



Upcoming School Events

December 16		Winter Feast Staff Appreciation Potluck
December 16	7:00pm	Jingle Jazz Holiday Concert
December 19	7:50am	Student of the Month Breakfast
December 22-January 2		No School: Winter Break
January 5		Classes resume
January 7		Welcome Back Soup and Bread Staff Appreciation Potluck
January 7	6:30pm	FAFSA Information and Aid Night

December Students of the Month

Congratulations to our distinguished students of the month!

Seniors: Gabe Ward (Register Guard), Carly Walker. **Juniors:** Adan Smith, Victoria Kaiser.

Sophomores: Dominic Bernardo, Whitney Williams. **Freshmen:** Kevin Shin-Wheeler, Natalie Henderson. Our **Principal's Award** this month goes to Adrian Sampedro-Cruz for his volunteering accomplishments. Please join us in the library Friday, December 19th at 7:50 and help celebrate these outstanding students!

FAFSA Workshop

The College and Career Center is hosting a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) workshop on January 7, 2015, 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Financial Aid professionals will be on hand to answer questions and help you fill out the FAFSA. For more information or if you have questions, contact Sheree Houck at houck_s@4j.lane.edu or (541) 790-5115.

Senior Party Committee

The Senior Party cannot happen without parent volunteers! We need a Senior Party Committee Leader. Last year's committee leader has lots of helpful information that she is waiting to pass on to this year's committee. If you are interested in helping plan the senior party, please email your contact information to reents_ji@4j.lane.edu. Parents will be responsible for fundraising, booking the location, and planning activities. Please volunteer and help make this an unforgettable night for our outgoing seniors!

Lancer Pageant

When we return from winter break the Lancer Pageant will be advertising for our senior contestants! Keep your eyes on the lookout for mandatory meetings.

World Languages

Churchill World Language teachers (and Middlebury College) want you to know why it's worth your time to take another language!! Read more [here!](#)

2014-15 Direct Donation Drive

Give now to claim your tax-deductible donation on your 2014 tax return! Watch your mailbox. An invitation to give will be coming soon.

Now through February 13th, Churchill High School is soliciting donations for the **Direct Donation Drive**. These donations will help fund necessary staffing for the school. You don't need to wave signs, sell anything or make any phone calls. Just donate.

Churchill's Staffing Needs

Churchill High School lost 15 hours of student support time over the past five years. Two specific areas of student support will be funded with your donation.

- **Campus supervisors:** A campus our size should have no less than 12 hours per day of supervision. To reach this goal we need to add 2.5 hours per day to our current staffing. Campus supervisors are the staff members that make sure our school is safe and our students are in class. They are vital in creating a positive learning environment.
- **College and Career Center:** Our college and Career Center has previously been supported by an 8 hour position. At this time the position is staffed for only 6 hours. To meet the many needs of our students and families, we need to add 2 hours to this position. Our College and Career Coordinator organizes all college visits and parent nights for financial aid. She helps students with internship, volunteer and job opportunities. She is also the staff member who ensures all our students have met graduation requirements.

Our goal is \$30,000. This will provide needed, vital support for our students. **We will reach our goal of \$30,000 if every family gives \$40.00.** Please give whatever amount your family can afford. No amount is too large or too small. We value any support you give. **All donations are tax deductible.**

Ways to Give

- **Write a check:** Make your check payable to "CHS." Mail it to Churchill High School, Finance: Ken Pimental, 1850 Baily Hill Road, Eugene, Oregon 97405, or drop it off at the school office. Please include this form in your envelope.
- **Eugene Education Foundation:** Visit www.eeflane.org or call 541-790-7744. Specify your donation to "CHS Staffing." EEF donations can be made in the following ways:
 1. **Start automatic monthly payments** to CHS,
 2. **Make a one-time donation,**
 3. **Set up stock transfers.**
- **Employer match programs:** Check to see if your employer can sponsor a donation-matching program.

Pass on the word to those who would want to support your daughter/son's education! Post on your social media sites and share with family!

Parents of seniors, your gift will benefit our school; just as last year's outgoing senior families supported your child by donating to Churchill. We appreciate your legacy gifts.

Please fill out this form with your donation information and mail or drop it off by February 13th to:

Churchill High School
Finance: Ken Pimental
1850 Baily Hill Road
Eugene, Oregon 97405



Click [here](#) to donate online through EEF. Specify your donation to "CHS Staffing."

Staffing decisions are made at the end of February, and your donations will directly influence those decisions. Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please contact BJ Blake, blake@4j.lane.edu, or 541-790-5100.

