

**Churchill High School**  
**eNews**  
**03-17-14**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:**

This is a very busy week in Lancer Land! With the end of Trimester 2, students will be finishing major projects and taking final examinations. They will be very excited to move on to Spring Break after Wednesday. Just a reminder that we do return to school on Monday, March 31 and students will be moving right into their Trimester 3 schedule. Students and parents are advised to check Synergy to see their schedules before returning on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Also this week, Churchill is hosting 20 high school students and two teachers from Xi'an, China. The students are staying with local host families and attending school with Churchill students. This past year, Superintendent Berman visited the school system in Xi'an, and we are hoping to, perhaps, plan a return visit for Churchill students to visit Xi'an in the future.

One of our goals this year is to take steps to improve overall student attendance. With the change in our student software, it has been difficult to track attendance as closely as we have normally done, but we are hoping that has been mostly resolved. In the meantime, a staff committee has outlined several steps, including early intervention when students have unexcused absences, more frequent letters to parents, and parent conferences and disciplinary measures when necessary. In addition, we are planning to initiate a series of positive programs to encourage excellent attendance and recognize students who are attending all classes, as well as students who have shown improvement in their attendance pattern. Please help us emphasize with your son or daughter that regular attendance is very critical for their success.

Congratulations to all of our Winter activities participants, including athletic teams, performing arts students, and clubs. Spring season kicks off today!

The next Lancer Parent Meeting will take place on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, in our Library. We hope to present information about the 2014-15 class schedule, and provide a report about the planned "Every 15 Minutes" program, which will be presented in mid-April.

Just for your information, the first round of interviews for the permanent principal position will take place on Friday, March 21.

Thank you for all of your support!

Dennis Biggerstaff  
Interim Principal, Churchill High School

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

End of Tri2/Grading Days...

Last day of Trimester 2 – Wednesday, March 19

No School – Thursday and Friday, March 20-21 (grading)

Office hours:

Thursday, March 20 – 8AM-3PM

Friday, March 21 – 8AM-12PM

Trimester 3 begins Monday, March 31

Spring Break...

March 22-March 30

School/Office CLOSED for Spring Break.

Tri3 Scheduling - Counselors:

Students who may need to make change to their Trimester 3 schedules should talk with counselors **this week**. Please sign up in the counseling department.

Girls Golf:

Girls Golf practice starts Monday, March 17, at Laurelwood at 4:00pm. If you need a ride to the golf course, please talk to Mr. Blackburn in room H-12.

AP Exam Deadline:

Are you taking an AP exam? The deadline to register for your AP test is fast approaching! You must sign up with Ken in the Finance office by **Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. Lancer:

Come enjoy great food and entertainment with your Mr. Lancer boys at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Grill on April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 to 9:00pm.

College and Career Center:

OUS System - On April 4, during 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> periods, universities from the Oregon University System will be on campus to provide information and answer questions about their schools. There will be an overview of the system in the Auditorium at 9:00am followed by breakout sessions.

Eurasian Conference - Friday, April 4

Kennedy/CHS Band Concert – Tuesday, April 8, 7PM

Senior Parent 2014 Graduation Informational Meeting - Wednesday, April 9, 7PM (cafeteria)

Senior Grad All-Night Party Planning Meeting – Monday, April 14, 7PM (Library)

“Every 15 Minutes Assemblies” – Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15 and 16

WISE Symposium – Thursday, April 17

**CONGRATULATIONS CHS BOYS BASKETBALL:**

The Churchill Boys Varsity Basketball Team concluded the season by losing in the Championship game to Jefferson High School. The season came with several great accomplishments that should not be overshadowed by our difficult loss in the final:

- The 2013-14 Team was undefeated in league play (8-0) and completed a third consecutive League Championship, as well as going undefeated vs. 6A local competition (6-0).
- The 2013-14 Team scored the most points in a single season in School History with 2,043!
- The 2013-14 Team had the longest winning streak in school history with 21 consecutive wins!
- This team concluded the year with a 25-3 record and will be remembered for their speed, hustle, and competitiveness.

