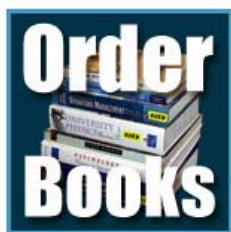




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Voice Newsletter

October 14, 2011



An Octoberim activity with Upper and Lower School students

News From Jordan Elliott



As I write this installment of the Voice, students are completing the suite of activities known as Octoberim. Again this year, this set of health and wellness oriented activities has been well received by students and has provided a much needed change of pace in the Upper School. We are always working to improve this program and welcome your feedback about how it went for your child.

This year's Homecoming is Friday, October 21. We will have numerous great events including varsity soccer games for both girls and boys, a parade of all students, LS through US, and a community BBQ (free with a food ticket). I'd like to give special thanks to the many parent volunteers that make this event a success. In addition to the community events, Student Council is hard at work planning the Homecoming Dance for that same evening. This year's student leaders have done a great job setting a positive tone for the year and we are confident we will start the year with a fun and inclusive social event.

A note about student-parent-teacher conferences: this year, we have moved senior conferences earlier in the year, October 27 and 28, to, among other reasons, better support the college application process. Ninth grade parents and students and all new students will have conferences November 21 and 22. You can expect to hear from us in the next few weeks to schedule those conferences. As in the past, sophomores and juniors will have conferences in the Spring. A final note about narrative comments: all non-seniors can expect to receive narrative comments in the first week of November.

Calendar of Upcoming Event

Helpful Resources

[Who to Contact](#)

[Attendance email/phone](#) -
503/768-3169

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What's for lunch

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How to get involved

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Spend a weekend in the dorms

[PCL Minutes](#)

- Oct 17-21: Spirit Week
- Oct 17: 11th Grade PAL Meeting, 8am, DVR
- Oct 19: FOESL, 8:05am, Guild Room
- Oct 19: Sophomore Cultural Event, 6:00pm, OES/Ptld Ctr Stage
- Oct 21-22: Homecoming
- Oct 21: Homecoming Dance, 8pm, MS Commons
- Oct 21-23: Reunion Weekend
- Oct 24: 12th Grade PAL Meeting, 8am, DVR
- Oct 26: US Picture Retake, 8am-1pm, Great Hall
- Oct 26: Corn Maze Trip, 4-10pm, Sauvie Island
- Oct 27: No School, LS/MS/US Conferences
- Oct 28: No School, LS/MS/US Conferences

Picture Re-take Day (New)

Your school portraits are now online. Check your email for directions on how to view and order. **Make-up and retakes will be taken at OES on Wednesday, October 26th.** You must email Holland Studios at info@hollandstudios.com to sign up for retakes by 3 pm, Tuesday, October 25th with student's name, grade, and reason for retakes. Pictures will be taken between 8 am – 1 pm.

Dorm News (New)

Buddy Family Program Update

Buddy families are an important part of the Residential Life Program at OES. The buddy family program connects dorm and day students outside of the classroom and broadens the opportunity for cultural exchange. Voluntary participation in the buddy family program can range from an occasional care package to the provision of room and board for a student over a school vacation.

Thanksgiving Vacation is the time of the year when there is the greatest need for holiday break buddy families. Many of our international students do not go home over Thanksgiving break and those without local guardians will need to be hosted for the week.

You are welcome to become a buddy family at whatever level of commitment is comfortable to you and your family. If you are interested in the Buddy Family Program or have further questions please contact [Cyndy Perlich](#).

Admissions Update (New)

Admissions Events – Help Admissions spread the word!

Do you have a friend, business associate, neighbor, or perhaps someone in your family who is interested in learning more about OES? OES is offering the following events, open to the public, around Portland this Fall. For more information, contact the admissions office, 503-768-3115.

Information Receptions – for parents

October 26, 5-7pm –Oswego Lake Country Club (20 Iron Mountain Road, Lake Oswego)

November 9, 5:30 – 7:30pm – Hopworks Urban Brewery (2944 SE Powell Blvd, Portland)

**Look for a downtown reception occurring in January.

Open House (Grades 6-12) – students and parents

November 6, 1:30 – 4:00pm – registration at both the Middle and Upper School entrances. Current families are welcome to attend to learn more about OES.

Our Admissions office is also on the road this Fall, with travel throughout the Pacific Northwest and around the globe. To see where Admissions will be, visit our [Travel Calendar](#).

