Senior Entrance 2015 - "Dream B16" (Dream BIG): our fearless leader, Student Body President Cyrus Johannes, is crowned king after defeating a dragon in his dreams. (Photo Credit: Patrick Wong, parent of Sarah Wong ’16)

NEWS FROM JORDAN ELLIOTT, HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

The school year is officially underway now that the Class of 2016 has declared they will “Dream B16” this year. The seniors had an inclusive and productive opening trip and we are confident their entrance this week is an indication of the great tone they will set this year.

We look forward to welcoming parents to our annual Back-to-School Night on Wednesday,
September 30. I strongly encourage you all to attend. Year after year I receive feedback from parents that this is a very worthwhile night where you get to see and experience your child’s classes and teachers. I look forward to seeing you here on Wednesday, September 30, beginning at 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendar with upcoming PAL meetings (listed at the end of this VOICE) for your child’s grade level as we will bring a wealth of topics about the new year for discussion.

Follow me on Twitter: @OESheadUS.

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**SCHOOL NOTES**

(NEW) **The Aussie’s are Coming!**

Each year we have the opportunity to host 2-3 students from the Golburn Valley Grammar School (GVGS) in Australia; in turn, hosts have the opportunity to travel to visit GVGS during our summer vacation. This past summer, seniors Sarah Wong and Hannah Park visited GVGS.

We have 3 Australian students who will be visiting us this fall, from the weekend of November 7 thorough December 7. The visitors will take part in OES classes and after-school activities, and look forward to participating in American family life. We are looking for host families for each of the 3 students (one girl, 16 year old Bridey, and two boys, 16 year old Michael and 15 year old Kelsey). Ideally, we would like to find families who could host a student for the full month, but "shares" can also be arranged if you can only host for part of the time.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact Christina Meyerhoff, Director of Winterim and Off-campus Programming. Thank you!

(NEW) **Visitors from Nanjing, China**

One lead teacher and 14 middle and high school students are visiting OES from Nanjing, China between 10/02 and 10/09 as a part of the language exchange program between our two schools. During their visit, Chinese students stay with our OES host families and
shadow our students for a week. Please welcome them with your warmest greetings. Questions? Please contact Sara Fromme.

(NEW) Ski Team
Save the date! Ski Team Racer and Parent Meeting.
There will be a meeting for downhill racers and their parents on Tuesday, October 20 in the Middle School Library. This meeting will be for alpine/downhill racing only (not freestyle). If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Roberts, Ski Team Parent.

(NEW) Olympic Saber Fencing
Olympic Saber Fencing, classes begin Wednesday, the 16th of September at 3:15pm in SPARC. Wear loose clothing and rubber soled shoes, all equipment is provided. Questions? Contact Charles Randall.

(NEW) Calling All String Players
Zero Period Orchestra meets Thursday mornings before school from 7:50-8:40 in the chapel basement/guild room. All intermediate and advanced string players grades 5-12 are invited to participate. Start time Thursday Sept. 17. The class is free of charge. For further questions please e-mail the director Angelika Furtwangler.

US Picture Day
Please mark your calendar for US Picture Day: Wednesday, September 23rd. For more information, click here. Click here for pricing details. Questions? Contact Roberta at Holland Studios or call 503-238-5957.

Traffic & Parking This Year
The Lower School building project will have a significant impact on traffic and parking for the 2015-16 school year. Please be aware of the NEW morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up plans. While we have done our best to design traffic patterns to work as efficiently as possible this year, there is no doubt that campus traffic and parking will be more crowded.

Upper School Students:

- East side of JV field: Seniors ONLY
- Vermont Rd: No student parking
- Employee Lot (south of JV field): No student parking
- SPARC: All juniors sophomores, and freshmen
- Upper Lot: Before Sept 21, no student parking
- Upper Lot: After Sept 21, approved student carpools allowed

Student Forms
We hope you have already turned in all the forms we require - without them we cannot send students on upcoming fall trips and they cannot practice for sports.

