

CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2012 E-NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember...

November:

- 12 – **No School** (*Veteran's Day*)
- 13 – 7 pm Symphonic Band & Choir Concert
- 15 – 7 pm Jazz Band & Downing Street Singers
- 22 & 23 **No School** – Thanksgiving Break
- 26 thru Dec. 22 - Band Christmas Tree Sale (see below for details)
- 27 - 7 pm Lancer Parent Association Mtg. in the library
- 27 - 7 pm Senior All-Night Graduation Party Mtg.
- 30 – **No School** – 1st trimester grading day

December:

- 1 - 7:30 am SAT testing
- 3 – 2nd trimester begins
- 4 – Winter Pep Assembly
- 7 - Deadline for Yearbook Sr Portraits (see details below)
- 18 – 7 pm Winter Break Sampler “Jingle Jazz”
- 24 thru Jan 7th – **No School** Winter Break
- 8 – Classes Resume

WEDNESDAYS 3:00-3:30 Teacher/Student Instruction Access:

EVERY Wednesday from 3:00-3:30 **ALL** students should be in study hall, also called Instructional Access, to meet with teachers, complete assignments, and get help. They can also meet with counselors and the Career Center to complete graduation assignments.

STUDENT PASSWORD CHANGES:

All students are being asked by the district to change his/her password. It no longer can be their initials and last numbers of their student ID number. If your student is having trouble logging in, please have them follow the instructions at <http://www.chs.lane.edu/2012/10/new-4j-password-policy/>.

Churchill Driver Ed:

Winter classes begin in January. Tuesday & Thursday, January 15th through March 12th, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Registration begins December 3rd. Call 541-342-4338 or visit us at www.oregondrivertraining.com Creating a new generation of drivers!

ORDERING CHS OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS:

Students order transcripts by coming into the Registrar's office at the end of the counseling hall & fill out a request form. Students then come back & pick up the transcript in an official envelope, address & send to their college. Picking it up to send is important – students often order transcripts & forget to pick them up.

There is a 24-hour official wait period – however I always get transcripts ready as soon as possible!

Final transcripts must be ordered toward the end of the 3rd trimester. Since grades are finalized after school is out for the summer, when ordering, students need to include the name & address of college so I can mail it.

Final Transcripts Do Not Go Out Automatically!

GIRLS TENNIS FUNDRAISER:

Girls Tennis is having a fundraiser at Papa's Pizza on W 11th on November 19th. Please come out and support our tennis team! Make sure you print off a flyer at papaspizza.net and bring it with you.

Got woodworking skills?: Mr. Eagen is looking for someone with woodworking skills and tools to build some simple items for the Art classroom. He needs some organizational blocks to keep track of scissors, pens, and paint bottles and make them accessible to students. A table saw and drill press ought to be all that's needed. Please contact Lance Eagen (eagen@4j.lane.edu or [541-790-5146](tel:541-790-5146)) if you can help out.

PE -"PINK OUT":

October is known as National Breast Cancer Awareness month. The symbol that is recognized is a pink bow. Today, sporting events at all levels, referees, educators, major companies of all kinds, and even politicians show their support for this very worthy cause by either producing items that are pink and donating some of the proceeds or wearing pink items that support the cause.

Here at Churchill High School, we discussed this in our PE aerobic class and decided the way for us to show our support was for us all to wear pink. I am so proud of my class for their willingness to be a part of this community and national event.

MIKE'S CLOSET:

One of our past teachers, Mike Horowitz, began a closet for students to select clothing & school supplies at no cost! We have continued to keep this going. If your student is in need, please ask them to come to the front office or the health center and someone will show them where it's located.

If you have **donations**, please bring them to the front office. These are **gladly accepted!!!!**

BOOK REVIEW :

(This book is available for students in the CHS library)

Between Shades of Gray

By Ruta Sepetys, 2011 - Ages 12 and up

Although this book has a similar title to a New York Times bestseller, this historical fiction story has nothing to do with *50 Shades*.

Have you ever wondered what a human life is worth? That morning my brother's life was worth a pocket watch. In this quote from the story 15-year old Lina, her mother, and brother Jonas are being deported. Mother trades her heirloom watch to keep her son from being separated from her. Their father has not come home; have they taken him? When she should be thinking about schoolwork and going to art camp, Lina must confront a horrible reality: Stalin's forces have come.

