



Wilson High School

Wilson Spotlight

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TWO SENIORS TAKE ON UNIQUE SUMMER EXPERIENCES

This past summer **Kirsten Paasche '09** was selected to represent the Kruse Way Rotary as a summer exchange student to Austria. She spent four weeks with a family home stay, then brought her host sister back with her for four weeks home stay with the Paasche family. Always up for a challenge, the young students presented their experience in front of the entire Rotary group with a Power Point slide presentation. After finishing her junior year, **Miranda Paasche '09** served five weeks with Northwest Youth Corp working with a crew of eight other youth clearing trails, re-habiting a defunct fish hatchery and overall trail improvements in southern Oregon around Gold Beach. She camped the entire time with her crew, cooking their own meals and studying environmental education. Congratulations to Kirsten and Miranda and their parents, **Delanie and Carl Paasche!**

WILSON JUNIOR EXCELS OVER SUMMER

Always looking for the next challenge, **Katie Gourley '10** spent this summer taking an intensive Pre-Calculus class at PCC! It was a grueling five hours a day, four days a week right smack in the middle of summer for five weeks! Katie never missed a class, did her homework diligently every night, and got an A+ for the course. "We are very proud of her and really appreciate the encouragement her teachers at Wilson (and Jackson) have given her," states Cecily Gourley. "She is shooting for the stars and has had lots of help." Keep up the good work, Katie! Congratulations to her parents, **Cecily Gourley and Daniel Taylor.**

Three more Wilson students enhancing their education over the summer by engaging in unique and rigorous, positive summer experiences. What did your student do this summer? Let us know, we'd love to share it in the next Spotlight. Please send details to Linda Doyle at lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

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OCTOBER PTA MEETING RESCHEDULED

Please note that the Wilson PTA Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, has been **rescheduled to Tuesday, November 4**. Exciting things are happening with the PTA this year, so make sure to join us on November 4.

CROSS COUNTRY TAKES HOME A TROPHY

Congratulations to coaches **Del Gerber** and **Thor Esbensen!** The Wilson **Varsity Boys Cross Country** team brought home a trophy from the 9th Annual New Balance Festival of Champions held at Western Oregon University in Monmouth on September 23. They took **4th Place** in the Varsity Boys Invitational race. The varsity runners were **Zach Seely, Graham Kinzel-Grubbs, Matt Klein, Anthony Smith, Kyle Dolinar, Gabriel Penk, Brody Wear, Will Olson, Aaron Poplack** and **Logan Ballard**. Job well done to our coaches and student-athletes!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT FOR ALL WILSON PARENTS SEPTEMBER 23

This is your opportunity to hear from the administrators, meet your students' teachers and find out about programs, curriculum, clubs and learn the layout of the school. Join us for Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, September 23. Wilson Clubs/Athletics will have tables in the hallway for you to learn about them. Refreshments will be in the Auditorium Foyer or Main Hallway. Counselors will be available as well this evening. Pick up your students school pictures and Parent Assist ID card in the Main office at Back to School Night.

5:30pm – Parent Pizza Dinner Fundraiser (see article below)

6:00pm – Freshman Parent 101 with counselors and administrators

6:20pm – Optional for all – "The 9th Grade Brain" by Laura Barbour

6:30pm - Presentation to all parents followed by rotation to each of your students' classes.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT PIZZA FEED - SEPTEMBER 23

Back-to-School Night is designed to get to know teachers and your child's school routine. It is also a chance to see other parents and reconnect with friends that you haven't seen for a while. This year, we are giving parents the time to socialize by holding a Pizza Feed prior to the night's events. This is a Booster Club membership drive and auditorium fundraiser. Join the Booster Club (\$20.00 for 2 parent households, \$15.00 for single parent households) and eat Pizza for Free! Come join us at 5:30pm – 7:00pm on September 23 in the CAFETERIA. Auditorium improvement donations are also welcome.

SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT DURING FINALS

Encourage your children during finals by sending them a "Sweet Gram." For only \$4.00, delicious cookies from [Baker & Spice](#) or other sweet treats from local bakeries will be hand delivered to your child's class, along with your personalized message of encouragement. **Orders** must be received in the school office **no later than Monday, October 20**. Treats will be delivered before November 1. If ordering for this 1st quarter, please send \$4.00 (cash or check made out to Wilson PTA Grad Night.) If you would like to order a delivery for all four quarters, please send \$15.00. Bring your payment and information into Wilson's front office or mail to: Attn: WHS Grad Night, 1151 SW Vermont Ave., Portland, OR 97219. Include the following with your payment: Child's full name: _____; Grade: _____; 2nd Period Teacher/Rm#: _____; Your message: _____. Please send all correspondence, Attn: WHS Grad Night. Questions, contact Patty at terriere@quik.com or 503-245-5703.

