



Wilson Spotlight

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IMPORTANT: No Spotlight for the next two weeks.

Next Spotlight will be emailed on January 25, 2010.

YOUNG MUSICIAN SHINES

Zack Strater, Wilson senior started playing the piano in 1st grade. He took piano lessons from Allison at Multnomah Art Center for five years. At one point his piano teacher had Zack work on one piece ("Für Elise"- a Beethoven composition for solo piano) for an entire year. His parents (Sue and Jeff Strater) believed this helped him perfect his own compositions many years later. Zack doesn't just play the piano. He took up the bass guitar in 6th grade and has been taking lessons with Leroy Critcher. During the middle school years, Zack played with classmates (Connor O'Shea, Logan Ballard, and Sam Mihelic) outside of school and has also jammed with his brother Max Strater '08, who plays the guitar and drums. Zack enjoys performing and contributes to a positive atmosphere at school by participating in the Wilson talent shows. Just recently Zack was chosen to include one of his original compositions - "Parallels" - on the new SW PDX Young Musicians CD Vol. 1 produced by the Wilson Area Arts Council and Primal Digital, LLC. He performed the piece live at the CD Release Party at O'Connors in Multnomah on December 13 and mesmerized the crowd. "Really fun event," adds Liz Garnand, president Wilson Area Arts Council. "I hope we can continue this initiative. This is a very valuable conduit for the impressive young musicians and fans." After Zack graduates from Wilson, he may consider a minor in music at college. "Music is nice," states Zack. "You don't have to be rational or analytical, you can just let your mind go and play whatever you feel like." Stay tuned as we continue to spotlight the talented artists at Wilson High School.

OREGON CELL PHONE BAN STARTS JANUARY 1

A new Oregon law bans using mobile communications devices while driving unless you are using a hands-free device (drivers under 18 are banned from using any kind of mobile communications device whether it is hands free or not). The new law prohibits drivers of all ages from texting while driving. According to a 2009 Pew Research Center survey, 73% of teens ages 16-17 say they have been in a car when the driver was texting. Teens participating in National Highway Traffic Safety Administration focus groups reported that it was hard to control the car while holding the phone in one hand and a cigarette in the other. Some reported they had mastered the art of steering with their knees. The new law is intended to improve safety on Oregon roads by discouraging distracted driving, so let's stay safe!

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WILSON BAND WINTER CONCERT, JANUARY 12

The Wilson HS Instrumental Music Department will have their Winter Concert Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 pm in the Cosgrove Auditorium of Wilson HS. The Jazz Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Chamber Orchestra will perform, conducted by Paul Jolstead, Director of Wilson Bands. Attendance is free but donations are gladly accepted to help support the continuation of this excellent tradition at Wilson High School.

ONLY FOUR ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS LEFT

Wilson Track & Cross Country have only four Entertainment 2010 Books left for sale. They are only \$20 and have tons of great deals on restaurants, movies, grocery stores, lodging, car washes, sporting goods, the list goes on and on! People can contact Coach Del Gerber via email at: delgerber@excite.com, or they can call him at 503-638-8232. These last four books are complete profit for Wilson's Track & Cross Country programs.

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WHS 8TH GRADE FAMILY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 4

Eighth grade students and their parents are invited to attend this year's Wilson High School's Eighth Grade Family Night on February 4 at 7:00pm in the Wilson Auditorium. Questions, contact Erica Meyers at, emeyers@pps.k12.or.us.

SAVE DATE - BOOK SALE FEBRUARY 19, 20

Book Sale Event hosted by Grad Night is February 19 & 20 at Burlingame Church. We are still needing book donations. Drop off at WHS Office in our book box, or at SW Community Center at the main entrance.

