



Upcoming School Events

December 2		Classes Resume – Second Trimester Begins
December 3	6:30pm	Financial Aid Information Night
December 4	5:30pm	Oportunidades: Latino Family College Information Night
December 4, 6	7:30pm	Anne of Green Gables
December 6	7:45am	SAT Testing
December 11	3:30pm	Art Club Gallery
December 11, 12, 13	7:30pm	Anne of Green Gables
December 15	7:00pm	Lancer Parent Association Meeting (**cancelled**)
December 16	7:00pm	Jingle Jazz Holiday Concert
December 19	7:50am	Student of the Month Breakfast
December 22-January 2		No School: Winter Break

Correction

The original publication indicated a Lancer Parent Association meeting on December 15. It has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on January 25.

Winter Clothing Drive

Parents... looking to clean out those closets? We would love to take any old coats, jackets, warm hats, gloves etc. Just bag them up and bring them to the front office or room B-17. Our community is in need. Let's help each other during the holidays.

Financial Aid and Scholarship Night

Wednesday, December 3rd, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the CHS College and Career Center.

If you are asking the questions, "How will we pay for college? Where will the money come from?" This evening is for you. Join us in the Churchill H.S. College and Career Center, Wednesday, December 3rd, 6:30-7:30 p.m. English/Spanish translation will be provided upon request (please email houck_s@4j.lane.edu to request translation). Refreshments will be provided.

Noche de Ayuda Financiera y Becas

Si usted tiene preguntas como las siguientes, "¿Cómo podemos pagar la universidad? De dónde vendrá el dinero?" Esta noche es para ti. Únase a nosotros en la escuela Churchill H. S. y centro de carreras, Miércoles, **3 de Diciembre de 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Traducción de Inglés/Español será siempre bajo petición (por favor envíenos un correo electrónico para solicitar la traducción houck_s@4j.lane.edu). Tendremos bocadillos.

Oportunidades: Latino Student and Parent College information evening

Thursday, December 4th, 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the CHS Library.

University representatives will be visiting Churchill High School on Thursday, December 4th, 5:30-8:00 p.m. to share with Latino students and families the benefits of and pathways to college. Presentations will be in both Spanish and English. Dinner provided from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Workshop sessions are 6:15 - 8:00 p.m.

Noche de Familia y Oportunidades Para Estudiantes Latinos

Representantes de la Universidad estaran visitando Churchill High School el fueves, **4 de Diciembre de 5:30 - 8:00** a compartir con los estudiantes latinos y las familias sobre los beneficios de las vías y a la

universidad. Las presentaciones serán en inglés y en español. Cena de 5:30 – 6:15. Las sesiones del taller seran de 6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Papa's Pizza Fundraiser for Churchill AVID Program

Hey all you hardworkin' folk... if Pizza would hit the spot for you during this hectic first week of Trimester 2 or would make your family happy... perhaps you'd consider using [this coupon](#) so that AVID can earn some money toward college visit field trips. Our students work hard to raise money (car washes, selling fun things like candles, working concessions, putting on dances, etc.) in order to earn their way to visit colleges... many families are unable to provide this informative and inspirational experience for their own students. AVID strives to offer such experiences yearly, but we are struggling more than before with a lack of funds. We also use the money for back up school supplies for students unable to afford their own.

Just print the [attached flier](#) for 50% of your meal cost to be donated to CHS AVID.

2014-15 Senior Yearbook Portraits

Deadline: Friday, Dec. 12th, 2014

Size: Vertical (**NOT LANDSCAPE**) format (We can fine-tune it to fit. For digital submissions, the **LARGER** the file size, the **BETTER**.)

Content: The composition and content of the photo is up to you. Just keep it appropriate!

Submission information: Digital submissions are preferred. They can be emailed to hoffman_s@4j.lane.edu. Please attach as a **LARGE** .jpg file.

Otherwise, portraits can be dropped off at the front office and submitted to Mr. Hoffman's mailbox.

Either way, make sure the **student's name** is **printed clearly** along with the portrait as you would like it to appear in the yearbook.

Senior Party Committee

Senior Parents: We need parent volunteers to lead our Senior Party Committee. If you are interested in helping plan the senior party, please email your contact information to Jill Reents reents_ji@4j.lane.edu. Parents will be responsible for fundraising, booking the location, and planning activities. Please volunteer and help make this an unforgettable night for our outgoing seniors!

Lancer Parent Association: December 15 (cancelled)

The Lancer Parent Association meeting on December 15 has been cancelled. The next Lancer Parent Association Meeting is **Monday January 25, 7:00pm** in the CHS Library.