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.

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 emergency's. In order to receive these announcements, you must register with Honeywell Instant Alert. Learn more.

**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](mailto:elliotte@oes.edu)).

**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](#).

**(NEW) BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT**

Back-to-School Night  
**Wednesday, September 30, 2015**  
6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 30, the OES Upper School will host its Back-to-School Night. We will start in advisory groups (Great Hall) at 6:30 p.m. The evening’s events will include a brief “advisory,” seven shortened class blocks, and a Gathering. During class time, teachers will share their approach and invite questions and discussion on their courses.

**Upper School PAL Meetings - 8:00-9:30 a.m.**
**Drinkward Center Volunteer Room**
- Monday, September 21 - 11th Grade
- Monday, September 28 - 12th Grade
- Thursday, October 8 - 9th Grade (at 8:45am)
- Monday, October 12 - 10th Grade

If you have questions, please contact the Upper School Office at 503-768-3122, freemanp@oes.edu or verheggenj@oes.edu

**(NEW) PARENT DRIVER CERTIFICATION CLASS**

In order to become a certified driver for students in the US, parents must take a 1 hr driving class by Jon von Behren AND have a DHS background check. If you are new to the US or it's been 3 years since your last driving class please sign up for one of the remaining sessions offered. These classes are only offered in the fall.
To be eligible to drive OES students, parents need to take a class led by Director of Facilities, Jon von Behren. **This 1 hour class will certify you as a school driver for a period of three years.** We are having 3 of these certification classes this year:
Monday, September 14th – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm (following the 6th grade Parent Partnership event)
Monday, September 28th -7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Wednesday, October 7th – 9:30 am – 10:30 am (following MS PAL meeting)
All classes will be held in the Platt Global Classroom.
**Please Sign-up for any one of these classes, using VolunteerSpot so that we can plan appropriately. Please Click on the link to signup - MS & US Driver Certification Class**

If you need a DHS background check, please contact Jean Verheggen in the US office.

(NEW) **HOMECOMING 2015**

4:15 PM
Varisty Girls Soccer VS. Catlin Gabel at the OES Turf Field

6:15 PM
Varsity Boys Soccer VS. Catlin Gabel at the OES Turf Field
Junior parents, let's “DREAM B16” [Dream Big] and put on a “B16” Grad Night Party for our Senior Class of 2016. In addition to working with a great group of parents, you will get a sneak peak into what your “soon to be senior” will enjoy at the very Top Secret Grad Night Party.

We need “B16” dreamers to help with decorations, gifts, food, communications, entertainment, organizing volunteers and more! Please consider sharing your talents, skills, imagination, and time. Interested? Contact 2016 Grad Party Co-Chairs, Nora Semonsen or Belinda Calabia.

(NEW) SCHOOL STORE

Homecoming and New Fall Sport Designs are NOW Available in the OES Store!

Homecoming and Spirit Wear have arrived at the School Store! Come in and find a great selection of Crew Neck and Hooded Sweatshirts, as well as Tee Shirts, Sweatpants, as well as lots of women’s cut Tee Shirts. We also have 6 new colors of Sunglasses, Key chains, Power Banks, Spirit scarves, New styles of hats, Water bottles, Nike socks and much more!

ALREADY IN- Spirit wear for Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country, featuring our Classic Bold OES font, back by popular demand! New styles of tee shirts for both guys and girls, as well as your favorite sweatshirt styles. Drop by or place an on-line to be sure you get the size and color you want! Online: store.oes.edu

Regular Store Hours: Open 2pm-4pm every weekday, as well as by appointment in the morning. Store is now located in the MORRIS HOUSE.

Questions? Contact Store Manager: Madeleine Menashe 503-768-3170 or menashem@oes.edu

(NEW) SERVICE LEARNING

Thursday, October 1 is our first CEREAL THURSDAY of the year. This is a long-time Upper School tradition: helping to provide breakfast cereal for the kids at Community Transitional School for children experiencing homelessness. You'll hear more at Back-to-School Night, but please consider sending in a box of cereal on October 1!