"THE MOUSETRAP" RETURNS TO WILSON

Agatha Christie comes forth with another hit about a group of strangers stranded in a boarding house during a snow storm, one of whom is a murderer, in a reprise of a Wilson Drama favorite, The Mousetrap. The suspects include the newly married couple who run the house, and the suspicions that are in their minds nearly wreck their perfect marriage. Others are a spinster with a curious background, an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef, a retired Army major, a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a drift, and a jurist who makes life miserable for everyone. Into their midst comes a policeman, traveling on skis. He no sooner arrives, than the jurist is killed. Two down, and one to go. To get to the rationale of the murderer's pattern, the policeman probes the background of everyone present, and rattles a lot of skeletons. Another famous Agatha Christie switch finish! Chalk up another superb intrigue for the foremost mystery writer of her time. Originally performed at Wilson under the direction of longtime director Julie Accuardi, The Mousetrap is a crowd favorite. The **Mousetrap runs October 31, November 1, 7, and 8 with shows beginning at 7:00pm, and November 2 and 9 with shows beginning at 2:00pm**. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students/faculty, on sale at the door only, and all performances take place in the Cosgrove Auditorium on the campus of Wilson High School. For more information, contact Wilson High School at 503.916.5280. Join us for a wonderful evening of suspense and mystery!

HELP US KEEP THE WEST HILLS ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Wilson's Chamber Orchestra is at a critical juncture for this school year. **Your help is needed** to fund a before-school class for strings. Wilson needs to raise \$5,000 to help pay for the strings teacher. The class is open for Wilson, Robert Gray, and Jackson orchestra students. When you give support with a financial gift, you help make it possible for us to offer music instruction to all interested and deserving students. All donations, regardless of size, will help us reach our goal. All of your generous gift is tax deductible. **Send your tax deductible contribution** (payable to Wilson High School with "Strings" in the memo line) to: Erica Meyers, Wilson Business Manager • Wilson High School • 1151 SW Vermont •Portland, Oregon 97219. Help us keep the west hills alive with the sound of music. Thank you!

JOIN THE BOOSTER CLUB

If you are looking for a way to get involved with Wilson High School, meet new people and have fun, join the Booster Club! The Booster Club is a non-profit organization that supports all extra-curricular activities: athletics, clubs, and various school functions at Wilson. We raise money through concession stands at various athletic events, selling Christmas trees, membership and donations. We meet once a month at the school. (check calendar for future meetings). If you don't have time to come to the meetings, please join anyway. Membership is \$20.00 for two parent households and \$15.00 for single parent households. Membership forms are available at Back-to-School Night and in the office. Your financial support is always welcome.

WEAR WILSON - SUPPORT WILSON

Wilson Products like t-shirts, sweatshirts, scarves, blankets, water bottles and hats can be purchased at the Football Concession Stand and at Garden Home Thriftway. Proceeds support the Wilson Boosters and your kids!

SEASONS & REGIONS AND WILSON CHEERLEADERS

Help send Wilsons Cheerleading squad to Nationals in Anaheim. When you purchase gift certificates for \$25.00, Seasons & Regions has agreed to donate 25% to Wilsons cheerleading squad. Certificates are great birthday or holiday gifts for friends, family and co-workers. Certificates will be available through the end of December. Orders can be delivered same day. Email orders to: wcmac007@comcast.net.

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 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.

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! Check it out at: <http://www.wilsonhs.com/pageone.php>. Don't hesitate to email or call if you would like to order scrip! Contacts: Martha (schulte@easystreet.net) at 503-244-5072 or Gail (elembke503@aol.com) or 503 -246-3411. Thanks for participating!

STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND PARENTS - AIDS WALK - OCTOBER 12

Come join the Wilson team as we show our support for AIDS education and prevention in this year's AIDS walk. Fundraising will benefit the Cascade AIDS project. The walk is on October 12, from 8:30 - 12:00, at Pioneer Square. It is free to walk and you can register online at www.aidswalkportland.org. Go to the registration page, choose to join a team, and select Wilson High School. More details will come as we get closer to the event and as people sign up. See Mr. Martin with questions in room 19.

