

# **Churchill High School**

## **eNews**

### **04-15-14**

#### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:**

Spring is always a busy time of year at Churchill High School, and this year is certainly no exception. With **GRADUATION** approaching, testing and assessments taking place, **PROM** looming, and staff busy planning for 2014-15, there is an urgency to attend to all of the details over the next ten weeks.

Recently, you heard from me via a mass email that we are initiating a renewed focus on **STUDENT ATTENDANCE** this trimester. This work involves **clarifying expectations and consequences** for poor attendance, **education** in terms of the importance of attendance, and **positive recognition** for students who improve their attendance or who show consistently excellent integrity in that regard. We are already started with the identification of individuals with too many unexcused absences and are following up with contacts here at school, letters to parents and, in some cases, requests for conferences. On the positive side, we will be initiating our recognition program this week.

Speaking of this week, on Tuesday and Wednesday, we will be working with the Lane County Sheriff's Department as well as other local agencies to present their "**EVERY 15 MINUTES**" **ASSEMBLY PROGRAM**. The goal of this exercise, which has been very successful at other local high schools, is to help students understand and think about the potential consequences for driving while impaired, or for riding with a driver who is impaired. The program involves a mock accident which will be viewed by juniors and seniors tomorrow and an informative and powerful assembly for all students starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Parents are invited to attend the assembly as well as the demonstration. Students who decide to avoid those two events will be able to go to the Library as an alternative.

Our staff and administration have been busy upgrading our **COURSE CATALOG** for 2014-15 and we are close to being able to post that on our school web-site. That will be a very useful tool later this month when we will be working with students who are currently in grades 8 through 11 to "forecast" or select the courses that they would want and need to take next year. Our plan is to provide an opportunity for parents to have a discussion with their student and use the Course Catalog as an informative tool for that conversation. If you do not have access to the technology to access the catalog on-line, hard copies will be available through our front office.

Again, Spring is a very busy time on the academic front for our students. This is a good time to remind your son and/or daughter to remain focused on performing at their best all the way "through the finish line" in June. In addition, many of our older students have **AP AND IB TESTING** coming up in the next few weeks and many seniors are still wrapping up their **LEAP SENIOR PROJECTS** and other graduation requirements.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that we have our monthly **LANCER PARENT MEETING** scheduled for April 28 at 7 p.m. in the Library. All parents are welcome and this month we will be discussing the 2014-15 schedule, the hiring process and progress for a permanent principal, and our Positive Behavior Support program.

Thanks for all of your support!

Dennis Biggerstaff  
Interim Principal, Churchill High School

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- “Every 15 Minutes Assemblies” – Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15 and 16
- Churchill Vocal Music Concert – Wednesday, April 16, 6PM
- Senior Parent All-Night Party Planning Meeting – Wednesday, April 16, 7PM
- WISE Symposium – Thursday, April 17, 3:50PM
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitations/Registration – Friday, April 18 (KMS-9AM; ATA-11AM)
- Creative Writing Club Party – Friday, April 18, 4-9PM
- Out-Of-District Registration Night @ CHS Library – Wednesday, April 23, 5-6:30PM
- Site Council – Thursday, April 24, 3:45PM
- Spring Sports Assembly – Friday, April 25
- April Student of the Month Breakfast – Friday, April 25, 7:50AM
- Mr. Lancer Pageant – Friday, April 25, 7PM
- Cheerleading Try-Out Clinic – Saturday, April 26, 10AM-12PM
- Senior Graduation Mtg & Fr/So/Jr Class Elections Assembly – Thursday, May 1
- OU Outreach Visit for students admitted to Univ of Oregon – Thursday, May 1
- Curriculum Council – Thursday, May 1, 3:40PM
- GSA Community BBQ/Silent Auction – Friday, May 2
- SAT Testing – Saturday, May 3, 7:30AM
- IB/AP Testing Begins – Monday, May 5
- Mid-Trimester Progress Reports, Early Release – Friday, May 9
- Cheerleading Try-Outs for 2014-15 – 9AM-1PM
- Senior Parent All-Night Party Planning Meeting – Monday, May 12, 7PM

**2014 SENIOR GRADUATION:**

Hello Churchill Seniors and Parents of Seniors! Congratulations are almost in order ~ The 2014 Graduation Ceremony on June 13 is right around the corner! To ensure that your student is clear to purchase tickets, sign up for walking partners, and participate in all Senior activities, ***all fees need to be paid in full, and all graduation requirements must be met.*** We will have an updated list posted at the Finance Office with any student’s outstanding fees and/or requirements. Please check this list and get cleared! Please visit the Seniors! page on our website. This includes the Senior Timeline of all activities, deadlines, and ongoing Senior information, <http://www.chs.lane.edu/seniors/>.

