



## Wilson Spotlight

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### **THINK TEENS ARE BAD? NOT SO FAST**

Follow this link to the article in the Oregonian by **Eric Toshalis** (assistant professor in Teacher Education at Lewis & Clark College's Graduate School of Education & Counseling. He teaches adolescent development and classroom management):

[http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2013/12/think\\_teens\\_are\\_bad\\_not\\_so\\_fas.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2013/12/think_teens_are_bad_not_so_fas.html).

Read about a young student, a busy intersection, adults too busy to notice (but someone did), and a simple act of kindness by this young person to help a stranger.

### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM HAS DEPTH, ATHLETICISM, LEADERSHIP AND MORE**

Check out the nice article about the Wilson Women's Basketball Team in The Portland Tribune:

<http://www.pamplinmedia.com/pt/12-sports/203886-prep-focus-wilson-trojans-have-depth-and-more>. All the best for a great season!

### **WILSON STUDENT ALL-STARS**

This month the SW Community Connection highlights three Wilson students for their academic excellence, achievement and leadership. **Amelia Rathun** is a soprano with Wilson choirs, WAVE and the Wilsingers. She plans to attend Oregon State University next year studying choral directing. **Austin Blatt** likes computer science. He is involved in Rose City Crew Club and will continue his computer science studies in college, eventually pursuing a career in information security or software development. **Jessica O'Loughlin** enjoys acting and chemistry. She has been involved track and field and works as a swim instructor and plans to attend Oregon State University where she'll study business. Thanks to Gifford Dentistry in Hillsdale, 503-246-1710, for their sponsorship of the All-Stars.

## IT'S ALL ABOUT PURSES ... IT'S ALL ABOUT THE ARTS

Thanks to you and many generous businesses and celebrities, over 1,200 purses and other items were donated. Over **\$11,000** was raised for the arts at Wilson from the In The Bag sale and silent auction on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to you, we are helping to pay for:

- Theatrical Acoustic Auditorium Curtains
- Ceramics Wheel
- Digital Media Apple Server
- Photography Flatbed Scanner
- Pentax 35mm SLR Cameras
- Advanced Art Printing Screens & Supplies
- Wood Shop, Metal Shop & Architectural Drawing Tools & Equipment

*"Responding to the challenges of today's culture requires the influence of artistic creativity and imagination. Thank you WAAC for your continued support of the arts."* - **Lisa Pieren**, Ceramics, Advanced Ceramics Teacher

*"There is no greater cause than encouraging the creativity of the young artist."* - **Matthew Carlson**, Advanced Art, AP Studio Art, Photography, Advanced Photography, & AP Studio Art Photography Teacher

*"Two years ago this program was shuttered. This year the technical arts has 176 students in 6 classes. Art programs, and specifically manual arts courses, are notoriously expensive to run. Without the support of our community and WAAC, we would be hard pressed to maintain a well-equipped facility."* - **Steve Walmer**, Wood Shop, Metal Shop, & Architectural Design Teacher

*"Bringing the students and work together through a server."* - **Martin Douglass**, Digital Media Design, Advanced Digital Media Design, & Web Design Teacher

*"Support from our community enhances the learning experiences for all of our students."* - **Marie Pearson**, Draw-Paint-Print, 3-D Design, Advanced Art, & AP Studio Art Teacher

*"Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!"* **Margaret Murer**, Wilson Choirs Director

*"Wilson stands unique among Portland high schools in not only the value it places on Arts education, but in the freedom it allots it's instructors to pursue truly challenging projects. WHS Arts instructors challenge their students, pushing them beyond creating entertainments or decoration, and into provoking discussion about the world around them. Thanks as always to those who have supported WAAC and In The Bag!"* **Jamie Miller**, Wilson Artistic Director/Theatre Teacher

Thank you,  
Linda Doyle, Jaci Evans, and Carolyn Grill  
Event organizers

## **BOOSTER TREE SALE, FINAL WEEK**

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## **GRAD NIGHT REGISTRATION DEADLINE – DECEMBER 20**

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## **WE WANT YOUR BOOKS AND RUMMAGE ITEMS!**

Before you donate your ***gently-used* rummage items** to other charities post-holidays, please consider donating them to the *Wilson Book & Rummage Sale* to benefit Grad Night Party 2014! We will be collecting items on **January 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** in the **Wilson High School East parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** (Look for the storage pod.) We're looking for household items, small appliances, children's clothing, sporting equipment, and knick-knacks that are still very usable (in working order) and in good shape. Please NO large exercise equipment, old TVs, or computers.