HAVE GOOD NEWS TO REPORT IN THE SPOTLIGHT?

Send the details to Linda Doyle at lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

WHS DAILY BULLETIN

This is a great way to stay informed about what is happening at Wilson on a daily basis! If you don't already receive the Wilson Daily e-Bulletin, please contact Sara Mattheisen at: smatthei@pps.k12.or.us.

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ATHLETICS

Powder Puff Football Game is Friday, 9/26 in the stadium at 7:00pm. Gates open at 6:00 and admission is \$5.00.

Tuesday, September 23:

Men's Soccer vs. Madison - JV @ Gabriel Park @ 4:15 (Team release @ 3:00)
Men's Soccer vs. Madison - Varsity @ 4:15 in the Stadium
Women's Soccer vs. Gresham - JV @ 4:15 - Rieke
Women's Soccer vs. Gresham - Varsity @ 7:00 in the Stadium
Volleyball vs. Benson - JV/JV2 @ 5:00 Varsity @ 6:30

Wednesday, September 24:

Cross-Country @ Gresham (Rooster Rock) @ 4:00 (Team release @ 1:55 - Bus @ 2:15)
Men's Soccer - JV2 @ OES @ 4:15 (Team release @ 2:45 - No Bus)
Women's Soccer vs. Lincoln - JV2 @ Gabriel Park @ 4:15 (Team release @ 2:40 - Bus @ 3:00)

Thursday, September 25:

Football: Frosh @ Cleveland @ 4:00 (Bus @ 2:40)
Football: JV @ Springfield @ 6:00 (Bus @ 3:00)
Men's Soccer @ Grant - JV & Varsity @ 4:15 (No Bus)
Volleyball vs. Grant - JV/JV2 @ 5:00 Varsity @ 6:30

Friday, September 26:

Powder Puff Football - Stadium @ 7:00
Women's Soccer - JV2 @ Newberg @ 4:30 (Team release @ 2:25 - Bus @ 2:45)

Saturday, September 27:

Volleyball - Varsity @ Tigard Tournament @ 8:00am

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ROBERT GRAY PARENT ORGANIZES CONCERT SERIES

Jeff Kauffman, Robert Gray parent and choir director at Christ United Methodist Church, has organized a **concert series** with "Ten evenings of magical performances that will fill your soul without emptying your wallet." Events are: **October 11** Samba Soleil with guests Rio Con Brio; **November 15** Tobias Andersen in "Darrow"; **December 13** John Nilsen; **January 10** Linda Hornbuckle & Janice Scroggins; **February 14** Melinda Strobel in "Women of the Wild West"; **March 14** John Doan; **April 4** Improv Comedy with Bobbi Kidder and Ed Gangner; **May 9** "World Famous Mime" Daniel Stein in "Timepiece"; and **June 6** Michael Allen Harrison. TIME: All concerts start at 7:30pm and is open seating. Tickets: \$15. Location: [Christ United Methodist Church](http://www.christunitedmethodistchurch.org), 12755 NW Dogwood (in Cedar Mill neighborhood). More about Jeff, go to <http://jeffreykauffman.net/> and check out the flyer at <http://www.gocamping.org/events/RaveInTheNavePoster08.pdf>. You can **call Elaine** at CUMC at 503-646-1598 to **reserve tickets** anytime.

Jeff Kauffman is generously offering **FOUR single FREE tickets** to the first event **ONLY on October 11, Samba Soleil**. The **first four people**, with a commitment to donate \$1 or more to the [Wilson Area Arts Council](http://www.wilsonarts.org), should send an email to Linda Doyle at lsdoyle@earthlink.net and provide their name and telephone number. The winners will receive a free ticket **ONLY FOR THE OCTOBER 11 EVENT** and will be put on the "door list" at the event, October 11 Samba Soleil at 7:30pm. Opening the show this evening will be Rio Con Brio, an intimate choro group, and then Jeff's larger latin group will take the stage and do a lot of Brazilian, Afro-Cuban and other material. If you want to buy tickets for the October 11 show, please call Elaine at the telephone number shown above.

