



Upcoming School Events

4J District Calendar: <https://mail.4j.lane.edu/home/4jcalendar@4j.lane.edu/Calendar.html>

Churchill High School calendar: go to www.chs.lane.edu click on "See full calendar" under the "Upcoming Events" heading, or click [HERE](#).

March 9	7:00pm	Latino Family Night
March 10	9:00-11:00am	Oregon Public Universities visit
March 10	5:00pm	Lancer Pageant Fundraiser at Chapala
March 10	7:00pm	Band Concert
March 11		AP fees due
March 11		LEAP Deadline
March 12		NO SCHOOL – Grading Day
March 12		Staff Appreciation Picnic Lunch organized by the LPA
March 13		NO SCHOOL – Professional Development
March 14	7:45am	SAT Testing
March 16		Term 3 Begins
March 16	5:00pm	Lancer Pageant Fundraiser at Papa's Pizza
March 17	6:30pm	Lancer Pageant Parent Information Meeting
March 19	11:05am	Senior Photo at the Rock
March 19	7:00pm	Senior Party Planning Meeting
March 20	7:50am	Student of the Month Breakfast
March 23-27		NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
March 30		Classes Resume
March 30	7:00pm	Lancer Parent Association Meeting
April 1		Out-of-District Open Enrollment Deadline
April 2	7:00pm	Graduation Parent Information Meeting

Senior Caps and Gowns

It's not too late to order your cap and gown for graduation! Call Miners Graduate Services at 541-689-4588. Or visit their website: minersgrad.com

Latino Family Night: March 9th

Les queremos recordar que la escuela Churchill High School les invita a una noche de padres este próximo lunes, 9 de Marzo en la biblioteca de Churchill a las 7 de la noche. Si tiene cualquier pregunta, llame a María al [541-790-5151](tel:541-790-5151).

Oregon Public Universities visit: March 10th

The Oregon Public Universities (University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Oregon State University-Cascades, Eastern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University, Western Oregon University and Portland State University) will be here on **March 10, 2015, 9am - 11:10am**. There will be a general overview of the OPU system in the auditorium followed by break-out sessions. Parents are invited to attend. Schedules will be available the day of the event. Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet with admissions representatives.

Lancer Pageant Fundraisers: Through April 16th

The Lancer Pageant will be holding several fundraising events throughout the duration of the contest. Proceeds benefit the local [Children's Miracle Network](#).

<u>Date and time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 10, 5:00pm	Chapala's fundraiser (25% of sales goes to event)	Chapala Mexican Restaurant 68 West 29th Avenue, Eugene
March 16, all day	Papa's Pizza fundraiser (50% of sales goes to event)	Papa's Pizza Parlor 1700 West 11th Avenue, Eugene
April 8, 5:00pm	6 th Street Grill fundraiser (25% of sales goes to event)	Sixth Street Grill 55 West 6th Avenue, Eugene
April 11, 10:00am-2:00pm	Car Wash	7-Eleven 1690 West 18th Avenue, Eugene
April 16, 7:00pm	Bunco Night	Churchill High School

Staff Appreciation Picnic Lunch: March 12th

The Lancer Parent Association is organizing a Spring Picnic Lunch to show their appreciation for the Churchill Staff. Please email Debra at lancermom60@yahoo.com if you would like to contribute.

Senior Photo at the Rock: March 19th

Seniors will meet at the Rock between 2nd and 3rd periods on March 19 to take the senior class picture. They will be excused for being late to 3rd period for being in the photo.

Senior Party Planning Meeting: March 19th

Senior Parents are invited to the Senior Party Planning Meeting on **Thursday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.** in the Churchill Library. Please email questions to jamiehogate@gmail.com.

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

Lancer Parent Association Meeting: March 30th

The next Lancer Parent Association Meeting is **Monday, March 30, 7:00pm** in the CHS Library.

Principal BJ Blake will present information on the topic "CTE Pathways: What They Are and How They Benefit Your Child." There are five pathways available at Churchill: Rachel Carson, Health Occupations, Graphic Design, West End, and Engineering.

Come learn about the many different ways that Churchill can help your student prepare for their future.

Smarter Balanced Testing

Smarter Balanced is the primary way for students to meet the Essential Skills requirement for graduation. Students **MUST** show competence in reading, writing and math to graduate. If a student does not show the required level of competence through Smarter Balanced testing or another standardized test such as SAT or ACT, they will be required to take work sample classes their senior

year. This is not preferred, because these work sample classes will take up a period in a student's schedule while also requiring staffing that could be used to reduce class sizes in other classes.

Smarter Balanced Testing Dates:

April 20-24- Language Arts

May 18-22- Math

We will have an altered schedule for these two weeks. Please see below for the schedule for testing and for classes.