We're still collecting BOOKS now through January 20<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for gently-used books, DVDs, CDs, tapes, and records for all ages. Collections can be placed in the barrel in the main office marked **Book Donations for Grad Night Party**. IF YOU NEED A DONATION TAX RECEIPT, leave a self-addressed stamped envelope with your books, contact one of us, or look for a blank receipt in the Grad Night mail box in the office.

**Mark your calendar for the Book & Rummage Sale which will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> in the Wilson Cafeteria!!**

Questions? Contact Kevan Anderson, [kevan11@comcast.net](mailto:kevan11@comcast.net); Karen Greene, [rogerkaren32@msn.com](mailto:rogerkaren32@msn.com); or Francie Meyers, [fpmey66@gmail.com](mailto:fpmey66@gmail.com)

## **FOURTH ANNUAL “THREE BALL BACKERS” WOMEN’S BASKETBALL CLUB**

It is with great excitement that we kick off the start of our fourth annual “Three Ball Backers” club for the 2013-2014 women’s basketball season. This fundraiser allows us to award an outstanding senior women’s basketball player with a \$500.00 college scholarship to the college or institution of their choice. The concept is simple ... Each member of the “Three Ball Backers” pledges to sponsor the Wilson Women’s Basketball team (Varsity only) for each three-point basket made/scored throughout the 2012-13 season. For instance, if a member pledges \$1 per three point shot made, and our Varsity team scores 35 three point shots for the entire season then that member would be billed for \$35. After all the money is collected and the \$500.00 scholarship is awarded, any remaining funds will be distributed to the Wilson youth basketball program to help the development of women’s athletics in our area. Finally, all donations are tax-deductible.

Past Scholarship Award Winners: **Erika Dahl** (2010-11) – Oregon State University; **Kristen Chesnutt** (2011-12) – Stanford University; & **Molly Michelotti** (2012-2013)- Gap Year (Costa Rica).

We would love your support and please feel free to contact Coach Olsen ([aolsen@pps.net](mailto:aolsen@pps.net)) if you have any questions about the program. Follow this link for the pledge form:  
[http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/three\\_ball\\_backers\\_letter\\_13-14.doc](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/three_ball_backers_letter_13-14.doc).

## **WILSON SAILING TEAM, POSITIONS OPEN**

The racing team has opened up new positions for spring season. The program is looking for Wilson students that want to learn to sail and race competitively. The team practices together with other Portland areas High Schools 2 days a week after school. On some weekends the team travels to regattas or races in town. Practice and racing is held in Johns Landing. More information can be found on the Willamette Sailing Club website at the Youth Racing tab or call Mark Sandifer at (503) 452 7435. The list has been opened and students will be given priority by date of sign-up. Click on the following link: <http://willamettesailingclub.com/youth-programs/high-school-racing-team-13-18/>.

## **WILSON LEADERSHIP WINTER FUNDRAISING**

Wilson Leadership will be fundraising for The Community Transitional School, a school for children who are homeless, or whose parents are incarcerated. December 9-20, we will have many activities and fundraise for this great cause, following the Harry Potter theme.

1) Irresistibles (Dec 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>): Two students from each class will be selling beads all week for \$1 and homemade wands for \$3. The students from each class are as follows: Seniors - Matthew Slayton & Maddie Samkuty; Juniors - Cole Conklin & Rachel Reese; Sophomores - Nick Slenning & Ishara Handagala; and Freshmen - Beck Harper & Sophie Rubin.

