

Churchill High School
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Greetings Lancer parents!

There is every indication that we are closing in on the end of the school year. We are busy helping students forecast their classes for 2014-15, AP and IB testing is almost finished, we are auditioning seniors who would like to speak and perform at graduation, the Prom is coming up on Saturday night, and the weather is warming up (which leads to reminders about the dress code). As we near the end of this academic year, it is good for all of us who are the adult support system for our students (school staff, parents, guardians) to encourage our young people to do their very best up through the finish line.

In terms of the forecasting and scheduling for next year, I want to remind parents that your students should have a copy of their course selection sheet, as well as a transcript, that you can use as talking points for planning their selections. Also, the new Churchill Academic Planning Guide and course catalog is now available on our Churchill web site (click "forecasting" under the Student column). As we build the actual schedule for next year, parents and students should be able to pull up the individual student's schedule using ParentVue and StudentVue by mid-August. Once we have finished the grid for all three 2014-15 trimesters, these will be posted on our web page as well.

We have scheduled the final Churchill Lancer Parent meeting for Monday, May 19, 7pm, in the school library. Agenda topics include school improvement goals, attendance program, and organizing for next year. All parents and guardians are encouraged and invited to attend. Other important dates to note as we wrap up the school year are listed below.

I want to add that I have been honored to be a part of Churchill again these past eight months. It has been a delight to get to know your young people, to connect with the wonderful staff here and to encounter many of our parents at various events and gatherings. With new leadership on the way and the many strong programs here at the high school, I know that Churchill is headed for a bright future!

Sincerely,
Dennis Biggerstaff
Interim Principal, Churchill High School

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/>.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: JUNE 17:

June 17 will be the final day of school this year. It will be an early release day for students. The final day had been tentative because any additional "snow days" (days when all schools are closed due to hazardous weather) were expected to be made up at the end of the year. With the likelihood of winter weather now past, the district has announced that the final day of school will be June 17.

SENIOR GRADUATION ALL-NIGHT PARTY PLANNING MEETING:

Parents, please come to the Senior Graduation All-Night Party planning meeting, **Monday, May 19, 7PM**, New Hope College Rexius Center. 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.

LCC PLACEMENT TESTING:

Lane CC placement testing for Reading Comprehension and Writing Skills will be Wednesday, May 21, at 7:45 a.m., in the Red Computer Lab. 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 the test. See the Churchill website for study links under Students – More - Accuplacer.

WORK STUDY:

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.

BUSINESS WEEK:

Attend Business Week this summer! Spend a week at the University of Oregon, Oregon State University or the University of Portland and earn college credit in business. Business Week 2014: Building the Next Generation of Business Leaders is sponsored by Young Entrepreneurs Business Week (YEBW), a consortium of universities and private businesses. Business Week is designed for high school students with an interest in career preparation, leadership development, business, and college exposure. Students completing any YEBW program have the opportunity to earn college

credit through Oregon State University. See Mary Beth in School-to-Careers in the STEM Building office or go to www.yebw.org. Scholarships available. This could be a great LEAP for some juniors!

Program Benefits:

- College Credit
- Business Fundamentals. Gain exposure to an array of career paths, network with business leaders and entrepreneurs, and learn what it takes to successfully develop and operate a business.
- Financial Literacy. Expand understanding of financial and business terminology and concepts, analyze cash flow and credit, and examine P&L statements, and balance sheets.
- Leadership. Deepen understanding of personal growth and teamwork objectives, goal setting fundamentals, time management skills, and business ethics.
- Communication. Enhance interpersonal and networking capabilities, confidence in public speaking, and presentation skills.

RACHEL CARSON PLANT SALE:

Rachel Carson is hosting their spring plant sale at the end of May! Come support the Rachel Carson program and the greenhouse work.

When: May 29th and 30th, After school from 3:30-5:30.

Where: Churchill Greenhouse in the Northwest Parking Lot

Plants available: Melons, Sweet corn, Peppers (Serano, Gypsy, Jalapeno), Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Summer Squash, and more...

EXCHANGE STUDENT OPPORTUNITY:

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. Visit our website at www.ergon-se.org.

ROWING CLUB:

Have you ever wanted to try rowing? Rowing is a great sport and this summer there will be two, one-week rowing camps on Dexter Lake that culminate in an opportunity to travel to Seattle and row in a regatta on Green Lake! For more information, please check-out the web at <http://oarjrcrow.org>. Have a blast this summer at the South Eugene Rowing Club Camp on Dexter Lake! Open to girls and boys entering 8th - 12th grade from throughout the community. We provide new rowers an opportunity to discover the joys of rowing in a fun, team environment. Transportation is provided to and from South Eugene High School to Dexter Lake. Times are 8:00 am - 2:30 pm.

Session 1: July 21 - 25th

Session 2: July 28 - August 1

Those who attend both weeks have the opportunity to travel to Seattle for a regatta on Saturday, August 2! For more information or to register, please go to <http://oarjrcrow.org/summer-camp>.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES:

It's that time of year again when families are starting to plan for what activities their students will do when school is not in session. Below are some of the incredible local arts offerings available to them this summer! What better way for our local youth to spend their first days of summer than in a FUN, active, educational camp that combines training in singing, acting and dance!? No experience necessary – this is great for the seasoned performer or someone who has never been on stage.

Elementary Summer Musical Theater Camp

For students entering grades 4-6

June 23 – July 3, 2014

9:00am – 12:30pm, Monday – Friday

South Eugene High School

Cost: \$230

Value: Priceless!

Middle/High School Musical Theater Camp

For students entering grades 7-12

July 14 – 25, 2014

9:00am – 3:00pm, Monday – Friday

South Eugene High School

Cost: \$320

Value: Priceless!

This will be Summer Musical Theater Camp's 23rd season! We offer a fun balance between rigorous training and an opportunity to show off performance chops in an end-of-camp show for family and friends. Students take daily classes in voice, acting and dance, and hone their performance skills with diverse musical theater repertory ranging from classics such as Oklahoma! or West Side Story, to contemporary favorites such as Wicked, Avenue Q, The Lion King, or The Producers. If students sign up for camp by June 2nd, they receive an early registration discount! Or they can apply for one of Eugene-Springfield Orchestras' many scholarships. For more information visit <http://esyorchestras.org/programs/summer-camps/>. Regards, Mindy A. Linder, Eugene-Springfield Youth Orchestras

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.

CHILE EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2014-15:

Academic, Short-Term, Reciprocal Exchange: You host a student from Chile during winter, and you study in Chile during spring and live with the student that you hosted. Depending on availability, you can just host a student, or study in Chile without hosting. Personal Care: We are a local and small

organization and we only work with 4-5 students at a time to ensure each student is given personal attention. Please contact Sachi for more info, oregonadventure@icloud.com or oregonadventure.weebly.com.