

# CHURCHILL HIGH LANCER UPDATE

September 22, 2014

## Upcoming Events

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September 22	7:00pm	International High School Welcome Night
September 23, 30	10:00am	Meet the Principal Coffees
September 23	7:00pm	IHS IB Junior Parents Night
September 24	12:30pm	University of Portland visit
September 29	12:30pm	Naval Reserve Officer Training visit
September 29	7:00pm	Lancer Parent Association Meeting
October 1	9:00am	Prescott College visit
October 1	12:30pm	Grand Canyon University visit
October 1	3:30pm	Pacific University visit and Common Application Assistance
October 1	6:00pm	Meet the Principal Coffee
October 1	7:00-8:30pm	Open House
October 2	3:40pm	Seattle Pacific University visit
October 3	12:30pm	University of Denver visit
October 6		Picture Retake Day
October 6	12:30pm	New Hope Christian College visit
October 8	12:30pm	Whitworth College visit
October 8	6:30-7:30pm	Junior/Senior Night
October 9		Mid-Trimester Reports (Early release at 12:30)
October 9	12:30pm	Corban University visit
October 10		No School: State In-Service Day
October 13, 14	11:00am-1:00pm	Seniors Cap and Gown Signup
October 13	10:00am	Whitman College visit
October 13	12:30pm	Montana State University visit
October 13	3:30pm	Northern Arizona University visit

## Important Staffing Changes

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Our two campus supervisor positions have been filled by Greg Anson and Arlean Moses. The new head secretary is Jill Reents.

## CHS Over-Enrolled

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We are excited to share that Churchill High school has enrolled more than 50 students beyond our projections. The word is out that CHS is a fantastic high school. This has resulted in larger class sizes than expected. Last Wednesday, the school board voted to give CHS an additional .68 FTE which breaks down to 8 class sections. Our staff is looking at the best allocation for these additional resources. We will keep you posted on the final allocation decision.

## School Bus Drop Off Change

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The school bus is now dropping students off on 18th just east of where the LTD bus drops off. The bus arrives to CHS at the same time as many of our students are arriving or being dropped off. The school bus is not consistently able to safely pull into the school driveway to drop off in front of the school.

## Please Volunteer

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We need and appreciate volunteers in our building! Please fill out and return the volunteer form in the registration packet. Volunteers must complete the confidential volunteer background check application at [www.helpcounter.net/eugene](http://www.helpcounter.net/eugene) every two years. If you do not have internet access, please contact the school office to set up a time to use the volunteer computer station.

## Lancer Parent Association

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Please join us Monday, September 29th 7:00 pm for our first LPA meeting, as we "reinvent" the face of parent leadership and support for our school. We meet in the library and the meeting will start sharply at 7:00 pm. A Spanish interpreter will be at the meeting.

## Policy Change: 9th Graders Off Campus At Lunch

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The decision has been made to allow 9th graders off campus for lunch. We do not encourage this and believe that our campus has the most to offer our students at lunch. This decision was made based on these two considerations:

- 1- No other high school in Eugene has a closed campus for 9th graders
- 2 - This is a rule that is not enforceable with our current level of staffing. It would take more people power and money than we have to keep our 9th graders on campus at lunch. It is poor practice to have a rule students know we cannot enforce.

If a 9th grade student does not handle this privileged respectfully, they will lose their ability to go off campus at lunch for a period of time.

## PSAT/SAT Test Prep

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Junior or Senior students may share an opportunity to participate in a PSAT/SAT Test Prep Seminar being held at North Eugene High School in room 102 on Monday, 9/29 and Tuesday, 9/30 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Test prep has been shown to help students increase their PSAT and SAT scores. Sign up at [register.doorwaytocollege.com](http://register.doorwaytocollege.com). or, call 877-927-8378, toll-free, for assistance. Students may register online and pay with a credit card or bring a check to the seminar.

## New Wednesday Schedule

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**Starting October 22** we will have a new Wednesday schedule. With our previous Wednesday schedule, we did not meet the minimum minutes for seat time. With the new schedule, we will meet the required minimum. The change in the schedule is seen in two ways:

- We have added 5 minutes to each class.
- We will no longer have IA at the end of the day.

Knowing that students need times to meet with teachers, each teacher has at-office hours during which they are available to meet. If those times do not work, please have your student talk to the teacher for a time that will work. The Wednesday late start schedule, starting October 22 is:

8:00 – 9:15	Professional Development, staff meeting and Collaboration
9:30 – 10:30	1st Period
10:35 – 11:35	2nd Period
11:45 – 12:45	3rd Period
12:50 – 1:20	Lunch
1:25 – 2:25	4th Period
2:30 – 3:30	5th Period

## New Curriculum and Technical Support Available for CPM

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Three CPM (College Preparatory Mathematics) mentor teachers are now available to help parents, students and teachers who have questions about the CPM program. This support is primarily for questions about using the program, its technology and the website. To use CPM's support service, go to <http://www.cpm.org/support> to see the available services. Follow the prompts to get help. Note that this service is not a "homework helpline." That support is at <http://homework.cpm.org>.

## **Health Services on Site at CHS**

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Here at Churchill, we have a variety of health services available to students:

### **School Nurse**

Kim Roellig, RN is available for Churchill students on a drop-in basis most school days during 1st and 2nd period and student lunch, and is available most school days during 3rd period by appointment. Issues addressed may include illness, injury, mental health concerns and acute and chronic health conditions and their effects on academics.