2) Holiday Howlers (Dec 9<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>): Throughout the two weeks of fundraising, students are invited to stop by the leadership room (118) during lunch, or before and after school to purchase a Holiday Howler for \$1 to be sent to a student or staff. The note will then be delivered to the student’s class attached with a candy cane. Thank you for your commitment and participation, we really appreciate it! *Enchantedly yours, Wilson Leadership*

## **NEXT WILSON BOOSTER MEETING, JANUARY 6**

The next Booster meeting is January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, Wilson teachers lounge. Help us plan the new year and let us thank all our wonderful volunteers!

## **ANNUAL YULE BALL, JANUARY 11**

Attention Wizards and Witches: tickets are now on sale for the Annual Yule Ball! Pick them up in the bookkeeper's office, Rm. 120. One/\$25 or Two/\$40. The dance will be January 11<sup>th</sup>, 7-10pm. Guest passes are available in the main office and will be due January 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **DRIVER EDUCATION, WINTER 2014 ... CHANGES**

Follow this link ([http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/TEEN.Wl14\\_Driver\\_Ed\\_teen.pdf](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/TEEN.Wl14_Driver_Ed_teen.pdf)) for the Driver Education class offerings for Winter 2014 and an important change that is happening; if a teen student completes our program they will only need to go to the DMV and take their written test to earn their license! Beginning Winter 2014, Oregon DMV will waive the Drive Test for all teen students that successfully complete this ODOT approved Driver Education course (to earn their license they will only need to take the written exam through DMV). [www.pcc.edu/drive](http://www.pcc.edu/drive) for more information. [www.pcc.edu/communityed](http://www.pcc.edu/communityed); <http://www.pcc.edu/communityed>; [www.pcc.edu/](http://www.pcc.edu/).

## **LATE OPENINGS OR SCHOOL CLOSURES**

It's been an amazing, lovely fall, but freezing temps have arrived. In order to be prepared for late openings or school closures this winter, take a few minutes to sign up to receive a phone call or text message related to school closures at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/student-transportation/1404.htm>. We've also added the late bell schedules to Wilson's website for those days when we do have a delayed opening due to weather. It's posted on the left side, halfway down the page under the Bell Schedule heading at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/>.

## **OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR HOME WITH THAI STUDENT**

Delightful student who loves to cook Thai food, be part of an American family activities while she attends Wilson. She loves Choir and Drama. This sophomore also enjoys younger children. A host can be a single woman, retired or any combination family. Host provides a bed, place to study, meals and encouragement as she navigates American culture and studies. She has her own insurance, spending money, and school fees. It is also possible to be a welcome family for 6-8 weeks, sharing your holiday activities. For more information call Mimi Sanders 503-293-6195, Program of Academic Exchange, approved by PPS and the US State Dept.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DEADLINES**

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### **PTA MEETINGS FOR THE 2013 2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

Monday, February 10, 2014 in the Library at 7:00pm

Monday, May 12, 2014 in the Library OR the Cafeteria at 7:00pm

Questions? Contact Chantal Wright at [chantalwright3@gmail.com](mailto:chantalwright3@gmail.com).

### **PTA PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT GATHERINGS FOR 2013 2014**

Tuesday, February 18, 2014; 6:30 - 8:00 in The Lounge

Wednesday, April 9, 2014; 6:30 - 8:00 in The Lounge

Interested to join this committee? Contact Carter Latendresse [carterlatendresse@yahoo.com](mailto:carterlatendresse@yahoo.com).

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## **SHOP LOCAL, MULTNOMAH AND HILLSDALE**

Golden Ticket, the popular shop local holiday coupon program, starts November 15<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> in Multnomah Village and Hillsdale. This is a buy local holiday coupon program that runs through the holiday season. Once you spend a certain amount at a participating store, you're given a **Golden Ticket**. You can then take that Golden Ticket to any of the OTHER 50+ participating Multnomah Village or Hillsdale merchants, and you will receive a promotional deal – perhaps a percentage off of your purchase, or a free item with purchase, or etc. Thanks for shopping and supporting local businesses this holiday season.

