifts for your trip to Spain, Martinique or China, or a Winterim trip? Head to the store this week!! Or make an appointment next week, to pop by during the move, and we will accommodate you as best as we can. Sport pre-orders will hopefully 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 AUCTION 2015

Operation Alert 1
CODE NAME: LASTCHANCE

There are a handful of auction tickets left! Register online now to grab yours!

Operation Alert 2
CODE NAME: COATAAI
Check out all the amazing auction items you can bid on March 14!
View the Easel Parties [here](#).
View the Job Shadow opportunities [here](#).
View the class projects [here](#).
View a sneak peek at some of the live auction items [here](#).
View the Auction Catalog [here](#).

**Operation Alert 3**
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**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.

**WOW!WAAT!**

WOW! We are almost there!
We Need just 40 more bottles valued at $20 or more By March 13!!! There are three ways to donate:
1. Beginning this week: Auction Volunteers will Be Stationed in the morning and afternoon at drop off and pick up locations from Wednesday, 3/4 Through Friday, 3/6 to take your donations.
2. Simply contact one of our wine shops to set your order aside for us to pick up:
   - E&R Wine Shop- call or drop by to order*
     6141 SW Macadam Ave Portland, OR 97239 503.246.6101
   - SEC Wines- call or email [Eric Pottmeyer](#) to order*
     503-805-5871

   *Bottles ordered through the shops will be stored at the shop and collected by Auction volunteers for the event.

3. Deliver directly to The Development Office or contact [Jaime Sales](#).

**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 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 2: Saturday, Mar 14, "Night of" Volunteer Opportunities:
If your auction night assignments permit, please sign up to help close the silent auction, sell raffle tickets, or work.

We can’t wait to see all of our volunteers, families, and guests on March 14 at Montgomery Park for a great night benefiting our children, school and community. Thank you all for your time, effort, and generosity to make this year’s auction mission a critical success.

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

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!

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.

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.  
   Upcoming meetings: May 4th.

10th Grade PAL – Next meeting is on April 13th at 8am in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions? Contact Jane Langley.  
   Upcoming meetings: May 11th.

11th Grade PAL – Next meeting is on April 20th at 8am in Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions? Contact Kay Pinkava.  
   Upcoming meetings: May 18th.
12th Grade PAL – Next meeting is on April 27th at 8am in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions? Contact Jan Massaro.

Upcoming meetings: May 26th (Tuesday).

(NEW) Please mark April 2nd on your calendars to help your senior remember this date!
Individual pictures of the senior class will be taken on Thursday, April 2 (during the week we return from spring break). We ask students to dress a bit more formally than they do for the regular school day as these pictures will join the other class pictures that have been a tradition of OES dating back to 1881. Questions? Please contact freemanp@oes.edu.

PAL meeting Calendar (all grades)