September is a great time for students to get in the habit of using their power for good and working toward their Service Learning requirement. 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
fall:

**9th grade**: Work on the 20 exploratory OFF campus hours needed before January 2016, and look for ON campus opportunities. Any service-learning you have done over the summer—since finishing 8th grade—will count! Just fill out and turn in the [Service-Learning Hours Reporting Form](#) in Area 51.

**10th grade**: Finish those 20 OFF campus hours this semester (!!), look for ON campus opportunities, and be thinking about what to do for Service Learning Projects.

**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. Do not put off your hours or your Projects. June 2016 is sooner than you think.

**ALL STUDENTS**: Get signatures and turn in all those forms for any work you've done that hasn't been reported yet. Need help with all this? SEE ROBIN.

**VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS**

The OES Visual and Performing Arts Department Present:

**Medea**

Opening November 12th

“Of all creatures that can feel and think, we women are the worst treated things alive.”

After being spurned by her husband Jason and Banished by Creon the King, Medea wrestles with rage and her own conscious as she plots her bloody revenge.

Directed by local acclaimed performer, actor and choreographer Emily Grace-Stone. Her collaboratively-devised projects have been produced by Performance Works Northwest, Conduit, On the Boards, 10 Tiny Dances, defunkt theater and PICA's TBA Festival. Emily holds a MFA in Interdisciplinary Arts with a focus in Experiential Education from Goddard College, her BA in Theater and Dance Performance from Lewis and Clark College, and currently works as Arts Integration Coach for The Right Brain Initiative in Portland, OR.

Auditions will be held after school from 3:30 to 6:30 September 15-16th

Rehearsals are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-6:30

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**Hello from Kati Stenstrom, the new Summer and After School Programs Director:**

Thank you to all who participated in our camps this summer! I am thrilled to have joined the OES community in July and experienced a
fantastic and lively summer on our beautiful campus. Our fall and winter class information will be available on the OES website on Tuesday, September 8th. Registration will open at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14th also through our website. Please reach out to me at stenstromk@oes.edu or to Cherie Davison, our program coordinator, at davisonc@oes.edu if you have any questions. Have a great start to your year!

FOESL & BOOK FAIR

The first FOESL and Book Fair meeting was today, Tuesday September 15. We will have volunteer needs in the next 8 weeks before the Book Fair at Annie Bloom's! Senior student Jenny Dai has designed the Book Fair poster and it is terrific. We need people to help with on-campus publicity, with OES community-building to possibly bring other student groups to perform at the fair, and with reaching out to other vendors in Multnomah Village. Let's continue our success and get real books in to our students' hands! Contact Jana Reddoch 503-459-2576 or jmreddoch@aol.com with questions.

AASK

Save the dates!

AASK fall tutoring begins at Whitford Middle School on October 13th, with training on October 10th and 17th at OES. Change a child’s life by helping with homework and basic academic skills, make new friends and even fulfill your service learning requirements!

Fall session runs from October 3th - November 24th, and runs each Tuesday and Thursday after school. A commitment for both days each week is required. Transportation is provided, leaving immediately after school and returning no later than 5:00 p.m. AASK service learning can be applied for on or off campus hours, and tutors can also use it as a service learning project after two terms of tutoring.

WINTERIM 2016

International trips for Winterim 2016 were announced last June, and applications for those courses will be due October 1. The full catalogue will be announced prior to Thanksgiving break.

In 2016, Winterim will run March 17-24. These dates overlap with spring break for Portland Public Schools and most other schools in the area. We realize that the misalignment of school spring breaks may create a challenge for some families, so we are considering offering a few Winterim courses during OES’s spring break, and allowing the students who participate in those courses to take their spring break during the PPS spring break week. If you would like to have this option, please contact the director of Winterim, Christina Meyerhoff, so that we can accurately assess the need.

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.