COMMUNITY TO ADVISE SUPERINTENDENT ON ENROLLMENT AND TRANSFER

Community members are invited to apply to join a citizens committee on student enrollment and transfer issues. The purpose of the committee is to meet regularly with District staff regarding enrollment and transfer policies and practices, and to provide advice to the Superintendent on continually improving our school choice system. Qualified applicants should be experienced at community advocacy, maintain a broad, district-wide perspective and should be available to review materials and attend monthly meetings beginning in October 2008. For more information and a downloadable application (including English and Spanish versions), go to <http://cms9.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/12679>. We will begin reviewing applications the week of Oct. 6, but will accept applications until all of the 9-12 committee seats have been filled. Judy Brennan, Family Support & School Choice Director, 503.916.2000 x.1168, jbrennan@pps.k12.or.us.

PPS SEEKS INPUT ON SCHOOL RENOVATION CRITERIA

The Portland School Board is seeking public input on staff-developed criteria to prioritize major facility improvements across the district. Once finalized, the criteria will guide Portland Public Schools as it develops an ordered list for school renovations or rebuilding. PPS staff began 18 months ago to identify deficiencies and needs of the district's 85-plus schools, then presented the information at schools and worked with the public to develop recommendations for each building. The recommendations to rebuild or renovate largely depend on the overall condition of the buildings. The order of work, however, will depend on additional factors such as geographic location, prior commitments and the availability of temporary space, to name a few. For a complete list of proposed criteria, go to: <http://www.reshape.pps.k12.or.us/>. **The school board would like to receive comments on the criteria through e-mail at schoolboard@pps.k12.or.us.** There will be an opportunity for public testimony at the September 29 school board meeting, which begins at 7pm at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St. People who would like to address the school board should contact the school board office at 503-916-3741 to sign up to testify.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR COCA-COLA SCHOLARSHIPS

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation awards 50 four-year \$20,000 scholarships and 200 four-year \$10,000 scholarships for use at accredited colleges and universities within the US; Rewards leadership and excellence as exemplified through academic achievement and extracurricular activities, including commitment to community service; Applications must be submitted by October 31 of the senior year to qualify. Applicants must be a current high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the US; US Citizens; US Nationals; US Permanent Residents; Temporary Residents (in a legalization program); Refugees; Asylees; Cuban-Haitian Entrants; or Humanitarian Paroles; Seniors anticipating completion of a high school diploma during the academic year in which application is made; Seniors planning to pursue a degree at an accredited US post-secondary institution; and Seniors carrying a minimum 3.0 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school. For application go to: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants.cfm?id=4&gid=25364>.

HILLSDALE FARMERS MARKET, THREE SQUARE GRILL, SLOW FOOD NATION

To read more go to: http://www.oregonlive.com/foodday/index.ssf/2008/09/fast_times_for_oregonians_at_s.html.

TOSHIBA/NSTA EXPLORAVISION AWARDS

Students will invent our future. They'll discover new, improved technologies and scientific advancements that will create tomorrow's world. But how do we encourage them to make these breakthroughs? We challenge them to open our eyes and minds. You can get your students to start opening their minds by having them compete in the ExploraVision Awards competition. Sponsored by Toshiba and administered by the National Science Teachers Association, the ExploraVision competition gives students in grades K – 12 the chance to create their own visions of the future. Student teams select and research a current technology and then explore what it could be like 20 years from now. Members of the four first-place teams will each receive a \$10,000 US Savings Bond and an expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC to be recognized for their achievements. Big thinking and big stakes — those are great reasons for your students to start imagining the future. For details go to: <http://exploravision.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 or call Jack Bertell at 503 244 1533.

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.

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

23 5:30pm – Parent Pizza Dinner Fundraiser
23 6:00pm – Freshman Parent 101 with counselors and administrators
23 6:20pm – Optional for all – “The 9th Grade Brain” by Laura Barbour
23 6:30pm - Presentation to all parents followed by rotation to each of your students' classes
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 **RESCHEDULED - NO MEETING TONIGHT**
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 Pizzicato Pizza Hillsdale fundraiser for Wilson all day
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

4 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
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

JANUARY

6 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge

FEBRUARY

3 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge

MARCH

3 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
23-27 Spring Break

APRIL

6 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
14 Pizzicato Pizza Hillsdale fundraiser for Wilson all day

MAY

4 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge

JUNE 2009

9 Last day of school
9 Wilson graduation 8pm

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