



*Wilson High School*

**Wilson Spotlight**  
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### **ELEVEN WILSON STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED SCHOLARS**

Wilson is pleased to announce the following students as Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program: **Ian Alvey, Austin Alleman, Kayleigh Anderson, Kiana Hamilton, Gregory Lanton, Nate Makuch, Clarke Orr, Aaron Poplack, Marcus Robinson, Elizabeth Runde** and **Sophia Weeks**. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2009 competition by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/NMSQT. "Recognition of academically talented students and the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "The young people named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program." "Libby [Elizabeth] was an out-of-state transfer to Wilson as a sophomore. Sometimes being the new kid is difficult, but Wilson classes, activities and students just swallowed her up (in a good way!). As parents, we appreciate the number of challenging classes, great teachers and variety of activities available at Wilson. The real story behind the number of National Merit Scholars that Wilson produces is the number of teachers across the disciplines that have high expectations of their students. Lots of grumbling about homework, outlines, labs and papers due are the sign of a great class - although my kids may disagree!" states Wilson parent **Anne Runde**. Congratulations to our talented young students!

### **FIVE STUDENTS PARTNER WITH LOCAL SCIENTISTS**

Talk about some deep research topics! "Predicting and Preventing the development of Retonopathy of Prematurity", "Maleimide Micro-bubble Imaging" and "Fish Oils for the Prevention of Atrial Fibrillations in Patients Undergoing Surgery," are just three of the research projects completed by Wilson students **Fiona Dearth, Hilary Johnson, Sean Klein, Matt Klein,** and **Rebecca Wald**. All took part in the Oregon Health Science University's, Partnership in Scientific Inquiry during this past school year where a group of scientists at Oregon Health and Science University teach the process of scientific inquiry to local high school students. The class provides an overview of scientific research and pairs students with an individual mentor. Students prepare a five-page research proposal that describes work that could be done in the mentors lab over the ensuing summer. Upon completion, students receive a grade. Congratulations to these young Wilson scientists on the very successful completion of their projects! Applications for 2009 are due in December. More information can be found at <http://www.ohsucasey.com/education/psi.asp> or by sending an email to: [psi@ohsu.edu](mailto:psi@ohsu.edu). If you are thinking about the program and would like a parent's perspective, please feel free to contact Chris Dearth at 503.245.0819.

When asked about the program Wilson parent **Chris Dearth** states, "The PSI program provided a fabulous opportunity for our daughter Fiona to interact with world-class doctors and scientists at OHSU and to assist with their research projects. She loved the program and the challenges it offered." "I enjoyed working with the staff and doctors, learning about how a research hospital works and exploring medicine and science," adds Wilson student Fiona Dearth. Through the program Wilson student **Matt Klein** was given the opportunity to watch many surgeries and conduct on-going patient research and states, "It was amazing. I loved learning about research and getting to see really cool things at OHSU with Dr Martindale." Wilson student **Sean Klein** was given a lot a responsibility through the program, including reading challenging research papers and conducting lab research and said, "I am exhausted. I have never had to do so many things at once." "This was truly an incredible experience," adds Wilson parent **Elizabeth Klein**.

### **WILSON MUSICIANS NAMED TO OREGON ALL-STATE BAND**

Congratulations to Wilson students **Ryan Wolfe** and **Ryan Auerbach** for being selected for the Oregon All-State Bands! These students auditioned and were selected from hundreds of entrants from across the state. "They will represent WHS at the Oregon Music Educators Association's All-State Conference in Eugene from January 16 thru 18," adds Paul

Jolstead, Director of Wilson Bands. Congratulations to our talented musicians and the dedicated music teachers in our community!

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### **FROM MUSIC TO THEATER - DON'T MISS THESE PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS**

Wilson has a long tradition of excellence in the performing arts. This week you have the unique opportunity to experience three performing arts events. Let's pack the Wilson auditorium and show our support for a bunch of talented Wilson students!

**FALL BAND CONCERT** - Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00pm.

**FALL CHORAL CONCERT** - Thursday, November 6 at 7:00pm.

**THE MOUSETRAP** - Friday, November 7 and Saturday 8 at 7:00pm, and Sunday, November 9 at 2:00pm.

### **WILSON GIRLS' LACROSSE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 12**

The Wilson Girls' Lacrosse teams will have their first team meeting for parents and players on November 12th, 7-9 PM in Room 105 (choir room) at Wilson. All girls interested in trying out for the Varsity and JV lacrosse teams this year are strongly encouraged to attend. We will introduce our new coach, Sarah Bromley, a former All Region player and co-captain at Tufts University. Information, schedules, registration materials, etc. will be available at the meeting. Please call Chris Dearth, coordinator of the parent support committee (503.245.0819) if you have questions.

### **TEAMS GO TO PLAYOFFS**

It has been a busy and successful season for the fall sports teams at Wilson. The Volleyball team grabbed the third state berth from the PIL 6A and took on South Eugene for a State Playoff game last week. The Women's Soccer and Men's Soccer teams also went to play-off games. The Football team will travel to a play-off game on Friday, November 7 at Canby. Congratulations to our student-athletes and their coaches!

### **CHECK OUT WILSON BASEBALL NEWSLETTER**

To read more about our highly successful Wilson Baseball team in their latest October 2008 Newsletter. Go to <http://wilsonhsbaseball.com/>.

### **JOIN WILSON A CAPELLA CLUB**

Do you like to sing? Do you want to sing? Do you think singing would be a neat thing to do? Come to a capella club at lunch on Thursdays in Rm. 105!

