

# CHURCHILL HIGH LANCER UPDATE

October 6, 2014

## Upcoming Events

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October 8		International Walk and Bike to School Day
October 8	11:30am (3 <sup>rd</sup> period)	Senior Assembly
October 8	12:30pm	Whitworth College visit
October 8	7:00-8:00pm	Junior/Senior Night
October 9		Mid-Trimester Reports ( <b>Early release at 12:30</b> )
October 9	12:30pm	Corban University visit
October 10		<b>No School:</b> State In-Service Day
October 13, 14	11:00am-1:00pm	Seniors Cap and Gown Signup
October 13-17		Spirit Week
October 13	10:00am	Whitman College visit
October 13	12:30pm	Montana State University visit
October 13	3:30pm	Northern Arizona University visit
October 15	8:40am	<b>No late start:</b> PSAT/Plan testing (Testing begins at 8:40.)
October 17	8:30am	Lewis and Clark college visit
October 17	12:30pm	University of British Columbia visit
October 17	12:30pm	Club Fair
October 17	7:00pm	Homecoming vs. Marist
October 18	8:00-11:00pm	Homecoming Dance at CHS
October 20	12:30pm	George Fox University visit
October 20	3:30pm	Evergreen State College visit
October 21	12:30pm	Army visit
October 21	3:30pm	Oregon State University visit
October 22	12:30pm	Marines visit
October 24		Fall Sports Assembly
October 24	12:30	University of Puget Sound visit
October 27	7:00pm	Lancer Parent Association (LPA) meeting

## October 8: Senior Assembly

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Seniors will meet in the gym during 3rd period to learn about senior requirements and prepare for testing day on October 15.

## October 8: Junior/Senior Night

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Juniors, seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend 7:00-8:00pm in the CHS auditorium. Sophomores and their parents may also be interested in attending. Information will be presented about graduation requirements, college and career readiness, and resources available in our College and Career Center.

## October 8: International Walk and Bike to School Day

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“The Rachel Carson Academy” is sponsoring International Walk and Bike to School Day next Wednesday. Churchill has participated in this event for the past 15 years. Students and teachers are invited to walk or bike to school. You may learn more about the international event at [www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org).

Students who arrive by bike, skateboard, or by foot will receive free chocolate and will be entered to win free gift cards and prizes. After your arrival to school, stop by our tables at the main entrance next Wednesday before 1<sup>st</sup> period to be entered to win.

## October 9: Early Release for Mid-Trimester Reports

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Early release schedule:

8:40 – 9:15	1 <sup>st</sup> Period
9:20-9:55	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period
10:00-10:35	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period
10:45-11:20	4 <sup>th</sup> Period
11:25-12:00	5 <sup>th</sup> Period
12:00-12:30	Lunch (Buses load at 12:30. Office closes at 12:45.)

## October 10: State In-Service Day

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No school for State In-Service day.

## October 13, 14: Seniors Cap and Gown Signup

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Miners Graduate Services will be in the Student Lounge 11:00am-1:00pm to help seniors sign up for caps and gowns.

## October 15: No Late Start for Testing Day

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All students must arrive for testing at 8:40. **Seniors are required to come.** There is much they need to finish to meet graduation requirements.

## October 15-24: Celebrate My Drive®

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WHAT? Celebrate My Drive® encourages teens to make positive choices as they begin driving, like 2N2 -- 2 eyes on the road, 2 hands on the wheel.

WHY? More teens die from car crashes than any other cause – and the first year is the most dangerous.

WHEN? U.S. National Teen Driver Safety Week, October 15-24, 2014

WHO? High school students age 14+, along with their schools, communities, friends and families, uniting to take part in local Celebrate My Drive events and make safe driving commitments.

The 100 high schools with the most commitments will be awarded a total of \$3.25 million\* in grants: 2 schools receive a \$100,000 grant and a Grand Prize Concert by GRAMMY® Nominated The Band Perry. 8 schools get a \$100,000 grant. 90 schools get a \$25,000 grant. Learn more and register your high school at [celebratemydrive.com](http://celebratemydrive.com) and like us at [facebook.com/CelebrateMyDrive](https://www.facebook.com/CelebrateMyDrive) for news and updates. 10% of each grant award must be allocated to teen driver safety programs.