Please come and join our growing Lancer Parent Association. Your voice is needed and appreciated!

Hear about upcoming CHS events, hear from the principal, and learn how you can support the CHS staff.

Support the CHS Staff: The LPA is organizing several opportunities to show your support for the staff at Churchill. Email Debra at Lancermom60@yahoo.com if you would like to help and show your support for our hard-working staff.

- Winter Feast: December 16 – A potluck-style lunch for the staff.
- Welcome Back Soup and Bread: January 7 – a soup and bread lunch for the staff.

Can't think of what to contribute? Here are some suggestions.

- Anything in a slow cooker: chili, pulled pork, lasagna (who knew?) www.Allrecipes.com is a great resource.
- Deli, veggie or fruit platter

- Assorted breads and rolls
- Salads - hearty pasta salad, caesar salad, green salad, fruit salad - are all welcome.
- Casseroles and pasta dishes
- Money! Make checks payable to LPA and drop off at the front office (let them know what it's for). All donations will be used to fill in the blanks for this or future teacher buffets.

A few helpful hints:

- Join forces with another family to ease cost and effort.
- Drop off the day of the event or the day before if it's more convenient. There is a refrigerator available for storage.
- Store-bought or homemade goods are welcome.

WISE - Women in Science & Engineering

WISE meetings are open to any student wanting to advocate for increasing the number of women in non-traditional careers such as science and engineering. We meet every Thursday at Lunch in the STEM Conference room.

Thursday, December 11 – WISE tutoring at lunch in the STEM Conference room. Sign up in the tutoring room. All subject areas except writing.

Friday, December 12 – WISE ice cream sale after school in the Student Lounge. \$1/scoop and .50¢/topping. Get half price on your topping if you answer a science question correctly! Proceeds go to fund WISE Symposium 2015 and the WISE mini-symposium.

Saturday, January 17 – WISE Mini-Symposium open to any student 6-8th grade from Kennedy, ATA, Willamette Christian and O-Hara Catholic schools. Call 541-790-5262 to register.

Friday, February 6, 4:30-7:30 p.m. – WISE Symposium, open to Eugene High School girls and 8th grade girls from Kennedy, ATA, Willamette Christian and O-Hara Catholic schools.

News from the School-to-Careers office

4j-ACTS Information Session

There will be an information session for eligible seniors and their parents for the 4j-Advanced Career Technical Sponsorship beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, in room F-36. This session will wrap up before Financial Aid Night begins. The 4j-ACT Sponsorship provides for one year or 36 credits at Lane Community College. Students must have taken at least 1.0 credits in a pathway program and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 to apply. Application packets will be available in the School-to-Careers office beginning Thursday, December 4. All materials are due Thursday, January 8th, 4 p.m.

SAT Testing

The next SAT test is Saturday, December 6th. Report to Churchill's main gate at 7:45 a.m. Bring two No. 2 pencils (no mechanical pencils allowed) and a calculator with extra batteries, and snacks to keep up your energy.

Churchill's Rachel Carson Academy seeks donations

There's still time to donate for this tax year

Changes in the District's transportation policies may put up a roadblock to students' learning. This year, teachers in the Rachel Carson Environmental Science Academy have limited access to the District's activity vans and these vans have been a crucial transportation component for the Academy for 17 years. Fortunately, the teachers and the District's transportation department have a plan to navigate around this obstacle.

"We take students out twice weekly for field studies trips to complete restoration work along the Willamette River and Amazon Creek, watch salmon spawn, or learn how a log mill operates," said Helen Haberman, a veteran teacher of the program. "Put simply, without the vans, our program, as we have created it, will no longer exist."

Nearly 150 students a year learn in this outdoor environment but the future of Field Studies experiences hangs on the rack. Why is this important? Like a drive train on a bus that supplies the power and torque to move the wheels, the program depends on the van to literally power the students to hands-on learning experiences crucial to the Rachel Carson curriculum. The good news is that if program organizers can raise \$20,000, the district has generously offered to pay the rest of the considerable cost needed to purchase a new van. But we have to move quickly.

Please donate today by going to the Churchill website and clicking the Rachel Carson link and then scroll down and click on the big red button and follow the directions on the Eugene Education Fund website.

You can also go directly to the link by following this URL:

<http://www.chs.lane.edu/2014/11/churchills-rachel-carson-academy-seeks-donations/>

Make sure you earmark your donation by typing *Rachel Carson Van* in the “Where Do You Want Your Support to Go?” box on the form. For more information about this project contact Mary Beth Hepp-Elam, School-to-Careers Coordinator, 790-5262 or CHS Principal, BJ Blake, 541-790-5100.

