



Wilson High School

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WILSON ARTISTS DISPLAY THEIR WORKS

The Portland Metro Scholastic Art Award Program will have the 2009 reception at Pacific Northwest College of Art. Thursday January 15th from 6:00pm -8:00pm. The art exhibit will be on display from January 11-31. The Scholastic Art and Writing Award program has been around for 85 years. This is the regional program affiliated with the National program. Art Work from students grades 7-12 in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington County schools will be on display. A number of Wilson students have submitted work for this juried recognition program. Good luck to our students!

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BOOSTER CLUB CHRISTMAS TREES SALE A SUCCESS!

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that helped make this year's Christmas Tree Sales at A-Boy a success. We raised a lot of money to help support Wilson students with their many extra-curricular activities: athletics, clubs, and various school functions. The Booster Club would also like to thank A-Boy and Barbur Rentals for their continued support. We would also like to send a special thank you to **Rick Hascall** for volunteering to run the sale this year. He put in many long, cold hours to help make this year's sale a success.

TODAY (JANUARY 12) IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE GRAD PARTY AT THE REDUCED PRICE!

We will accept your \$65.00 payment and completed forms for the grad party until the end of the day (or postmarked) on Monday, January 12. Starting on January 13, the price for the party goes up to \$80.00. Scholarships are limited and will only be able to cover a percentage of the full price of a ticket. So to take advantage of this opportunity and get your student signed up now for the perfect graduation celebration! Download the registration forms from the Wilson website at <http://wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10174>. Completed forms and payments maybe dropped in the Grad Night locked box in the school office or mailed to: Wilson Grad Night Party, PO Box 80113, Portland, OR 97280-1113. You will need your student's shot and medical insurance information and your student will need to sign the facility waiver. Thank you! Bev Warren-Leigh, Grad Party Chair, bev@threеоaks.com.

TRACK & FIELD MEETING JANUARY 14

Del Gerber, Track & Field Coach, is holding a meeting this **Wednesday, January 14, at 7pm** in his classroom, room 235, regarding current fund raising projects, including the 2009 auction. He is looking for those parents that can help him with a variety of tasks between now and the start of the season. Any parent of a returning athlete, or a parent of a current freshman who has not been added to our track and field email list can email Del Gerber at: delgerber@excite.com to get on the list or communicate with him.

PICK YOUR WINTER FORMAL FLOWERS AT Z-FIORI THIS THURSDAY, FRIDAY

Make it a date or go it alone or with friends to Z-Fiori in the Hillsdale Shopping Saturday between 10a.m. and 6p.m. January 15 or January 16 to pick out your Winter Formal corsage and/or boutonniere. You will see samples to help you decide just the right colors and style. Maybe you want to be super-creative, or you're planning on going traditional. Z-fioris will help you choose just the right touch. *BONUS* You will get \$2 off your Winter Formal flower order IF you order and pay for it this Thursday or Friday. **BONUS** Your order will help the senior class have a fabulous Grad Party. Ten percent of your Winter Formal flower purchase goes to the 2009 Grad Party.

PORTLAND SPORTS AND FITNESS FESTIVAL

Another event that is coming up this next weekend is the Portland Sports and Fitness Festival. It will be a sports extravaganza held at the Memorial Coliseum on Saturday, January 17 from 9am-6pm, and Sunday, January 18 from 9am-5pm. There will be 18 different fitness stations set up around the coliseum, music provided by a local station, and a demonstration field and stage. They plan on having a whole range of sports represented, from the traditional ones such as football, soccer basketball, golf and tennis, but also including some less traditional ones such as rugby, ultimate frisbee, tae kwon do, cheer, and pilates. A learn-by-doing track clinic and track meet will be held on Saturday. There is a concourse walk on Saturday (9-11am), an indoor 3K run on Sunday (at 10am), as well as an outdoor 5K run or walk on Sunday (run at 9am, walk at 9:30am). The event is set up to raise money for middle school track and running programs. The tickets are \$8 per individual(good for both days) and \$20 for a family(5 ticket packet). Del Gerber has 50 tickets that he can sell to earn some profit for the track program at Wilson. Parents and students wishing to buy tickets can contact me at school through their sons and daughters, or they can email Deb Gerger at delgerber@excite.com. There is an event website at www.sportfitnw.com. "I am encouraging everyone to come down to the coliseum this weekend and check it out!" states Del.

