



*Wilson High School*

### **Wilson Spotlight**

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### **WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW**

According to the PTO Today, "all parents should get involved in their children's education" and see family as critical to student achievement. [Source: PTO Today Magazine] Research shows that when parents are involved in their children's education, the children are more likely to:

- attend school regularly
- score higher on tests
- complete homework assignments
- earn better grades
- pass their classes
- have better social skills
- show improved behavior
- be more positive in their attitude toward school; and
- graduate and continue their education.

Join with the many other involved parents at Wilson and make a meaningful difference in your child's life. Here's to a successful and happy school year!

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### **HOW YOU CAN HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

To those who believe they cannot change the world around us, Gandhi replied, "We must be the change we wish to see." Each of us must do our part to make a difference for Wilson students. Help the Wilson PTA make a difference this year! The PTA has achieved many accomplishments since Wilson opened its doors in 1956. Just last year we helped pay for choir risers for the auditorium. We provided grants to deserving student groups. We supported the successful Grad Night organizers, and we hosted events to support and celebrate our teachers throughout the school year.

This year we are **looking for** a parent to continue this tradition and to lead the Wilson PTA, as our **new PTA President**. You will work closely with Principal Sue Brent, Bernie Delaney (PTA VP), Jeanne Zuelke (PTA Treasurer), Leslie Baird (PTA Secretary), and other dedicated Wilson parents for an exciting new school year. We ask you to pick up the phone today and call because with your help we will have a successful school year -call Donna Rau at (503) 892-2502. Thank you!

### **WILSON CLUSTER CHALK ART FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 7**

Join us for the Wilson Cluster Chalk Art Festival, a FREE sidewalk chalk drawing art event for all ages and abilities, on Sunday, September 7, 2008 from 11am to 1pm at the Hillsdale Farmers Market, hosted by the Wilson Area Arts Council (WAAC). Show off your artistic flair as we celebrate the arts in the nine Wilson Cluster schools (Wilson, Robert Gray, Jackson, Hayhurst, Maplewood, Rieke, Capitol Hill, Stephenson, Markham). Talented chalk artists will provide tips and demonstrations during the event and help introduce our budding artists to the beauty of sidewalk chalk art. Artists are invited to stop by to pick up a bucket of chalk at no cost and create their work of art on the sidewalks, sponsored by Wilson Area Arts Council, PPS, Paloma Clothing, and Worksound. Don't miss this unique opportunity to have some fun! If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact Linda Doyle at [lsdoyle@earthlink.net](mailto:lsdoyle@earthlink.net).

### **CALLING ALL 2009 SENIOR PARENTS**

Graduation, on June 9, will be here before you know it! Please help us make the 2009 Grad Night Party a memorable celebration. Many plans are in the works and we want to let you know how you can be involved. This event happens only with parent efforts. To find out more about the 2009 Grad Party, come to the school year kickoff meeting on September 8th at 7:00pm in the Wilson faculty lounge. Future meetings will be held the FIRST MONDAY of each month. If you have any questions, contact Bev Warren-Leigh at [bevww@threeoaks.com](mailto:bevww@threeoaks.com) or 503-704-7553.

### **JOIN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL WILSON MOCK TRIAL TEAM**

Are you interested in being part of a successful Mock Trial team? Last year Wilson placed 4th in State. Learn litigation skills from attorney coaches and compete at the Multnomah County Courthouse against other schools. Students, come to an informational meeting Thursday, September 11, during Tutor Time in room 133.

## **2009 GRAD NIGHT PARTY REGISTRATION**

The Wilson 2009 Grad Night Party is June 9-10. This is an all night party for Wilson seniors to celebrate graduation. Tickets for this event are \$65, but will go up to \$80 after Jan. 5, 2009. Registration forms were in the senior registration packets. Extra copies may be found in the school office. Completed forms and payments may be turned into the office or mailed to: Wilson Grad Night Party, PO Box 80113, Portland, Or 97280-1113. Please register early as this helps in the planning of the event and financial grants are based on the number of students registered by Jan. 5th.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Over two million individuals were employed as artists in 2007 - representing a 5.2% increase from 2006. [Source: [http://www.artsusa.org/pdf/get\\_involved/advocacy/research/2008/artist\\_employment08.pdf](http://www.artsusa.org/pdf/get_involved/advocacy/research/2008/artist_employment08.pdf)] To learn more about how to support the arts in Wilson Cluster schools, go to the Wilson Area Arts Council webpage at <http://www.wilsonarts.org/index.htm>.