Five per cent of the amount raised will go back to EEF for equity grants to be used across the District. Churchill HighSchool benefits annually from the equity grants to the tune of approximately \$5,000.



Digital Dojo

Area youth will be the beneficiaries of a partnership between Lane Community College, the City of Eugene, and Eugene School District 4J to develop a Digital Dojo—a nationally connected and locally developed open source computer coding club—at Lane Community College's Downtown Center.

The Dojo will provide a host of FREE computer science related educational opportunities. We will kick off with an open house next Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Lane Community College Downtown Center, 101 W 10th Ave., Eugene. The public is invited. Youth at any level of computer skill are invited to visit to come have fun and see the resources the Dojo will have to offer. All attendees are required to pre-register at the website: <http://www.meetup.com/Eugene-Region-CoderDojo-Hub>

Dojo workshops will continue throughout the school year on Tuesdays/Thursdays 3:30-5 and Saturdays 12-4. We will be posting workshop topics (that will all require an RSVP) as they are scheduled.

Questions? Please call Shareen Vogel at 463-3441

Cerealously!

Nine advanced graphic design students recently completed a 6 week cereal box design project. They designed their own box based on a theme of their choosing. The students applied knowledge and skills with Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator that they learned throughout their tenure in the Graphic Design Academy. They followed professional design standards, process and techniques to produce a box that rivals anything you'd find on the supermarket shelf. As icing on the cake, the students sent their designs to the art director at Schawk Design in Battle Creek, Michigan which is the in-house design firm at Kelloggs. Their team of package designers agreed to review and critique the students' designs! Student boxes and artist statements can be viewed at:

http://staff.4j.lane.edu/~eagen/gd2b/gd2b_cereal_briefs.html

World Languages

Churchill World Language teachers (and Middlebury College) want you to know why it's worth your time to take another language!! Read more [here!](#)

Churchill Library Bookworms Sponsor Oregon Battle of the Books:

Students compete on knowledge of 12 young adult books

The Churchill Bookworm Club is competing again in Oregon Battle of the Books. Bookworms are busy reading the booklist of 12 books in order to be prepared for in-school battles in January and a regional tournament in February. If your student is interested there is still time to get involved – with plenty of time to read during December. All books are available for check out in the CHS Library.

Here is this year's high school OBOB book list:

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
 Cinder by Marissa Meyer
 Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein
 Deadline by Chris Crutcher
 Delirium by Lauren Oliver
 Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell
 Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan
 The Name of the Star by Maureen Johnson
 Please Ignore Vera Dietz by A.S. King
 Ready Player One by Ernest Cline
 Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas
 Whistling Past the Graveyard by Susan Crandall

HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITY!

Dear CHS Parents/Guardians,

CHS will host SIX Japanese students in March, 2015. They need a host family for FIVE nights.

The school name is Miyazaki Kita High School (MKH) in Kyusyuu, Japan. MKH is designated as a "Super Science" high school by the Japanese Ministry of Education and Science in order to emphasize science programs. Since CHS is a STEM school and has IHS programs, this opportunity is a great way to promote students' international aspects of learning and collaborations through science activities.

From March 2nd to 7th, 2015, six MKH juniors (all male this year) will come to Eugene. A host family will need to provide two meals (breakfast and dinner), transportation from house to school and back and a room. On March 7th, host family needs to take the Japanese student to CHS in the morning. The same gender host brother may share his room, but a Japanese student needs a bed or sleeping area of his own. \$125 stipend will be provided.

If you are interested in this great opportunity, please contact the CHS Japanese language teacher Miiko Suzuki at suzuki@4j.lane.edu.

Thank you very much for your cooperation! Please e-mail me with any questions at suzuki@4j.lane.edu

Update Your Contact Information with ParentVUE

It is vitally important for the school to have accurate contact information for parents and students. We encourage you to use ParentVUE to check that we have the correct information and update it if necessary.

ParentVue allows you to...

- update your email address and phone numbers,
- track your student's attendance and grades,

- specify that you would like to receive your student's report cards electronically. (This reduces paper use and you receive your student's grades faster and more securely.)
- and more!

If you do not know your access code, please email our Registrar, Kajsia Kearney, at kearney_k@4j.lane.edu. Then, go to pv.4j.lane.edu/Login_Parent_PXP.aspx to activate your account.

