



2014-15 Direct Donation Drive

Now through February 13th, Churchill High School is soliciting donations to provide vital staffing support for our students. **We will reach our goal of \$30,000 if every family gives \$40.00.** We value any support your family can afford. No amount is too large or too small. **All donations are tax deductible.** Click the "Donate Now" button and specify your donation for "CHS Staffing," or click [here](#) for details about how to donate and how your donation will be used.



Thank you to the following donors for your generous support!

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Upcoming School Events

January 16		Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly
January 19		No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 20	12:30-1:00pm	Navy ROTC visit
January 23		Early Release – Progress Reports
January 23		Soup and Bread Staff Appreciation Potluck
January 24	7:45am	SAT Testing
January 27	10:30am	School Choice Information and School Tour

January 16th Assembly Schedule

1 st Period	8:40-9:41
2 nd Period/Assembly	9:44-11:31
3 rd Period	11:41-12:42
Lunch	12:47-1:18
4 th Period	1:23-2:24
5 th Period	2:29-3:30

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

PBiS Attendance Challenge

Churchill is holding a winter term attendance challenge as a way of improving student attendance, and to increase student knowledge of the power of good attendance. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors have an attendance improvement goal set for trimester 2. Attendance averages for each class were taken from weeks 1- 3 of 2nd trimester. Each class' goal is to improve their attendance average for weeks 4-11 by 2%. Only unexcused absences are counted. Averages and goals are as follows:

	Weeks 1-3 average	Attendance goal
Freshmen	93.0%	+2% = 95%
Sophomores	87%	+2% = 89%
Juniors	86%	+2%= 88%
Seniors	87%	+2%= 89%

What can you do to help your student's class meet their goal?

1. Be sure to call in your student's excused absences
2. Encourage your student to come to school unless they are very ill or contagious
3. Encourage your student to arrive to school and classes on time
4. Reward your student at home for good or improved attendance
5. Talk with your student about the how the habit of good attendance contributes to positive habits in higher education or in the workplace

As a reward, each class that meets their goal will have the opportunity to participate in a whacky marshmallow toss event. Students will dress up their favorite teacher in outlandish gear and throw marshmallows at them (teachers were elected just before winter break). Go Lancers! (...and look out, teachers!)

LTD Day Passes Available for Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebrations

We will have 50 LTD day passes available for individuals who need assistance to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations on January 19th. These passes will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis at the CHS front office on Friday, January 16th and are usable only on Monday January 19th for the purpose of attending one of [these](#) events.

Navy ROTC Visit

Representatives from the Navy Reserve Officers' Training Corps will be here at lunch on January 20th. They will be discussing program details, requirements and opportunities.

Scholarship Workshop

The College and Career Center will be holding a scholarship workshop after school on January 23rd. This is an early release day. We will give you tips on how to search for scholarships and tips for writing effective essays and completing your applications. We will also help you complete your applications too!

Mary Poppins - Coming to the Churchill Auditorium!

The classic Disney Movie now a Broadway musical presented by Churchill's West End CAPPA Starring Carly Walker, Anthony Carter, Jacob Meili, Haley Pace and featuring Massimo Brigola and Stephanie Sterling.
[Opening February 13!](#)

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: Rescheduled to **January 23** – a soup and bread lunch for the staff.

AVID-ize

Churchill High School is hosting an AVID event called "AVID-ize" on Tuesday, February 24. The event will be from 1:00-3:00 and held in the auditorium. This year, there will be 600+ people coming to our school from across the district to learn more about AVID. We have guests from out of our district and school board members attending. We will have a motivational presenter, Roy Juarez Jr. talk to students about "Be the Change and Mold the Future." A culminating activity will occur in the Gym from 2:30-3:00

We are very excited about this event as this will mark the Second Annual AVID-ize event for 4J. Our students will be running this event by having a handful of MCs speaking from start to finish.

School Choice

Churchill High School school-choice meeting times are listed below. Please spread the word about this opportunity **for non-CHS families to learn 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 discussion with staff
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 discussion with staff

Families do not need to RSVP. For more information, please contact BJ Blake, CHS principal, at blake@4j.lane.edu or 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

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.

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.

News from the School-to-Careers office

LCC Placement testing in Reading & Writing will be Wednesday, January 14th at 3:30 p.m. in the STEM Conference room. Bring your “L” number and sign up in the College & Career Center or at the table outside the School-to-Careers office in the STEM building.

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, 1-3 p.m. – WISE Mini-Symposium is open to any student 6-8th grade from Kennedy, ATA, Willamette Christian and O-Hara Catholic schools. Call 541-790-5262 to register your middle school student.