Hours at CHS: 8:30-1:00pm daily. \*\*\*District-wide duties can affect this schedule. Please call 541-790-5237 if you would like to schedule a time to meet\*\*\*

### **Churchill Health Center**

The Health Center provides primary health care and mental health counseling services. Registration is required. Insurance may be billed. Donations for services are requested for uninsured students, but no one is turned away for an inability to pay. Open to all 4J-eligible students 19 and younger and their younger siblings. Same day or next day appointments are often available.

Call 541-790-5227 or walk in to schedule. The front desk is staffed Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00, Wednesday 1:00-4:00 and Friday 8:00-12:00.

Providers:

**Tricia Schroffner, FNP**- Nurse practitioner providing school/sports physicals, vaccinations, sick visits, and follow up for other health care needs. Hours: Mondays and Thursdays from 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00.

**Cathy Calish, Mental Health Therapist** - Mental health counseling services. Monday and Thursday 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00

**Belinda Burchell, Mental Health Therapist** - Mental health counseling services. Tuesday 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00; Wednesday 1:00-4:00; Friday 8:00-12:00

### **Children's Dental Clinic**

The Children's Dental Clinic is a program of the Assistance League of Eugene. Volunteer dentists and hygienists provide no-cost dental services to Eugene area minors without dental insurance. Services include preventive services, cavity repair and extractions. Patients must be lower-income. See the school nurse for an application, or call 541-790-5181 to speak with the dental clinic coordinator. It is located in portable classroom building near CHS H hall.

## **Budget Committee Openings**

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Do you know someone who might be interested in serving on the Eugene School District's volunteer budget committee? Please take a moment to tell them that now is the time to apply! The school board will appoint three community members to fill open positions on the committee. This is an outstanding opportunity to serve our schools and our community.

Applications are due Wednesday, October 8, at 5 p.m. Applicants then should attend the Eugene School Board meeting on Wednesday, October 15, at 7 p.m., and speak briefly to the board about their interest in serving on the committee. The board will vote to appoint three applicants to the budget committee at the following board meeting on November 5.

Committee members must be registered voters who live within the 4J district boundary. District employees are not eligible for appointment. Past members with expired terms may reapply. The positions have three-year terms that will end on June 30, 2017.

More information and a link to the application form is at: <http://www.4j.lane.edu/2014/09/budget-committee-openings>

## **Local Option Levy Renewal on November Ballot**

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*Measure 20-222 would continue local school funding without changing tax rate*

This fall, voters in our school district will be asked whether to renew local funding for schools at the same tax rate. Measure 20-222 on the November 4 election ballot would renew the local option levy for 4J school operations, such as teachers, programs and school days. The levy provides about \$8 million per year, equivalent to about 16 school days or 80 teaching positions.

The local option levy is not a new tax or a tax increase. Renewing it would continue the current property tax rate for the 4J local option levy. The levy has been providing local funding for schools since 2000 and must be renewed by voters every 5 years.

Most funding for Oregon schools is determined by the state. A local option levy is the one way voters in a school district can choose to provide additional funding for the day-to-day operations of their local schools. Without this levy, the school district would have about \$8 million less per year to pay for school operations.

To vote on Measure 20-222, you must live in the Eugene School District and be registered to vote by October 14. Ballots will be mailed to voters beginning October 17 and must be returned by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4. To learn more, go to [www.4j.lane.edu/levy](http://www.4j.lane.edu/levy).

## **The Eugene Opera Academy: X-treme Arts in Action**

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The **Eugene Opera** invites students in grades 8-12 curious about the world of opera to enroll in the **Eugene Opera Academy: X-treme Arts in Action** by October 20. Participants will:

- Attend rehearsals and performances of the Eugene Opera's December and March shows,
- Talk with professionals who bring opera to the stage,
- Take part in a Master Class, and
- Have an opportunity to win a \$500 scholarship.

**To sign up or for more information**, e-mail Barbara Myrick, [musicmyrick@gmail.com](mailto:musicmyrick@gmail.com), subject line "Eugene Opera Academy." Interested students, on-stage performers, instrumentalists, back-stage technicians or front of the house administrators and marketers are all welcome. Program fee: \$20.

## **Science Night at University of Oregon**

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STEM CORE at U of O is sponsoring a fall science night on WEDNESDAY SEPT. 24th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please go to <http://stemcore.uoregon.edu/> for more information or follow the link to the science flyer [http://stemcore.uoregon.edu/files/2014/07/UO\\_Science\\_Open\\_House\\_Flier-Spanish-vyb2bf.jpg](http://stemcore.uoregon.edu/files/2014/07/UO_Science_Open_House_Flier-Spanish-vyb2bf.jpg) and encourage your students to go!

## **Eugene Math Circle**

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The Eugene Math Circle at the University of Oregon will continue its weekly sessions for elementary, middle and high school students in 2014-15. We invite students who enjoy math, like solving challenging problems and want to learn exciting topics that are normally outside the school curriculum.

This year the EMC has restructured its upper division classes to allow for a wider range of background knowledge among the participants. Now, we offer five different sessions, two for the elementary school students and three for the middle and high school students.

- Upper Division I (recommended for 6-8 graders) at 5:30-6:45 pm on Thursdays.
- Upper Division II (recommended for 9-12 graders; younger participants by invitation only) at 5:30-6:45 pm on Thursdays.
- Upper Division III (by invitation only) at 5:00-6:30 pm on Wednesdays.

The Fall session will begin on September 24 or 25, 2014, at UO campus and run through the first week of December. The application forms can be found at <http://pages.uoregon.edu/nemirovm/emc.html>. The application deadline is September 15, 2014 and the space is limited. However, **there are still spaces available in the Upper Division program designed for the middle and high school students.**