Set in 1941 after the Soviet takeover of Lithuania, the young narrator delivers searing insights while suffering endless degradations and sorrows. Lina and her family are taken in their bedclothes as their deportation to Siberia transverses 6500 miles. Separated from their father who is sentenced to a death camp, they fight to survive above the Arctic Circle along with a misfit group of sorry souls, unlucky targets of Stalin's hate.

Based on true accounts of those who survived, Ruta Sepetys creates a deeply personal and emotional world where Lina uses her artistic ability to document their days in a pitiful shack, cold and starving. Sepetys, a daughter of Lithuanian immigrants returned to her ancestral homeland to find lost family members and their neighbors who had been through the exile, giving voice to those who were silenced.

Through wicked cold, weak health, little food, and the cruelest of inhumane treatment by Soviet security forces these brave people lived to tell the tale. We empathize with the characters who represent real people, in their endless search for scraps of wood to warm their fires, and their broken hearts as they suffer the death of loved ones.

A companion story for students of Hitler's concentration camps this novel illuminates the other dark scourge of the 20th Century: Stalin's labor camps, or 'Gulags'. Up to 20 million prisoners, including Lithuanians, Estonians, Latvians and also many other Soviet citizens, were sent to labor camps. Why are we compelled to examine these evil corners of our history, a madness set in motion by a madman with no soul?

One reason might be that as we study the worst in humanity we also see the spark that keeps survivors like Lina alive, that piece of her self-respect that she will not let go, that compassion she manages to give even to her worst enemy, a nasty guard named Kretzsky. Lina's exile was long, like many other prisoners of Stalin's Gulags. We must know the truth of the madness and listen to the voices of the oppressed in the wilderness.

Sepetys' page-turning young adult novel (338 pages) is a New York Times Bestseller and was selected for this year's Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) for high school. OBOB selects at least one serious work of historical importance which *Between Shades of Gray* certainly is.

Joy Wells, librarian, Churchill High School

Flu Shots: The Centers for Disease Control recommend that everyone 6 months and older get a yearly flu vaccine. Nasal spray vaccine is available for healthy, non-pregnant people age 2-49. The flu shot is available for those with health conditions and those younger than 2 and older than 49.

The Churchill Health Center has nasal spray and flu shots available for 4J students and their younger siblings who have Oregon Health Plan and those without health insurance. **Call [\(541\) 790-5227](tel:5417905227) to schedule your student.** If you have insurance but cannot afford the vaccine, please call us and we would be happy to help troubleshoot this issue as well.

TRACK TEAM FUNDRAISER: On November 17th, the University Of Oregon Ducks will be hosting the Stanford Cardinals at Autzen Stadium. For every home game, the Slocum Center uses their parking lot to

raise funds for different causes. For this game, Slocum is willing to give half the proceeds to the Churchill Track Program if we can find parents or students who are willing to work the lot that day. We need approximately 12 people to work the lot on different shifts. Anyone interested, please contact George Walcott at [\(541\) 517-4270](tel:541-517-4270). Any student, who participates, could also use the time worked for community service. The starting time for the game is yet to be determined, but it will most likely be a mid afternoon or evening start time. Thanks!

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS: We need to start planning the Senior Grad Party for the Class of 2013. Please come to the next meeting on **Tuesday, November 27th at 7:00pm in the Churchill Library.**

The Senior All-Night Party takes place after the graduation ceremony, and **IS NOT** a Churchill/school-sponsored event. This event is traditionally planned and put on solely by senior parents. For this event to be successful, and a great parting experience for our seniors, we need help from as many senior parents as possible!

We have several committees that need to be chaired:

Chairperson(s) - oversees the planning and makes sure committee chairs are on track, runs monthly meetings, secures event site, insurance policies, etc.

*Treasurer - keeps track of finances and budget, collects money and prizes, writes thank you letters to donors, works closely with Churchill finance office

*Fundraising - sends fundraising letters, organizes fundraisers

*Activities Coordinator - coordinates games and activities for the party

Even if you aren't sure you want to chair a committee, please come to the meeting and see where you might like to volunteer. We need your help to make this send-off for our seniors an evening full of memories that will last a lifetime. This will be the last time they will be together as the Churchill High School Class of 2013. We hope to see you at the meeting!

2012-13 SENIOR YEARBOOK PORTRAITS - DEADLINE: Friday, Dec 7, 2012.

Submission process: Digital photos are preferred. Please send as a .jpg attachment to hoffman_s@4j.lane.edu.