WINTER FORMAL JANUARY 31

Winter Formal is January 31 at the Tiffany Center! Tickets are on sale. Buy now! Space is limited. Single - \$25, Couple - \$40. See bookkeeper to purchase!

WILSON EXCHANGE STUDENT NEEDS HOST FAMILY

Every year The Rotary Club of Portland brings together exchange students from around the world and places them with families to enjoy a year with our students. Right now The Rotary Club of Portland is gathering names of potential host parents for this and next school year. This year's student is **Davide a Senior from Sardinia**. His current host is the Carpenter Family. We wish to find a **host family for him from Spring Break through Graduation** until about the beginning of July. Please call Stephanie Selser '62 for more information at: 503 521-8016, 503 318-5307 cell, or email at:stephysel@verizon.net.

TRACK & FIELD COLLECTING OLD EQUIPMENT

Del Gerber, Track & Field Coach, is collecting used cell phones, old laptops and ink jet cartridges (sorry, no toner cartridges), iPods, and digital cameras as fundraiser again this year. "Anyone wishing to help us out can bring them to me at Wilson, or they can drop them off at the office to my attention," adds Del. Thanks for all you do to help out our young students! Questions, contact Del at delgerber@excite.com.

TAKE PRACTICE SAT AT WILSON

Attention Wilson students and parents! Students, you can take the Sample SAT for only \$15. This is a low-stress test using real SAT questions from the current test. The **test** is at Wilson, in the cafeteria, on **Saturday, March 14**. Check-in is at 8:30am and the test runs from 9-1:30pm. Registration forms are in the office or can be e-mailed to you by contacting Peggy at WilsonPractSAT@q.com. **March 6** is the **deadline for registration** for Practice SAT @ Wilson. There is no reason to wait to register, sign-up now to guarantee a spot. Middle school students welcomed!

BOOSTER SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, the Wilson Boosters award \$500.00 scholarships to two college bound seniors. The senior must have a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA, be a good student, and a leader. This is not a need-based scholarship. Several short essays along with the application form, unofficial transcript and resume need to be submitted to the Booster Club by March 6th, 2009. Please see the Scholarship Application form in the Statement or you can get a copy at Wilson's counseling office. Click here for the application form: http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10244/f/Booster_Scholarship_Form.pdf.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB - ENTERPRISE ACADEMY FEBRUARY 6-8 - OPPORTUNITY FOR WILSON STUDENTS

Every year the Portland Rotary Club provides an opportunity for high school students to explore the challenges and opportunities of our free enterprise system. Enterprise Academy is an innovative weekend seminar that allows students to interact with successful businesspeople and to participate in a highly informative and enjoyable team project. The event has a reputation for excellence and attracts top-notch speakers in product innovation, finance, labor relations, marketing, law, advertising, customer service, and retailing. This year **Enterprise Academy** will be a weekend-long seminar held **Friday, February 6 through Sunday, February 8** at Canby Grove Camp and Retreat Center. Students will work in competitive teams and learn key concepts of business, group collaboration and ethical business practices. Over 80 students from high schools across the metropolitan area lend their own diverse backgrounds and views to the value of the final product. Students will spend two nights in a retreat atmosphere with their teammates and advisors - chaperoned at all times. Wilson HS students have been involved each year and we hope to have a strong showing again this year. **Student applications and teacher recommendations must be received by the week of January 26, 2009** at the latest. Students will be accepted on a first come/first served if qualified basis. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and have a demonstrated ability to get along well with others, including adults. Students with special needs will be accommodated and are encouraged to apply. **Applications are available** through Jennifer Singer, Wilson faculty, and in Wilson's Main Office. Questions, please contact Carie Strahorn at 503.242.1300.