With Gratitude,

BJ Blake
Principal

Lancer Parent Association: January 25

The Lancer Parent Association meeting on December 15 has been cancelled. The next Lancer Parent Association Meeting is **Monday January 25, 7:00pm** in the CHS Library. BJ Blake will lead discussion about Common Core and Smarter Balanced testing.

Please come and join our growing Lancer Parent Association. Your voice is needed and appreciated! Hear about upcoming CHS events, hear from the principal, and learn how you can support the CHS staff.

Support the CHS Staff: The LPA is organizing several opportunities to show your support for the staff at Churchill. Email Debra at Lancermom60@yahoo.com if you would like to help and show your support for our hard-working staff.

- Winter Feast: December 16 – A potluck-style lunch for the staff.
- Welcome Back Soup and Bread: January 7 – a soup and bread lunch for the staff.

Can't think of what to contribute? Here are some suggestions.

- Anything in a slow cooker: chili, pulled pork, lasagna (who knew?) www.Allrecipes.com is a great resource.
- Deli, veggie or fruit platter
- Assorted breads and rolls
- Salads - hearty pasta salad, caesar salad, green salad, fruit salad - are all welcome.
- Casseroles and pasta dishes
- Money! Make checks payable to LPA and drop off at the front office (let them know what it's for). All donations will be used to fill in the blanks for this or future teacher buffets.

A few helpful hints:

- Join forces with another family to ease cost and effort.
- Drop off the day of the event or the day before if it's more convenient. There is a refrigerator available for storage.
- Store-bought or homemade goods are welcome.

12/17/14 News from the School-to-Careers office

4j-Advanced Career Technical Sponsorship (4j-ACTS)

The 4j-ACT Sponsorship provides for one year or 36 credits at Lane Community College. Students must have taken at least 1.0 credits in a pathway program and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 to apply.

Application packets are available in the School-to-Careers office beginning Thursday, December 4. *All materials are due in the School-to-Careers office in the STEM building no later than Thursday, January 8th, 4 p.m.*

Churchill's Rachel Carson Academy seeks donations

Every little bit helps

Changes in the District's transportation policies may put up a roadblock to students' learning. This year, teachers in the Rachel Carson Environmental Science Academy have limited access to the District's activity vans and these vans have been a crucial transportation component for the Academy for 17 years. Fortunately, the teachers and the District's transportation department have a plan to navigate around this obstacle. The good news is that if program organizers can raise \$20,000, the district has generously offered to pay the rest of the considerable cost needed to purchase a new van. But we have to move quickly.

Please donate today by going to the Churchill website and clicking the Rachel Carson link and then scroll down and click on the big red button and follow the directions on the Eugene Education Fund website.

You can also go directly to the link by following this URL:

<http://www.chs.lane.edu/2014/11/churchills-rachel-carson-academy-seeks-donations/>



Make sure you earmark your donation by typing *Rachel Carson Van* in the “Where Do You Want Your Support to Go?” box on the form. For more information about this project contact Mary Beth Hepp-Elam, School-to-Careers Coordinator, 790-5262 or CHS Principal, BJ Blake, 541-790-5100.

Five per cent of the amount raised will go back to EEF for equity grants to be used across the District. Churchill High School benefits annually from the equity grants to the tune of approximately \$5,000.

WISE - Women In Science & Engineering

WISE meetings are open to any student wanting to advocate for increasing the number of women in non-traditional careers such as science and engineering. We meet every Thursday at Lunch in the STEM Conference room.

Saturday, January 17 – WISE Mini-Symposium open to any student 6-8th grade from Kennedy, ATA, Willamette Christian and O-Hara Catholic schools. Call 541-790-5262 to register.

Friday, February 6, 4:30-7:30 p.m. – WISE Symposium, open to Eugene High School girls and 8th grade girls from Kennedy, ATA, Willamette Christian and O-Hara Catholic schools.

Calling all aspiring scientists, engineers, doctors, and technology whizzes!

The Application period is open on the Apprenticeships for Science & Engineering website:

www.saturdayacademy.org/ASE. Students in grades 9-11 who are interested in careers in science, medicine, engineering or technology should come to the Apprenticeships in Science and Engineering (ASE) summer internship information session in the STEM building on **Wednesday, January 28th at 7 pm**. ASE matches scientists, engineers and technology innovators with smart students like you for eight week internships over the summer. ASE is a great way to improve your college application, and students can earn high school credit and a \$1,000 stipend! Contact Mary Beth in the School-to-Careers office in STEM building.

Looking Ahead ...

Beginning in late February six weeks of Career Seminars and a Job Seeker Workshop.