## **SCRIP ORDERS - BECAUSE WE'RE WORKING FOR WILSON**

Scrip is a great way to support Wilson while you shop. You purchase scrip for everyday expenses like food, clothing, and entertainment and a percentage of each dollar purchased goes to Wilson. It's easy for you and great for Wilson. There are a few new vendors, including McMenamin's! Don't hesitate to email or call if you would like to order scrip! Contacts: Martha ([schulte@easystreet.net](mailto:schulte@easystreet.net)) at 503-244-5072 or Gail ([elembke503@aol.com](mailto:elembke503@aol.com)) or 503 -246-3411. Thanks for participating!

## **WILSON FOOTBALL TEAM RETURNS**

Read more about this year's Wilson Football Team in the Portland Tribune by reporter Steve Brandon, August 30 at [http://www.portlandtribune.com/sports/story.php?story\\_id=122008644769539800](http://www.portlandtribune.com/sports/story.php?story_id=122008644769539800)

## **NEW TROJAN TOUCHDOWN CLUB**

Dear Wilson Football Parents and Supporters, we are excited to introduce Wilson Football's Trojan TouchDown Club! The purpose of this program is to bring together parents, friends, alumni, businesses and community members in support of Wilson High School Football. It is through our combined efforts that our players will continue to have safe equipment and all the components necessary to maintain a top-notch program. Wilson's Coaches are dedicated to giving your son an outstanding athletic experience while building their confidence and strength of character. As an added benefit, we are looking to raise the school spirit to an all-time high. We can only do this with support. Many have asked how they can get more involved with the football program. The Trojan TouchDown Club is the first place to start. For more information, or to join the TTDC, please contact Lance Troutman, 7325 SW 35th Ave, Portland, OR 97219 or 503-293-6255, [lancenpdx@yahoo.com](mailto:lancenpdx@yahoo.com). Looking forward to a fantastic 2008 Season! Proud to be a Trojan! Thank you for your support. (submitted by Aaron Olsen, Head Football Coach, Wilson High School)

## **YOUTH BUS PASSES ARE AVAILABLE**

Wilson High School has Youth Bus Passes for sale at \$26.00 per month. They can be purchased from the bookkeeper the week prior to the end of each month. Free/Reduced forms were mailed to families this summer. If you qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch you can apply for a free bus pass by filling out an additional form, available from the bookkeeper. Additional requirements are that you are attending your neighborhood school and live 1.5 miles from Wilson.

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## **WILSON AREA ARTS COUNCIL NEWS**

Take a look at WAAC's Special Edition Newsletter – Back to School, 2008. [http://www.wilsonarts.org/NEWSLETTERS/current\\_newsletter.htm](http://www.wilsonarts.org/NEWSLETTERS/current_newsletter.htm)

## **PAY IT FORWARD FOUNDATION OFFERS MINI-GRANTS FOR YOUTH**

Pay It Forward Mini-Grants are designed to fund one-time-only service-oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community. Projects must contain a "pay it forward" focus -- that is, they must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with the results growing exponentially - - to be considered for a mini-grant. Mini-grants of up to \$500 are available. Because funding is limited, projects requesting smaller amounts will be given priority. Deadline: September 15, 2008. Visit the Pay It Forward Foundation Web site for complete grant program guidelines and information at <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15014740/payitforward>.

## **STUDENT VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO APPLY FOR PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS**

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial ( <http://www.prudential.com> ) and administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals are designed to honor middle and high school students for volunteer community service. Eligible applicants include any young person in the United States who is in grades five through twelve and who has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least partly during the twelve months prior to the date of application. Local honorees are selected in November, and from these winners two state honorees are chosen in each state and the District of Columbia. Out of the state honorees, ten national honorees are selected and announced at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., in May of 2009. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for national recognition events. Deadline: October 31, 2008. National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000. Visit the program's Web site at <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15014741/prudential>.

## STUDENT YOUTH TRAVEL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Students planning educational travel programs but needing financial assistance can apply for a SYF "Road" Scholarship offered by the SYTA Youth Foundation, Inc. (SYF). The SYF provides scholarships five times a year with nomination deadlines in the summer, spring and fall. Teachers, principals, and other youth leaders can submit nominations. Complete information, specific deadlines and nomination forms are online at <http://www.sytayouthfoundation.org/>.

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## ALUMNI NEWS

### CLASS OF 1958 ... 50-YEAR REUNION ... SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2008

Class of 1958: 50th reunion - save the date - September 26-27, 2008; info available by contacting [WWHS.1958@comcast.net](mailto:WWHS.1958@comcast.net) or call Jack Bertell at 503 244 1533.

