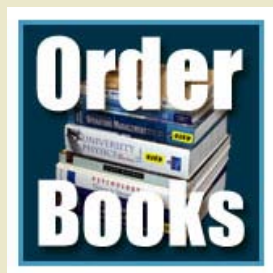


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## Voice Newsletter

October 31, 2011 (Updated Nov. 2)



Goats on Campus? See Story Below

### News From Jordan Elliott



I want to begin this installment of the Voice by appreciating everyone involved in this year's Homecoming. We have been growing this event over the years and due to the dedicated efforts of parents, faculty, and staff, this was the best Homecoming I have been a part of in my years at OES. I want to offer my special thanks to Lynne Parker, Cindy Plummer, and Phil Seder for their incredible contributions to this year's event. I already look forward to next year!

At the end of October, we tried a new approach to parent and student feedback by having senior conferences while writing narrative comments for students in grades 9 through 11. As I write this message at the end of those two days of conferences, I think it is safe to say this method was a success. In this approach, seniors benefited from earlier feedback.

Parents of younger students can expect narrative comments to be posted to the parent portal by November 10.

The presentation of Winterim offerings (and for all domestic trips) will occur on Friday, November 11. Students will have through Thanksgiving break to discuss their choices at home with their registration form due back the first Tuesday after vacation, November 27. Please be sure you have a conversation with your child about their choices and facilitate the return of their form on time.

### Calendar of Upcoming Event

Oct 31: Happy Halloween  
 Nov 1: Community Diversity Link, 8am, DVR  
 Nov 6: College Fair, 1-5pm, Oregon Convention Center

### Helpful Resources

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- Nov 6: MS/US Open House, 1:30-4:00pm
- Nov 7: 9th Grade PAL Meeting, 8am, DVR
- Nov 7: College Fair, 9am-12pm, Oregon Convention Center
- Nov 9: Parent Community Link, 8am, DVR
- Nov 9: College Financial Aid Mtg, 7pm, MS Commons
- Nov 11: Open Mic Night, 8pm, Great Hall/Dining Room
- Nov 14: 10th Grade PAL Meeting, 8am, DVR
- Nov 14: By the Book Exhibit Opens, Lobby/Reception area
- Nov 15-17: OES Book Fair, US Library, 7:30am
- Nov 16-19: US Fall Play, Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*

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## SERVICE-LEARNING OPPORTUNITY NOV.

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It's a community planting party, with lunch provided--ON or OFF campus service hours, and lots of them!

We need to plant 1000 bulbs this coming Saturday, November 5th. The purchaser of the bulbs bought them at the OES Auction, making a wonderful donation to the school, and we are planting the bulbs for him. The more people the better! We'll meet at the outdoor basketball court near the dorms at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, load up the bulbs, and then drive to the Auction donor's house. The donor will provide lunch for the crew. We'll plan to be back at school around 3:00.

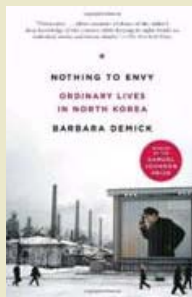
The donor needs to know how many are coming for lunch, so PLEASE CONTACT PETER LANGLEY TODAY to sign up: [langley@oes.edu](mailto:langley@oes.edu); (503)416-9324

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## Community Diversity Link (New)

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Our second Books & Breakfast meeting will be Tuesday, November 1, 8:00-9:30 am in the Dining Hall. We will be discussing: ***Nothing To Envy*** by Barbara Demick.



A fascinating and deeply personal look at the lives of six defectors from the repressive totalitarian regime of the Republic of North Korea, in which Demick, an *L.A. Times* staffer and former Seoul bureau chief, draws out details of daily life that would not otherwise be known to Western eyes because of the near-complete media censorship north of the arbitrary border drawn after Japan's surrender ending WWII. As she reveals, ordinary life in North Korea by the 1990s became a parade of horrors, where famine killed millions, manufacturing and trade virtually ceased, salaries went unpaid, medical care failed, and people became accustomed to stepping over dead bodies lying in the streets. Her terrifying depiction of North Korea from the night sky, where the entire area is blacked out from failure of the electrical grid, contrasts vividly with the propaganda on the ground below urging the country's worker-citizens to believe that they are the envy of the world.

Contact:

[Aika MacLennan](#)[Aika MacLennan](#)

[Elizabeth Gewecke](#)[Elizabeth Gewecke](#)

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## Admissions Update

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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  
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](#).

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### Goats on Campus (New)

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I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you all to our five new guests on campus. I recently travelled to the Horner Family Farm in Canby, Or and loaded up five goats into a pick up truck and brought them back to OES. A fenced pen was constructed for these five goats behind the Green House on campus with the help of nine middle schoolers, and middle school teachers David Gomes, Jerry Purvis, and Colsie Tharp's (LS) husband Pete Buonincontro.

The goats are now inside this fenced area where they are happily eating the blackberry, English Ivy and any plants they can get their chompers on. We are borrowing these goats for the next month or two to see how well they can help us with the parts of our campus where ivy and blackberry are taking over. Please feel free to come and visit these goats... but PLEASE DO NOT FEED THEM. We want the goats to focus on the ivy and blackberry. We are trying to keep their water bucket filled with fresh water twice a day. You are welcome to come up and observe them and cheer them on. Many students have pet them already, but they do scare easily.

While I do not foresee this happening, please call me if you ever see a goat outside of their pen. Tom Handel, Experiential Education Coordinator, 503/351-3343. Thanks for your support!