*Congratulations to all members of the 2013-14 Boys basketball team!*

**CONGRATULATIONS CHS EQUESTRIAN TEAM:**

Churchill High School's Equestrian Team showed their Lancer spirit at a double horse show on March 5-8. "Team" truly seems to fit this group of riders as they won second place in drill team, sixth in the In-Hand Obstacle Relay, and sixth and ninth in the Team Cattle Penning. Seniors Kirsti Haley, Mattylin Van Tassell, and Yulinda Loomis, along with junior Josie Ross and freshman Erin Dose racked up a slew of points in their events. Additionally, Kirsti and Mattylin became four-time state qualifiers in Hunt Seat and Saddle Seat respectively by double medaling in their classes. These two seasoned riders also took first place individual honors; Kirsti in Western Riding and Mattylin twice in Saddle Seat. The final show will be April 4-6 at the Oregon Horse Center, before the State meet in Redmond in mid-May. All the riders and horses have improved greatly over the season. Congratulations, Lancers!

**AP EXAMS COMING UP!**

DEADLINE FOR AP FEES!!!! The deadline for payment for those students who are taking AP exams is **TUESDAY, March 18th**. We MUST have your student's fees by the end of that day. If you are receiving free/reduced lunch-the fee is \$15 per exam. If you do not qualify for the F/R program, the fee is \$89 per exam. However, if the 18th is not convenient for your family, you may hold your student's spot with a check for \$15 for each exam. NO ONE will be denied access to taking these exams based on ability to pay-so please, call Molly Hammans if there are financial issues.

Many of our students will earn college credit for these courses and believe me, whether you pay full or partial fees, it will be the cheapest higher education class your student takes. Below are the testing dates. Please note that AP Composition and AP Statistics are on the same day!—Teresa Grube

**Monday, May 5:**

Morning Session, 8AM – Chemistry; Environmental Science

Afternoon Session, 12PM – Psychology

Tuesday, May 6:

Morning Session, 8AM – Computer Science A; Spanish Language and Culture  
Afternoon Session, 12PM – Art History

Wednesday, May 7:

Morning Session, 8AM – Calculus AB; Calculus BC  
Afternoon Session, 12PM – Chinese Language and Culture

Thursday, May 8:

Morning Session, 8AM – English Literature and Composition  
Afternoon Session, 12PM – Japanese Language and Culture; Latin

Friday, May 9:

Morning Session, 8AM – English Language and Composition; Studio Art  
Afternoon Session, 12PM – Statistics

Monday, May 12:

Morning Session, 8AM – Biology; Music Theory  
Afternoon Session, 12PM – Physics B; Physics C: Mechanics  
Afternoon Session, 2PM – Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism

Tuesday, May 13:

Morning Session, 8AM – United States Government and Politics  
Afternoon Session, 12PM – French Language and Culture; Human Geography

Wednesday, May 14:

Morning Session, 8AM – German Language and Culture; U.S. History  
Afternoon Session, 12PM – European History

Thursday, May 15:

Morning Session, 8AM – Macroeconomics; World History  
Afternoon Session, 12PM – Italian Language and Culture; Microeconomics

Friday, May 16:

Morning Session, 8AM – Comparative Government and Politics; Spanish Literature and Culture

**BRIEF CHINESE EXCHANGE PROGRAM MARCH 17 – 22:**

We have the wonderful opportunity in welcoming up to 20 international students from Chang'An in the Shaanxi Province of China. This area of China holds a rich history and Shaanxi is home to the terracotta army, the Bell Tower and numerous beautiful natural and manmade attractions. We have an exciting week planned for our guests, including a tour of the UO, a visit to the UO Natural History or Art Museum, a trip to a mall, and a trip to either the coast or the McKenzie Trail and Sahalie Falls. The week will culminate in a party with food prepared by our guests.