Hard copies can also be submitted to Mr. Hoffman's mailbox in the front office

*(Either way, please make sure the name of the student is included as you would like it to appear in the yearbook.)

For digital submissions, the photo really just needs to be in vertical portrait (NOT landscape) format. The LARGER the file size, the better.

Parent Association October meeting highlights: In October, Principal Kim Finch provided an update at our Lancer parent association meeting.

Total enrollment at Churchill is currently at 1,108. 298 ninth graders, 246 tenth graders, 268 eleventh graders and 275 twelfth graders. Churchill has worked to add back music and 9th grade health along with trying to add a few other classes. There are two sections of pre-engineering and 6 sections of engineering design.

As for the new school 3 X 5 schedule, there is a team working with the district to look at class size, enrollment, course need by trimester, etc. As with any new program, there are issues that come up but the team is monitoring issues as they arise. Along with the large incoming freshman class, it has been a huge task but the scheduling team looks at the information concurrently and is working on improvements. Some of these have come to site council for discussion and work is going on related to homework workload along with other topics.

In addition to changes at Churchill, 4J and District goals have had to change as Oregon was allowed out of the federal program “no child left behind” but the state and each school has to create a performance matrix to monitor their program. College and Career Readiness culture will exist in all secondary schools and proficiency based testing and learning practices will become increasingly embedded as well. For more information around these goals, you can learn more on the 4J District website.

It has been a very busy time for everyone-parents and teachers- but if issues are coming up for your student, start initial communication directly with the teachers. If there are schedule issues, make sure your student is working with their counselor and you can find that information on the Churchill website or contact the main office for this information. If you are still having issues OR you want to pass along some positive feedback, you can contact any of the following individuals:

Londa Rochholz-Assistant principal and master schedule leader, Rochholz@4j.lane.edu

Kim Finch-Principal, finch_k@4j.lane.edu

Morgan Christensen-Assistant principal -9th and 10th administrator, christen_mo@4j.lane.edu

Parents-VOLUNTEER Opportunities

Volunteers are always appreciated and needed! From August 24th to October 17th, 173 volunteers provided 1095 hours to Churchill! About 30 of those volunteers are volunteering consistently while others are helped out with one or two events during that time frame such as student registration, testing day, Project Hope (campus clean up), Homecoming dance and athletic events.

Volunteers are still needed in the Tutor Center, working directly with students and teachers, or to help at the front desk each afternoon. Churchill is also looking for AVID tutors in the 9th, 10th and 11th grade classrooms. You can contact Deb Vobora and she can also provide you with other opportunities that might meet your interests. Volunteer forms are located on the Lancer Parent Association meeting website on Churchill website if you have not completed one within the last two years. Whether you have one or two hours or more available to serve, there are opportunities to fit your schedule and volunteering is a great way to not only help our school but also meet staff and other students!

Another area we need regular volunteers is our Sports Registration Nights. These happen three times a year, and require approximately 3-4 hours of time. The next one is SPRING Sports Registration, Feb 20. If you are interested in helping, contact Julia Johnson at johnson_jul@4j.lane.edu or 541-790-5100.

LPA/Parent Meetings:

It's been a busy fall—and we hope you can come to the next meeting on November 27th. (We originally had Dr. Berman, 4J superintendent, scheduled to give a update on November 13th, **but this has been RESCHEDULED to January 15th, 2013!**)

November 13th - NO MEETING – Use your time and go to the Symphonic concert at 7 pm!

November 27th - Meeting from 7 to 8 pm - Administrative update from Londa Rochholz, Report from Site Council representatives, treasurer report and discussion around fundraising and the needs of Churchill in a continuing shrinking budget.

No meetings in December

January 15th 7 to 8 pm. Dr. Berman-update from 4J superintendent

Short breaks between classes-what's happening?: The topic of discussion at a few of the parent association meetings has been the shortened time between classes for students to get to their next class. Students have 5 minutes instead of 10 minutes to get to their next class and students have less “free time” overall due to fuller schedules. There has been concern that this does not allow students a chance to get to the restroom between classes. This concern was taken to site council for discussion and parents learned there have been some interesting positives to this tighter schedule.

- 1) There has been a decrease in “incidents” in the building. Basically, there is less social time, hence the students are getting into classes and have increased supervision, cutting down on some of the conflict that can occur between some students during breaks.
- 2) Students are getting to classes on time. If you cut down on time between classes, students basically keep moving versus stopping and visiting and losing track of time and have a 10 minute break turn into a 15 minute or more break.
- 3) With the fuller schedules, students with free time are asking to get into classes. With their friends in classes, there is decreased enjoyment in hanging out by yourself so why not keep busy and get into a class with your friends!

