



2014-15 Direct Donation Drive

Now through February 13th, Churchill High School is soliciting donations for the **Direct Donation Drive**. These donations will help fund necessary staffing for the school. You don't need to wave signs, sell anything or make any phone calls. Just donate.

Churchill's Staffing Needs

Churchill High School lost 15 hours of student support time over the past five years. Two specific areas of student support will be funded with your donation.

- **Campus supervisors:** We need to add 2.5 hours per day for campus supervision. Campus supervisors make sure our school is safe and our students are in class. They are vital in creating a positive learning environment.
- **College and Career Center:** To meet the many needs of our students and families, we need to add 2 hours to this position. Our College and Career Coordinator has a big job making sure all of our students are prepared for graduation and beyond.

Our goal of \$30,000 will provide needed, vital support for our students. **We will reach our goal of \$30,000 if every family gives \$40.00.** Please give whatever amount your family can afford. No amount is too large or too small. We value any support you give. **All donations are tax deductible.**

Ways to Give

- **Write a check:** Make your check payable to "CHS." Mail it to Churchill High School, Attn: Direct Donation Drive, 1850 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, Oregon 97405, or drop it off at the school office. Please include [this form](#) in your envelope.
- **Eugene Education Foundation:** Visit www.eeflane.org or call 541-790-7744. Specify your donation to "CHS Staffing." EEF donations can be made in the following ways:
 1. **Start automatic monthly payments** to CHS,
 2. **Make a one-time donation,**
 3. **Set up stock transfers.**
- **Employer match programs:** Check to see if your employer can sponsor a donation-matching program.

Pass on the word to those who would want to support your daughter/son's education! Post on your social media sites and share with family!

Parents of seniors, your gift will benefit our school; just as last year's outgoing senior families supported your child by donating to Churchill. We appreciate your legacy gifts.

Please fill out [this form](#) with your donation information and mail or drop it off by February 13th to:

Churchill High School
Attn: Direct Donation Drive
1850 Bailey Hill Road
Eugene, Oregon 97405



Click [here](#) to donate online through EEF. Specify your donation to "CHS Staffing."

Staffing decisions are made at the end of February, and your donations will directly influence those decisions. Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please contact BJ Blake, blake@4j.lane.edu, or 541-790-5100.

Upcoming School Events

January 5		Classes resume
January 7		Welcome Back Soup and Bread Staff Appreciation Potluck
January 7	6:30pm	FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Workshop
January 12	12:30pm	Marines: Band Career Path visit (College and Career Center)
January 16		Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly
January 19		No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 23		Early Release – Progress Reports
January 24	7:45am	SAT Testing

Senior Party Committee

The Senior Party will not happen without parent volunteers! We need a Senior Party Committee Leader. Last year's committee leader has lots of helpful information that she is waiting to pass on to this year's committee. If you are interested in helping plan the senior party, please email your contact information to 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!

FAFSA Workshop

The College and Career Center is hosting a [FAFSA \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\) workshop](#) on January 7, 2015, 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Financial Aid professionals will be on hand to answer questions and help you fill out the FAFSA. For more information or if you have questions, contact Sheree Houck at houck_s@4j.lane.edu or (541) 790-5115.

Latino Family Night

Latino Family Night is cancelled for January. The Next Latino Family Night will be February 9 at 7:00 p.m.

January 16th Assembly Schedule

1 st Period	8:40-9:44
Assembly	9:49-10:19
2 nd Period	10:24-11:28
3 rd Period	11:35-12:39
Lunch	12:43-1:13
4 th Period	1:17-2:21
5 th Period	2:26-3:30

January 23rd Early Release Schedule

1 st Period	8:40-9:15
2 nd Period	9:20-9:55
3 rd Period	10:00-10:35
4 th Period	10:45-11:20
5 th Period	11:25-12:00
Lunch	12:00-12:30*

*Busses will pick up students at 12:30

Lancer Parent Association: February 23rd

The LPA meeting on **January 26 is cancelled**. Instead, you are encouraged to attend the Smarter Balanced Testing Information Night on February 17 at the CHS STEM Lab. The next Lancer Parent Association Meeting is **Monday February 23, 7:00pm** in the CHS Library. BJ Blake will lead discussion about Common Core and Smarter Balanced testing.

Support the CHS Staff: The LPA invites you to show your support for the staff at Churchill. Email Debra at Lancermom60@yahoo.com if you would like to contribute items or time for our hard-working staff.

- Welcome Back Soup and Bread: January 7 – a soup and bread lunch for the staff.

Words of thanks from the CHS Staff for the Staff Appreciation Potluck in December:

Lancer Parents,

Thank you so much for the delicious marvelous spread! We sure are blessed to have such talented caring parents.

Thank you!

Lisa Connolly

Lancer Parents,

Thank you, for the time and planning that went into organizing a staff gathering. It feels so important to meet as a community from time to time. Thank you for thinking of us, nourishing us, and cherishing us in such a thoughtful way. I hope everyone enjoys every moment of our school break.

