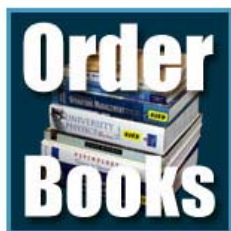




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Voice Newsletter

January 17, 2012 (Updated January 20, 2012)



Current students welcomed recent grads back to campus for an ice cream social on January 4.

News From Jordan Elliott



The end of January brings the close of the first semester. For seniors in particular, this is an exciting time of the year as they move closer to commencement and start a new set of courses, their last as students at OES. For the rest of the student body, the change to new semester classes is a refreshing update to their daily schedule.

This past week was an exciting one as one of our seniors, Ayush G., was recognized as an Intel Science Talent Search Semi-Finalist. Amazingly, this is our fifth year in a row with at least one student receiving this recognition and the 16th out of the last 18 years. Most fulfilling from my perspective, as with all student recognitions at OES, the entire student body celebrated and took pride in Ayush's success when it was announced in Gathering.

One of my New Year's resolutions is to use social media to communicate more frequently with parents and alumni. To that end, I'm using Twitter to post daily updates of happenings in the Upper School. If you would like more frequent information about what is going on between Voice issues and e-Gathering, follow me @OESheadUS.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 18: FOESL Mtg, 8:05am, Guild Room
 Jan 20: 9th Grade Parent Social, 6-9pm at the Lefebber home
 Jan 22: Old Girl/New Girl Tea, 3pm, Trinity Episcopal Church
 Jan 23: 10th Grade PAL Meeting, 8am, DVR
 Jan 23: US Winter Concert, 7pm, Great Hall
 Jan 25: US Gathering: Lunar NY Celebration, 9:55a, GH
 Jan 25: US Jr College Panel for Students, 1:15pm, MS Commons
 Jan 25: Dorm Formal Dinner, Lunar NY, 6pm, Dining Hall
 Jan 25: US Jr College Panel for Parents, 7pm, Great Hall

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Jan 26: Sophomore Backpack Slideshow, 7pm, Dining Hall
 Jan 26: Sophomore Social, 8pm, Great Hall
 Jan 27: End of Semester, No US
 Jan 29: Wendy Steele Studio Recital, 4pm
 Jan 30: 11th Grade PAL Meeting, 8am, DVR
 Jan 30: US Play, 12:30pm, MS Commons
 Jan 30: *The Finland Phenomenon* Film, 7pm, OES Chapel
 Jan 31: 12th Grade Meeting, 8am, DVR
 Jan 31: MOments, 5:30-6:30pm, DVR

****The Finland Phenomenon (New)****

Finland Phenomenon Attendees!

If you have RSVP'd and have a spot (**not on the wait list**), this message is for you. Following are specific event details:

Screening has been moved to the Chapel due to large attendance. Chapel doors will open at 6:15 pm. Event will begin promptly at 7 pm and end promptly at 9 pm. Light movie refreshments will be served.

If you can no longer attend, please contact Anne Weston at: westona@oes.edu. We will give your spot to an individual on the wait list. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, January 30!

CDL Books & Breakfast Reschedule (New)

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Friday, 1/20, Books & Breakfast discussion of *A Free Life* by Ha Jin, has been moved to Tuesday, March 6, from 8:00-9:30am in the Drinkward Volunteer Room. Thank you for updating your calendars.

Midwinter Madness Updates (New)

Midwinter Madness, the annual festival of fun and fundraising for a good cause, **will start with a kickoff assembly at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 in the Gym.** This is one day earlier than was reported in the last *Voice*. This year's beneficiary group is Elevate Oregon.

Tomorrow (Wednesday, Jan. 18), is the **last date to purchase a collector's item Midwinter Madness Tshirt.** Each grade in the Upper School has a different-colored shirt with a custom design by a member of that grade. The shirts are used as jerseys for the various Midwinter Madness sporting events, and are also a great way to show Midwinter Madness spirit. **Shirts cost \$15 each, and can be ordered by emailing [Chris Myers](mailto:Chris.Myers@oes.edu)**, the faculty co-advisor for Midwinter Madness, by the end of the day today.

Winterim Update (New)

Courses are enrolled and posted. Ask your children what they will be doing. Initial costs are being sent home. Some courses have met already.

All courses will meet on Friday, February 10 between 10:55-11:50 and again the week after the Science Fair.

Any questions, please call course leaders first, then email or call Hope Stevens at 503-416-9309. Remember, there is a Winterim Catalog at <http://www.oes.edu/us/winterim/index.html>.

Science Expos (New)

Parents, family, and friends of the OES community are invited to visit the OES Aardvark Science Expos where Middle & Upper School research projects/exhibits will be on display.

