September 30, 2014

NEWS FROM JORDAN ELLIOTT, HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

It has been a great opening to school. Thanks to all the student and parent volunteers who made the Homecoming events such a great success!

We greatly enjoyed hosting parents at our annual Back-to-School Night. While we felt great about the program, I want to apologize for the terrible parking situation. We are thoroughly debriefing what happened to cause the parking crunch to make sure nothing similar happens again.

Did you know that the US newspaper, The Aardvark Dig, is available online to all? The staff is revitalized and they are producing some great content already. I encourage you to visit!

With the second half of October comes our annual “Octoberim” program. I plan to share more details in the next version of the Voice but wanted to post the general schedule, by grade level, with you now. Stay tuned for more...

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**PM:** Wellness Fair

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**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**SCHOOL NOTES**

**(NEW) US Picture Orders & Re-Take Day**

US pictures taken by Holland Studios will soon be available for viewing. You will receive an email with directions on how to view and place your order. Keep in mind that picture re-take day for Upper School is October 9 from 10:00am-1:30pm.

**(NEW) 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 to minimize risk for our students. Questions? Contact Elaine Elliott.

**(NEW) Mandatory Ski Team Parent AND Racer Meeting**

7pm on Monday, October 13 in the MS Commons

Parents and racers (downhill) will meet on Monday, October 13 at 7pm in the MS Commons. Please join us to meet our new Ski Team Coach, Steve Urdahl. Information will be given in regards to training and practices, registration and racing schedules for this winter's racing season. Parents will also sign up for volunteering slots for race days. Both parents and racers must attend. The OES ski team welcomes all levels of ski experience! Please contact Rebecca Roberts, ski team parent representative or Belinda Calabia, ski team parent volunteer coordinator.

**(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 awaiting two parents from each Upper School grade to coordinate a class basket for the auction. Anyone interested should contact Sally LeFeber.

**(NEW) School Directories**

School directories were given out to parents at back-to-school night. If you did not attend, or did not receive a directory at that time, you may pick one up in the division office. The directory also is available online via the parent portal.

**(NEW) Meal Reservations for the OES Dining Hall**
The food service staff makes only enough food for dinner for the boarding program. Most days we can increase the amount of food we prepare if dinner is requested with 24 hours’ notice. Weekend meal requests need to be made no later than 10am Thursday morning.

If you make dinner reservations and you do not cancel, by 2pm the day of your reservation, you will be charged for the extra food that was prepared for you.

*Please note that there may be times that we are not able to accommodate requests.

Faculty, staff, parents, guests and students are expected to pay for their meals by signing in, or when appropriate, charge to a budget account.

You can make arrangements to dine in the OES Dining Hall by emailing Kelly Cowing.

Updated Pricing 2014-2015

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(NEW) Fencing Mini-Camps
Held at the Portland Convention Center on Saturday October 11 and Sunday October 12, 2014. The classes are free of charge and are on a first sign-up first served basis. Spots are limited so sign up as soon as possible. The mini-camp runs one hour. Participants will learn about the 3 swords used in Olympic fencing, learn the basics, and do some very fun hands-on fencing using foam swords. Sign up here.

(NEW) Hosting a student from Australia
Sadly, we will not have any Australian students from the Goulburn Valley Grammar School this year. If you were thinking about hosting, please hold that thought until next year when we hope to have some visitors again!

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) 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. Students will be assigned to work crews in a variety of projects on and off campus, and lists will be posted earlier that week. Students must be sure to find out where they are assigned and to dress appropriately for their tasks! 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. After lunch we have presentations and time for reflection in small groups. The day ends at 3:05pm.

(NEW) FALL BOOK FAIR

2014 Fall Book Fair News!

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. The full four-day affair will offer hundreds of titles available for purchase by our community and 20% of the proceeds will continue to support our libraries, author visits, reading incentives, and future literary festivals and celebrations.
What's new?
- We invite you to shop at Annie Bloom's, during their store hours as a family or on your own, or even perhaps with a group of pals.
- Classes will not be traveling to the book fair as in year's past.

What's the same?
- We will still be able to offer the chance to pre-order titles you'd like to pick up at Annie Bloom's during the fair.
- We will still have a chance to volunteer to help at the book fair! Check out our opportunities on volunteer spot.
- We will still have the opportunity to purchase wish list gifts for teachers, specialist and classrooms.
- We will still talk those librarians into making wonderful suggestions for great picks for this season.