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 the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria. (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 in the office and in the Wilson Statement. Your financial support is always welcome. Click here for the membership form: http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10245/f/Wilson_Booster_membership_Form.pdf

WEAR WILSON - SUPPORT WILSON

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

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UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

February 3 Cluster Concert (Robert Gray, Jackson, Wilson Bands)
February 19-22 and 26-28 the musical "Rent"
February 28 Instrumental Solo/Ensemble at Grant HS
March 7 Vocal Solo/Ensemble at Wilson
April 15 PIL Band Festival (Wind Ensemble)
May 2 OSAA State Solo Contest
May 16 OSAA State Band Contest
June 2 Spring Band Concert

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SOFTBALL BEGINS

Softball conditioning begins Tuesday, January 13 at 3:45pm. Bring blue/white cards, appropriate clothing and shoes, water and jump rope. Meet at the track.

MEN'S LACROSSE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Wilson Men's Lacrosse Club registration is now open! Interested players should sign up on-line by following the registration link on the Men's Lacrosse Website www.wilsonlax.org . The **deadline to register is January 18**. For more information see the website www.wilsonlax.org .

TUTORING AND CONSULTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS IN SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Wilson Writing Center is now open every period on Wednesday & Thursday in the library. If you need help with an English Essay, Science Lab or College application essay, or other writing assignments, please either make an appointment or stop by and talk with a writing consultant. Also, we have tutors available to help with any subject on Wednesday afternoons, Thursday during Tutor time, and Friday during seventh period. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get some assistance with your classroom assignments.

IRCO AT WILSON - NEW CLUB

IRCO (Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization) is branching out and partnering with Wilson High School in order to offer a YWEP Club for African and Slavic girls on Fridays in the career center, room 149, from 2:30-4:00pm here at Wilson. The club will be run by counseling intern Holly Ikola and IRCO representative Lua Masumi. Meetings will consist of private consultation and case management from 2:30-3:15 and homework help, stem activities, college application assistance and leadership opportunities from 3:15 to 4:00pm. If you have any questions about this group you can email either Lua at Luam@mail.irco.org or Holly at hikola@pps.k12.or.us We hope to see you there!!

RESERVE A COPY OF 2008-2009 YEARBOOK

Wilson's Yearbook Advisor, Keith Higbee wants everyone to know that this year's staff is hard at work on the 2008-2009 yearbook which is looking even better than last year's: we are shooting for national awards this year. If you have not yet reserved a copy of this sure to be stellar book, make sure to purchase yours from the bookkeeper this month before the price goes up in January.

SENIOR AD AND PARENTS AD IN YEARBOOK

Seniors and senior parents, it's time to submit your senior yearbook ad and your congratulatory yearbook ad for your senior. For more information visit <http://wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10232>. Any questions, email Higbee at teachhigbee@mac.com or stop by rooms 137/214.

'09 GRADUATION NIGHT BENEFIT BOOK SALE FEBRUARY 7

A fundraiser book sale supporting Wilson's 2009 graduation night sendoff gala for departing seniors will be presented at Burlingame Baptist Church (on Barbur, across from Fulton Community Center) on Saturday, **February 7**, from 9:00 to 5:00. Bargain books, videos, DVDs and books-on-tape of all types will be available. Volunteers are at work organizing the event now. Tell your friends and turn out yourself to support this worthy cause (and bring home some good reading or viewing material). In the meantime, donations of books and videos can be dropped off in the marked bins adjacent to the main entrance to the school. Contact: Tim Leigh, 503-380-8445, tim@leighcompany.com.

HOMEWORK, LISTEN TO MUSIC ... ALL AT THE HILLSDALE LIBRARY

Hillsdale Library's Teen Lounge and Homework Center has expanded it's hours! Use library computers, get homework help or just do your homework and listen to music. For teens in grades 6-12. Thursdays, 2:30-5:30. Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd.