### **CAREER CENTER:**

Alternative Views on Military Recruiting representatives will be here on Thursday, April 24th during lunch in the office conference room. Alternative Views on Military Recruiting representatives have information for students who are thinking of enlisting in the military after high school.

A representative from The University of Oregon's First-Year Programs Office will be here on May 1st immediately following the Senior Graduation meeting. Students who have been accepted to UO for Fall, 2014, are invited to attend whether or not they have committed to attend. She will answer questions or concerns and give important information about first year programs and attending UO as a new student.

Representatives from the Army National Guard will be here on May 14th. All students interested in the Guard are invited to attend. Meet in the College and Career Center by 3:15.

### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR 2014-2015:**

Students with a 3.6 GPA or higher will receive information in the mail about the application process for National Honor Society for the 2014-15 school year. The mandatory information meeting is on Friday, April 18, at lunchtime in Room F36.

### **2014 WISE SYMPOSIUM:**

All Churchill girls are invited to attend WISE Symposium 2014 on Thursday, April 17th, check-in begins at 3:50 p.m. This is an evening of workshops in science and engineering taught by mostly female professionals in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Registration NOW (and re-registration for those who had planned on attending the February Symposium) on Churchill's website, Just click on the pink owl and follow the directions for online registration. There will be awesome workshops in cell dyeing, DNA, Forensics (CSI), rockets, and more! Plus prizes and food! Women In Science and Engineering Leaders (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! Oh! And food and prizes, too!

### **LCC PLACEMENT TESTING:**

Lane CC placement testing for Math will be Wednesday, May 14, at 7:45 a.m. Placement testing for Reading Comprehension and Writing Skills will be Wednesday, May 21, at 7:45 a.m. Seniors and juniors who are interested in attending Lane CC must have an "L" number prior to registration. Seating is limited, so sign up in the College & Career Readiness Center.

- It is HIGHLY suggested that students study for either test. See the Churchill website for study links under Students – More - Accuplacer.
- Students who are attending Lane CC in fall 2014 and who have successfully earned College Now Math credits during 2013-2014 school year do not need to take the math test.

### **WORK STUDY APPLICATIONS:**

Sophomores and juniors can apply now for Work Study positions that will begin in the fall. Students must have a minimum 2.0 gpa and limited unexcused absences. Call 541-790-5262 or see Mary Beth

in the STEM Building Office, for details or go to the Work Study web page at: [http://staff.4j.lane.edu/~elam\\_m/School to Careers/Work Study.html](http://staff.4j.lane.edu/~elam_m/School_to_Careers/Work_Study.html)

**INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY:**

Make a family connection by hosting an international teen! ANDEO ([www.andeo.org](http://www.andeo.org)), an Oregon-based non-profit, is looking for families in EUGENE to host teens from France or Spain for three to four weeks in July or August. Hosting is a great way to learn about another culture, share your own, and make some fun summer memories with a new friend!

Families provide three meals per day and a comfortable bed (sharing a room with a host sibling of a similar age and the same gender is fine), and plenty of day-to-day interaction. This is an "immersion program" so you won't have to worry about scheduled classes or activities. The students will be free to completely immerse themselves in your family's summer routine. ANDEO welcomes busy host families, and we can help arrange for your student to join your kids at camp or even on vacation.

The students bring their own spending money and are covered by comprehensive medical and accident insurance. A small hosting stipend will be provided.

For more information or to apply to host, please visit [www.andeo.org](http://www.andeo.org) or contact Ian Goff at [ian@andeo.org](mailto:ian@andeo.org) or 503.274.1776.

**LANE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH:**

Lane County Behavioral Therapists are now providing mental health services on-site at Churchill High School's Health Center, five days a week. They serve children, adolescents and families in the 4J school district who have Oregon Health Plan, are uninsured, or for whom there are significant barriers to appropriate services in the private sector. If interested, please call our health center at 541-790-5227 to determine eligibility and schedule an appointment.

