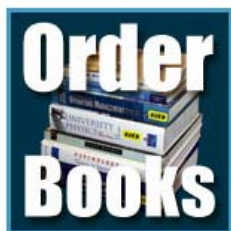




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Voice Newsletter

November 15, 2011



Happy Thanksgiving

News From Jordan Elliott



As I write this installment of the *Voice*, I am finishing up preparations to travel to Korea to meet with our parents, both current and past, and our many alumni. I have already heard from more than a dozen alums who will attend our event and we expect to see all of our current Korean families. This trip is geared toward solidifying the strong relationship we have with our Korean families and alumni and encouraging their support of OES. I look forward to reporting back about the trip in the next round of PAL meetings.

I want to congratulate our fall student-athletes. The teams that have finished completion of the season had many successes, including Boys' Cross Country and Boys' Soccer competing at state competitions. Our Volleyball team had a great season and we hope they make the leap to State next year as well. The Varsity Girls' Soccer Team will play in the state semi-finals on Tuesday, November 15, taking on St. Mary's in Medford. We wish them well!

Teachers have written their first narrative comment reports and we look forward to welcoming parents of new and 9th grade students to conferences in the days before Thanksgiving. Please make sure that you have access to your student's information through the Parent Portal as we will use that to communicate narrative reports and other important information.

I wish everyone a well-deserved and happy Thanksgiving Break.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Nov 15-17: OES Book Fair, US Library, 7:30am
- Nov 15: Auction Meeting, 1pm
- Nov 16: Dorm Formal Thanksgiving Dinner, 6pm, Dining Hall

Helpful Resources

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Nov 16-19: US Fall Play, 7:30pm, Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*

Nov 19: Dorms Close

Nov 21-22: No US: Conferences

Nov 22: Grandparents & Special Friends Day, 8am, Dining Hall

Nov 23-27: Thanksgiving Break

Nov 27: Dorms Open

Nov 28: 11th Grade PAL Meeting, 8am, DVR

Nov 29: 12th Grade PAL Meeting, 8am, DVR

Nov 29: Fall Sports Awards Banquet, 6pm, Dining Hall

Blood Drive (New)

The Fall Blood drive for the Red Cross will be done in an "independent study" format, as we couldn't find a space to do a drive on the OES campus. There will be a "Giving Blood Tree" in the Great Hall, and for each donation from a member of the OES community between now and 12/25, an ornament/sticker will be added to it. If your student is old enough (and large enough) to donate, consider encouraging them to try. If not, you can still get an ornament if you donate and send an e-mail to that effect to [Rob OrrRob Orr](#). Thanks for your help during this "Giving" season! Happy Holidays!

Winterim Update (New)

By the time you receive this, your children will know the options for Winterim from March 15-22, 2012. Please remind them (and, of course, work with them), to make 5 different choices on the form they picked up at the Winterim Assembly on November 11. That completed form, along with your and your student's advisor's signatures, is due in the US office by 3:00PM on Tuesday, November 29. A couple of points to remember:

- a) choose thoughtfully. Do not sign up with a group if you can avoid it. Courses have small enrollments.
- b) each half day course must be paired with a sign-up for the other half of the day.
- c) Successful completion for a full-day of Winterim is required for each year of enrollment in the Upper School.
- d) Signing up for the same course more than once will hurt a student's chance of participating in the course.

Feel free to email [Hope StevensHope Stevens](#), Winterim Coordinator with any questions. Thank you for all your support of Winterim and the OES Upper School.

Please remember the following about Winterim:

1. Registration with 5 different courses AND with parental and advisor signatures due Tuesday, November 29 (2nd day after Thanksgiving Break in your divisional office).
2. Winterim Catalog is on line at: <http://www.oes.edu/us/winterim/index.html>. **Upper School Students can find the Financial Aid application on the left at the same link.**
3. Two courses were not on the paper you received last week but are in the catalog. See below:

Fabulous Found Object Sculpture! Recycling is more than throwing something in the proper can. See how to use common and oddball objects to make sculpture with Portland artist Bonnie Meltzer. Students will participate in making a sculpture made predominantly of musical instrument and computer parts! Learn the techniques and tools needed for attaching disparate materials so they are structurally sound and aesthetically beautiful. Students will take an active part in some of the design process

even though this will be set up like an apprenticeship.

Meltzer has been making sculpture with recycled junk since before the concept was popular. She sees the beauty in ordinary things, especially computer parts and hardware of all kinds. She is currently working on two series; one with globes and the other with musical instruments. Originally from New Jersey, Meltzer came west to get an MFA at the University of Washington and stayed to become an Oregonian. She has exhibited widely in the NW including Maryhill Museum, The Portland Children's Museum, the Museum of Contemporary Craft (Contemporary Crafts Gallery) and OMSI. Her work is included in many private and public collections including The National Science Foundation, University of Washington School of Business, Pavelcomm and the Community Music Center.

Enrollment: 6-10 Students **Time-block:** afternoon **Leader:** Sue Jensen **Instructor:** Bonnie Meltzer **Cost:** \$75.00

Be the Rock Star you are! Ever wanted to be in a real rock 'n' roll band? Here is your chance to experience a weeklong program at the notorious Portland School of Rock and get to work with industry professionals to refine your musicianship and develop some mean chops. If you have never picked up an instrument or microphone then fear not: this course is designed to be an emersion experience and will have you rocking your chosen instrument in no time. School of Rock is located on SE Hawthorne and that means lunch outings filled with hipster spotting, great local eats and a true taste of Portland culture. Find out more at www.schoolofrock.com.