SWCC HOMEWORK CLUB & WHS TUTOR TIME

There is free tutoring at the Southwest Community Center for Wilson students. Wednesday from 3:45pm - 5:45pm and Thursday from 2pm - 4pm there is tutoring with supervision. And, students will receive a free pass to the SWCC for every day they attend an hour of tutoring! Free after school food will also be provided. Contact Josh Leavitt at 503-953-9575 for more information.

SCRIP ORDERS

Scrip is a great way to support Wilson. It's easy for you and great for Wilson. 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 (elembeke503@aol.com) or 503 -246-3411.

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

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

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WILSON ATHLETICS

always recheck date/time, as schedules changes

Tuesday, January 13

Men's Basketball @ Madison 4:00 / 5:45 / 7:30 FR/JV Early release – 2:30

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

Wednesday, January 14

Wrestling @ Benson 6:30 Bus – 5:00

Women's Basketball @ Canby 5:45 / 5:45 / 7:15 Bus – 3:30

Thursday, January 15

No contests

Friday, January 16

Men's Basketball @ Grant 4:00 / 5:45 / 7:30 FR/JV Early release – 2:30

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

Swimming vs. Benson @ Dishman 6:00 Bus – 5:15

Saturday, January 17

Women's Basketball JV West Linn @ Wilson 12:00

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SPANISH IMMERSION COURSE IN MADRID THIS SUMMER

Clifton Chestnut from Grammata Servicios Linguisticos is organizing a Spanish immersion course in Madrid this summer for Portland-area high school students. Students will sample some of Spain's most delicious cuisine, contemplate some of the country's most celebrated art and visit some of its most spectacular monuments, all while immersing themselves in the Spanish language. The course runs from June 11 to July 12, 2009. The course fee including round-trip airfare is \$4,480. Space is limited to 20 students and is designed for students with at least one year of Spanish. The course fee includes: Round-trip coach airfare from Portland to Madrid, Spain with an English-speaking Grammata representative on board; Welcome celebration in Madrid; Full room and board with a Spanish host family carefully screened by our staff and matched with the visiting student; 48 hours of Spanish instruction by native instructors in our center; Transport to and from our center and the student's homestay; \$100,000 of medical insurance coverage for the duration of the program; Guided visits to Toledo, Segovia and El Escorial, destinations easily reached from Madrid by modern, high-speed rail; Tours and activities in Madrid led by our staff; Supervision by Grammata staff and an individual progress report, plus diploma for each participant at the program's end; Optional excursions for an additional fee (to be announced). Their local representative in Portland will present detailed information on the course during **TWO information sessions** scheduled for the following dates and times: **Thursday January 15**, 2009 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at CubeSpace PDX, 622 SE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97214, Persian Conference Room. **AND Saturday January 17**, 2009 from 11 a.m. to noon at CubeSpace PDX, 622 SE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97214, Persian Conference Room. Directions can be found at the following link:

<http://cubespacepdx.com/directions>. For planning purposes, we ask that those who are interested in attending an information session to RSVP to the following email address: cliftonchestnut@yahoo.com. **Please RSVP** by 5 p.m. on the day before you plan to attend, and indicate how many people plan to attend. In order to reserve a space for the course, a non-refundable \$100 deposit must be paid by Friday, January 23, 2009. Payment instructions will be provided during the information sessions or may be requested from me by email. **Questions contact Clifton Chestnut** from Grammata Servicios Linguisticos, Madrid, Spain at cliftonchestnut@yahoo.com.

STUDENTS INVITED TO SUBMIT CREATIVE ENERGY PROJECT ENTRIES

Johnson Controls, a global multi-industrial leader in energy efficiency and sustainability, invites kindergarten through 12th grade students across North

America to enter the Igniting Creative Energy competition. The challenge, a program developed and funded by Johnson Controls and the National Energy Foundation, is designed to encourage students to learn more about energy and the environment. Student entries should demonstrate an understanding of what an individual, family, or group can do in their home, school, or community to conserve energy and help the environment. Students may choose to express their ideas in any creative format such as science projects, essays, stories, artwork, photographs, music, videos, Web-based applications, multimedia projects, etc. They may also submit recent service projects. The challenge is open to all students in grades K-12 in the U.S. Deadline: March 13, 2009. Official rules and entry form are available at <http://www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org/>.

