OES Brass Band - What school would have a pep band composed almost exclusively of tubas? The Aardvarks, that's who! - US students led by Rob Orr.

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

The end of October and beginning of November are our opportunities to connect with seniors, ninth graders, new students, and their respective parents at student-parent-teacher conferences. We look forward to this opportunity to sit down together to reflect on students’ progress this year, discuss areas for growth, and celebrate accomplishments in the Upper School. In the next few weeks, all ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students will also receive narrative comments about the first quarter of the year and all ninth and new students will hear from us about the time and date of their conference.

We also look forward to culminating events in athletics and performing arts. Our fall sports teams will be competing for district and state honors and a dedicated cast and crew is putting the final touches on *The Curious Savage*. 
Follow me on Twitter: @OESheadUS.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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## SCHOOL NOTES

**NEW** Grandparents & Special Friend Day  
Tuesday, November 25, 2014  
8:00 am – 10:45  
Guest will enjoy breakfast, musical performances, and a tour of the Upper School with Jordan Elliott. Upper School Students are invited to join their Grandparents or Special Friend for breakfast. If you would like to attend, **Please RSVP by Nov 17. (more details below)**

**Honeywell Instant Alert**  
Fall has arrived! 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 emergency’s. In order to receive these announcements, you must register with Honeywell Instant Alert.  
[Learn more](#).

**Volunteer Needs**  
- We are seeking two parents from each Upper School grade to coordinate a class basket for the auction. If interested please contact Sally LeFeber or sign up on VolunteerSpot:  
  - [US 9th Grade - Auction Basket Chairs](#)  
  - [US 10th Grade - Auction Basket Chairs](#)  
  - [US 12th Grade - Auction Basket Chairs](#)  
- We are looking for volunteers to help with the 9th Grade Faculty Snack. Sign up on VolunteerSpot: [9th grade faculty snack](#)

**OES Dining Hall News**
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.

**OES Nut Policy Reminder**
As everyone is aware, OES has chosen not to serve nuts or nut products in our dinning halls as one measure to help keep our community members with life threatening allergies safe. In regards to OES bus transportation, we also request that your student(s) refrain from bringing or consuming nuts or nut products on our OES buses in order ot minimize risk for our students. Questions? Contact Elaine Elliott.

**Attendance**
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.

**(NEW) ADMISSIONS**

**Asia Travel**
Admissions will be visiting Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam in November to meet with prospective students and current families. Visit our Fall Admissions travel page for schedule information.

**Prospective Parent Information Receptions – open to the public**
Monday, Nov 17, 6pm – Multnomah Athletic Club
Tuesday, Dec 9, 6pm – Oswego Lake Country Club

**SIBLING APPLICATIONS**
Parents: if you have a child ready to join the OES community in the 2015-16 school year - the application deadline is January 20. We are offering a reduced application fee of $50, if you apply online by December 15. You will use your parent portal password to log into the online application. An application checklist and other forms are available here.

**(NEW) WINTERIM 2015**

**WINTERIM 2015**
A buzz is beginning to circulate about what the opportunities will be for Winterim 2015. The full array of local and domestic courses will be unveiled at the annual Winterim assembly on Friday, November 21, and the online catalog and registration will be available beginning that day. There’s a broad array of courses in the works, with many no-cost options. Please remember that full participation in Winterim each year is a graduation requirement for all students. Christina "Tna" Meyerhoff, the Director of Winterim, will speak about Winterim at the freshman PAL meeting on November 3rd. If you won’t be at the meeting and you have any questions about Winterim, please contact Tna.

**DISCOVERY-in-WINTERIM**

Applications are due November 7 for Discovery-in-Winterim. Please urge student
to consider taking advantage of this excellent career-exploration opportunity. Learn more about doing a Winterim Discovery.

What is DISCOVERY?
- A five-day, 40-hour apprenticeship or career exploration available to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students at OES.
- A guided process through which the students creates his or her own program.
- An opportunity to pursue special passions, interests, and curiosities.
- A chance to experience the demands and structure of the “working world.”

(NEW) OES SERVICE LEARNING

SENIORS need to be making progress on their Service-Learning Requirement—May is much sooner than they think! If you have a senior in your house, please ask him or her what plans have been made for SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS!! Questions? Email Robin Schauffler, Service-Learning Coordinator.

Go to Hands-On-Portland and find date-specific volunteer events at a variety of places all over town, or CLICK HERE for the OES Service Learning website's list of projects and agencies that always welcome volunteers, anytime.

Remember, if your child 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.