Jennifer Mandeville-Schulz

News from the School-to-Careers office

4j-Advanced Career Technical Sponsorship (4j-ACTS)

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 are available in the School-to-Careers office beginning Thursday, December 4. *All materials are due in the School-to-Careers office in the STEM building no later than Thursday, January 8th, 4 p.m.*

Parents assist in Rachel Carson Academy Van Drive

"Oldie Moldy" Retires

Oldie Moldy, the activity van that transported Churchill's Rachel Carson Academy students to restoration sites and the far flung corners of Oregon for most of the academy's 17-year history has retired. Unfortunately, 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 are a crucial transportation component for the Academy for 17 years. The good news is that if program can raise \$20,000, the district has generously offered to pay the rest of the considerable cost needed to purchase a new van.

"We chose Churchill over our neighborhood school due to the Rachel Carson Program," CHS parent Katie Hynes-Petty said. "It uniquely invites students to participate in a school program that goes well beyond a teach/test model giving students skills for a lifetime. That's why my EEF donation goes toward this incredible program with hopes that they'll find the funding for a van replacement."

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 pasting this URL into your browser:

<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, [541-790-5262](tel:541-790-5262) or CHS Principal, BJ Blake, [541-790-5100](tel:541-790-5100).

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.

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.

Calling all aspiring scientists, engineers, doctors, and technology whizzes!

The Application period is open on the Apprenticeships for Science & Engineering website:

www.saturdayacademy.org/ASE. Students in grades 9-11 who are interested in careers in science, medicine, engineering or technology should come to the Apprenticeships in Science and Engineering

(ASE) summer internship information session in the STEM building on **Wednesday, January 28th at 7 pm**. ASE matches scientists, engineers and technology innovators with smart students like you for eight week internships over the summer. ASE is a great way to improve your college application, and students can earn high school credit and a \$1,000 stipend! Contact Mary Beth in the School-to-Careers office in STEM building.

Looking Ahead ...

Beginning in late February there will be six weeks of Career Seminars and a Job Seeker Workshop.

School Choice

Churchill High School school-choice meeting times are listed below. Please join us to learn more about the programs and possibilities at CHS!

January 27- 10:30 am-12:00 pm Informational Meeting in the library and tour of school
 January 28- 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Informational Meeting in the library and tour of school

February 25- 10:30 am-12:00 pm Informational Meeting in the library and tour of school
 February 25- 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Informational Meeting in the library and tour of school

Families do not need to RSVP. For more information, please contact BJ Blake, CHS principal, at blake@4j.lane.edu or [541-790-5100](tel:541-790-5100).

School visitation meetings and activities for all 4J schools will be posted soon. Please visit 4j.lane.edu/choice for all the dates and times for all 4j high schools' school choice meetings.

School Choice Information Meetings:

Informational meetings about school choice, held at the 4J Education Center. Spanish interpretation will be available.

- Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, January 24 (part of the School Showcase)
- Thursday, February 19, 7 p.m.

IMPORTANT LOTTERY DATES FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR:

January 5, 2015: In-District 4J School Choice Application available online at: www.4j.lane.edu/choice

February 27, 2015, 5:00pm: In-District deadline to submit online 4J School Choice Application for high school lottery

March, 2015, first week: In-District 4J School Choice lottery results available, must accept placement within 5 days of email notification

March 1, 2015: Out-of-District 4J School Choice Application available online at: www.4j.lane.edu/choice

April 1, 2015, 5:00pm: Out-of-District deadline to submit online 4J School Choice Application for high school lottery

April 30, 2015: School Choice lottery results available

For more information visit the Eugene IHS website at: www.ihs.4j.lane.edu; or contact the Eugene IHS office at Churchill: 541-790-5225.

Eugene International High School Information Night at CHS

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?

You might be interested in enrolling in Eugene International High School for the next school year!

Eugene IHS is an award-winning alternative high school in international studies for students in grades 9-12. Located at Churchill, Sheldon and South Eugene, the school is open via district lottery to any student who wishes to attend. If you are curious about the world, love languages, and learning in a

close-knit, unique environment that is both challenging and supportive, consider Eugene IHS as your high school choice.

Please join us on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Churchill cafeteria to learn more about Eugene International High School and enrollment information

Admission into Eugene IHS is through the 4J District lottery process; all interested students must fill out an online 4J School Choice application by Feb. 27, 2015. If you do not have a computer available to you, please contact Lisa Hollingsworth at the 4J District office at 541-790-7553. Students will be accepted to Eugene IHS based on a lottery conducted at the 4J District office.

Last Day of School Changed

The 2014–15 academic calendar has been adjusted to include unpaid furlough days — one instructional day that would have been a school day for students, and one staff work day when students would not have been in school. The furlough days were agreed on in contract negotiations this fall. The schedule for the days has now been set.

If schools do not close for any snow days this year:

Wednesday, June 10, will be the last day of school for students. The last day will be a full day for middle and high school students and an early release day for elementary students.