Churchill Library Bookworms Sponsor Oregon Battle of the Books:

Students compete on knowledge of 12 young adult books

The Churchill Bookworm Club is competing again in Oregon Battle of the Books. Bookworms are busy reading the booklist of 12 books in order to be prepared for in-school battles in January and a regional tournament in February. If your student is interested there is still time to get involved – with plenty of time to read during December. All books are available for check out in the CHS Library.

Here is this year's high school OBOB book list:

- Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
- Cinder by Marissa Meyer
- Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein
- Deadline by Chris Crutcher
- Delirium by Lauren Oliver
- Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell
- Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan
- The Name of the Star by Maureen Johnson
- Please Ignore Vera Dietz by A.S. King
- Ready Player One by Ernest Cline
- Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas
- Whistling Past the Graveyard by Susan Crandall

HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITY!

Dear CHS Parents/Guardians,

CHS will host SIX Japanese students in March, 2015. They need a host family for FIVE nights.

The school name is Miyazaki Kita High School (MKH) in Kyusyuu, Japan. MKH is designated as a "Super Science" high school by the Japanese Ministry of Education and Science in order to emphasize science programs. Since CHS is a STEM school and has IHS programs, this opportunity is a great way to promote students' international aspects of learning and collaborations through science activities.

From March 2nd to 7th, 2015, six MKH juniors (all male this year) will come to Eugene. A host family will need to provide two meals (breakfast and dinner), transportation from house to school and back and a room. On March 7th, host family needs to take the Japanese student to CHS in the morning. The same gender host brother may share his room, but a Japanese student needs a bed or sleeping area of his own. \$125 stipend will be provided.

If you are interested in this great opportunity, please contact the CHS Japanese language teacher Miiko Suzuki at suzuki@4j.lane.edu.

Thank you very much for your cooperation! Please e-mail me with any questions at suzuki@4j.lane.edu

4J DISTRICT NEWS

Common Core State Standards & Students With Disabilities

Parent information night:

Monday, Dec. 15, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

4J Education Center Auditorium, 200 N. Monroe St.

What are the Common Core State Standards? How are these new expectations for student learning different from the standards Oregon had in place before? Most of all, what do these changes mean for your student, and for you?

Things are changing in your student's classroom, in homework, and in assessments of his or her learning. Oregon and more than 40 other states across the country have developed and adopted shared academic expectations, called the Common Core State Standards. They are clear, consistent guidelines for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level in math and English language arts in order to be ready to graduate with an Oregon diploma, ready for college, careers and life. It's all to help students develop the knowledge and higher-level thinking skills they need for their future success.

Parents of students with disabilities are invited to a 4J parent information night to learn more about Oregon's changing academic standards and how together we can support your student's success in school and beyond.

Spanish and American Sign Language interpretation will be provided.

Questions?

www.4j.lane.edu/instruction/commoncorestatestandards

www.corestandards.org

or call 541-790-7877

4J Superintendent Search

We Want to Hear From You!

The Eugene School District is searching for a new superintendent. 4J Superintendent Shelley Berman has announced that this will be his last year. The school board hopes to name a new superintendent in spring 2015.

One of the first steps in the superintendent search process is developing a candidate profile — a list of the strengths and qualities that 4J's students, parents, staff and community think the next superintendent should have. And to do this, the school board needs your help.

There are two ways for you to weigh in:

Complete the survey:

The survey is available online at www.4j.lane.edu/supersearch through Sunday, December 21.

Attend a meeting:

Meetings will be held at the 4J Education Center, 200 N. Monroe St.

Community forums in English (Spanish interpretation available)

- Tuesday, December 16, 7:30–9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 17, 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Community forum in Spanish

- Tuesday, December 16, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

For more information, please see www.4j.lane.edu/supersearch.

Búsqueda del Superintendente Para el Distrito 4J

Cual Es Su Opinión? Queremos Escucharla.

El distrito escolar de Eugene 4J está en la búsqueda de un nuevo superintendente. El superintendente actual, Shelley Berman, ha anunciado que este será su último año en el distrito. La mesa directiva escolar espera elegir a un nuevo superintendente en la primavera de 2015.

Uno de los primeros pasos en el proceso de búsqueda del superintendente será el desarrollo de un perfil del candidato ideal — una lista de las fortalezas y cualidades que los alumnos, padres, empleados y comunidad piensan que el superintendente debe tener. Y para lograr esto, la mesa directiva escolar necesita su ayuda.

Hay dos maneras en la cual usted puede contribuir:

Llene la encuesta. Está disponible en español y aceptará respuestas hasta el fin del día domingo, 21 de diciembre. Puede encontrarlo en la página web www.4j.lane.edu/supersearch.