Questions? Contact Hilary O'Hollaren.

(NEW) ADMISSIONS EVENTS

Admissions Parking Spaces
Admissions will begin their tour and visitor season this week. Please help us welcome our guests by not parking in the reserved Admissions parking spaces between the hours of 7:30am – 3:30pm. It is very tempting to slip into these spaces at drop-off or pick-up, however, these are times when prospective parents are dropping off or picking up their children for student visits.

Admissions Events – Spread the Word!
Do you have a friend, business associate, neighbor, or someone in your family interested in our school? OES parents are our best referral source and we have many great ways for prospective parents to learn more about OES!

Open Houses:
- Wednesday, Oct 15, 6pm – Grades PK-5 (parents only)
- Sunday, Oct 26, 1pm – Grades 6-12 (parents and students)

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

Admissions is traveling outside of Portland in October and November - to view more detail, visit our Travel Calendar. If you have contacts in the following areas or would like to help with an event, please contact Admissions.

Seattle, Washington
Europe:
- London, England
- Germany
Asia:
- Japan
- South Korea
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Vietnam

(NEW) 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.

(NEW) 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.

(NEW) 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.

(NEW) OES FUND

A volunteer team of Upper School parents and faculty invite everyone in the Upper School to join them in donating to the OES Fund to benefit every student, every day.

This year’s Upper School OES Fund volunteers include:
Jana Reddoch: Upper School representative/9th grade
Hilary O'Hollaren: 9th grade
Diana Lavery and Jan Halsey: 11th grade
Lynn Ogden and Jan Massaro: 12th grade
Tricia Sipowicz: Upper School representative
Chris Myers: Upper School Faculty

Every student scientist, athlete, actor, writer, musician, reader, and artist – as well as
his or her teachers – benefits from your donation to the OES Fund. If you have any questions, please contact the representative for your grade or Kelsey Cleveland, Annual Giving Manager, by email or call (503)416-9368.

(NEW) OES ANNUAL REPORT

The online OES Annual Report celebrates the ongoing support that makes an OES education exceptional. Thank you to all the generous donors and volunteers who are making a powerful difference in the lives of our children and our world. A printed copy of the annual report is available upon request from the Development Office at (503)768-3153.

SCHOOL STORE

Fall Sport and Homecoming Merchandise are Available in the OES Store!

NOW IN!- Spirit wear for Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country, featuring a new, two color design! Pick out a t-shirt or sweatshirt, and support your team in style!

Spirit Wear has arrived at the School Store! Come in and find a great selection of crew neck and hooded sweatshirts, as well as t-shirts, sweatpants, and again this year: girl-cut t-shirts. We also have 6 new colors of sunglasses, stadium seat cushions, spirit scarves, new styles of hats, water bottles, nike socks and much more!

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

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.

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

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. Watch this space to reserve your seat for this smart and charming comedy!

COMMUNITY DIVERSITY LINK (CDL)

Books and Breakfast 2014-15

“The worst distance between two people is misunderstanding” unknown.

The Community Diversity Link (CDL) hopes to foster multicultural awareness and understanding through reading and open discussion. Books and Breakfast meetings are hosted by the Community Diversity Link and open to the entire OES community. It is not mandatory to read the books in order to participate in our discussions.

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 look forward to engaging with this gripping tale.

We look forward to seeing you!

COLLEGE COUNSELING

(NEW) College Savings - Parent Information Night
Local representatives will present information about college savings plans and answer questions from parents at a session free to the public on Tuesday, October 14, 6:30-8:00pm in The Commons at the French American International School, 8500 NW Johnson St, Portland. Light refreshments will be available. For more information call (503) 281-0880.

(NEW) 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 very large even and you may want to go with a friend of 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.

(NEW) 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.

**PSAT at OES**
Sophomore and junior families, please note that the PSAT will be given the morning of **Wednesday, October 15**. Students do not need to register and will take the test at OES. We will send details in a later email. Students have already received practice materials.

**Octoberim and Seniors**
Seniors have the opportunity to visit colleges during Octoberim (October 15-17). 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.

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**CLASS NOTES**

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

**10th Grade PAL** – First meeting is on **October 13th** at 8am in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. Questions? Contact [Jane Langley](mailto:). Upcoming meetings: November 10th, 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](mailto:). 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](mailto:). Upcoming meetings: November 18th (Tuesday), January 26th, February 23rd, April 27th, and May 26th (Tuesday).