



Thank You, Lancer Parent Association!

A big “thank you” goes out to all of the parents who helped with the Soup and Bread Potluck on Friday, January 23rd. The staff at CHS appreciates all your hard work. Our hearts were warmed and our bellies were full!

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 27	10:30am	School Choice Meeting and School Tour
January 28	6:00pm	ASE (Apprenticeships in Science and Engineering) Information Night
January 28	7:00pm	School Choice Meeting and Chat with Staff
January 29	7:50am	Student of the Month Breakfast
January 29	7:00pm	Senior Party Planning Meeting
January 30		No School – Professional Development Day
February 4	7:00pm	Lancer Pageant Parent Meeting
February 6	3:30pm	WISE Symposium
February 9-13		Spirit Week
February 9	7:00pm	Latino Family Night
February 9	7:00pm	IHS 8 th Grade Information Night
February 13		Winter Sports Assembly
February 13	7:30pm	Mary Poppins
February 13		AVID Dance will start after the Boys Basketball game
February 14	7:30pm	Mary Poppins

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%	+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!)

Senior Party Planning Meeting

Senior Parents are invited to the Senior Party Planning Meeting on Thursday, January 29th at 7:00pm in the Churchill Library. We need your help to make this an incredible send-off for your students. Would you like to help, but can't come? Email jamiehogate@gmail.com to be added to our list of volunteers and we'll keep you in the loop.

We are also accepting donations to cover the costs of the party. Make your check payable to "Churchill High School Grad Party" and mail it to:

Churchill High School
Attn: Senior Grad Party Committee
1850 Bailey Hill Road
Eugene, Oregon 97405

Churchill Equestrian Team

The first meet for the small, but talented, Churchill Equestrian Team will be Feb. 6-8 at the Oregon Horse Center on Prairie Road. Hundreds of riders from all over the southern Willamette Valley will compete in cattle events, English and western performance, and speedy gymkhana events. Churchill won the Overall Championship for the small team division last year! Admission is free, and there are nice seats, restrooms, and a good cafe all in the same building as the indoor arena. Put on your boots, grab a Lancer sweatshirt, and come support the Churchill Equestrian Team!

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.

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.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Workshop

The College and Career Center is hosting a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) workshop on February 26, 2015, 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Churchill Red and Blue computer labs. 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.

School Choice Information Meetings

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.

Please visit 4j.lane.edu/choice to see 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 schedule through Spring Break.

All testing will be at 8 a.m. in the STEM conference room.

- Wednesday, January 28th – Apply for “L” number and get the new Study Apps.
- Wednesday, February 4th – Reading & Writing Placement test.
- Wednesday, February 11th – No testing.
- Wednesday, February 18th - Apply for “L” number and get the new Study Apps.
- Wednesday, February 25th - Reading & Writing Placement test.
- Wednesday, March 4th - Apply for “L” number and get the new Study Apps.
- Wednesday, March 11th – No testing.
- Wednesday, March 18th - Reading & Writing Placement test.
- Wednesday, March 25th – Spring Break. No School.

LCC *Math Placement* testing will begin in April.

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.

Friday, February 6, 4:30-7:30 p.m. – WISE Symposium 2015, open to Eugene area High School girls and 8th grade girls from Kennedy, ATA, Willamette Christian, and O-Hara Catholic schools. Online registration opens Friday, Jan. 23, go to www.chs.lane.edu and click on the pink owl in the photo box. Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Eugene.or.WISE>

New this year! Astronomy! Wild Animals! Solar Energy! Wind Turbines! And a whole lot more!

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 during the summer. ASE is a great way to improve a 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. 541-790-5262.

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, March 7th. Report to the front of Churchill’s STEM Building at 7:45 a.m.

School Report Cards

Every year, the State of Oregon produces a report card for your student’s school and one for our school district. The report cards include an overall school performance rating as well as information on student test scores, school staff, attendance and other factors.

You will find a link to the report cards on the district’s website at <http://www.4j.lane.edu/2015/01/oregon-school-report-cards>.

If you have questions about your school’s report card, please contact your school’s principal. Working together, we can help all our children succeed.

Reporte Sobre La Escuela de Su Estudiante

Cada año el estado de Oregon produce un reporte sobre la escuela de su estudiante y otro sobre el distrito. Los reportes incluyen el desempeño general de la escuela al igual que información de las calificaciones de los exámenes de los estudiantes, personal de la escuela, asistencia y otros factores.

Usted puede encontrar un enlace con los reportes en la pagina Web <http://www.4j.lane.edu/2015/01/oregon-school-report-cards>.

Si tiene preguntas acerca de la información incluida en los reportes, o como obtener los reportes, favor de comunicarse con el director de su escuela o con Paola Massingham al 541-790-7717. Trabajando juntos, podemos ayudar a todos nuestros niños a tener éxito.

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

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](#).

Important events coming up in Eugene School District 4J

Parent Information Nights: [Smarter Balanced Assessment](#)

Please join us to learn more about Oregon's changing academic assessments and how together we can support your student's success in school and beyond.

- Monday, Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m., North Eugene High School, 200 Silver Lane
- Thursday, Feb. 12, 7:00 p.m., Sheldon High School, 2455 Willakenzie Road
- Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7:00 p.m., Churchill High School, 1850 Bailey Hill Road
- Thursday, Feb. 19, 7:00 p.m., South Eugene High School, 400 E. 19th Ave.

Spanish-language information night: **Monday, March 2, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**, 4J Education Center, 200 N. Monroe St.

<http://www.4j.lane.edu/instruction/commoncorestatestandards>

Superintendent Candidate Community Forums

March 4–6

Details to come

<http://www.4j.lane.edu/supersearch>

Eventos importantes en el Distrito Escolar de Eugene 4J

Noches informativas para padres acerca del examen **"Smarter Balanced"**

Por favor, venga a aprender más acerca de los cambios de los exámenes académicos de Oregón y de cómo juntos podemos apoyar el éxito de su hijo en la escuela y aún más allá. Se proveerá intérpretes en español.

En inglés, se proveerá intérpretes en español:

- Lunes, 9 de febrero, 7:00 p.m., North Eugene High School, 200 Silver Lane
- Jueves, 12 de febrero, 7:00 p.m., Sheldon High School, 2455 Willakenzie Road
- Martes, 17 de febrero, 7:00 p.m., Churchill High School, 1850 Bailey Hill Road
- Jueves, 19 de febrero, 7:00 p.m., South Eugene High School, 400 E. 19th Ave.

En español, para padres de habla hispana:

- Lunes, 2 de marzo, 6:30–8:00 p.m., Centro Educativo 4J, 200 N. Monroe St. en Eugene

<http://www.4j.lane.edu/instruction/commoncorestatestandards>

Reuniones públicas con candidatos para ser el nuevo superintendente

4–6 de marzo

Detalles más adelante

<http://www.4j.lane.edu/supersearch>

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 anunciará 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.

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

New Generations Film Festival

The [New Generations Film Festival](#) is a film-making competition for middle and high school students in Eugene. The purpose of the festival is to get students thinking about their neighborhoods and give them a place to have their voices heard on issues in their community.

Films should be 1-3 minutes long and fit within the theme "Love Where You Live." Films should be about a neighborhood problem, project or highlight. Official rules and submission guidelines can be obtained by emailing: newgenerationsff@gmail.com.

Submission deadline: **April 27, 2015**

Viewing and Awards Ceremony: **May 23, 11am**