To encourage those students who are 18 years old to register and vote, government teacher Mike Gwaltney, right, introduced students to six OES employees who are naturalized citizens. From left, they are VJ Sathyaraj, Peter Langley, Gisela Walitzki, Jacobo Euan-Chable, Florence Dezeix, and Tanja Horvat.

NEWS FROM JORDAN ELLIOTT, HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

Octoberim is upon us! This program is how we live our Mission by providing programs for students to grow in their understanding of themselves and as a member of our community. The buzz on campus is palpable and I look forward to seeing the ways that students will grow and learn over the next few days.

Follow me on Twitter: @OESheadUS.

Here again is the outline for Octoberim:

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**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

| October 15 | October begins (Oct. 15-17) | PSAT, 8:30am, US classrooms |
| October 16-17 | Jr. Relationship Retreat, departs at 8:15am to Aldersgate Camp |
| October 17 | Service Day (see more info below) |
| October 20 | 11th Grade PAL, 8:00am, DVR |
| October 27 | Performing & Visual Arts College Fair, 6:00pm, Portland Art Museum |
| October 28 | Books & Breakfast, 8:00am, Platt |
| October 29 | Scary Movie Night, 8:00pm, Great Hall |
| October 30-31 | NO UPPER SCHOOL - Conferences |
| November 2 | National College Fair, 1:00pm, Oregon Convention Center |
| November 3 | 9th Grade PAL, 8:00am, DVR |
| November 4 | All Saints Chapel, 9:55am, OES Chapel |

**SCHOOL NOTES**

**NEW** OCT. 17 - SERVICE LEARNING DAY

As part of Octoberim week, Friday, October 17 is a day of Service Learning and Reflection for Freshmen, Sophomores, and those Seniors who are NOT on college visits. We're calling it SLOctoberim! Students are assigned to crews working on a variety of projects on and off campus. **Students must be sure to find out where they are assigned and to dress appropriately for their tasks and for the weather!** Some groups will need waivers signed by parents.

All students will earn three Service Learning hours for the morning’s work (yay!). We’ll begin with a Gathering at 8:45am, work throughout the morning, and return for regular lunch time in the Dining Hall. **Cocoa will be served** after the morning of work, but students will need to BRING THEIR OWN MUGS that day! After lunch we have presentations and time for reflection in small groups. **The day ends at 3:05pm.**

**NEW** Message from the OES Nurse

Unfortunately, there have been cases of head lice in the 9th grade, but it could be in other grades as well. While this is slightly unusual to have cases in the upper grades, some normal high school activities such as sharing articles of clothing and personal care items such as brushes and hats do occur. Please check with your student to see if there are any signs. If you have questions about this, please email Elaine Elliott.

**NEW** Volunteer Needs

- **Library Volunteers:** Do you like books? Chris Myers could use a few willing hands in the library for a variety of tasks. If you are interested, please contact Chris directly.
- 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 11th Grade - Auction Basket Chairs
- US 12th Grade - Auction Basket Chairs

**NEW** 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.
OES Nut Policy Reminder
As everyone is aware, OES has chosen not to serve nuts or nut products in our dining 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 of 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.

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.

(NEW) FALL BOOK FAIR
The Friends of the OES Libraries (FOESL) are thrilled to announce that the 2014 Fall Book Fair will be held at Annie Bloom’s Books, 7834 SW Capitol Hwy in Multnomah Village from November 14th - 17th.

Would you like to pre-order books? Use our handy online form and get your order in by October 24th. We will have your books waiting for you at Annie Bloom’s during the fair. Check out the OES Librarians hot picks.

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 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) ADMISSIONS EVENTS
Open House:
If you know a family exploring middle or high school options, encourage them to join us for the MS/US Open House on Sunday, October 26, 1-4 p.m. More information.

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
Wednesday, Oct 22, 6pm – Hopworks Urban Brewery, SE Portland
Monday, Nov 17, 6pm – Multnomah Athletic Club
Tuesday, Dec 9, 6pm – Oswego Lake Country Club

(NEW) 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 her 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 a glimpse of the work put into mounting this classic show!

(NEW) COMMUNITY DIVERSITY LINK (CDL)

Books and Breakfast 2014-15

On October 28, 8:00 am in the Platt Global Classroom, we will discuss Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, one of the top 10 New York Times Book Review books for 2013 and just shortlisted for the 2014 Bailey’s Prize for Women’s Fiction. Described as "a richly told story set in today’s globalized world: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie’s most powerful and astonishing novel yet." We’re excited to engage with this gripping tale, and its many provocative themes and ideas, such as the benefits of discomfort for changing attitudes, the power of multiple stories, or what you think it would it take to violate your personal ethical code. Feel free to contact Kim Bissell or Lucy Shanno with any questions or suggestions.

We look forward to seeing you!

(NEW) SCHOOL STORE

New October items, arriving this week: OES License plate frames. Pop one on your car and show off your school pride with these green and white frames!

Also, be on the lookout for the Constant Contact- Order your 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.

Questions? Contact Madeleine

(NEW) OES FUND

Get in the spirit for the OES Fund Phonathon!

Three ways to support the OES Fund phonathon - October 21, 23 and 28
There is still time to volunteer for the OES Fund phonathon from 5:30-8:30 pm on October 21 and/or October 23! Join the fun as we make calls in support of the OES Fund and OES students. Click here to sign up via Volunteer Spot or email Annual Giving Manager Kelsey Cleveland or call her at 503-416-9368. Answer the phone on October 21, 23 or 28 and make a contribution or pledge. Make a donation before October 21 so you won’t be called during the phonathon and to help shorten our phonathon call list.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

We have numerous instructors offering lessons on flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, tuba, voice, guitar, piano and percussion. Register online by following the link on the right hand side for registering for after school classes. Please do remember you need to create an account in the after school class program that is separate from your OES parent portal. Call or email Joan Lowe with questions, (503)768-3145.

OES SERVICE LEARNING

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.

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

Performing and Visual Arts Fair at Portland Art Museum
Monday, October 27 / 6:00-8:00pm
Preregister: www.gotomypvafair.com
Information: www.nationalcollegefairs.org

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.

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.

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**
  - October 11
  - November 8 (late 10/28)
  - December 6 (11/6, late 11/24)

- **ACT testing**
  - October 25
  - December 13 (11/7)

**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.

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

- **12th Grade PAL** – Next meeting is on October 27th at 8am in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions? Contact Jan Massaro.
  - Upcoming meetings: November 18th (Tuesday), January 26th, February 23rd, April 27th, and May 26th (Tuesday).

(NEW) **Looking Ahead:** Monday, November 3, seniors will receive a packet 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. Completed forms will be due on November 17. Questions? Email Pat Freeman or call (503) 768-3122.

**PAL meeting Calendar (all grades)**