Asista a una reunión pública. Las reuniones serán ubicados en el Centro Educativo de 4J, 200 N. Monroe St.

Se proveerá intérpretes en español.

Reunión pública para hispanohablantes, realizado en español

- martes, 16 de diciembre, 6:00 a 7:30 p.m.

Reuniones públicas realizado en ingles, se proveerá intérpretes en español

- martes, 16 de diciembre, 7:30 a 9:00 p.m.
- miércoles, 17 de diciembre, 12:00 a 1:00 p.m.

Puede encontrar más información en la página web www.4j.lane.edu/supersearch.

South Eugene Rowing Club

South Eugene Rowing Club invites Eugene's 8th-12th graders to check out our winter cross-training program for free! Students can drop by South Eugene High School's IHS wing weekdays at 3:45 to take part in core, strength, cardio, and rowing machine work-outs. Rowers refine technique, and build strength, endurance, and friendships in preparation for the exciting spring sprints-racing season. After-school water practices at Dexter Lake begin in late February, but now is the time to try this unique, full-body sport. More information is available at southeugenerowingclub.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Oregon Driver Training Institute

Registration is now open for the winter session of driver education at Churchill HS! Classes will be every Wednesday from 6-9pm. The session runs from January 7-March 18. Cost is \$275/ Scholarships available for students on free or reduced lunch.

Call [541.342.4339](tel:541.342.4339) or go online to www.oregondrivertraining.com to register before the class fills up!

[Oregon Driver Training Flyer](#)

Women in Computer Science (WICS)

University of Oregon's Women in Computer Science club is putting on a workshop called HATCH that teaches all ages the basics of programming through the program Scratch! This workshop will be held on a Saturday toward the end of January beginning of February. For more information or interest in attending please contact the Outreach Coordinator at outreachcoordinator.wics@gmail.com.

Ophelia's Place Winter Calendar

www.opheliasplace.net

[Winter Calendar](#)

This is what we know: In one way or another, every girl on the cusp of adulthood faces challenges. In time, each will encounter challenges to her personal success and physical security. Girls experience dramatic cognitive, physical and social development changes as they enter adolescence. It is a pivotal and vulnerable time for females who are developing a sense of self strongly influenced by culture, peer relationships and a need for belonging.

In recognizing this need for support, founder of Ophelia's Place Rosaria P. Haugland created a space for girls to learn from each other, form friendships, and explore their interests. Since 2005 the center has operated as a space for girls to grow as people and learn about themselves, while also learning how to overcome difficult and stressful times in a space where counseling and supportive adults are readily available.

At Ophelia's Place we believe in girls' strengths and encourage them to discover and nurture their gifts as they become young women. The goal of our work is to empower young women to make healthy,

informed decisions about their many important life choices. By the simplest definition, we are a “community for girls.”

211info

For FREE guidance and information about health and social services dial 211, text your zip code to 898211, visit 211info.org, or email help@211info.org.

Keeping people and communities healthy means more than access to medical care. It means ensuring people have the basics, like food, housing and economic opportunity. At the nonprofit 211info, we believe in the idea of Health for Your Whole Life. It’s our commitment to work toward an Oregon and Southwest Washington where everyone’s health and social services needs are met.

Last year more than 425,000 people contacted us by dialing 211, [searching for resources](#) on 211info.org, texting their zip code to 898211 or [emailing us](#) -- all toll-free and confidential. We also have bilingual staff who can take calls in Spanish; all staff have access to an interpreter service with more than 140 languages.

We're everyone's front door to nonprofit, government and faith-based programs. There are roughly 3,000 agencies in our database providing over 50,000 programs to people throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Spring Creek Holly Farm Give Back to Schools

43111 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, 541-896-3483

Spring Creek Holly Farm is proud to announce the 5th year of our **Give Back to Schools** program.

Purchase your Christmas tree at Spring Creek Holly Farm and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the school of your choice. All trees are \$4/ft. This is open to everyone and there is no limit.

Our Noble Firs are locally grown at Spring Creek Holly Farm and at our wholesale facility Whitewater Ranch using low impact and sustainable farming practices. We have pre-cut and choose and cut trees available. We also offer handmade holly wreaths, table decorations and bulk greens.

Start a new holiday tradition and come out and enjoy a cup of hot apple cider and help support your favorite school.

Spring Creek Holly Farm is open the day after Thanksgiving until December 23, from 9am to 5pm every day of the week.

You can find more information on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SpringCreekHollyFarm>