## Lancer Parent Association

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We are looking for 4-5 parents to help plan for and support our parent group. This team would meet with BJ to plan each meeting. Meetings would take place the third Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. Please let BJ know if you are interested in helping plan/support our Lancer Parent Association meetings. Possible areas of support are listed below.

- **Facilitator:** This person would run the meeting, follow and help put together the agenda and make sure we honor our one hour meeting time.
- **Recorder:** This person would take minutes at the meeting, send them out to whoever attended the meeting and submit them to whoever sends out the lancer updates to have them included.
- **Communications:** This person communicates to the parents at Churchill as far as when meetings are, who is speaking and how they can get involved, send updates to the school, and if you wanted, they could even update the school Facebook page, as I noticed that it hasn't been updated in quiet some time, at least not by the school. Looks like a lot of the information going

up on there is from the "likers" of that page. Might be a good place to post upcoming meetings, fundraising opportunities, guest speakers for LPA, volunteer opportunities etc.

- Outreach: This person would line up the guest speakers that we have each month.

## **K-12 parent information nights about the Common Core State Standards**

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Please join us at a parent information night this month to learn more about Oregon's changing academic standards and how together we can support your student's success in school and beyond. We'll start by sharing information for parents of all ages, then break out to different groups for parents of elementary students and middle to high school students.

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South Eugene High School, 400 E. 19th Ave.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 7:00 p.m.

Sheldon High School, 2455 Willakenzie Road

Questions?

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[www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org)

or call 541-790-7877

## **Noches informativas para padres de kinder a 12º grado acerca de los Estándares Estatales Básicos Comunes**

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¿Cuáles son las Estándares Estatales Básicos Comunes ("Common Core State Standards")? ¿Cómo son estas nuevas expectativas para el aprendizaje de los alumnos diferentes a los estándares que Oregon tenía antes? Sobre todo, ¿qué significan estos cambios para su estudiante y para usted?

Hay cambios en el aula de su hijo(a), en la tarea y en la evaluación de su aprendizaje. Oregon y más de 40 estados en todo el país han desarrollado y adoptado expectativas académicas compartidas, llamadas los Estándares Estatales Básicos Comunes. Son directrices claras y coherentes para los estudiantes sobre lo que deben saber y poder hacer en cada nivel de grado, en matemáticas y artes del lenguaje inglés, con el fin de estar listo para graduarse con un diploma de Oregon, listo para la universidad, las

carreras y la vida. Todo esto es para ayudar a los estudiantes a desarrollar los conocimientos y el más alto nivel de habilidades de pensamiento que necesitan para su éxito en el futuro.

Por favor, únase a nosotros a una noche informativa para padres este mes para aprender más acerca de los cambios de las normas académicas de Oregón y conocer cómo juntos podemos apoyar el éxito de su hijo en la escuela y aún más allá. Empezaremos con información para los padres de todas las edades, y luego separamos a diferentes grupos para padres de estudiantes de primaria, secundaria y preparatoria.

Todas las noches informativas tendrá la misma información y actividades para los padres, así que usted puede elegir cualquier hora y lugar que funciona mejor para usted. Se proporcionará interpretación en español en estas noche informativas. Una reunión adicional para las familias de habla hispana se programará pronto.

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## **Required Bus Safety Training**

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It is important that all students understand bus safety. Even if you do not use the bus to get to school, you may ride the bus when you go on field trips, or to attend away games if you are an athlete. Please read the attached flyer in [English](#) or [Español](#) or go to [www.4j.lane.edu/transportation/busrules](http://www.4j.lane.edu/transportation/busrules) then watch the short training video [HERE](#).

## **Less Sleep May Jeopardize Teens' Academic Performance**

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A Swedish study of more than 20,000 12- to 19-year-olds found the risk of failing in school was greater among teens who got less than seven hours of sleep each day than among their well-rested peers. The findings were published in the journal Sleep Medicine. [Science World Report](#) (9/24).