Site council and scheduling team are monitoring and will keep looking at what works for the students.

CHS BAND AND CHOIR CONCERTS: Tues. Nov. 13th, 7:00 pm, SYMPHONIC BAND AND CONCERT CHOIR, CHS Auditorium

Thurs. Nov. 15th, 7:00 pm, JAZZ BAND AND DOWNING STREET SINGERS, CHS Auditorium

CHS BAND CHRISTMAS TREE SALES! Band members and parents will be hauling in Noble, Douglas, Nordman and Grand Firs to the CHS lot on Sunday Nov. 25th. The annual Christmas tree sale runs Nov. 26th to Dec. 22nd.

Hours:

Monday through Friday 4 to 8 pm

Saturdays 10 am to 6 pm

Sundays 11 am to 5 pm

All profit from the tree sales goes to help band members earn their way on the 2013 band trip.

Coming in December: JINGLE JAZZ Concert, Tues. Dec. 18th, 7:00 pm

Congrats to James Valenzuela & Victoria Keiser who will be attending the Western International Band Clinic this month in Seattle. These students were chosen by audition to rehearse and perform in concert with some of the most famous and skilled conductors in the world of band today. They will travel to Seattle and spend 2 days working to put these concerts together with students who have never played together before. They have represented Churchill and Churchill Band well!!!!!!

School-to-Careers

We've moved! School-to-Careers is in a new location in room C-2. Come see what we have to offer: Career information, résumé help, Lane Community College Placement testing, Career Seminars, and a whole lot more. See Mary Beth Hepp-Elam, School-to-Careers Coordinator or call her at [541-790-5113](tel:541-790-5113) or e-mail her at elam_m@4j.lane.edu.

Apprenticeship Open House – Students and parents plan to come to this informational meeting for pre-apprenticeships for junior or senior high school students. Check into the opportunities in sheet metal, plumbing, electrical, and construction trades. **Nov. 8th, 6 – 8 p.m.** at the Plumbers & Steamfitters Training Center, 2861 Pierce Parkway, Springfield. See Mary Beth in School-to-Careers.

Are you a student who owns a small business? **Are you planning to go to a two- or four-year college? Then you may have an opportunity to win up to \$10,000 through the Young Entrepreneurs Award if you apply by Monday, Dec. 17. See Mary Beth at the School-to-Careers office in room C-2.**

ASE - Apprenticeships in Science & Engineering

The Apprenticeships in Science and Engineering (ASE) Program matches high school freshman, sophomores, and juniors with scientists and engineers for an 8-week summer internship in a professional, scientific or engineering environment. Applications are now available for this full-time, eight-week opportunity to work alongside researchers, professionals, and graduate students in the many different aspects of science and engineering. Some of the positions come with a \$1,000 stipend. See Mary Beth in the School-to-Careers office for more information. Or check out the website at www.saturdayacademy.org/ase. The Eugene ASE Information Session will be **Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 7-8 p.m.** at **Willamette High School** Cafeteria , 1801 Echo Hollow Road.

4j-ACT Sponsorship applications — We are still awaiting news on this tremendous opportunity at Lane Community College. Eligible students must have taken at least one credit in a core academy class: AV Academy – Graphic Arts, Health Services Academy, or Rachel Carson/Environmental Sciences Academy. Check the School-to-Careers web page for updates.

Churchill volunteers at KMS — Applications are available to students wishing to complete their community service hours at Kennedy Middle School. Freshmen to seniors may apply for these positions and use a free period or before or after school time. Pick up applications at the NEW School-to-Careers location in room C-2.

Work, get paid, and earn class credit! How? Ask Mary Beth in the School-to-Careers NEW office in room C-2. [541-790-5113](tel:541-790-5113), elam_m@4j.lane.edu.

FOR SALE: Duct Tape Wallets:

Duct Tape Wallets for sale. Perfect gifts for the holidays. Made by students in Project Success. Come see these colorful, useful, durable and hand made gifts in room F55 during IA time on Wednesday afternoons (3-3:25pm), or call [541-790-5131](tel:541-790-5131) or email nelson_p@4j.lane.edu to arrange an appointment to check them out. Only \$8.00 each.