SAVE DATE - RUMMAGE SALE, APRIL 16, 17

Rummage Sale hosted by Grad Night is April 16 & 17 at Burlingame Church. We need donations for our rummage sale. Looking for items ... If you have anything to donate please contact Kathy Phillips at (tkphillips6@gmail.com) to arrange for pickup or drop-off.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR WILSON PLANT AND ORGANIC VEGETABLE SALE, MAY 7

This year the Wilson PTA is resurrecting the Wilson Plant and Organic Vegetable Sale in **May, 2010**. Ninety percent of the proceeds from your order will go directly to your favorite group/program at Wilson. The Wilson PTA will receive the remaining 10% of all proceeds. If you would like **your group/program to receive proceeds** from the plant sale, send your name, group name/program name, and contact information to Linda Doyle at: lsdoyle@earthlink.net. Plant **orders will be due** to Wilson plant sale coordinators by **early April (exact date to follow)**. The New Leaf Greenhouse will **deliver our orders** to Wilson on **Friday, May 7 at noon**. This is one week before Mother's Day, so plan ahead. These are great presents for Mother's Day. We will also need help in May on the day of the distribution to unload the truck, separate orders, help hand out orders, and then cleanup. This is a lot of fun and a great way to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. So if you would like to help, contact Linda Doyle at lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

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2009-2010 STATEMENTS ARTICLE DEADLINES

If you would like to have news articles included in the Statements, below are the due dates.

<u>News articles due</u>	<u>E-Mail/mailling dates</u>
Monday, January 11, 2010 for Feb/Mar news	February 1, 2010
Monday, February 22, 2010 for April/May news	March 15, 2010
Monday, April 19, 2010 for June/July news	May 3, 2010
Monday, June 21, 2010 for summer/back-to school	July 12, 2010

WHS DAILY BULLETIN

Daily Bulletin Submissions has a change of email address. To email a submission for the Daily Bulletin, please the new email address of: wilsonbulletin@yahoo.com.

HAVE GOOD NEWS TO REPORT IN THE SPOTLIGHT? Send the details to Linda Doyle at lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

PTA SCRIP ORDERS

Get your Scrip order in... If you would like to order Scrip, please email Martha at schulte@easystreet.net at 503-244-5072.

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FEBRUARY 2010 SKI BUS TO MT. HOOD MEADOWS

The Ainsworth/Wilson Neighborhood Ski and Snowboard Group is now taking reservations for a ski bus to Mt. Hood Meadows. The program runs for four Sundays in February (7, 14, 21, & 28) and offers lessons for elementary and middle school aged children.

Sign up by January 22. This program is not sponsored or endorsed by Portland Public Schools. [Click here to learn about SnoBlasters, TrailBlazers, and High-School/Adult packages.](#) The bus leaves Portland at 7:00 am and returns at 5:30 pm. The meeting spot, bus departure and arrival is in front of Wilson High School. (1151 SW Vermont) Registration Deadline is January 22.

Contact Dianna Agon, organizer and chaperone of the program for more information. E-mail: d.agon@comcast.net. Home (503) 452-6863. Cell (503) 869-5340.

ROBERT GRAY ANNUAL MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

Help Robert Gray PTA raise money to fund all the fun events the PTA sponsors for the school year. Please purchase and/or re-new your magazines on-line. Go to <http://www.gsp.com/> and click shop now and enter the school # 425003082. Every magazine order will help us get closer to our goal and is much appreciated by the Robert Gray families.

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WILSON BAND PERFORMANCES/CONCERTS

Concerts & Other Activities: (all at Wilson unless otherwise noted)

- Tuesday, Jan. 12: Winter Concert
- Wednesday, April 14: Pre-Festival Concert
- Thursday, April 15: PIL Festival (not at Wilson)
- Tuesday, May 25: Spring Concert

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ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

All schedules subject to change!

Monday, January 4, 2010

No contests

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Men's Basketball @ Benson 4:15 / 5:45 / 7:30

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

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Wrestling @ Marshall 4:00

Thursday, January 7, 2010

Women's Basketball @ Franklin JV 5:45 Varsity 7:30

Friday, January 8, 2010

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

Saturday, January 9, 2010

Wrestling @ Woodburn TBA

Cheerleading Competitions

Feb 13 - Varsity Cheer State Competition (Portland Memorial Coliseum. All day) More info to follow.