1. MUG SHOTS: December 4, 2015
2. SENIOR PAGES: January 14, 2016
3. BABY PICTURES: March 4, 2016
4. PARENT ADS: March 16, 2016

**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. **Deadline – December 4, 2015.**

**SENIOR PHOTO GUIDELINES**
Head and shoulders only
Print size – 3”X 3”
Quality - 300 DPI

For more info, contact Sue Jensen, US Arts Faculty & Advisor to Yearbook

**COLLEGE COUNSELING**

(NEW) Visual & Performing Arts College Fair
September 28th, 7:00pm at the Portland Art Museum - Mark Building. Click here for more information.

(NEW) Christian College Fair
September 28th, 6:00pm at Westside Christian High School. Click here for more information.

Senior Parent College Night
Tuesday, September 22, Great Hall, 7:00-9:00pm. We encourage parents to attend if possible, as we will offer key details and lots of reassurance and perspective. Handouts will be emailed after the event. The seniors are not expected to attend—we will be in touch with them at school and via email.

College Visits at OES
College visits begin on Wednesday, September 16th 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 (juniors will learn how to access and use Naviance during the retreat the first week of school). 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, which results in an automatic email reminder close to the date of the visit.
PSAT at OES
Sophomore and junior families, please note that the PSAT will be given the morning of Wednesday, October 14. Students do not need to register and will take the test at OES. We will send details in a later email, and early in the school year students will receive practice materials at school.

Octoberim and Seniors
Seniors have the opportunity to visit colleges during Octoberim (October 14-16). Those involved in sports should keep in mind that there may be athletic events scheduled during this time that limit your travel. On Wednesday and Thursday the college counselors will be available to assist students who stay on campus with college applications and essays.

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 3 (9/3, late 9/22)
- November 7 (10/9, late 10/27)
- December 5 (11/5, late 11/23)

ACT testing
- September 12 (8/7, late 8/21)
- October 24 (9/18, late 10/2)
- December 12 (11/6, late 11/20)

COMMUNITY DIVERSITY LINK (CDL)

A Note from Kim & Lucy:
We are pleased to chair the OES Community Diversity Link for the ’15-’16 school year and hope to encourage the continued exploration of diverse perspectives through a few special events and the Books and Breakfast Series.

We plan to begin the year with a trip to see the A Community on the Move exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society in downtown Portland. We have secured a docent-led tour at 10AM on Tuesday, September 22nd, and would love for you to grab a friend and meet us to see this ‘original exhibition created by the Oregon Black Pioneers, [that] explores how the WWII shipyards, migration from the South, the Vanport flood, and urban renewal projects impacted Portland’s black families and businesses.’

The first of four Books and Breakfast meetings is scheduled for November 10th, where we plan to discuss New York Times Op-Ed Columnist David Brook's The Road to Character.
January 12th we will tackle Claudia Rankine’s *Citizen: An American Lyric*, a finalist for the 2014 National Book award, the winner of the 2014 National Book Critics Award for poetry and a finalist for that same award for criticism.

In February we will discuss Ta-Nehisi Coates’ powerful letter to his son, *Between the World and Me*.

And our final Books and Breakfast of the Year will be on April 12th, with a book as yet to be determined.

We 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 the morning of Wednesday, May 25th.

We look forward to seeing you during the year,
Lucy Shanno and Kim Bissell

**CLASS NOTES**

- **9th Grade PAL** – First meeting is on October 8th, 8:45am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Rico McIver.
  - February meeting will be combined with 10th grade.

- **10th Grade PAL** – First meeting is on October 12th, 8:00am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Jana Reddoch.
  - February meeting will be combined with 9th grade.

- **11th Grade PAL** – First meeting is on September 21st, 8:00am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Holly Hady.
  - Upcoming meetings: 10/19, 11/16, 1/19, 2/22, 4/18, 5/16.

- **12th Grade PAL** – First meeting is on September 28th, 8:00am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Kay Pinkava.

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

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