

Churchill High School G'Lancer Newsletter

12-20-13

Upcoming Dates

12-20 @ 7:30 Winter Play: Holmes for the Holidays

12-23 to 1-6 Winter Break

1-7 Back to school

1-9, 10, 11 @ 7:30 Winter Play: Holmes for the Holidays

1-11 SAT Test 7:30 – 1:00

1-12 Winter Play matinee @ 2:00

1-15 AVID Family Night 6:00

1-15 & 16 Financial aid workshop – get help filling out FAFSA 3:30 CHS Computer Lab

1-16 Site Council 3:45 – 5:00 STEM Conference Room

1-20 MLK Day – NO SCHOOL

Office Hours, Winter Break

- December 23-January 1: CLOSED
- Thursday, January 2: OPEN 10AM-2PM
- Friday, January 3: OPEN 10AM-2PM
- Monday, January 6: CLOSED (Furlough)
- Tuesday, January 7: OPEN Regular hours, 7:45AM-4:00PM

The West End Performing Arts Academy at Churchill High School presents: a hilarious holiday 1930's whodunnit.

Holmes for the Holidays will play the 20th at 7:30pm. The show will conclude January 9,10,11 at 7:30 with a 2:00pm matinee on January 12th.

Tickets are \$8.00 general admission and \$5.00 for students and seniors.

Call 541-790-5161 for more information.

Churchill High School auditorium is located at 1850 Bailey Hill Road in Eugene.

Advance tickets and donations to the West End Academy may be purchased at www.seatyourself.biz

Kendall Auto Awards \$2000 to Churchill Art Students *Drawing students submit artwork and receive award*

We are very proud of our art students!

Churchill Site Council

CHS working on School Improvement Plan and Mission Statement

This year's Site Council is revising the School Improvement Plan and Mission Statement. If you would like to speak to a Site Council parent rep, their contact information is at: <http://www.chs.lane.edu/parents/chs-site-council/>
Minutes of the meetings are also available at this website. Thank you for caring about the future of Churchill!

How to Pay for College Workshop at LCC on January 11th

Get a good handle on paying for college in one day

Saturday January 11th, 2014 Lane's main campus, Room 100/Lobby Center for Meeting and Learning

8:30-9:00...Registration: Welcome, Event Overview

9:00-2:30...College Goal Oregon: Meet with financial aid professionals who will help you complete the online FAFSA. Bring your 2013 tax and financial records.

9:00-10:30...Scholarship Workshop I "Be a Competitive Applicant!" Learn resources and strategies for finding college scholarships plus how to write quality essays and applications.

11:00-12:30...Scholarship workshop II "Finding Funds For Oregon Students" : Learn how to apply for the Oregon Student Access Commission Scholarships.

12:45-2:15...Spanish session...

Lane students register with CRN 33916

Community Members call Continuing Ed. [541-463-6100](tel:541-463-6100)

If you need information or disability related accommodations contact Jackie Bryson at [541-463-5164](tel:541-463-5164)

Financial Aid for College

Seniors: are you financially prepared for college? Get help filling out your FAFSA

What is the FAFSA form?

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Completing and submitting this form online is the single most important thing you can do to get assistance paying for college.

The U.S. Department of Education uses the FAFSA to determine students' eligibility for federal student aid.

The CHS Career Center will conduct a free workshop in filling in the FAFSA on January 15th and 16th from 3:30-5:00 in the Computer Lab.

The FAFSA website can answer many of your questions:

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/help.htm>

PSAT Scores

Did your student take the PSAT on testing day?

Scores are now available at the Churchill High School College and Career Center.

Willamette Valley Society of Women Engineers Scholarship

This scholarship is still open

They have extended their deadline from to 1/13/14.

Yearbooks for 2013-14 are Still on Sale

Price is \$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).

Geometry Needs Calculators

If you have any TI-30XIIS we could use them!

Our Geometry classes are in need of scientific calculators for our students to use in the classroom! We would love to get donations of calculators. The TI-30XIIS is our favorite one, but we will take any donations. Alternatively, we have a Donors Choose campaign to raise money to buy some for use in all our Geometry classes. You can donate money at this site: <http://goo.gl/m3YSvF>. Thank you for your consideration.