## **DATES FOR COMMUNITY RECYCLING COLLECTION**

Details at; <http://www.community-recycling.org/>. Bring items to St. Luke Lutheran Church, SW Vermont & 46<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland on:

January 11, 2014

April 12, 2014

July 12, 2014

October 11, 2014

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**ATHLETIC SCHEDULE** - All schedules subject to change. Check with coaches and the players.

**Always check with coaches for most up-to-date schedule**

### **Monday, December 16, 2013**

Wrestling – Frosh / Novice @ Lincoln 6:00 *Bus-5:00*

### **Tuesday, December 17, 2013**

Men's Basketball - @ Centennial 5:30 / 5:30 / 7:00 *Bus-3:45*

Women's Basketball – Sunset @ Wilson 4:15 / 5:45 / 7:30

### **Wednesday, December 18, 2013**

Wrestling - @ Franklin 4:00 Early release-2:10 *Bus-2:30*

### **Thursday, December 19, 2013**

Women's Basketball – Varsity @ Phoenix Tournament TBA (out all day)

### **Friday, December 20, 2013**

Men's Basketball – Newberg @ Wilson 4:15 / 5:45 / 7:30

Swimming - @ Dishman 6:00 *Bus-5:15*

Women's Basketball – Varsity @ Phoenix Tournament TBA (out all day)

### **Saturday, December 21, 2013**

Men's Basketball – Frosh @ Tualatin Noon *Vans-10:30*

Women's Basketball – Varsity @ Phoenix Tournament TBA

### **December 23, 24, 25, 2013 – No contests**

### **Athletic schedule continued**



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### **December 26, 2013**

Men's Basketball – Frosh / JV @ Barlow FR-11:00 / JV-12:30

### **December 27, 2013**

Men's Basketball – Frosh / JV @ Barlow TBA

Women's Basketball – Frosh / JV @ Summitt TBA

### **December 28, 2013**

Women's Basketball – Frosh / JV @ Summitt TBA

### **December 29, 2013**

Women's Basketball – Frosh / JV @ Summitt TBA

### **December 30, 31, 2013 / January 1, 2014 – No contests**

### **January 2, 2014**

Men's Basketball – Varsity @ Wyoming Tournament TBA

### **January 3, 2014**

Men's Basketball – Varsity @ Wyoming Tournament TBA

Women's Basketball @ Hillsboro 4:15 / 5:45 / 7:15

### **January 4, 2014**

Men's Basketball – Varsity @ Wyoming Tournament

Women's Basketball – Sandy @ Wilson 4:00 / 5:45 / 7:30

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**PTA SCRIP ORDERS, ORDER SCRIP NOW** ...Get your Scrip order in ... If you would like to order Scrip, please email Martha at: [schulte@easystreet.net](mailto:schulte@easystreet.net) or call 503-244-5072. Thinking of buying holiday or thank you gifts for your employees or clients? Then think scrip. Scrip is an easy way to support Wilson PTA that doesn't cost you anything extra--simply purchase gift cards for Fred Meyer, Kaady Car Wash, or many other local vendors. Orders are collected every Monday. Go to: [http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/Wilson\\_Fall\\_2013.pdf](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/Wilson_Fall_2013.pdf) for order forms.

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**ALUMNI NEWS** ... Wilson High School official alumni website: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com>

**ALUMNI CLASS REUNIONS** ... To find out about upcoming Class Reunions go to: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/reunions.htm>



## **WILSON GRADUATES WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE SERVING IN MILITARY**

To add your name and information to the archive of Wilson Military Graduates, click on this link: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/Military.html>.

**PPS ATHLETIC WEBSITE** Daily WHS Sports Schedules at <http://www.pilathletics.com/>

**PHONE #** Wilson 503-916-5280 . Attendance 503-916-5294

Note: PPS Athletic hotline is no longer in service. The Wilson Main Office will have the information when games are changed.

**WEATHER & EMERGENCY CLOSURE** <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/>. With winter weather fast approaching, all the information you need to know about weather related school closures, sign up for alerts and how the district makes their decision is available at: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/student-transportation/1404.htm>.