COLLEGE STUDENT INTERNSHIP FOR NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT

The Nathan J. Stark Internship for Nonprofit Development will provide two students with an opportunity to learn about nonprofit organizations, how they work, how they raise funds, and how they make a difference. Interns will be based at the National Academy of Social Insurance or the National Health Policy Forum. Each summer two students interested in a career in the nonprofit sector will be awarded the internship based on national recruitment and a competitive selection process. The interns come to Washington, D.C., for twelve weeks during the summer semester. The internship includes a \$3,000 honorarium and the opportunity to participate in a series of seminars and programs. Deadline: March 1, 2009. Complete application information is available at http://www.nasi.org/info-url_nocat3815/info-url_nocat_show.htm?doc_id=149398.

BYE BYE BIRDIE - HOLD THOSE DATES

The drama news just keeps coming from Robert Gray MS. Christy Caton, RGMS mom and PPS teacher, would like everyone to hold the dates for the school's upcoming spring musical production of "Bye Bye Birdie". Get out your calendars and circle April 30, May 1 and May 2.

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ALUMNI NEWS

CLASS OF 1959 ... 50TH REUNION ... SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2009

Plans have been finalized for our 50th reunion! Dates: September 11th and 12th, 2009. For details go to: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/reunions/1959reunion.html>.

CLASS OF 1969 ... 1979

Are there plans for your upcoming reunions? If so, send your details to [Linda Doyle](#), and we will share with your classmates.

CLASS OF 1989 REUNION UPDATE

Mark your calendars for our 20 year reunion! It will take place over the weekend of July 24-July 26, 2009. Friday will be an informal gathering, with Saturday being the big night! More information to come!

CLASS OF 1999 REUNION ... JULY 31, 2009

Classmates are starting to come together for your 10-year reunion. Date: Friday, July 31 at Kell's Pub in Downtown Portland. Time and other details still to be worked out. Questions, please email [Grahm Metz-Porozni](#).

CHECK OUT NEW WWHS ALUMNI WEBSITE at <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/index.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

16 Wilson 24 (Drama-sponsored 8th grade overnight), 7pm

19 MLK Day - NO SCHOOL

20 National Honor Society Induction, 7pm

27-29 Semester Finals

30 Teacher Planning Day - NO SCHOOL

31 Winter Formal @ Tiffany Ballroom

FEBRUARY

3 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge

3 Cluster Concert (Robert Gray, Jackson, Wilson Bands) 7pm at Wilson

5 Eighth Grade Parent Night, 7pm

7 Grad Night Benefit Book Sale 9-5pm Burlingame Baptist Church

7 Regional Acting Competition

11 All-School Trojan Auction meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge

12 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria

16 Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL

19-22 Winter Musical "Rent", 7pm

23 Junior College Night @ Madison, 7pm

23 College Night for PPS Juniors at Madison HS, 7pm

26-March 1 Winter Musical, "Rent", 7pm

28 Instrumental Solo/Ensemble at Grant HS

MARCH

3 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
6 Deadline for registration for Practice SAT @ Wilson
7 Vocal Solo/Ensemble at Wilson
11 All-School Trojan Auction meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
12 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria
13 PCC Preview Day on Cascade Campus
14 Practice SAT test @ Wilson 8:30am to 1:30pm
23-27 Spring Break

APRIL

4 All-School Trojan Auction at MAC
6 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
9 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria
14 Pizzicato Pizza Hillsdale fundraiser for Wilson all day
15 PIL Band Festival (Wind Ensemble)
17 Wilson PTA/WAAC Career Pathways in the Arts Day at Wilson
24 PCC Preview Day on Sylvania Campus

MAY

2 OSAA State Solo Contest
4 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
8 PCC Preview Day on Rock Creek Campus
14 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria
16 OSAA State Band Contest

JUNE 2009

2 Spring Band Concert
9 Last day of school
9 Wilson graduation 8pm

Principal Sue Brent (media contact) sbrent@pps.k12.or.us

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