On **Thursday, February 23**, from **8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**, the exhibit hall in SPARC Gymnasium is open to the public. Student exhibitors will not be with their projects that day, though it is an excellent opportunity for members of

the entire OES community to spend time perusing the wide array of 250+ incredible projects and reading exhibit boards.

On **Friday, February 24**, after judging, there is an open house from **6:30 – 7:30 PM**, followed by the awards ceremony from **7:30 – 8:30 PM**. We look forward to seeing you at the Expo!

would you like to help as a judge or volunteer? Visit the [Volunteer Opportunities page](#).

For a more comprehensive schedule [visit here](#).

College Counseling

Parents of Juniors: Please join us on **Wednesday, January 25 @7:00 pm** in the **Great Hall**. We will be hosting our annual **Junior College Panel** for parents. This event, designed to provide you with an overview of the college search and application process, will include **Michael Sexton, Director of Enrollment Management at Santa Clara University, Keith Todd, Dean of Admission at Reed College, and Julie and Fabian Yeager, parents of two OES graduates**. Panel members will focus on how to go about researching and selecting a college, how colleges make admissions decisions, and the parent role in this process. Michael and Keith both have experience at a range of institutions: Michael Sexton at Lewis and Clark College, Rhodes College, and Juniata College and Keith Todd at Rice University, Northwestern University, and Stanford University. On Wednesday afternoon, our college speakers will spend time with the juniors discussing similar topics and answering their questions.

Gap Year Opportunities Fair—Wednesday, February 15, 2012 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School. There will be a presentation from 6:00-6:30 followed by the fair from 6:30-8:30. We encourage interested upper school students and parents to attend. Various organizations offering gap year programs will be available to answer questions. A description from the organizers of this fair is included below. For more information: www.usagapyearfairs.org. If you would like to read more about gap year options and how students can benefit from this experience, an excellent book is **The Gap-Year Advantage: Helping Your Child Benefit from Time Off Before or During College** by Karl Haigler and Rae Nelson.

Dynamy Internship Year and Thinking Beyond Borders, in collaboration with Lincoln High School, are spreading the word about the growing array of opportunities for personal growth through experiential education (travel, language immersion, directed study, outdoor adventure, community service, and internships). More and more students are finding that post-secondary gap year programs enhance their traditional academic experience and lead them to a clearer direction and motivation for college studies and/or a career path.

Fine Arts Department News

Art:

Congratulations to Antonia E., '12, William S., '13 and Sophia T., '13 whose artwork was selected to be in the annual, juried [High School Art Northwest](#) held at [George Fox University, Newberg](#). All are invited to attend the Opening Reception held on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012 5:00-7:00 p.m., in the Lindgren Gallery, in the Ross Center at George Fox University.

Approximately forty-five students throughout Oregon, Idaho, and Washington were selected to have their art displayed in the High School Art Northwest. Artwork will be on display from Feb. 2 - 22.

Congratulations to Cecilia H., Class of 2013, for acceptance of her photograph into the Annual Themed Exhibition "Black & White", a juried show at [NewSpace Center for Photography](#), 1632 SE 10th Ave. Portland. The Opening Reception is on Friday, February 3 from 3pm - 6pm and runs through Feb. 26. All are welcomed to come!

Music: (New)

MUSIC UPDATE: OMEA District 15 Solo/Ensemble Information

OMEA District 15 Solo/Ensemble this year will be held at Southridge High School, Beaverton this year. REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Jan. 25th. Please contact Adam Steele for registration information. Students interested in participating must be currently enrolled in US Choir, US Instrumental, US Notella or US Sirens.

Congratulations to Kristin Q., Class of 2014, violin, who for the second time will be performing a concerto with members of the Oregon Symphony on the [MetroArts Young Artists Concert](#) on April 10 at 7:30pm at the Newmark Theatre, downtown Portland. Stay tuned for information on tickets!

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE US WINTER CONCERT!

All students, parents, faculty and staff are invited to the US Winter Instrumental Concert presenting music selections by the US Instrumental Ensemble, US Concert Choir, Sirens, & Acappella on Monday, Jan. 23 at 7pm in the Great Hall. Come enjoy some fabulous music!

Also all are invited to attend to come cheer on the US Nötella (Acappella) as they sing and compete in the regional varsity vocals sponsored by the [International Championship of High School A Cappella](#) on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 7pm at the Rolling Hills Community Church, [3550 SW Borland Road, Tualatin, OR](#).

Students have the opportunity to showcase their talents to a wide audience and develop relationships with each other, cultivating the art of a cappella singing and a lifelong love of music. Other choirs that we are competing with include:

Beyond Measure - Tualatin High School, Tualatin, OR;
Downing Street Singers - Churchill High School, Eugene, OR;
Dynamics - Bend High School, Bend, OR;
The Mixolydians - Sherwood High School, Newberg, OR;
Ramaphones - Big Horn High School, Sheridan, WY;
Soul'd Out - Wilsonville High School, Wilsonville, OR;
Spartacappella - Corvallis High School, Corvallis, OR;
Stella - Tualatin High School, Tualatin, OR;
Vivace - Lincoln High School, Portland, OR; and
Vocal Rush - Oakland School for the Arts, Oakland, CA.
It's great fun and great music! See you there!