**DIA DE SALUD:**

9am – 2 pm domingo, 30 de marzo

Sunday, March 30, Whiteaker Headstart (21 N. Grand Street, Eugene)

\$5/persona

- Consultaciones con enfermeras y médicos
  - Exámenes de oído y visión
  - Pruebas de colesterol, presión arterial, y glucosa. Si quiere medir su glucosa o colesterol, favor de no comer ni tomar nada (excepto agua) por las 8 horas antes de venir.
  - Información sobre la salud mental
  - Actividades para adultos y niños
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- Consultations with Nurses & Doctors
  - Vision /hearing screenings
  - Cholesterol, Blood Pressure & Glucose tests. For Glucose & Cholesterol, do not eat or drink (except water) for 8 hours before arriving.
  - Information on mental health
  - Activities for adults and kids

Para más información, llame a Joanna: (541) 206-8827

**SENIOR PARENTS GRADUATION MEETING, WED. APRIL 9, 7PM:**

Believe it or not, 2014 Graduation is right around the corner! Parents and Seniors are invited to an informational meeting in the cafeteria on **April 9, 7PM**, for all the details and info needed to be prepared for a wonderful end-of-the-year and Graduation. Senior's announcements will be available for pick up at this meeting, as well as the opportunity to sign up and pay for the Grad All Night Party. A "Graduation Timeline" will be given out, and also posted on our website. Information will be available at this time for all students regarding fees, grad requirements, etc., still yet to be completed before being cleared for graduation activities.

**SENIOR GRADUATION PARTY PLANNING, APRIL 14, 7PM:**

Parents please come to the next Senior Graduation Party planning meeting on **April 14, 7PM**, in the library. We will have sign-up sheets for each party activity, and other roles that need to be fulfill for the party to be a success. It is going to be the best rad grad party ever!! We have so many cool things planned and we need all the help we can get. Come be a part of the fun!

Contact: Annie Ward for more information: [award84@comcast.net](mailto:award84@comcast.net)

**ATTENDANCE ISSUES IN OREGON:**

2-6-14 – link to five articles from the Oregonian:

"A massive but overlooked problem is jeopardizing the success of tens of thousands of Oregon students, leaving them at risk of never learning to read well or failing to graduate from high school. It's not class size, curriculum or teacher training. It's attendance."

[http://www.oregonlive.com/absent/#incart\\_big-photo](http://www.oregonlive.com/absent/#incart_big-photo)

2-7-14

"Last school year, about 100,000 Oregon students missed at least 3½ weeks of school, an investigation by The Oregonian has found."

[http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/02/empty\\_desks\\_special\\_report\\_gui.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/02/empty_desks_special_report_gui.html)

2-11-14

Dave Haack served as principal of Cascade Middle School in Bend from 2000 to 2006.

Student absenteeism was a surprisingly large problem. When Haack, who is now retired and living in Portland, read The Oregonian's new series, "Empty Desks: Oregon's Absenteeism Epidemic," he decided to share his story. (that link is the top one - above)

[http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/02/so\\_what\\_if\\_oregon\\_students\\_mis.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/02/so_what_if_oregon_students_mis.html)

2-14-14 - about excuses

Nearly 1 in 5 Oregon students missed at least 17 days of school last year.

Some of those millions of absences were unexcused, but plenty of days were missed with parents' blessing.

[http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/02/oregons\\_school\\_absenteeism\\_epi.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/02/oregons_school_absenteeism_epi.html)

2-18-14 Letters to the Editor

[http://blog.oregonlive.com/myoregon/2014/02/letters\\_oregon\\_school\\_attendan\\_1.html](http://blog.oregonlive.com/myoregon/2014/02/letters_oregon_school_attendan_1.html)

**HOST AN ITALIAN STUDENT AND YOUR CHILD WILL BE INVITED TO ITALY:**

Ergon Student Exchange seeks families to host a 16-17 year-old Italian student. Ergon's program ensures a true cross-cultural opportunity: Italian families offer to your son or daughter a direct exposure to Italian culture through an all-expenses paid summer vacation. Ergon sponsors the flight! We specialize in a rigorous selection process and carefully match students with host families. Matteo is attending Churchill HS and it is an excellent experience for him and his host family. Our Churchill and other Eugene high school host families are happy to share their experiences with you. Please email Kim O'Brien, Eugene coordinator, at kobrien334@comcast.net and visit our website at [www.ergon-se.org](http://www.ergon-se.org).