(NEW) FALL BOOK FAIR

Every year, FOESL (Friends of the OES Libraries) partners with US students in ECHOES to offer a book drive for a worthy cause. This year’s recipients will be our many 3- to 5-year-old friends at the Neighborhood House Head Start classrooms. They are located right in Multnomah Village, work with homeless, hungry seniors and students needing extra school help. Many of our students are already providing assistance to the Neighborhood House and this is a great way to increase our impact, right in our own community. You can purchase a book for the Neighborhood House at Annie Bloom’s Books, 7834 SW Capitol Hwy, Friday, Nov. 14 thru Monday, Nov. 17. Proceeds will go to support FOESL and literacy at OES through library programming, reading incentives, and author visits for students.

Want to travel to the fair with other adults aboard the OES Book Fair Bus? We have space for you either on Friday, November 14th at 8:30 am (coffee included!) or on Monday, November 17th at 12:30 pm. Sign up here for hassle free transportation to the fair.

Interested in volunteering for the Fair? We need your help at the store guiding customers and reminding folks to let the cashiers know they are from OES. Sign up here!

Questions? Check out the Book Fair Webpage or contact Hilary O’Hollaren. We
look forward to seeing you at the fair!

(NEW) COMMUNITY DIVERSITY LINK (CDL)

Books and Breakfast 2014-15

"Quiet, the Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking" by Susan Cain. **December 2, 2014, 8:00 am in the Platt Global Classroom**

Perhaps you consider yourself an introvert, if not, chances are great that you have married one, or given birth to one! Join us as we delve into the issues surrounding this book. Extroverts, Introverts, and Ambiverts encouraged to attend.

We look forward to seeing you!

(NEW) "BEYOND THE MARSHMALLOWS" LECTURE

Sponsored by Arbor School and hosted by Lincoln High School, this lecture is Dr. Mischel's gift to the community where two of his grandchildren are growing up.

(NEW) GRANDPARENT & SPECIAL FRIEND DAY
An invitation was mailed to grandparents and special friends of students inviting them to attend a special event from 8:00 to 10:45 a.m. November 25. A continental breakfast and student musical performances will be followed by visits to classrooms (or in Upper School, a school tour). We may not have your child’s grandparents’ address, or you may want to invite a special friend or neighbor to come and experience your child’s day at OES. You may request that the Development Office add your guest to the mailing list and send an invitation by providing information. Additional invitations are also available in the Division Offices. RSVP date is November 17.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

"There are a million things a man won't do for five dollars, but there aren't five things a man won't do for a million." -Mrs. Savage

The OES Performing Art's Department is proud to announce the fall production of The Curious Savage, written by John Patrick and directed by Liz Harlan-Ferlo.

When Ethel Savage inherits her late husband's fortune, her plans to start a "happiness fund" for strangers distresses her three grown-up children. It is only after they have he committed to The Cloisters sanatorium that they discover she has hidden the money, and become willing to look anywhere to find it. Ethel finds herself part of the Cloister family of patients, a gentle and eccentric group, and with their help tests her children's greedy nature. Will the money ever be found?

Performances are November 13th-15th. Tickets will be made available starting October 30th, and can be accessed through the Performing Arts Department Blog. Come check out the posts introducing you to the cast and crew, as well as giving you glimpse of the work put into mounting this classic show!

SCHOOL STORE
-OES License plate frames. Pop one on your car and show off your school pride with these green and white frames!

-Pajama bottoms, boxer shorts and tank tops this week and next, just in time for the cold weather! This is a limited time order.

And coming soon: Pre-Order for Winter Sport spirit wear and New Vineyard Vines bow ties.

Come by and see all of the ways you can support your AARDVARKS!

**Store Hours:** Open 2pm-4pm every weekday, as well as by appointment in the morning. You can always visit us online at [www.oes.edu/store](http://www.oes.edu/store).

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

**SPORTS LEADERSHIP CLASS**

OES Certification in Sports Leadership Class

Asking student-athletes to be leaders without preparing them for the responsibility is unfair. Often much is expected of our leaders, but seldom do we intentionally teach them the necessary skills in order for them to do the job effectively. The OES Leadership Certification class is designed to give Aardvark student-athletes with interest in leadership the same instruction, encouragement and practice that we give athletes before competition.

**This class is recommended for all students, grades 9th-11th.** Students will have the opportunity to “Explore” what it takes to be a leader, “Connect” with their peers, “Commit” to leadership, and “Create” their own leadership style. If you participated in this class last year, you are still encouraged to participate as the material and the format of the class will differ from last year.