Enrollment: 12 **Leader:** Cameron Jack **Cost:** \$500.00

Giving Tree Time is coming! (New)

Join us in this important and joyful OES tradition of service to our local community. Students of the Service-Learning Action Committee and the AASK Student Advisory Council coordinate sponsorship of 25 families (about 122 individuals) for whom the OES community collects gifts of ****new**** clothing and other items at the holidays. This year, we partner with Whitford Middle School to carry out this venture as an outreach to families that especially need support. The effort relies on the participation of a number of businesses, churches, and service agencies.

OES is honored to be part of this community effort.

Tags with gift requests will be on display in Drinkward Center for US families to pick up during parent conferences, November 21 & 22. Students can also pick up tags from the Giving Tree in the main lobby, beginning November 28. Gift items must be placed under the Giving Tree, unwrapped, and with gift tags securely attached, by Wednesday, December 7. Each Whitford family member will receive socks, a shirt or sweater, pants or jeans and a gift item. Pick the items that you would most like to give!

Questions? Contact [Myra Clark](mailto:Myra.Clark@oer.edu) (503-768-3193), [Gisela Walitzki](mailto:Gisela.Walitzki@oer.edu) (503-416-9394), or [Robin Schauffler](mailto:Robin.Schauffler@oer.edu) (503-416-9308).

OES Book Fair

The 2011 OES Fall Book Fair is coming!!!

November 15	7:30 am to 4:00 pm
November 16	7:30 am to 7:00 pm
November 17	7:30 am to 4:00 pm

In the Upper School Library

Volunteers are still needed to work at the book fair. Come join the fun by using the following link - [Book fair volunteers](#)

Student service hour opportunity - The book fair committee is in need of

student volunteers to help break down the book fair. If you are interested, sign up through this link - [book fair volunteers](#) or contact Kim Bissell at 503-288-3150.

For more information about the book fair, access to preorder and charge forms, and librarian recommended hot book picks, use the following link - [Book Fair 2011](#)

US Fall Play

Welcome to the 2011/12 OES Performing Arts Season,

Tickets are now on sale for the Upper School performance of **Shakespeare's, *Love's Labour's Lost***.

Show dates/times are November 16, 17, 18 and 19 at 7:30 pm.

All tickets for the Wednesday 11/16/11 Preview are \$5.00.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday night ticket prices are \$10.00 Adults, \$7.00 Students/Seniors.

You may **purchase** your **tickets online** [here](#).

If you would like to **purchase your tickets and have it charged to your OES account**, please send an **email to the [OES Box Office](#)**. The email should include the performance date/s, number of attendees and types of ticket (Adult, Student/Senior). You will receive a confirmation from Ticket Turtle once the reservation has been made (Please contact [Jennifer Roney](#) if you do not receive a confirmation). All performances will be in the Great Hall and seating is General Admission, first come first serve. *Please let us know if you'll require special accommodations.*

New Dates and Programs for CDL! (New)

Thanks to the help of Tom Berridge, Community Diversity Link (CDL) has a new Events Page! Below is a brief description of our new and upcoming activities, but please check the [CDL Events Page](#) for more detail. All parents are welcome, and we hope to see you at as many gatherings as possible!

Dec 9	2nd CDL Meeting - <i>Special Guest Chris Riser will speak on "Teaching Diversity"</i>
Jan 13	Portland Art Museum – <i>The Artist's Touch, The Craftsman's Hand. Tour lead by Maribeth Graybill, Ph.D, Arlene and Harold Schnitzer Curator of Asian Art</i>
Jan 20	Books & Breakfast - <i>Free Life by Ha Jin</i>
Feb 24	Books & Breakfast - <i>Little Bee by Chris Cleave</i>
Mar 6	3rd CDL Meeting
Apr 18	Books & Breakfast - <i>The Lemon Tree by Sandy Tolan</i>
May 18	4th CDL Meeting

College Counseling

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 and standby option for each test date that requires an additional fee. See the testing websites for additional information.

Test Date (Registration Deadline)

SAT December 3 (11/8)

ACT December 10 (11/4)

Grandparents and Special Friends Day Celebration

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

8:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Upper School Dining Hall

This special morning includes continental breakfast with students, musical performances, classroom visits, and a special Chapel Service.

Please RSVP by November 15 to 503-416-9373 or email the [event coordinatorevent coordinator](#).

For the Upper School Only - Due to parent/teacher conferences, grandparents of Upper School students are invited to join Jordan Elliott, Head of the Upper School, for a brief tour. Upper School students are welcome to join their grandparents.

Aardy's Big Gig (New)

Come Together, Right Now...November 15

The next auction meeting is Nov. 15 at 1 pm. Check the board for the location or email the [auction officeauction office](#).

Have any good ideas for packages people could bid on? Want to host a party? The auction committee would love to hear your ideas and hand you procurement forms.



See you there.

Class Notes

Freshman Class

9th Grade PAL - Next meeting is January 9, 8-9:30am, in the Drinkward Center Volunteer Room. Future dates: 2/6, 4/9, 5/7. 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

Junior Class

11th Grade PAL - Next meeting is November 28, 8-9:30am, in the Drinkward Center Volunteer Room. Future dates: 1/30, 2/27, 4/23, 5/21. Questions? Contact [Nora SemonsenNora Semonsen](#), or 503/636-4453

We will have a Graduation Party Planning meeting right after the 11th Grade PAL meeting on Monday, Nov. 28.

Senior Class

12th Grade PAL - Next meeting is November 29 (Tues), 8-9:30am, in the Drinkward Center Volunteer Room. Future dates: 1/31 (Tues), 2/28 (Tues), 4/30 (Mon), May 29 (Tues). Questions? Contact [Cindy PlummerCindy 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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