Breakfast: same times

For 11th grade students:

Testing: 8:35-9:45

For all CHS students:

Period one: 9:55-10:50

Period two: 10:55-11:50

Period three: 12:00-12:55

Lunch 1:00-1:30

Period four: 1:35-2:30

Period five: 2:35-3:30

For more information about Smarter Balanced Assessment, please go to

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

Term 3 Schedules

Counselors are starting to work on next term's schedules. Students should review their Term 3 schedule on [StudentVue](#) and come in to make adjustments now. Once the Term begins on March 16, students will have only the first three days to make changes!

PBiS Attendance Challenge

Congratulations to all classes for meeting your attendance goals!

Lancers in the News

Congratulations to our wrestling team for showing Lancer P.R.I.D.E. at the state meet!

<http://registerguard.com/rg/sports/32821654-81/lancers-swipe-a-trophy.html.csp>

The Churchill National Honor Society organized a "Senior Prom" for the residents of Churchill Estates.

<http://registerguard.com/rg/news/local/32817711-75/prom-for-the-ages.html.csp>

Juniors and Seniors Needed in the Tutoring Center

Do you need volunteer hours? Are you proficient in subjects like Math, Science, Language Arts, Health, and Writing? See Kevin in the Tutor Center and pick up The Tutoring Packet for students to learn about how you can help other students excel in school!

Absences and Field Trips Can Affect Student Grades

We are fortunate to have many opportunities for our students at Churchill to go out into the world and have hands-on experiences to help them learn. These experiences are very important to students, and help them stay engaged in school. Unfortunately, sometimes these special activities take students away from other important classes. When students struggle in a class, an absence – even for a school function – can sometimes make the difference between a passing and a failing grade.

We want all our students to succeed in all of their learning endeavors. Parents are encouraged to weigh the benefit of a field trip or other absence against the possibility of losing valuable class time. Consider checking your student's grades on ParentVUE before signing a field trip permission form. If you see a concerning grade, talk to your student's teacher(s) to see if there are steps you can take to help your child bring up their grade before the field trip, or arrange to make up class work.

If you need help accessing [ParentVUE](#), contact our registrar: Kajsa Kearney, kearney_k@4j.lane.edu, 541-790-5108.

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines

Learn more about upcoming scholarships, and how to get help with your application at our College and Career Center website: <https://sites.google.com/site/chsccr/>

News from the School-to-Careers office

FREE! BOLI/ODOT sponsored Civil Engineering Boot Camp

Do you have a student who is interested in a construction, an apprenticeship skilled-trade, heavy highway, bridge, or civil engineering technology career? This course, through projects, trips and guest presenters, will introduce him/her to apprenticeship programs and their requirements, engineering technology concepts, skills, and technologies used in the transportation, heavy highway, and bridge industries. Pre-requisites: basic mathematics and reading proficiency. This *free* two-credit college course at Lane Community College is offered spring term, **March 31-June 11, on Tuesdays from 2:30-6:30 p.m.**

More money saving career courses from Lane Community College

RTEC 101: Gateway to College & Careers* (3 cr), Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-2:20 p.m.

This course is for students transitioning from high school to enhance their college preparation and planning. Students explore strengths, interest areas, vital college skills, Lane Community College programs, and career options. Instructors will facilitate student connections with Lane Community College programs through arranged tours and guest speakers. ****Tuition for Gateway class is \$200.00 per person and is not part of the Sponsored Account Billing. Subject to change.***

HRTM 100: Intro to Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management (3 cr), Wednesdays 3-5:50 p.m. (Tuition-free; \$100/student advising fee and textbook costs still apply)

This is an introductory course designed to provide students with a broad overview of the hospitality management and culinary arts industry and the various segments that comprise the industry. Emphasis in the course is given to understanding the scope and complexity of this industry, the career opportunities available, and the training and skills necessary to achieve a successful career.

See Mary Beth in the School-to-Careers office or Shannon Roseta in the counseling office to register for any of these courses. Some scholarships are available. Transportation is *not* provided by Lane Community College nor Eugene School District 4J.

LCC Placement testing in Reading & Writing schedule through Spring Break.

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

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.

[2015 Summer Internships](#)

[Northwest Youth Corps Summer Jobs](#)

[Barista Basics Spring Break Flyer](#)

“Rachel’s Van” Provides Critical Programmatic Need

For the past 17 years, high school students in Churchill High School’s *Rachel Carson* Environmental Science Academy* have engaged in a field-based curriculum that has rigor and relevance, and prepares students for postsecondary success in the environmental sciences. About 150 high school students are enrolled each year in this rigorous college-preparatory curriculum that centers on high-quality scientific field work. A vital resource that has enabled the Academy to provide this rare field-based learning opportunity are activity vans (mini-buses) that transport students to and from outdoor sites located in Lane County, other regions of Oregon, and California. Now, since one of the activity vans was recently retired due to age and disrepair, the Eugene 4J district is seeking funding support to purchase a new van to replace it.

