

**Churchill High School**  
**G'Lancer eNewsletter**  
**1-21-14**

**Upcoming Dates**

1-24 Latino Family Night from 6:30 – 7:30 Bienvenidos!  
1-25 SAT Testing  
2-5 Forecasting classes for next year  
2-7 Mid-trimester progress report  
2-7 WISE Symposium 1:00 – 4:00  
2/10-14 Spirit Week  
2-10 IHS Information Night 7:00 p.m. in Cafeteria  
2-14 AVID Glow Dance – all students are invited!  
2-14 Hands on Career Day at LCC 8:45 a.m. – 12:30  
2-19 AVID Conference  
2-19 Spring Sports Mandatory Registration, Drop-In 4-7PM  
2-20 Site Council  
2-20 Sophomore Career Night  
2-20 'Gypsy' Musical Opening Night  
2-24 Lancer Parent Meeting in Library 7:00 p.m.  
2-26 LCC Placement Testing 8:00 a.m.

**From the Principal's Desk**

***The principal would like to hear from parents about the direction of Churchill***

**1/15/14**

Hello Lancer Parents and Guardians:

As you probably know, I have been the Interim Principal here at Churchill since early November. As I am officially retired, I will be until a permanent person is hired, so that would be no longer than June.

As the former principal here from 2004 to 2009, I know the staff well and I am pleased to be meeting more students every day. My goals for the brief time I am here revolve around helping the school community to prepare for new leadership. To that end, we are working to improve our communications with parents as well as work on our infrastructure and operations to get things working as smoothly as possible.

One of our endeavors has been to invite parents to monthly meetings. Thus far, we have held two of these meetings and the next one is planned for **February 24 at 7 pm** in the high school Library. If you are interested and able to attend, we would love to have you mark that date on your calendar. Currently, we are also working on improving our web site, completing a curriculum guide for 2014-15, and posting more useful information for parents.

Along those lines, we are asking members of the Churchill Community to tell us what is important to them so that we can pass that information along to the new leadership. Thus far, we have compiled feedback from the staff and plan on doing the same with students and parents. For example, when thinking about the future direction of Churchill, the staff identified several qualities including:

- School as the center of community pride;
- A culture of achievement;
- An atmosphere of caring with the community and among staff and students;
- Establishing more career pathway programs and options for students;

- Empowering students to be self-directed learners;
- More parental involvement;

I would like to pose a series of open-ended questions for you, the parent community (see below). You could either email your responses and thoughts to me at [biggerstaffd@4j.lane.edu](mailto:biggerstaffd@4j.lane.edu) or jot them down and bring them to our next parent meeting on February 24. After gathering this information, we will compile the input so we can use it as a basis for future decisions.

Thank you for supporting our school and your student!  
Dennis Biggerstaff  
Interim Principal

### **Questions for Parents**

What is important to you as a Churchill Parent as you look to the future?

- 1/ What is your dream for our school community?
- 2/ What kind of school community would you like to see?
- 3/ What aspects of the school need to change or improve? Why?
- 4/ What are our major strengths and assets as a school?
- 5/ What would success at Churchill look like to you?

### **Mike's Closet**

***Taking donations to help students in honor of Mike Horowitz***

Mike's closet: Mike's closet offers students access to a wide variety of clothing, school supplies and some household goods. If students are in need of clothing or supplies please come by and work with a staff member to find what you are looking for. We are also open for donations of gently used, high school appropriate clothing and supplies (especially spiral notebooks and basic school supplies). Contact Mike's Closet at [541-790-5131](tel:541-790-5131) for more information. Thank you!

Mike Horowitz, a science teacher here at Churchill died in 2012. His legacy of giving and community service lives on both here at Churchill and in the community.

### **Remember School Days – Order a Yearbook!**

**Yearbooks** are still on sale but only for a limited time at the regular price of **\$65.00**.

The deadline to reserve a book is **Friday, Jan. 31st**. You can put as little as **\$20.00** down as a down payment.

After Jan. 31st, books will be **\$75.00**, and there will be no guarantee that there will be enough copies (in which case, you would be refunded).

**Churchill AVID is selling Val-o-Grams**  
***Make Valentine's Day special for your student***

- A. \$1 you can send a student a treat of Hershey's kisses and a special message
- B. \$2 a flower and a message
- C. \$3 you can send flower and candy
- D. **DANCE SPECIAL: \$6** gets you Option C & a ticket to the GLOW Dance Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> after the game

They will be delivered to 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> period **February 14<sup>th</sup>**! If you would like, you could also donate to deliver a val-o-gram to a student in need who may otherwise not get one! (Just write 'Need' on name of student and we will work with the counselors to find the correct students for these donations.)

Fill out this form below and return it to the Churchill front office by **Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? Contact Lisa Iacovetta at [iacovetta@4j.lane.edu](mailto:iacovetta@4j.lane.edu) Thanks for spreading some love...

To: (student name)	From:
1 <sup>st</sup> period teacher:	
5 <sup>th</sup> period teacher:	
Message:	
Check one: ( ) flower only ( ) candy only ( ) flower plus candy ( ) flower, candy & dance	

**International High School**  
***IHS could be the right place for your student. Enroll for 2014-15***

Ask your student:

*Are you curious about global events?*

*Do you enjoy considering different perspectives on world issues?*

*Do you want to make a difference in your local and global community?*

Eugene IHS is an award-winning alternative school in international studies for students in grades 9-12 open via district lottery to any student who wishes to attend. Students who choose Eugene IHS value global understanding and communication, exhibit an interest in learning about cultural differences, and are committed to improving the human condition.

