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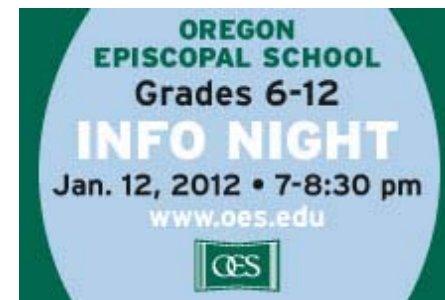


Marine Ecology field trip

News From Jordan Elliott



Welcome to 2012 and welcome back to school! I hope all of our families had a restful winter break from school. Even though we have ushered in the new year, please



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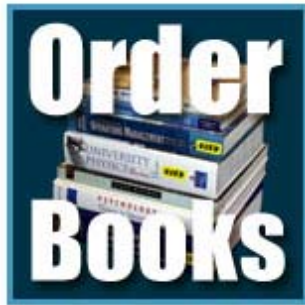
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note that students took final assessments in December and that the first semester ends on January 26.

I hope that many of you will join us for grade-level PAL meetings in this new year. Topics on the agenda are an introduction to the Platt Global Classroom, updates on our one-to-one laptop program, clarifications about interim reports, and other grade-specific information.

Much of our administrative time and energy continues to be focused on the realization of our strategic plan. Next week, there are two opportunities for parents to learn more about the campus master planning process of the plan. I encourage you to attend one of two sessions: January 10, 7:00-8:30 pm or January 11, 8:00-9:30 am.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Jan 9: 9th Grade PAL Meeting, 8am, DVR
- Jan 10: Campus Master Plan Parent Info Mtg, 7pm, Dining Hall
- Jan 11: PCL-Master Plan Parent Info Mtg, 8am, Dining Hall
- Jan 12: MS/US Information Night, 7pm, MS Commons
- Jan 13: CDL Tour of the Portland Art Museum
- Jan 13-15: OMEA All-State Conference, Hult Ctr, Eugene
- Jan 15-16: Dorm Retreat
- Jan 16: Martin L. King Day - No School

Table of Remembrance in the Chapel (New)

From the OES Chaplains:

Today (1/6), Lower School students will begin to set up a Table of Remembrance for Jeannie Rawley in our Chapel. What does this entail? Students will have the opportunity to make or bring something to place on a specially-designated table in the Chapel, in memory of Jeannie (e.g., a drawing, a leaf, a map of the Oregon Trail, a smooth stone, a photograph). Students and families of all divisions are also invited to bring something from home to place on the Table, in memory of Jeannie. Jeannie was a

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beloved 3rd grade teacher and colleague who loved to do many things; there is no shortage of mementos that will evoke wonderful memories of the experiences people of all ages had with her. The Table is meant to be a gathering place for individual expressions of thanks for who she was and the many friendships she developed. Students can continue to bring items for the Table after today, throughout next week, but if you or your child bring something from home, please make sure that it is not valuable. If you would like an item returned, please put your name on it. The Table of Remembrance will remain in place at least through Tuesday, January 17. If you have any questions about this Table, please don't hesitate to contact your division Chaplain.

Community Diversity Link (New)

Join Community Diversity Link (CDL) on **Friday, January, 13 from 10:45am-12:00pm** as it hosts a curated tour of the Portland Art Museum's exhibit "The Artist's Touch, The Craftsman's Hand". The exhibit spans three centuries of Japanese prints and includes some historically important and visually compelling prints in the Portland Art Museum's Collection. The tour will be lead by the curator of the exhibit, Maribeth Graybill, the Arlene and Harold Schnitzer Curator of Asian Art. After the tour, please join us for lunch and lively conversation at Southpark Restaurant, an easy walk from the Museum. CDL will cover museum entrance and tour costs; participants will be responsible for lunch costs. Registration is required, and participation is limited to 34 members of the OES community. To learn more please read our Registration Instructions and sign-up at: www.mysignup.com/OES_PAM_Japanese_Prints. See you at the museum!

College Counseling (New)

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.

Art/Music Department News (New)

Art:

Many thanks to the Art Sale Committee (Kyle W., Anna R., Karina H., Cecilia H., Tiffany W., and Claire H.) and to all who participated in the Annual Holiday Art Sale! 10% of our proceeds from the sale of handmade arts and crafts were donated to [Sisters of the Road Cafe](#), an organization which supports and helps to build relationships to help end homelessness

and poverty. Our donation was doubled in their matching grant program which amounted to a fabulous donation of \$500. In addition, several other organizations benefited from students and faculty selling at the Art Sale: the Kidney Foundation (Allison W.), Relief for Haiti (Sydney L.), and a Niger foundation (Stephanie N.) Many thanks to all who supported this worthy endeavor!

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:

Congratulations to Nick H., class of 2012, who will be rehearsing and performing with other honor music students from the state of Oregon at the annual Oregon Music Educator Association's All-State Conference in Eugene, Friday, January 13 - Sunday, January 15, 2012. You can purchase tickets (\$15) for the All-State High School Gala Orchestra Concert on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 3pm at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts by calling (541) 682-5000, Tues-Fri 12-5. Tickets may be available at the door. We wish Nick a fabulous performance!