Transported by the vans, students engage in fieldwork to collect data, learn about resource management practices, and do restoration work in natural areas. Students have also hiked in forests, rafted wild and scenic rivers, explored caves, and walked in the high desert, to gain new understandings about natural habitats. “Having access to these vans to take students out into the world is vital our curriculum and values,” said Helen Haberman, a veteran teacher of the program. “We take students out twice weekly for trips to complete restoration work along the Willamette River and Amazon Creek, watch salmon spawn, learn how a log mill operates, and other activities. Put simply, without the vans our program, as we have created it, will no longer exist.”

In addition to the Academy’s first-year classes, the Rachel Carson program includes Advanced Placement/College Now (college credit) environmental science courses that depend on the vans for intensive fieldwork and rigorous scientific research. Also, students in the Environmental Leadership Capstone course are driven in the vans to sites related to their Master Recycler certification program, and to a statewide competition on stewardship of natural resources.

The program cannot meet the need for field study with the one remaining activity van. Eugene 4J seeks funding support from community partners to supplement its own expenditure in purchasing a new van. Specifically, the district would like to raise a contribution of \$20,000 to supplement its own expenditure of \$35,000 toward a van that has a purchase price of \$55,000.

If you are able to contribute to our cause in any way, we would be greatly appreciative. To donate, click [RACHEL’S VAN](#).

Looking Ahead ...

Next SAT Testing: Saturday, **March 14th**. Report to the front of *Churchill’s STEM Building* at 7:45 a.m.

4J DISTRICT NEWS

ACE Awards Nomination Deadline Extended to March 15th

Do you know a champion in education? Nominate 4J teachers, administrators, classified employees and volunteers for the 2015 ACE (A Champion in Education) Awards! The deadline to nominate a champion educator at www.theaceawards.org has been extended by one week through Sunday, March 15.

ACE Awards champions will be announced at an awards ceremony to be held Tuesday, April 28, at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts in Eugene. Each champion’s school will receive a \$1,000 cash prize.

The ACE Awards are a collaborative effort of the Eugene and Springfield Chambers of Commerce and the Eugene, Bethel, and Springfield school districts. The program is made possible by title sponsor Oregon Community Credit Union and representatives of the local business and education communities to honor those who are making significant contributions to future generations as leaders in education.

[More About the ACE Awards](#)
[Tips for Writing a Nomination](#)
[Submit a Nomination](#)

Free and Reduced Benefits

All 4J families are encouraged to learn more about the benefits of the Free and Reduced-Price meals program. Families who qualify can benefit outside of the school lunch program with free bus passes, healthcare, low cost internet, reduced sports fees, and more!

Learn more about these benefits at <http://www.4j.lane.edu/nutrition/freelunchbenefits/> or <http://www.4j.lane.edu/nutrition/freelunch/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bring the World to Your Family—Without Leaving Home!

Host an AFS exchange student and introduce the world to your children and family and give your AFS student the opportunity to take back a piece of America.

An AFS student must have their own bed but can share a bedroom. Beyond that, the only thing a host family needs is an open mind and a desire to learn about another culture as they share their own.

AFS is looking for families to host next school year. If hosting an international student sounds interesting and you'd like more information, contact Becky Minor, 541-756-3537, jbminor@frontier.com or Miiko Suzuki (Japanese Language Teacher), suzuki@4j.lane.edu

Host a student from Chile! Study in Chile! 2015-2016

Academic, short-term, “reciprocal” exchange: You will host a student from Chile during winter term 2015, and you study in Chile during spring term or summer of 2016, and live with the student that you hosted.

Personal care: We are a local and small organization and work with 4-5 students at a time to ensure each student is given personal attention and care. We select our students and families carefully.

Would you like to find out more? Please contact Sachi:

oregonadventure@icloud.com
<http://oregonadventure.weebly.com>

Stanford Summer Humanities Institute

The [Summer Humanities Institute](#) is now accepting applications for two summer sessions. Rising high school juniors and seniors with a deep interest in the humanities come together for three weeks on Stanford's campus to research and analyze questions that lie at the heart of the humanities. Students engage in group discussions, attend daily classes with Stanford faculty, and explore the Bay Area together.

The deadline to apply is **March 11**, and admission is need-blind. Financial aid is available and is need-based. To learn more about the admission process, please click [here](#).

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**