**FACULTY/STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION** - If you would like to contact faculty or staff at Wilson go to: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/>

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## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WILSON**

all dates are subject to change; always check events for possible date/time changes  
check with your counselor to confirm time, location, requirements for SAT and ACT test dates

For complete calendar listings, see official school calendar online  
at: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/>

**Please note: schedules can change at the last minute. Always check with your student, or teacher/coach, or call the school to confirm.**

### **DECEMBER**

17 WAVE performs at Portland Center Stage, 6:15-6:45pm

18 Pick up Grad Night Fundraiser - ordered pie, cobbler, fruit 2:30-6pm @ Snack Shack

23 – Jan 3 Winter Break

### **JANUARY**

6 Classes resume

6 Boosters 7pm, Faculty Lounge

9 AVID Family Night, 6:30-7:30pm

9 College Panel 6:30-7:30pm

11 Winter Formal, 7-10pm

20 MLK Day, school and office closed

27 NO SCHOOL, Teacher Planning Day

27 PTA Hospitality Staff Pancake Breakfast

29-30 Trojan Factor Auditions, 3:30-4:30pm

31 Coffee & Conversation, 8:15-9:15am

## FEBRUARY

13 Winter 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Night, 6:15-8pm  
14-15-16-20-21-22 Winter Play, 7pm  
17 Presidents' Day, school and office closed  
18 PTA Parent Education 6:30-8pm in The Lounge  
20 PTA meeting, 7pm Wilson Library  
26 Spring One-Act Auditions, 3:30-4:30pm  
27 Trojan Factor Dress Rehearsal, 3:30-4:30pm  
28 Trojan Factor Assembly 9:35-10:15am  
28 Coffee & Conversation, 8:15-9:15am

## MARCH

1 OMEA District 1 Solo, Ensemble, Vocal & Instrumental Festival  
3-4-5 Spring Play Auditions, 3:30-4:30pm  
3 Boosters 7pm, Faculty Lounge  
6 Advanced Acting Auditions, 3:30-4:30pm  
11 Winter Sports Awards  
12 Band Concert & Art Exhibit, 7pm  
14 Mr. Trojan, 7pm  
18 Career Expo  
21-30 Baseball Spring Trip  
21 Improv Marathon  
24-28 Spring Break

## APRIL

1-30 Student Art @ Baker & Spice in Hillsdale  
2 AVID Family Night, 6:30pm  
3 Spring Choir/Orchestra Concert and Art Exhibit, 7pm  
8 PIL District Choir Festival @ Grant  
9-12 Model UN Trip  
9 PTA Parent Education 6:30-8pm in The Lounge  
10-13 Drama Ashland Trip  
11 No School, Teacher Planning Day  
12 WHS PTA AUCTION 2014 PRESENTS "A GAME OF LIFE" 6PM  
22 Earth Day  
25 Coffee & Conversation, 8:15-9:15am  
26 Prom, 7pm  
~~27 Baseball Pancake Breakfast fundraiser~~ rescheduled to May 4

## MAY

3 OSAA State Vocal & Instrumental Competition  
4 Baseball Pancake Breakfast fundraiser – new date  
5-6-7-8-9-12-13-14-15-16 AP testing  
5 Boosters 7pm, Faculty Lounge  
10 Spring Play, 7pm  
11 Spring Play, 2pm  
12 Wilson PTA 7pm in the Wilson Library  
15 OSAA State Orchestra Competition  
15-16-17 Spring Play, 7pm  
20-21 Trojanantics, 7pm  
26 Memorial Day, School and office closed  
28 Band Concert and Art Exhibit, 7pm

## MAY CONTINUED

28-29 Spring One-Acts, 7pm

30 Coffee & Conversation, 8:15-9:15am

## JUNE

3 Spring Sports Awards, 7pm

4 Senior BBQ on the track

6 Troscars Theatre Awards, 8pm

11 Last Day of School

11 Wilson Graduation, 5:45pm at Memorial Coliseum

11 Wilson All Night Grad Party immediately following graduation

13 Teacher Planning Day

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