**"EVERY 15 MINUTES" ASSEMBLIES:**

Churchill High School, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15 and 16

"Every 15 Minutes" is an in-school teen drinking and driving prevention program produced by the Lane County Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with Eugene Police and Fire. Unlike other programs, this one attempts to approach the topic of teen drinking and driving by looking at the emotional and physical impact of these occurrences. The program will include community speakers, student voice, family involvement, and an alcohol related crash simulation.

The crash simulation will be staged April 15<sup>th</sup> on the Churchill High School campus. Only Juniors and Seniors will be invited to attend. Because the scene will involve fire engines, police sirens, and

ambulances, the Sheriff's department will post signs throughout our neighborhood alerting the community to the simulation.

"Every 15 Minutes" focuses on how these crashes affect the teen, their family, their friends, and the community as a whole. In an attempt to reach students and families, the program concludes with an open assembly on April 16th. All families and communities members are encouraged to attend.

For more information about the "Every 15 Minute" program, visit [www.every15minutes.com](http://www.every15minutes.com), watch the Youtube PSA at <http://youtu.be/Qx4e5IHx1uM>, or call the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150.

#### **ROWING IS AN EXCELLENT SPORT:**

Looking for a way to get physically fit and make friends this spring? Love water and team sports? Rowing is a full-body, year-round, non-contact sport for athletes of any size or experience level. The South Eugene Rowing Club (SERC) is open to all 4J high school and 8th grade students who want to try a completely different sport while developing a work ethic, communication and time-management skills. No experience necessary. Students must have a parent signed waiver completed before participating. Please find us online at [oarjrcrow.org](http://oarjrcrow.org) or email [membership@oarjrcrow.net](mailto:membership@oarjrcrow.net).

#### **WISE SYMPOSIUM:**

WISE Symposium 2014 has been rescheduled! All Churchill girls are invited to attend on **Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**, check-in begins at 3:50 p.m. This is an afternoon of workshops in science and engineering taught by mostly female professionals in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Registration (and re-registration for those who had planned on attending the February Symposium) on Churchill's website begins Wednesday, April 2nd. There will be awesome workshops in cell dyeing, DNA, Forensics (CSI), catapults, and more! Plus prizes and food! Women In Science and Engineering (WISE) is a Churchill student group that supports women in non-traditional careers. No scientific background is required – just bring your curiosity, sense of humor, and appetite for knowledge!

#### **FUNDRAISER FOR OPHELIA'S PLACE:**

Churchill students are sponsoring a 5k benefit for Ophelia's Place on April 19<sup>th</sup>. More information to come!

#### **MR. LANCER:**

Mr. Lancer is a program to raise money for Children's Miracle Network. Ten senior boys are a part of this program along with eight coordinators. This is a Kids Helping Kids program. There are multiple fundraisers put on through April. The pageant night is April 25th at 7 p.m. This is a night filled with comedy and heartwarming stories about Children's Miracle Network. All the money raised stays in our community!

#### **LANE CC PLACEMENT TESTING:**

Another testing date will be scheduled after May 26, 2014.

**CHURCHILL STAFF/TEACHER HIGHLIGHT:**

**Doug Doerfort** is a music teacher here at Churchill. He teaches Symphonic Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band and Guitar. He grew up far away in Aztec, New Mexico. He went to the University of N. Colorado and then later to University of New Mexico. His bachelor's degree is in music and his master's is in conducting. Mr. Doerfort enjoys fishing, camping and playing his trumpet in a jazz band. A high point was when he took 100 band and choir students on a European music tour for two weeks. He and his wife, and two cats (Lola and Etta) are expecting a new family member soon this summer!

**Rosalba Montes** is a Spanish teacher here at Churchill. She grew up in the small town of El Salvador, Mexico, somewhere between Guadalajara and Mexico City. She studied Spanish and education at Lane Community College and University of Oregon. After teaching at Churchill for a few years, she went back to school at U of O and received her 2nd masters in Spanish while pregnant, which was no easy feat. She enjoys walking, soap operas and traditional Mexican dancing. Ms. Montes has a daughter named Fernanda and a dog named Jackson. Someday she hopes to travel the world. Lucky for us, she got to come back to Churchill. Por suerte para nosotros, ella tiene que venir de nuevo a Churchill!