**KENDALL'S DRIVE FOR EDUCATION:**

Kendall's Drive for Education 3rd quarter kicks off March 31st through May 26th. Make sure to spread the word! Below is a refresher of how to earn points for your school. Also, remember to regularly check our website [www.kendalldrivedforeducation.com](http://www.kendalldrivedforeducation.com) for updates. Please note: School points will be updated twice per month. Want to help your school? Here's how:

- Earn points at Kendall dealerships for sales, service or even just saying hello.
- The schools that earn the most points receive additional funds! Even if your school doesn't earn the most points, both Bethel Education Foundation and Eugene Education Foundation will receive donations that will benefit all local public schools in Eugene!
- Stop by any Kendall dealership and say "hi!" - 50 points.
- Test drive at any Kendall dealership - 500 points.
- Vote for your school on Facebook and earn 100 points per day.
- Service, maintenance and parts at Kendall dealerships: \$1 spend = 1 Point
- New and pre-owned vehicle sales at Kendall dealerships: \$1 spend = 1 Point

Be sure to check out the quarterly contests and see how many points your school has earned by visiting our website [www.kendalldriveforeducation.com](http://www.kendalldriveforeducation.com).

**SENIOR GRADUATION ALL-NIGHT PARTY PLANNING MEETINGS:**

Parents, please come to the next two Senior Graduation All-Night Party planning meetings, **Wednesday, April 16 and Monday, May 12, 7PM**, in the library. We will have sign-up sheets for party activities, and other roles that need to be fulfilled for the party to be a success. It is going to be the best 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).

**HOST AN ITALIAN STUDENT:**

Visit our website at [www.ergon-se.org](http://www.ergon-se.org). Host an Italian student and your son or daughter 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](mailto:kobrien334@comcast.net).

**"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).

**FUNDRAISER FOR OPHELIA'S PLACE:**

Girls on the Run is a 5k fun run benefiting Ophelia's Place, a community resource for women and girls. Hosted by seven of Churchill's own senior girls, the event is open to participants of all ages and genders. Event Details:

- Date: April 19th, 2014
- Location: Maurie Jacobs Park
- Time: 8 am
- Register and pre-order t-shirts at: [http://eclecticedgeracing.com/Girls\\_On\\_The\\_Run.html](http://eclecticedgeracing.com/Girls_On_The_Run.html)
- Price: \$20 - Adults (ages 13-59), \$15 - Ages 12 & under and 60 & over; (For all, add \$5 dollars to register on the day of the race)

Come support girls in your community!

**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!

**2014 AP TESTING DATES:**

**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

**CHURCHILL STAFF/TEACHER HIGHLIGHT:**

**Chris Blackburn** is a math teacher here at Churchill. He teaches Calculus, Precalculus and Contemporary Math, and he also teaches at Lane Community College. Mr. Blackburn is known for his football announcing at Lancer games and for wearing shorts every day, all year long. He grew up far, far away in Meriden, Connecticut and went off to Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass, then transferred to U of Florida – Gainesville. His bachelor's is in math and music, and his master's is in education. Sports and his kids are big with Mr. Blackburn: he golfs, follows college football and enjoys snorkeling with Maddie (15), Jack (12), and Ben (8). Someday he hopes to travel Europe. Ask him about his Red Sox.

**Lisa Iacovetta** (ya-ca-vet-ta) is a social studies teacher here at Churchill. She teaches 9/10 Global Studies, 11/12 Modern World Issues, Peace Out, and AVID. Long, long ago, Lisa grew up in the faraway lands of Bend, Oregon and Lake Tahoe, Nevada. She went off to college to University of Arizona, but soon headed north again to attend Southern Oregon, then later U of O and Pacific University. Being the only girl with four older brothers, she developed epic arguing skills which she applied to the U of O Debate Team. Her two bachelor's are in rhetoric/communications, and sociology, and her master's is in education. Lisa enjoys a wide range of fun activities from chess to surfing the Oregon Coast. "Ms. Yawk" has lived in Japan, Germany and France, and hopes to travel the world again to visit all the South American countries, and all the major east coast urban centers. Her 15 nieces and nephews call her "Auntie Zizi."