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### OES Book Fair (New)

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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

PREORDER FORMS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 4 - If you would like to preorder books and have them waiting for you at the book fair, use the following link - [Preorder Form](#)

STUDENT CHARGE FORMS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 11 - We can only accept cash, checks or charges to your OES account as payment. The easiest way to allow your child to shop at the Book Fair is by filling out a student charge form and authorizing a dollar amount. The charges will be represented in your monthly OES statement. To submit a charge form, use the following link - [Student charge form](#)

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 set up, inventory, and 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](#)

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## US Fall Play (New)

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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.*

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## College Counseling (New)

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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 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.

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 October 23 (9/16)

ACT December 10 (11/4)

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## Winterim Update (New)

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For those who may not know, successful completion of Winterim for each year studying at OES Upper School is a graduation requirement.

1. Our assembly to announce Winterim courses will be in the chapel Friday, November 11. The on-line catalog will also be posted that day.
2. At the end of the assembly, students will be given registration forms. Each student is asked to make five selections (if selecting a morning course, there must be an accompanying afternoon course).
3. Completed registration forms, including parental and advisor signatures, are due by 3 pm on Tuesday, November 29. Parents of dorm students need to sign the Winterim registration form showing their approval. We do accept signed FAXED copies.
4. If you and your child will be together during the Thanksgiving break, please be sure to check the course descriptions on the website <<http://www.oes.edu/us/winterim/index.html>>, **make decisions with your child, and sign the registration form showing your approval.**

As always, I am available for questions at 503-416-9309 or at [stevensh@oes.edu](mailto:stevensh@oes.edu). Hope Stevens, Winterim Coordinator

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## Grandparents and Special Friends Day Celebration (New)

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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 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.

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## Blood Drive (New)

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OES Blood Drive - in the Guild Room (below the Chapel) on Tuesday, 11/29 from 8am - 2pm

We're going to be asking for volunteer donors and some parent help with registration. Ideally, we'd like to target Juniors and Seniors who are willing to try their first (or second) donation, but faculty, staff and parents are welcomed to sign up. Students must be 17 and weigh more than 110 lbs. More details will be made available in the next few weeks, but if you have questions or would like to sign up, contact [Rob Orr](#). Information is also available at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/first-time-donors>

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## Aardvark Recycled Tickets (ART)! (New)

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Have extra tickets? Can't attend an event and want to make sure your tickets end up in the hands of someone who will appreciate them? Aardvark Recycled Tickets (ART) is a great way to give back to the dedicated, hardworking faculty and staff in the OES community. It's this easy:

Email [Arleene](#) with the following details:

Specify ART Donation in the email subject

Include the number of tickets

Include the name, date and time of the event

Drop the tickets off with Arleene at the main reception desk in the Upper School Foyer as far in advance as possible.

Added bonus! When you drop the tickets, ask Arleene for a Gift-in-Kind Form. Complete it and keep a copy for your tax records.

Arleene will send an all-faculty email advertising the tickets. She will then gather the responses and include all interested parties in a raffle. The lucky winners will attend the event thanks to your generosity!

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## Aardy's Big Gig (New)

ABC...Easy As 123...Or Simple As Do Re Mi...

Volunteer for the Auction, Baby, You and Me!

If you're looking for a way to help with the auction but don't have time to sit in meetings, data entry is a great option. It's something you (or your parents, your spouse, your neighbors...) can do on your own time at home.



There are several leadership positions still open:

--Will-Call Chair: Organize the pick-up process for the night of the auction. This is ideal for someone highly organized who doesn't mind working during the event.

--Job Shadow Chair: Put together a set of opportunities for OES students to spend a day experiencing a career they think is cool. Possible day-in-the-life subjects include a top Portland chef, a leading fashion designer, a veterinarian, an advertising executive, a sneaker maker or a smokin' local musician.

Our auction meetings are full of fun and chocolates. Come join us with your ideas to help make this party rock. Questions? Want to Volunteer? [Email Email](#) or call 503.768.3156.

Don't Leave Us Hanging On The Telephone....

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

After the PAL meeting next Monday, November 7, please stay for some social time - breakfast treats and coffee will be provided!

### 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 Kritschgau](#) [Joan 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 Semonsen](#)[Nora Semonsen](#), or 503/636-4453

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

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### Campus Safety Improvements Update (New)

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Several summer projects completed over the past several months have enhanced safety and security on our campus. Supported by a special Board funding allocation, these improvements include:

#### Building Structural Retrofits

Based on the recommendations of a study completed by a local engineering firm, seismic resistance improvements were made to several campus buildings. Structural retrofits were completed this summer in the Beginning School, gymnasium, and chapel. The scope of the work included strengthening walls, installing additional foundation anchors, and reinforcing roof structures. This project also provided an opportunity to make aesthetic improvements to the Beginning School classrooms and gym. Seismic upgrades to the Lower School building are scheduled to be completed next summer.

#### Electronic Access Control Upgrades

A new software system was installed to support the electronically-controlled building entrances to several of our buildings. At the same time, lock hardware was improved at several entries, and new equipment was installed to increase security at the north entry to chapel building near the 3rd/4th grade Extended Care room. This updated system will provide for the addition of similar access control equipment to other building entries in the coming years.

#### Surveillance Cameras

Surveillance cameras have been installed at 26 exterior locations on campus. This system will enhance security by providing an effective deterrent and creating a visual record that can be reviewed if necessary.

#### Employee Photo Badges

Finally, we have created photo ID badges for all employees. We hope this will help parents and visitors by clearly identifying those who work at OES.

Questions or comments? Please contact [Jon von Behren](#)[Jon von Behren](#), Director of Facilities, (503)768-3161.

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

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