Instructions for [ParentVUE](#)
Instructions for [StudentVUE](#)

4J DISTRICT NEWS

9th Annual Holiday Meal

December 11, 2014

[English](#)
[Español](#)

Common Core State Standards

If you were unable to attend the district meetings about the Common Core State Standards, we have some terrific resources on our district website (4j.lane.edu/instruction/commoncorestatestandards). You may find particularly helpful the link to grade-by-grade "parent roadmaps" at <http://www.cgcs.org/Domain/36>. Materials from this month's forums also will be available on the website, including the presentation slideshow, questions parents asked and, soon, a Frequently Asked Questions document.

Learn more:

www.4j.lane.edu/instruction/commoncorestatestandards
www.corestandards.org
or call 541-790-7877

COMMUNITY NEWS

Oregon Driver Training Institute

Registration is now open for the winter session of driver education at Churchill HS! Classes will be every Wednesday from 6-9pm. The session runs from January 7-March 18. Cost is \$275/ Scholarships available for students on free or reduced lunch.

Call [541.342.4339](tel:541.342.4339) or go online to oregondrivertraining.com to register before the class fills up!

[Oregon Driver Training Flyer](#)

211info

For FREE guidance and information about health and social services dial 211, text your zip code to 898211, visit 211info.org, or email help@211info.org.

Keeping people and communities healthy means more than access to medical care. It means ensuring people have the basics, like food, housing and economic opportunity. At the nonprofit 211info, we believe in the idea of Health for Your Whole Life. It's our commitment to work toward an Oregon and Southwest Washington where everyone's health and social services needs are met.

Last year more than 425,000 people contacted us by dialing 211, [searching for resources](#) on 211info.org, texting their zip code to 898211 or [emailing us](#) -- all toll-free and confidential. We also have bilingual staff who can take calls in Spanish; all staff have access to an interpreter service with more than 140 languages.

We're everyone's front door to nonprofit, government and faith-based programs. There are roughly 3,000 agencies in our database providing over 50,000 programs to people throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Spring Creek Holly Farm Give Back to Schools

43111 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, 541-896-3483

Spring Creek Holly Farm is proud to announce the 5th year of our **Give Back to Schools** program.

Purchase your Christmas tree at Spring Creek Holly Farm and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the school of your choice. All trees are \$4/ft. This is open to everyone and there is no limit.

Our Noble Firs are locally grown at Spring Creek Holly Farm and at our wholesale facility Whitewater Ranch using low impact and sustainable farming practices. We have pre-cut and choose and cut trees available. We also offer handmade holly wreaths, table decorations and bulk greens.

Start a new holiday tradition and come out and enjoy a cup of hot apple cider and help support your favorite school.

Spring Creek Holly Farm is open the day after Thanksgiving until December 23, from 9am to 5pm every day of the week.

You can find more information on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SpringCreekHollyFarm>

Running from Peril, Chasing Hope: Central American Children and the Refugee Crisis

A symposium to start a dialogue, grow awareness, and plan for action

December 3, Ford Alumni Center · University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, 2:00-8:00 p.m.

<https://education.uoregon.edu/ceqp-info>

Pulitzer Prize Author Sonia Nazario

Lane Community College, the Multicultural Center and the Puertas Abiertas Leadership Academy will be hosting a free lecture by Sonia Nazario, Pulitzer Prize Winning Author of "Enrique's Journey", the story of a young boy's journey from Central America to the United States to reunite with his mother after 11 years of separation. Ms. Nazario's talk, will be followed by a book signing of "Enrique's Journey".

December 2, 2014 7PM @ Building 17, Rooms 308-309- Lane Community College Main Campus

This timely topic dealing with the issues of immigration, exploitation and child abuse is part of larger narrative on the challenges faced by Latino/Latina communities in Oregon and beyond.

National Bestseller: Named one of the best books of the year by the Washington Post, San Francisco Chronicle, Miami Herald, and San Antonio Express-News

Among the most chosen books as a freshman or common read: 71 Universities, 12 cities and scores of high schools nationwide have adopted Enrique's Journey as a their freshman or common read. Middle schools are now adopting a version adapted for young readers as their common read.

Published in August 2013: A new version of Enrique's Journey ADAPTED FOR YOUNG READERS in the 7th grade on up and for reluctant readers in high school and geared to the new common core standards in schools

Published in February 2014: A REVISED AND UPDATED Enrique's Journey, with a new epilogue and photos

Published in eight languages, Enrique's Journey was the second most likely book chosen by universities for their freshman read for fall 2010.