## **Attendance**

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It is important that your student attend school!

- 24% of Oregon high school students missed 10% or more of the school year.
- Once a high school freshman misses 10% of school days within a year, their odds of graduating drop below 40%.
- 18% of all Oregon students (elementary through high school) are chronically absent (miss 10% or more of the school year)
- In 2013, 37% of Oregon's low-income students failed to graduate.
- 31% of Churchill students do not graduate within 4 years.

Read the article "[Empty Desks](#)" in [The Oregonian](#) to learn more about attendance in Oregon schools.

## **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:

9:30 – 10:30	1 <sup>st</sup> Period
10:35 – 11:35	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period
11:45 – 12:45	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period
12:50 – 1:20	Lunch
1:25 – 2:25	4 <sup>th</sup> Period
2:30 – 3:30	5 <sup>th</sup> Period

## **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.

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## **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**

### [Information in English](#)

Measure 20-222 on the November 4 election ballot asks voters in our school district whether to renew local funding for schools at the same property tax rate. The 4J local option levy funds school operations, such as teachers, programs and school days. It provides about \$8 million per year, paying for the equivalent of about 16 school days or 80 teaching positions. It is not a new tax or a tax increase, but a five-year renewal of the local option levy that has been providing additional local funding for 4J schools since 2000. To vote on the local option levy, 4J residents must be registered to vote by October 14. To learn more, go to [www.4j.lane.edu/levy](http://www.4j.lane.edu/levy).

## **La propuesta de ley 20-222: Renovación de la opción fiscal local (“local option levy”) para el Distrito Escolar de Eugene 4J**

### [Información en español](#)

La Propuesta de Ley 20-222 en la boleta electoral del 4 de noviembre pide a los votantes en nuestro distrito escolar sobre la posibilidad de renovar el financiamiento local para las escuelas con la misma tasa de impuestos de propiedad. La opción fiscal local paga las operaciones escolares, que incluyen los maestros, programas escolares, y días de clase. Se proporciona aproximadamente \$8 millones al año, lo cual equivale a 16 días de clases o 80 puestos de trabajo para maestros. No es un impuesto nuevo ni un aumento de impuestos. Es una renovación por cinco años del tributo local que ha proporcionado fondos locales adicionales para las escuelas desde el año 2000. Para poder votar en la opción fiscal local, residentes del distrito deben estar registrados para votar a más tardar el 14 de octubre. Para mayor información, por favor visite [www.4j.lane.edu/levy](http://www.4j.lane.edu/levy).

## **NAACP Resource Center**

Eugene/Springfield NAACP will host a resource center on Saturdays beginning Oct. 4. The programs are open to all. Read more about it and other helpful programs at [www.naacplanecounty.org](http://www.naacplanecounty.org).

## **¡Celebración en La UO!**

Celebrando la herencia Hispana Domingo 12 de Octubre de 2014.

Celebrate Hispanic heritage Sunday October 12, 2014.

Visit <http://cllas.uoregon.edu/> for more information.

## **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.

## **Preview Day at Portland State University on Saturday, October 25th.**

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This special program for high school seniors and their families provides time to tour our beautiful campus, learn about our admissions requirements, and get important information about financial aid and scholarships. Most importantly, current PSU students are available and eager to meet and talk with your students.

### **Portland State is nationally recognized:**

#### **U.S. News & World Report**

America's Best Colleges

Up-and-Coming National University

#### **The Princeton Review**

Best Colleges for Undergraduate Education

Best Western Colleges

Nation's Top Green Schools

Best Business Schools

If your senior seeks quality academics in a beautiful, safe, urban location, please encourage them to RSVP for Preview Day today: [pdx.edu/admissions/freshmen-preview-day](http://pdx.edu/admissions/freshmen-preview-day)

## **University Of Oregon Scholarship Workshops**

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Is your student interested in attending the UO? Take a look at the [UO web page](#) and search for [Scholarship Workshops](#). Even younger students may want to attend one of the workshops. You will find information on all the scholarships they offer. Of particular interest: the Pathways Oregon, Summit, and Presidential Awards.