October is OES Fund Month (New)

October is OES Fund month, and by now, you should have received a request letter in the mail. We are grateful to every family for their contribution to OES. Thank you for taking time to consider your gift. If you have questions about the Fund, please contact Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations Lisa DeGrace at 503-768-3137, or one of the Upper School OES Fund volunteers listed below. Thank you!

US Division Chair: Kevin Ilcisin
 Gr 9 co-reps: Lynn Ogden
 Gr 10 rep: TBA
 Gr 11 rep: Mark & Renee Eaton
 Gr 12 rep: Bill Drinkward



OES Book Fair (New)

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

If you would like to preorder books and have them waiting for you at the book fair, use the following link - [Preorder Form](#) Preorder forms are due November 4.


Volunteers are needed for inventory, set up, check out/cashiering, and take down. Working at the book fair is a lot of fun! If you are interested in volunteering, use the following link - [Book fair volunteers.](#)

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.](#)

AASK Needs Tutors! (New)

The AASK Program (Aardvarks Advocate Skills and Knowledge) is looking for Upper School OESians to make a difference for middle school students at our local Whitford Middle School this fall and winter! Tutoring through the AASK program is a great way to earn service hours, make a connection with a community outside of OES, and help a student improve their academic skills. Students who have tutored for AASK in the past have had a lot of fun, and have also felt that it was a very rewarding service learning experience. Tutoring at Whitford will be after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 - 5:00, and sessions will begin on November 1st with a few training sessions beforehand. If you have any interest in getting involved in helping a student be a star this year, or if you have any questions, please fill out an application available at Area 51 or talk to [Myra Clark](#) Myra Clark, Katie L. ('12), or Allie H. ('12).

Homecoming (New)



Friday, October 21 at the OES Turf Field

Girls' Soccer: Varsity vs. Valley Catholic @ 4:15 pm
Boys' Soccer: Varsity vs. Valley Catholic @ 6:15 pm

All OES families invited!

Support the Aardvarks

Meet New Families

Join the Parade!!

The parade and barbeque will take place between the soccer games at approximately 5:45 pm. Please join us for a special Dedication by Mo Copeland.

OES families, enjoy the free barbeque. Simply print the attached [meal coupon](#) or pick one up at any divisional office.

Corn Maze Trip (New)

On Wednesday October 26, we will take a group of OES students to the Corn Maze on Sauvie Island. The Corn Maze is at the Pumpkin Patch Farm on Sauvie Island. For more details, please click on the link for [information](#) and [permission form](#). Questions? Contact [Tom Handel](#) or [Tom Handel](#).

US Fall Play (New)

On November 16-19 at 7:30pm each night, Shakespeare's comedy, **Love's Labour's Lost**, gets a Polynesian update in our OES fall play. On a beautiful tropical island, The King of Navarre and three of his lords have dedicated themselves to study, regular fasting, and avoidance of women for three long years. But King Ferdinand has forgotten about a crucial meeting with the Princess of France! She and her ladies arrive with all their luggage, expecting a royal welcome. Instead, they are sent to camp in a remote part of the Isle of Navarre. Meanwhile, stylish Don Armado confesses to his page Moth that he has fallen in love with farm girl Jaquenetta. Armado writes her a letter that he asks an Island local, Costard, to deliver. The King and his men have fallen in love with the Princess and her ladies, but they are forbidden to contact the ladies because of their oath. Love letters are secretly sent (some to the wrong ladies), disguises are worn, and a heroic pageant is performed. How will it all turn out?

Introducing the Platt Global Classroom (New)

We are anticipating the completion of the work on the Platt Global Classroom by the middle of October. This room, located in the former Gallery store—funded by the generosity of many people at last year's auction, and named in recognition of a family who has been very generous in its support of our school—represents the OES commitment to global collaboration. Its teleconferencing capabilities will enable our students and teachers to connect in real time and with remarkable clarity virtually all over the world—we have the capacity to "lend" software to our collaborators so they can have the same experience we do. The global classroom is a result of the thinking that drove our strategic planning and research into the competencies that our students will need in their world; we researched facilities at OHSU and other sites to learn of new technologies and, more important, new uses of those technologies. When we conceived of the space, we thought of it as a "studio"—a place for imagination and collaboration. It is flexible in its configurations—chairs and tables that can accommodate up to 40 people, cameras and monitors that allow for both internal and external sharing, and an infrastructure to encourage enhancements over time. Because of the creative character of the global classroom and the multidimensionality of its technology, we do not *know* all the ways it will be used...which is exactly what we want. We want teachers to say, "What if...?" and then work with our technology team to bring that "What if?" to become a "When!" It is a learning space, a classroom, a center for communications and collaboration, and more we can't yet imagine.