### CLASS OF 1963 ... 45-YEAR REUNION ... SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2008

The 45th Class Reunion is fast approaching for the Class of 1963. The reunion has been scheduled for: Friday, September 5 informal gathering at Billy Bang's on Macadam. Saturday, September 6 dinner and music at Red Tail Golf Course. If you would like more information, please contact Diane Saari Wiesner '63 at [dweezer5@comcast.net](mailto:dweezer5@comcast.net). They are looking for lost classmates, so please help us find your friends from 1963!

### CLASS OF 1968 ... 40-YEAR REUNION ... SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

40-Year Reunion - Wilson High School, Class of 1968 is scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2008 at the Embassy Suites - Downtown, 319 SW Pine St, Portland at 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM. Attire: Dressy Casual. Contact: 503-626-3669 or 1-800-474-3669 or email them at [wilson1968@classic-reunions.com](mailto:wilson1968@classic-reunions.com).

### CLASS OF 1998 ... 10-YEAR REUNION ... SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

The Wilson High School Class of 1998 10-year reunion will be held on Friday, September 5, 2008 at On Deck Sports Bar & Grill from 7:00pm – Midnight. For more information and to RSVP, please visit, <https://www.classicreunions.com/>. They are also hosting a picnic on Sunday, September 7, 2008 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Gabriel Park, SW 45th & Vermont, Portland, OR 97219. Bring Your Own Picnic.

### CLASS OF 1959 50TH REUNION ... Weekend of September 11-12-13, 2009

Wilson classmates of the Class of 1959 are planning for the 50th reunion. Our reunion will be the weekend of the 12th of September, 2009, the weekend includes the 11-13, but the major gathering will be the evening of the 12th. We are finalizing other plans in the next couple of weeks. Any questions or input regarding the reunion can be forwarded to the committee at [wilsongrad59@comcast.net](mailto:wilsongrad59@comcast.net).

**ALUMNI DATABASE** - Stay in touch and complete the simple online form at: <http://fifty.wilsonhs.com/alumni.shtml>.

**POSITIVE ALUMNI NEWS** - Send the details to [Linda Doyle](mailto: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** <http://www.wilsonhs.com/> (go to bottom of page on website)

**FACULTY/STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION** - If you would like to contact faculty or staff at Wilson go to: <http://www.wilsonhs.com/pageone.php>

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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

### SEPTEMBER

4 Full day for ALL students  
5 Drama Potluck 3:30pm  
7 Chalk Art Festival 11am-1pm Hillsdale Farmers Market  
8 Grad Night kickoff meeting 7pm Wilson Faculty Lounge  
8-9 Fall Play "Mousetrap" auditions  
9 Site Council 3:30pm  
9 PTA 7pm Faculty Lounge  
9 October SAT registration deadline  
11 Booster @ Bamboo Grove 6pm  
23 Parent Pizza Dinner 5:30pm  
23 Freshmen Parent 101 6:15pm  
23 Back-to-School Night 7pm  
26 Powder Puff Football 7pm  
26 November SAT registration deadline  
27 Athletic Department off-site BBQ fundraiser **CANCELLED**

### OCTOBER

2 Performing & Visual Arts Fair @ PSU 7am-9pm  
3-4 Wilsingers + Retreat  
3-4 National College Fair @ Convention Center  
4 SAT testing  
6 Grad Night meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge  
7 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge  
9 Boosters @ Bamboo Grove 6pm  
10 Statewide In-service NO SCHOOL  
14 One Act Auditions  
14 Site Council 3:30pm  
15 PSAT NMSQT for Sophomores (FREE) and Juniors, EXPLORE for Freshmen  
21 College & Career Options 7pm  
22 Study Abroad/Foreign Exchange Opportunities @ Lincoln 6-9pm  
23 Picture Make-up Day  
24 Teacher Professional Development NO SCHOOL  
24 Homecoming Dance  
25 ACT testing  
27-Nov 7 Choir Wreath Sale  
31 Fall Play "Mousetrap" 7pm

NOVEMBER

10 Teacher Planning Day NO SCHOOL  
11 Veterans' Day NO SCHOOL  
24-26 Conferences NO SCHOOL  
27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

1 Professional Development NO SCHOOL  
22-Jan 4 Winter Break NO SCHOOL

MARCH

23-27 Spring Break

JUNE 2009

9 Last day of school  
9 Wilson graduation 8pm

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