Based on the work of Jeff Janssen, M.S., and his publication “The Team Captain’s Leadership Manual,” and “Championship Team Building,” members of the OES coaching staff and outside leaders in our community will present on a variety of topics from the power of leadership to the skills needed to become an effective leader. In this **10 week program of approximately 90 minute sessions**, students will engage in conversations and exercises around these important concepts.

This class will meet on Monday evenings 6:30-8:00pm on the following dates on the OES campus. Dinner will be provided.

**Dates:**
- Oct. 27th
- Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th
- Dec. 1st, 8th
- Jan. 5th, 12th
- Feb. 23rd
- March 2nd

**Costs of the books are $30.00 each.** Financial aid is available. (The books are recommended, but are not required). If you are in need of financial aid please contact financial aid directly.
For more information or to reserve a spot please contact Missy Smith, Head OES Golf Coach.

**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
2. **SENIOR PAGES**: January 10th, 2015
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.

**SENIOR PHOTO GUIDELINES**

- Head and shoulders only
- Print size – 3”X 3”
- Quality - 300 DPI
- **Deadline – December 1, 2014**

For more info, contact:

Sue Jensen, US Arts Faculty, Advisor to Yearbook

**COLLEGE COUNSELING**

**Portland College Fairs**

**Portland National College Fair at Oregon Convention Center**

- Sunday, November 2 / 1:00-5:00pm
- Monday, November 3 / 9:00am-12:00pm

Juniors are encouraged to attend the National College Fair (some seniors and sophomores may also decide it makes good sense to attend). Those planning on attending should pre-register at: [www.gotomyncf.com](http://www.gotomyncf.com).

You will then be able to print out a barcode that colleges can scan to enter your information on their mailing list (this will save you a great deal of time filling out cards at the fair for colleges of interest). We have a handout available in the library that lists participating colleges, or you can view the most updated list at [www.nationalcollegefairs.org](http://www.nationalcollegefairs.org).

Students attending the fair for the first time should keep in mind that this is a well-attended event and you may want to go with a friend or family member. There will be many students, parents, and colleges participating. You might consider ahead of time how you want to approach the fair. For example, you could make a list of colleges of interest or think about questions you want to ask representatives.
Financial Aid Night
Financial Aid Night / Monday, November 17 / 7:00-8:45pm / Great Hall
All parents are invited to this presentation on need- and merit-based financial aid with Leslie Limper, Director of Financial Aid, Reed College and Paula Sutton, Director of College Counseling, OES.

College Visits at OES
Many colleges will visit OES this fall to meet with interested students. We encourage juniors and seniors to keep a close eye on the college visit schedule in Naviance. The schedule will be posted on bulletin boards in the Library and Great Hall and on the OES website (college counseling page). We will do our best to send juniors and seniors an email each week with the schedule for the upcoming two weeks. However, Naviance is the source of the most up-to-date schedule and will change throughout the fall as visits are added. Students are encouraged to sign up for visits on Naviance. This results in an automatic email reminder close to the date of the visit.

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
November 8
December 6 (11/6, late 11/24)
January 24 (12/29, late 1/13)

ACT testing
December 13 (11/7, late 11/21)
February 7 (1/9, late 1/16)

CLASS NOTES

9th Grade PAL – Next meeting is on November 3rd at 8am in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions? Contact Jana Reddoch.
Upcoming meetings: January 5th, February 2nd, April 6th, and May 4th.

10th Grade PAL – Next meeting is on November 10th at 8am in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions? Contact Jane Langley.
Upcoming meetings: January 12th, February 9th, April 13th, and May 11th.
(NEW) 10th Grade Parent Social - PLEASE RSVP to the Evite to attend a gathering on Saturday, 8th November from 6:00-9:00pm.

11th Grade PAL – Next meeting is on November 17th at 8am in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. Contact Kay Pinkava.
Upcoming meetings: January 20th (Tuesday), February 17th (Tuesday), April 20th, and May 18th.

12th Grade PAL – Next meeting is on November 18th (Tuesday) at 8am in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions? Contact Jan Massaro.
Upcoming meetings: January 26th, February 23rd, April 27th, and May 26th (Tuesday).
(NEW) Looking Ahead: Monday, November 3, seniors will receive a pack of information for ordering their cap and gown and graduation announcements. There is no charge for the cap and gown and should you decide to order announcements, there will be a charge for those. Complete forms will be due on November 17. Questions? Email Pat Freeman or call (503) 768-3122.

PAL meeting Calendar (all grades)