After School Classes/Winter & Spring Term

New classes are available now for sign up! A great new math class for US students- Space-Time (taught by Dr. Klucznik who is on sabbatical from St. Bonaventure University and the only term it will be offered) is available on Mondays from 4:30-6pm. Two Drivers Ed Classes and an SAT class are also offered for US aged students. Private Lessons are available for many instruments as well as Voice Lessons. Check these out online with the full description! Find new classes at: <http://www.oes.edu/ls/afterschool/index.html> Register by turning the registration form into the US office or the ASC office (in the Scott House). Questions? Call Joan @ 503-768-3145.

Admissions News

SIBLING APPLICATIONS

Parents: if you have a child ready to join the OES community- Please don't wait until the last minute, [apply online today](#). **We will contact you when the application is received to schedule your visit and assessment dates.** We have moved all of the application materials online, if you have any trouble with your password, or if you would like for us to print the materials, please call [Jen BashJen Bash](#) (503.416.9379).

EVENTS:

OES in the Community – OES representatives will be at the following events to share information with prospective parents. Please call Admissions, 503-768-3115 for more details.

Downtown Information Reception– January 17, 6:00-8:00pm;
at the Multnomah Athletic Club.

Financial Aid Information

Information about the financial aid application and timeline was sent by email to families currently on Financial Aid. If you did not receive it, please contact [Jen BashJen Bash](#). All information may be found on the [Financial Aid](#) page of the OES website. If you are new to the process, please contact Jen Bash for application instructions.

For specific financial questions about Aid at OES, please contact Director of Financial Aid, [Rob OrrRob Orr](#), 503.416.9325.

Auction News



As any rockologist will tell you, concert posters are the Van Goghs and Matisses of the music scene. That's why Aardy's Big Gig needs a poster of its very own!

Encourage your budding rock artists to conjure one up and enter it in the auction's contest. All students from Pre-K to 12th grade are eligible. OES art teachers will judge entries and give prizes for each division (Beginning School, Lower School, Middle School and Upper School). All participants get a thank you ribbon. Pick up a blank poster board at any of the division offices starting this week. Use any artistic media, from markers to watercolors, oil pastels, colored pencils and charcoal.

The "band" to include is OES – and the date of the "concert" is March 10, 2012, the night of the auction.

The deadline for entries is February 1 and judging will take place February 3.

Turn posters into the division offices. Don't forget the signature, name, and grade.

Posters will be displayed around school and the winners will be in the auction catalog and displayed at the auction.

Questions? Contact [Chris GongChris Gong](#) or the [auction office](#).

Rock On.

Class Notes

Freshman Class

9th Grade PAL -Next PAL Meeting: February 6, at 8:00am, in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. If you have questions or concerns prior to that meeting, please contact PAL Representative. Future PAL meeting dates: 4/9, 5/7 . Also, please **note the following date change: the 9th Grade Parent Social will be on January 20, 6-9:00pm —this is a change from Jan. 15.** Invitations forthcoming. Questions? Contact [Sally LeFeberSally LeFeber](#), or 503/684-2072

Sophomore Class

10th Grade PAL - Next meeting is January 23, 8-9:30am, in the Drinkward Center Volunteer Room. Future dates: 2/13, 4/16, 5/14. Questions? Contact [Joan KritschgauJoan Kritschgau](#), or 503/697-4791

SOPHOMORE EVENT JANUARY 26

The sophomore class board will host an optional social event for all

10th-graders, 8-10 p.m. Thursday, January 26, in the Great Hall. This event will immediately follow the Backpacking Trip Slide Show that night. Plans for the evening include karaoke, Rock Band, light snacks, and casual conversation. Please email or call sophomore class advisor [Chris Myers](#) if you have questions: 503-416-9352.

Junior Class

11th Grade PAL - Next meeting is January 30, 8-9:30am, in the Drinkward Center Volunteer Room. Future dates: 2/27, 4/23, 5/21. Questions? Contact [Nora Semonsen](#) , or 503/636-4453

Senior Class

12th Grade PAL - Next meeting is January 31 (Tues), 8-9:30am, in the Drinkward Center Volunteer Room. Future dates: 2/28 (Tues), 4/30 (Mon), May 29 (Tues). Questions? Contact [Cindy Plummer](#) , or 503/244-1217

Please remember to RSVP to [Anne Weston](#) for the Senior Tea to be held at the Portland Gold Club on Sunday, February 12 from 1 – 3 pm.

To submit information for the Voice, please email [Carlene Traverso](#) in the Upper School office when you have items to include.

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