Tom Wheelock, Academic Dean

College Counseling (New)

A **Financial Aid** presentation is scheduled for **Wednesday, November**

9 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Middle School Commons. Leslie Limper the Financial Aid Director from Reed College will provide an overview of need-based financial aid, and Paula Sutton will talk about merit-based aid. Parents from all grade levels are welcome to attend. If you have questions, please contact [Paula SuttonPaula Sutton](#), Director of College Counseling.

The **Portland National College Fair** is coming up in November (see dates below) at the **Oregon Convention Center**. We encourage juniors to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about colleges. Each year there are also sophomores who like to attend (and others prefer to wait until their junior year). Interested students should plan on attending on Saturday since you have school on Friday.

Portland National College Fair

Sunday, November 6, 2011

1:00-5:00 p.m.

Monday, November 7, 2011

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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. Students are encouraged to sign up for visits on Naviance. This results in an automatic e-mail reminder close to the date of the visit.

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 November 5 (late registration until 10/21)

SAT December 3 (11/8)

ACT October 23 (9/16)

ACT December 10 (11/4)

OMEA All State Honor Ensemble Nominations (New)

The following students were nominated by their music teacher Adam Steele to the OMEA (Oregon Music Teachers Association) All-State Ensembles for their high level of skills and dedication to music.

All State High School Choir:

Allie Hong – soprano

All State High School Orchestra:

Nick Halsey, cello

If selected to participate in the All State Honor Ensembles, these students will have the honor of rehearsing and performing with other top music students from Oregon under the direction of some of the finest conductors in the nation. All-State honor groups will rehearse and perform during the annual OMEA State Conference, January 12-15, 2012 in Eugene. Congratulations!

Sophomore Cultural Event

The sophomore class will go on the annual Sophomore Cultural Outing on Wednesday, Oct. 19, attending a performance of *Oklahoma!* at Portland Center Stage. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. Pizza dinner at 6 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Buses will depart OES at 6:30 p.m., returning to campus around 10:45 p.m. All expenses for the evening are paid by OES out of a special fund endowed by former OES parents. Administrators will work with teachers to make this a no-homework night for sophomores. Please email or call [Chris MyersChris Myers](#), head class advisor, 503-416-9352, if you have questions or need more information. For more information about the production, please see: <http://www.pcs.org/ok/>.

Aardy's Big Gig

**OES Kids Rock!
But Do OES Parents?
Come Show Us Your Moves and Volunteer for the
Auction This Year!**

There are lots of ways to get involved with this rockin' party. Training for data entry helpers will be **October 20** in the development office.

Come to the OES Auction Planning Meeting

Tuesday, **October 18**, 1:00pm

Drinkward Volunteer Room



Class Notes

Freshman Class

9th Grade PAL - Next meeting is November 7, 8-9:30am, in the Drinkward Center Volunteer Room. Future dates: 1/9, 2/6, 4/9, 5/7 . Questions?

Contact [Sally LeFeberSally LeFeber](#) , or 503/684-2072

We are looking for individuals willing to take minutes at future PAL meetings. Please contact [Sally LeFeberSally LeFeber](#), 503 684-2072, if you are interested.

We are looking for a family willing to host a 9th grade parent social in their home. The purpose is to give parents an opportunity to meet one another. The event can be a casual pot-luck with hors d'oeuvres, or whatever you would like.

There are some class funds available to cover costs. Please contact Sally if you are interested.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions, contact [Sally LeFeberSally LeFeber](#), 9th Grade PAL representative, 503 684-2072.

Sophomore Class

10th Grade PAL - Next meeting is November 14, 8-9:30am, in the Drinkward Center Volunteer Room. Future dates: 1/23, 2/13, 4/16, 5/14.

Questions? Contact [Joan KritschgauJoan Kritschgau](#), or 503/697-4791

Junior Class

11th Grade PAL - Next meeting is October 17, 8-9:30am, in the Drinkward Center Volunteer Room. Future dates: 11/28, 1/30, 2/27, 4/23,

5/21. Questions? Contact [Nora SemonsenNora Semonsen](#), or 503/636-4453

Mark you calendars: 11th Grade Parent Social Gathering on October 29 at 6:30 pm at Jim and Jan Huston's home, 21125 SW Ramblin Reck Road, Sherwood, OR 97140.

Senior Class

12th Grade PAL - Next meeting is October 24, 8-9:30am, in the Drinkward Center Volunteer Room. Future dates: 11/29 (Tues), 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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