Enrollment in Eugene IHS is via the 4J district school choice lottery.

Incoming 9th grade students and new students wishing to enroll in Eugene IHS must apply online for the school choice lottery by **Friday, February 28th at 5:00pm**. Please note: the application process is online only. Paper applications will not be accepted. If you have any questions please contact the Eugene IHS office at [541-790-5225](tel:541-790-5225), or for computer access and assistance please call the school choice office at [541-790-7553](tel:541-790-7553). Students already enrolled in Eugene IHS do not need to re-apply. If you have an incoming student interested in Eugene IHS and want to know more please join us for our **Parent Information Night** on **Monday, February 10, 7:00 pm, Churchill cafeteria.**

## **Oregon Adventure Student Exchange Seeks Students** ***Study in Chile spring or summer 2014***

We have three Chilean students right now: Sofi is at Sheldon, Vicente's at South, and Alvaro's at North. They'll go back to Chile this spring and would like to host students from Eugene for four months. Interested in living in Chile and becoming fluent in Spanish? You'll enjoy lifelong friendships and learn all about their culture!

- Flexible dates, 4-month stay: live in Chile and go to a local high school after our spring break during the last trimester, or you can go during your summer break.
- You will live with one of the students who is currently here in Eugene. You have a chance to get to know them before you go to Chile.
- This is a great way to know another culture and become fluent in Spanish.

For more information, please contact Sachi.

[oregonadventure@icloud.com](mailto:oregonadventure@icloud.com)

[541-285-3778](tel:541-285-3778)

## **Host an Italian Student**

***Your child will be invited to Italy***

- We want active families to host Italian exchange students
- 2014-15: ½ or full year
- Students speak good English, are carefully screened and matched to host families
- Contact past and current parents for references! Students are currently attending South and Churchill.
- Students come with money for expenses and vacations
- Your child will be invited to Italy
- Experience a different culture, create international friends for life

I hosted a student through this program, Ergon working with NorthWest Student Exchange, so please contact me at [kobrien334@comcast.net](mailto:kobrien334@comcast.net)  
[www.ergon-se.org](http://www.ergon-se.org)

Kim O'Brien

## **Churchill's Gay-Straight Alliance Club (GSA)**

The GSA meets at lunch on Tuesdays in F-49  
We are selling T-shirts for \$10.00.  
The t-shirt reads, 'Gay Rights are Human Rights.'

## **Knitting & Fiber Arts Club**

***Students are welcome to join us for a good yarn***

The Knitting & Fiber Arts Club meets Thursdays at lunch and alternate Thursdays after school in room C-8. All students welcome! We would appreciate donations of yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks and other supplies. Please contact Alpha Wilson (wilson\_a@4j.lane.edu) or Judy Kerner (kerner@4j.lane.edu) if you are interested in helping out or donating.

## **Women In Science and Engineering (WISE) Symposium**

***Science and engineering workshops for girls***

**All Churchill girls** are invited to WISE Symposium 2014 on Friday, Feb. 7th from 1:00-5:00 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 on Churchill's website begins Tuesday, January 21st. There will be awesome workshops in cell dying, DNA, rocket building, 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! Oh, and food, too!

## **Hands-on Career Day is on Valentine's Day February 14, 2014**

- **Seniors and juniors: Mark Your Calendars** for Lane Community College's Hands-On Career Day, to be held **Friday, February 14th, from 8:45-12:30 with lunch provided.**
- **Registration** will open Tuesday, January 21, 2014 and close February 5, 2014. Classes include multimedia, early childhood education, health occupations, technology, construction and trades, culinary, and others. You must have an LCC "L" number to register. For help with "L" numbers and registration come to the Red computer lab on **Wednesday at lunch.**
- **Churchill has been allocated only 30 participant slots for the event.**
- Transportation will be provided.

## **Spring Sports Mandatory DROP-IN Registration Night**

Wednesday, February 19, 4:00-7:00 PM (Registration ends promptly at 7PM)

### **WELCOME TO LANCER SPRING SPORTS!**

**MANDATORY SPORTS REGISTRATION NIGHT:** In order to better serve our Churchill families, we have adjusted our Sports Registration to a DROP-IN format. Come register between 4-7PM. Registration ends promptly at 7PM. All students/parents wanting to participate in 2014 Spring Sports or Clubs must register Wednesday, February 19, 2014! Contact the Finance Office to check for and pay any outstanding fees, 541.790.5107.

Detailed Info to follow in the next couple weeks. Check the "Athletics" link on the website, [www.chs.lane.edu](http://www.chs.lane.edu). Go Lancers!

## **Lane CC Placement Testing**

Reading, Writing and Math placement tests will be Wednesday, February 26, beginning at 8 a.m. Seniors and juniors who are interested in attending Lane CC must have an “L” number prior to registration.

- “L” number application workshop will be Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4p.m. in the Red computer lab.
- Students can choose to take the Reading Comprehension and Writing Skills tests or the math test. It is HIGHLY suggested that students study for either test. See the Churchill website for study links under Students – Resource - Accuplacer. Students who are attending Lane CC in fall 2014 and who have successfully earned College Now Math credits do not need to take the math test.
- Another testing date will be scheduled after May 26, 2014.

## **MLK Assembly at Churchill**

### ***Student participation in MLK Assembly a great success***

On Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> our student body participated in an assembly to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The choir sang the song 'Same Love,' which was beautifully done. Students read poems and speeches they wrote, and we watched a video of Dr. King giving one of his last speeches. We were strongly motivated by our students' words and song. Thank you to everyone who participated and planned this amazing event.

*“Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education.”*

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.