Thursday, June 11, will be a grading day and the last workday for teachers.

Friday, June 12, will be a budget reduction / furlough day.

Please be aware that the final school day may change. If there are any snow days (school days missed due to hazardous weather) they will be substituted for a scheduled furlough day or made up on days added at the end of the school year.

A revised calendar handout will be available after winter break.

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

4J Superintendent Search

We Want to Hear From You!

The Eugene School District is searching for a new superintendent. 4J Superintendent Shelley Berman has announced that this will be his last year. The school board hopes to name a new superintendent in spring 2015.

One of the first steps in the superintendent search process is developing a candidate profile — a list of the strengths and qualities that 4J's students, parents, staff and community think the next superintendent should have. And to do this, the school board needs your help.

There are two ways for you to weigh in:

Complete the survey:

The survey is available online at www.4j.lane.edu/supersearch through Sunday, December 21.

Attend a meeting:

Meetings will be held at the 4J Education Center, 200 N. Monroe St.

Community forums in English (Spanish interpretation available)

- Tuesday, December 16, 7:30–9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 17, 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Community forum in Spanish

- Tuesday, December 16, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

For more information, please see www.4j.lane.edu/supersearch.

Búsqueda del Superintendente Para el Distrito 4J

Cual Es Su Opinión? Queremos Escucharla.

El distrito escolar de Eugene 4J está en la búsqueda de un nuevo superintendente. El superintendente actual, Shelley Berman, ha anunciado que este será su último año en el distrito. La mesa directiva escolar espera elegir a un nuevo superintendente en la primavera de 2015.

Uno de los primeros pasos en el proceso de búsqueda del superintendente será el desarrollo de un perfil del candidato ideal — una lista de las fortalezas y cualidades que los alumnos, padres, empleados y comunidad piensan que el superintendente debe tener. Y para lograr esto, la mesa directiva escolar necesita su ayuda.

Hay dos maneras en la cual usted puede contribuir:

Llene la encuesta. Está disponible en español y aceptará respuestas hasta el fin del día domingo, 21 de diciembre. Puede encontrarlo en la página web www.4j.lane.edu/supersearch.

Asista a una reunión pública. Las reuniones serán ubicados en el Centro Educativo de 4J, 200 N. Monroe St.

Se proveerá intérpretes en español.

Reunión pública para hispanohablantes, realizado en español

- martes, 16 de diciembre, 6:00 a 7:30 p.m.

Reuniones públicas realizado en ingles, se proveerá intérpretes en español

- martes, 16 de diciembre, 7:30 a 9:00 p.m.
- miércoles, 17 de diciembre, 12:00 a 1:00 p.m.

Puede encontrar más información en la página web www.4j.lane.edu/supersearch.

International High School 8th grade information nights

South region

- Thursday, February 5, 7:00 pm, South Eugene cafeteria (includes French Immersion break-out session)
- Thursday, February 12, 6:30 pm in the South Eugene cafeteria (Joint evening with South)

Sheldon region

- Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 pm, Sheldon lecture hall
- Thursday, February 19, 7:00 pm, Sheldon lecture hall (includes Spanish Immersion break-out session)

Churchill region

- Monday, February 9, 7:00 pm, Churchill cafeteria

Learn more about the International High School in 4j [here](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Women in Computer Science (WICS)

University of Oregon's Women in Computer Science club is putting on a workshop called HATCH that teaches all ages the basics of programming through the program Scratch! This workshop will be held on a Saturday toward the end of January beginning of February. For more information or interest in attending please contact the Outreach Coordinator at outreachcoordinator.wics@gmail.com.

Ted R. Lilley Cancer CURE Program

Interested in studying science research in college? Want to gain hands-on experience in research? The Ted R. Lilley Cancer Continuing Umbrella of Research Education (CURE) Program is a paid research internship that matches students with a cancer-specific researcher. Interns will work full-time for eight weeks in a research laboratory alongside OHSU scientists conducting cancer research.

Application for the 2015 cohort will be available in December 2014.

Learn more at www.ohsu.edu/CURE-Program

Program Offerings

- Paid internship in a research lab with a Knight Institute mentor
- Weekly curriculum in math, statistics, essay writing, and more
- Gain real-world research experience
- Make connections with staff and faculty who can help you navigate the medical research field.
- Seminars featuring experts from various oncology disciplines
- A poster presentation of your research project

Who Should Apply

- Current sophomores and juniors from Oregon high schools, particularly public school students in the Portland Metro area
- Students from historically underrepresented or socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds
- Must be 16 or older by June 13, 2015
- All students must have a 3.0 GPA or higher; have taken at least one science class (preferably biology); and have an interest in research

Applications are due on February 9, 2015. No late applications will be accepted. Visit their [website](#) for application requirements.

Connect with OHSU:

Website: www.ohsu.edu/CURE-Program

Email: cdi@ohsu.edu

Phone: 503-494-5657

Facebook: facebook.com/OHSU.CDI

Twitter: twitter.com/OHSU_CDI