HOST AN ITALIAN STUDENT. YOUR CHILD IS INVITED TO ITALY!

www.ergon-se.org

- We want active families to host Italian exchange students
- 2014-15: ½ or full year

- We're different! Students speak good English, are carefully screened and matched to host families
- Contact past and current parents for references! Students currently attend South and Churchill.
- Students come with money for expenses and vacations
- YOUR CHILD IS INVITED TO ITALY THE FOLLOWING SUMMER FOR A VACATION WITH YOUR STUDENT'S FAMILY!
- EXPERIENCE A DIFFERENT CULTURE, CREATE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS FOR YOUR CHILD FOR LIFE

I hosted a student through this program, Ergon working with NorthWest Student Exchange, so please contact me at kobrien334@comcast.net

Kim O'Brien

Comcast Offers Low Income Families Affordable Internet and Computer Access
Please tell your friends that do not have internet

Comcast Corporation is one of the nation's leading providers of entertainment, information and communications products and services announced the launch of Internet Essentials, a new nationwide program which provides families with children who are eligible to receive free lunches under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) with low-cost Internet service, affordable computers and digital literacy training. The goal of Internet Essentials is to help close the digital divide and ensure more Americans benefit from all the Internet has to offer.

Service Details:

Internet Essentials participants will receive:

- Residential Internet service for \$9.95 a month + applicable taxes;
- No price increases, no activation fees, or equipment rental fees;
- A voucher to purchase a low-cost computer for \$149.99 + tax; and
- Access to free digital literacy training in print, online and in person.
- Additional benefits include the Norton™ Security Suite (\$160 value) for comprehensive online security protection at no additional cost.

Eligibility:

A household is eligible to participate in the Internet Essentials program if it meets all of the following criteria:

- Is located where Comcast offers Internet service;
- Has at least one child who is eligible to receive a free school lunch under the NSLP;
- (As an example, according to the Department of Agriculture, a household of three would have to make less than \$25,000 a year in income);
- Has not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the last 90 days;
- Does not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment.

Comcast will sign up eligible families in the program for at least three years, through the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Any household that qualifies during this three-year

period will remain eligible for Internet Essentials provided a child eligible for a free lunch remains living in the household.

For general information about Internet Essentials, visit www.internetessentials.com for English or www.internetbasico.com for Spanish. Educators or third parties interested in helping to spread the word can find more information at www.internetessentials.com/partner. Parents looking to enroll in the program can call 1-855-846-8376 or, for Spanish, 1-855-765-6995.

Instructional Access time on Wednesdays

IA is not free time – it's teacher help time

Every Wednesday from 3:00-3:30 students are able to connect with their teachers for support. Students may be asked to report to IA time for homework assistance, student conference, and/or testing/project completion. This is an excellent opportunity for students to connect with their teachers and to receive additional instructional assistance.

The Library Needs Your Old iPod

Consider a donation if you are upgrading your device

We are in need of iPods, for students here at Churchill who need audio text for their reading assignments. If you are upgrading any of these devices, we hope you will consider donating your used device to Churchill so that we are able to provide assistance to a greater number of students needing access to audio text options to support their learning. For more information, or to donate a device, please contact Joy Wells in the CHS Library at <wells_j@4j.lane.edu>.

Tell me about AP

One of Churchill's hidden gems can be found in its Advanced Placement Program. While CHS offers many other classes designated as College Now, for the most part, its AP Program stands alone.

Students taking AP classes can receive college credit if they pass the national exams that are administered in May. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch receive a substantial discount on the cost of the exam. For other students, the \$90 fee is a bargain compared to the tuition prices for courses at universities.

Churchill offers: AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, AP Statistics, AP Government, AP U.S. History, AP World, AP Spanish, AP English and Literature as well as AP English & Composition.

As you can see by this array of courses, a student can enter college with many credits, which translates into money in the bank for their households. This is of course if they

pass their respective exams with a 3, 4 or 5. (There are some exceptions) However, whether or not they pass the May exam, students who complete these courses are better prepared for college.

Students who take AP courses need to be motivated to work diligently and at a college level. It is not for the faint of heart. It is however, very rewarding.

One fact that parents might keep in mind is that a “B” in an AP class translates to an “A” in a non-AP class. Most AP students work very hard to earn their grades so we need to remember that this is college level work and support their efforts. You will be rewarded whether they pass or not.

**Disclaimer-Some universities only accept certain scores, however the Oregon State University System generally accepts a 3 for college credit. AP Government being an exception (4). While UCLA accepts a 3 in its English courses, LCC does not accept AP scores.

Teresa Grube
AP/College Now Representative

Happy Holidays Everyone!