### **RENT IS COMING TO WILSON**

Parents, join us for an informational meeting regarding our upcoming winter musical, *Rent* – the school edition. Learn more about our school edition, our play selection process, Jamie Miller's approach to the script, and our plans for this Pulitzer Prize-winning musical! The meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 7:00pm in Rm. 108. Hope to see you there!

### **JOIN WINNING SNOWBOARDING CLUB**

Want to join Wilson's Snowboarding Club? Go to [wilsonsnowboarding.com](http://wilsonsnowboarding.com) to register. Deadline is November 14th. [Coach Newhouse]

### **MANDATORY MEETING FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN AUDITIONING FOR RENT**

The time has come again! Wilson drama is preparing for its winter musical – *Rent*. All students interested in auditioning need to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, **November 5 in Rm. 108 at 11:40am**. Attendance is mandatory if you wish to audition! See Mr. Miller with any questions.

### **MODEL UNITED NATIONS**

Model UN meets Wednesday at lunch in room 224. New members still welcome. We need a dozen more to have a full field trip to Eugene in April.

### **FRENCH CULTURE CLUB**

The French Culture Club meets Thursday at lunch in room 224. Bring something for the potluck. New members welcome.

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## **BOOK SALE RESCHEDULED**

To allow for the opportunity to offer a better quality sale, the book sale is being rescheduled for February. We will be continuing to collect your used books, videos, DVD movies, video games and music CD's in the box and barrel inside the school entrance. So, as you're cleaning out your house, please remember the WILSON BOOK SALE and bring us your used books and movies. You'll receive a tax deductible receipt for your contribution and more room on your shelves! Please contact Tim Leigh if you'd like to help with the sale: 503-246-2964 or [tim@leighcompany.com](mailto:tim@leighcompany.com).

## **REMEMBER TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT DURING SEMESTER FINALS**

Semester finals will be here before you know it. Encourage your children during finals by sending them a "Sweet Gram." For only \$4.00, delicious cookies from Baker and 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, January 12th. Treats will be delivered before January 25th. If ordering for the 2nd quarter, please send \$4.00 (cash or check made out to Wilson PTA Grad Night.) If you would like to order a delivery for the remaining three quarters, please send \$12.00. 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](mailto:terriere@quik.com) or 503-245-5703.

## **SEASONS & REGIONS AND WILSON CHEERLEADERS**

Help send Wilson's Cheerleading squad to Nationals in Anaheim. When you purchase gift certificates for \$25.00, Seasons & Regions has agreed to donate 25% to Wilson's 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](mailto:wcmac007@comcast.net).

## **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](mailto:schulte@easystreet.net)) at 503-244-5072 or Gail ([elembke503@aol.com](mailto:elembke503@aol.com)) or 503 -246-3411. Thanks for participating!

## **SWCC HOMEWORK CLUB & WHS TUTOR TIME**

Here is some good info about 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.

## **DONATE YOUR USED STUDENT CLOTHING AT WILSON!**

Wilson is now an on-going collection site for the Oregon PTA Clothing Center! Each year, the Center provides free clothing to over 2000 students in need within the Portland Public school district. It is entirely volunteer-run and dependent on donations from families in the PPS district. Think of it like a "hand-me-down" program enabling your kids to provide disadvantaged kids with clothes they will really appreciate. So please send those hand-me-downs to Wilson! There is a labeled white bin in the main office where you or your kids can drop clothes anytime the office is open. Tax receipt donation forms and applications for obtaining clothes from the Center are available from the office staff. Questions? Call Mari Vandewettering, 503-464-7899.

## **WILSON PTA MEETING NOVEMBER 12**

The PTA Meeting previously scheduled for November 4th has been rescheduled to November 12th at 6:30pm in the Teacher's Lounge.

**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: [smathei@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:smathei@pps.k12.or.us).

**HAVE GOOD NEWS TO REPORT IN THE SPOTLIGHT?** Send the details to Linda Doyle at [lsdoyle@earthlink.net](mailto:lsdoyle@earthlink.net).

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## **ATHLETICS**

**always recheck the schedule, games dates/times change**

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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>.

**CHECK OUT NEW WWHHS 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** <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

#### NOVEMBER

5 FALL BAND CONCERT 7:00pm Auditorium

6 FALL CHORAL CONCERT 7:00pm Auditorium

7 Fall Play "Mousetrap" 7pm Auditorium

8 Fall Play "Mousetrap" 7pm Auditorium

9 Fall Play "Mousetrap" 2pm matinee Auditorium

10 Teacher Planning Day NO SCHOOL

11 Veterans' Day NO SCHOOL

12 PTA meeting 6:30pm Faculty Lounge

12 Wilson Girls' Lacrosse teams organizational team meeting for parents and players 7-9 PM in Room 105 (choir room)

24-26 Conferences NO SCHOOL

27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL

#### DECEMBER

1 Professional Development NO SCHOOL

9 Financial Aid Night at Wilson, 7-pm

22-Jan 4 Winter Break NO SCHOOL

#### JANUARY

6 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge

#### FEBRUARY

3 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge

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

#### MARCH

3 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge

13 PCC Preview Day on Cascade Campus

23-27 Spring Break

#### APRIL

6 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge

14 Pizzicato Pizza Hillsdale fundraiser for Wilson all day

24 PCC Preview Day on Sylvania Campus

#### MAY

4 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge

8 PCC Preview Day on Rock Creek Campus

#### JUNE 2009

9 Last day of school  
9 Wilson graduation 8pm

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