Friday, February 6, 4:30-7:30 p.m. – WISE Symposium 2015, open to all 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.

Parents assist in Rachel Carson Academy Van Drive

“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, 790-5262 or CHS Principal, BJ Blake, 541-790-5100.

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.

Looking Ahead ...

Next SAT Testing: Saturday, January 24th. Report to the front of *Churchill's STEM Building* at 7:45 a.m.

Change to CHS Football Program

CHS Head Coaching position is open at Churchill High School. Since word has gotten out, we have been asked about the process and wanted to make sure our families are aware of how the position will be filled.

We follow the same procedure that we would for any opening in our district.

1. A position is posted online and available for anyone to apply for, internal or external applicant.
2. Kelly Bokn, the athletic director, and an administrator that is assigned to the posting reviews the applications and selects the applicants that will be interviewed.
3. A committee convenes and interviews the applicants and forwards finalists to consider the position.
4. A thorough reference check procedure is followed to facilitate the decision of the best applicant.
5. The Principal and Athletic director review all information and finalize the decision to offer the applicant that best fits the values and beliefs of Churchill High School.
6. Human Resources must approve then approve the applicant choice.
7. Once approval is given, the applicant is offered the position.

We hope this clarifies the process for this and any other opening we have at CHS.

Knitting Club

Knitting Club is in need of donations of knitting needles. We have plenty of yarn, but we need tools to work it with! Please consider donating new or used knitting needles in any size. Contact: Alpha Wilson, wilson_a@4j.lane.edu.

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.

4J DISTRICT NEWS

Wondering About Winter Weather?

Sign up now for weather-related school closure alerts!

When schools close or bus routes change due to hazardous winter weather, you want to know as quickly as possible. There are several ways to get the news on snowy or icy days:

- Text-message alerts via Twitter (go to www.4j.lane.edu/weather to learn how to sign up)
- 4J website, www.4j.lane.edu
- KRVM 91.9 FM
- Other radio and television news stations

If there is a change in the school schedule or bus routes due to inclement weather, Eugene School District 4J will announce the change. If school is in session and on regular schedule, the district will NOT make an announcement. Weather-related school closure decisions normally are made early in the morning and announced via all methods by 6:30 a.m. These decisions are made districtwide and are the same for every 4J school.

Parents of students who ride school buses that sometimes use snow routes have been informed of what to do when snow routes are in effect.

If school is in session, families are encouraged to consider road conditions in their areas and make their own decisions based on safety. Parents' individual decisions about school attendance will be honored.

Si Escuelas se Cierran Debido al Clima

Los padres de familias del Distrito Escolar de 4J tienen varias formas de informarse si las escuelas se cierran debido al clima/nieve o si los buses están activados para las rutas de nieve. Para obtener información en los días cuando hay nieve o hielo:

- Contacte el teléfono de emergencia en español, 541-790-7738, donde tendremos información actualizada a las 7:00 a.m.
- Antes de mal clima, puede suscribirse a las alertas de mensajes de texto (www.4j.lane.edu/weather, en inglés).
- Puede ir al sitio web www.4j.lane.edu para obtener información (en inglés) actualizada a las 6:30 a.m.
- También, puede escuchar a la estación de radio KRVM-FM 91.9 (en inglés), o otras estaciones de radio y de televisión que también estarán anunciando si las escuelas están cerradas.

El Distrito Escolar no hará ningún anuncio al público si las escuelas están en sesión. El Distrito Escolar solo anunciara al público si las escuelas se cierran o si los buses están activados para las rutas de nieve debido al clima/nieve.

A los estudiantes que usan el bus escolar se les ha informado como usar la rutas de nieves escolares.

Si las clases están en sesión, tome en cuenta la condición de las carreteras en su área para tomar una decisión dando prioridad a su seguridad. Respetaremos la decisión que tomen los padres de familia en cuanto a la asistencia a clases.

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](#).

South Eugene Rowing Club

South Eugene Rowing Club invites Eugene's 8th-12th graders to check out our winter cross-training program for free! Students can drop by South Eugene High School's IHS wing weekdays at 3:45 to take part in core, strength, cardio, and rowing machine work-outs. Rowers refine technique, and build strength, endurance, and friendships in preparation for the exciting spring sprints-racing season. After-school water practices at Dexter Lake begin in late February, but now is the time to try this unique, full-body sport. More information is available at southeugenerowingclub.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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](https://www.facebook.com/OHSU.CDI)

Twitter: twitter.com/OHSU_CDI