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)

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 (New)

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 Bash](#) (503.416.9379).

EVENTS:

Middle/Upper School Information Night – January 12, 7:00 – 8:30pm;
open to everyone, but directed towards new families to OES who are exploring grades 6-12.

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.

Hillsboro Main Library –January 9, 6:00 – 8:00pm; Directors of Admission at both OES and Catlin Gabel will discuss the value of an Independent School education and the application process at the two schools.

Lake Oswego PreSchool Forum – January 12, 6:00 – 8:00pm

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

Financial Aid Information (New)

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 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 Orr](#), 503.416.9325

Midwinter Madness (New)

“Charting Paths to Brighter Futures”

WINTER FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT *ELEVATE OREGON*

The Upper School’s annual winter fundraiser, **Midwinter Madness**, this year will raise money for **Elevate Oregon**, a non-profit organization that provides mentoring, leadership training, and other support to at-risk youth in Portland. This cluster of fun, student-planned, and student-run events will take place Feb. 3-14.

Parents are encouraged to attend and support the various Midwinter Madness events. This year’s planned events include:

Sales of **Midwinter Madness Tshirts**: Each Upper School grade will have a different custom-designed shirt, which will be used as a jersey for Midwinter Madness sporting events but also to show Midwinter Madness spirit. The deadline to preorder these shirts is Friday, Jan. 13, and the cost is \$15 per shirt.

CRUSH sales, in which students (and parents!) can send a bottle of CRUSH soda to someone they have a “crush” on.

The annual **Senior-Faculty Basketball Game**, at 3:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, in the OES gym. Admission: \$4.

PowderTuff Volleyball, in which teams of boys will compete in 6 v. 6 volleyball, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, in the gym.

Mega-Bake Sales, Tuesday-Friday, Feb 7-10 in the Great Hall, from 7:30 a.m. until baked goods run out each day.

Powderpuff Football, in which teams of girls from each of the Upper School classes play flag football, at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, on the OES turf field. Admission: \$5.

Other events are still in the planning stages! Stay tuned.

Parents, please be aware that students will be allowed to charge Midwinter Madness purchases to their OES accounts. You may wish to discuss with

your child some limitations on these charges. Midwinter Madness purchases may also be made with cash or with checks made out to OES (please indicate "Elevate Oregon" in the memo space). Approximately 50-75 percent of all Midwinter Madness purchases are tax-deductible, depending on the event/item.

More information about Elevate Oregon is available at the organization's website: <http://elevateoregon.org/>.

If you have questions about Midwinter Madness, please contact the faculty coordinator, Chris Myers, by phone or email: (503) 416-9352 / myersc@oes.edu.

Auction News (New)



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 Gong](#) or the [auction office](#).

Rock On.

Documentary - The Finland Phenomenon

Lean In!

OES invites you to attend an Educational & Inspiring Evening for the Screening of *The Finland Phenomenon: Inside the World's Most Surprising School System*. A Bob Compton Documentary.

Monday, January 30 from 7-9 pm
OES Dining Hall
Panel and Discussion to Follow Screening
Hosted by OES Parent Community Link
Limited Seating Available, [Please RSVPPlease RSVP](#)

More about ***The Finland Phenomenon***:

<http://www.2mminutes.com/films/finland-phenomenon.asp>

Get Involved in Future of the OES Campus

All parents are encouraged to attend an informational session with S/L/A/M, the firm OES has retained to manage our Master Site Planning Process. Learn more about the objectives and the timing of this endeavor and how it builds on past projects on the campus. This is your opportunity to hear about the process and it is S/L/A/M's opportunity to hear your feedback, your perspective, and your suggestions regarding the future of OES facilities and our campus. Join us at one of two available sessions hosted and support by Parent Community Link. Both sessions are the in the OES Dining Hall: Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00 pm, and Wednesday, January 11, at 8:05 am.

Class Notes

Freshman Class

9th Grade PAL -Next PAL Meeting: January 9, at 8:00am, in the Drinkward Volunteer Center. If you have questions or concerns prior to that meeting, please contact PAL Representative [Sally LeFeber](#)(503/684-2072). Future PAL meeting dates: 2/6, 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 LeFeber](#)[Sally 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 Kritschgau](#)[Joan 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 / myersc@oes.edu.

Junior Class

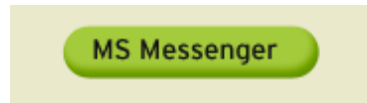
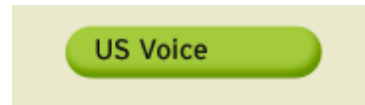
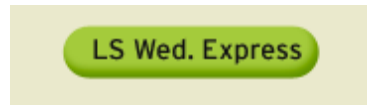
11th Grade PAL - Next meeting is January 30, 8-9:30am, in the Drinkward Center Volunteer Room. Future dates: 2/27, 4/23, 5/21. Questions? Contact [Nora Semonsen](#)[Nora Semonsen](#) , or 503/636-4453

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](#)[Cindy Plummer](#) , or 503/244-1217

To submit information for the Voice, please email [Carlene](#)

[TraversoCarlene Traverso](#) in the Upper School office when you have items to include.



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