Feb 14 - Junior Varsity Cheer State Competition (Portland Memorial Coliseum. All day.) More info to follow.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Wilson High School Official Alumni website: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/index.htm>.

ALUMNI CLASS REUNIONS

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

POSITIVE ALUMNI NEWS - Send the details to [Linda Doyle](#).

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

PHONE NUMBERS Wilson High School 503-916-5280 ... Attendance 503-916-5294 .. Athletic Hotline 503-916-3689

WEATHER & EMERGENCY CLOSURE www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us

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

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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

JANUARY 2010

4 School resumes

5 February ACT registration deadline

11 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm

12 Site Council 3:30pm

12 Booster Club 6:30pm

12 Band Concert 7pm

16-17 Wilson 24 for 8th Graders

18 MLK Jr Day, No School

20 NHS Induction of new members, 7:00pm

23 SAT testing

27 PTA meeting 7pm

30 Winter Formal

FEBRUARY

1 Teacher Planning Day No School

4 March SAT registration deadline

4 8th Grade Family Night 7pm

6 SAT testing

8 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm

9 Site Council 3:30pm

9 Booster Club 6:30pm

15 President's Day No School

19-20 Winter Play 7pm

21 Winter Play 2pm

25-26-27 Winter Play 7pm

26 PTA Career Pathways Fair

27 PIL Choir Solo Ensemble

MARCH

3-11 Students sign up to audition for Graduation Speaker
5 April ACT registration deadline
6 PIL Band Instrumental @ Grant
8-9-10 Spring Play auditions
8 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm
9 Site Council 3:30pm
9 Booster Club 6:30pm
12 Spring Dance
13 SAT testing
15 Annual Art Exhibit @ Baker & Spice opens
16 Winter Sports Awards 7pm
18 Choral-O-City
19 Improv Marathon
22-26 Spring Break

APRIL

4 60 Day Rule Begins for seniors
8-9-10 MUN Conference
9 Teacher Planning Day No School
9-10 Drama Trip to Ashland
10 PTA Auction @ MAC
10 ACT testing
12 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm
13 Pizzicato Hillsdale Wilson PTA fundraiser, all day
13 PIL Choral Festival @ Cleveland
13 Site Council 3:30pm
13 Booster Club 6:30pm
14 Graduation Speaker Audition
14 Band Concert 7pm
24 Spring Clean-up 9-Noon
24 Culture Night
25 Baseball Pancake Breakfast
28 ACT testing for Juniors
29 June SAT registration deadline

MAY

1 SAT testing
3-4-5-6-7 AP testing
7 Seniors, complete all Off-Campus Coursework
7 June ACT registration deadline
7 Prom, 8-11pm World Trade Center
8 6A State Choir Festival @ George Fox University
10-11-12-13-14 AP testing
10 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm
11 Site Council 3:30pm
11 Booster Club 6:30pm
14-15 Spring Play 7pm
16 Spring Play 2pm
20-21-22 Spring Play
21 Seniors, last day for Wilson to receive Official Grade Report for Off-Campus Coursework
25 Band Concert & Art Exhibit 7pm
25 PTA 7pm
27 Senior Awards Ceremony, time TBA
27-28 Trojanantics 7pm
31 Memorial Day No School

JUNE 2010

1-2 Senior Finals
2 Last day of school for seniors
2 Mandatory Senior Class meeting 2:15pm
3 Senior Awards Assembly, Senior BBQ
4 Troscars
5 SAT testing
8 Site Council 3:30pm
9 Graduation rehearsal 9:30am Memorial Coliseum
9 Graduation Memorial Coliseum 8pm
9 PTA Grad Night Party 10pm
12 ACT testing
15 Last Day of School

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