



*Wilson High School*

**Wilson Spotlight**  
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#### **WILSON COMPETES IN ENGINEERING CHALLENGE**

Wilson students once again step up and put their math, science, and engineering skills to work. Chosen to be one of nine Oregon high schools to compete in the **Intel/Trail Blazers Engineering Challenge**, our students will design, engineer, and build a unique t-shirt launcher. Wilson's team includes: **Zander Clucas, Jacob Harrel, Kevin Vo, Ian Guthrie, William Behn, Deena Barbera, and Austin Deaville**, with guidance and technical support from Wilson teacher **Mark Mochon**. Our team received a \$400 grant from the Intel Corporation to help them build the best t-shirt launcher. Rules state that the device should be able to deliver t-shirts to fans at all levels of the Rose Garden Arena, and teams are required to document their journey via journal, photos and video. According to the Oregonian, all nine teams will travel to the Trail Blazers' December 13 game to show off their original engineering design. Teams will use their device to launch t-shirts from center court into the cheering crowd during halftime at a Trail Blazers game. Good luck students!

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

According to the Wall Street Journal, about 20% of the CEOs of the top US companies have engineering degrees — the most common degree — followed by business administration, liberal arts, economics, and accounting. Only about 10% have degrees from Ivy League schools. Source: Wall Street Journal's Weekend Edition; September 16-17, 2006

#### **WILSON GRAD PROUD OF CURRENT STUDENT BODY**

**Dianne Kozowski '69** now lives in Enterprise, Oregon. But she stays in touch through the [WWHS Alumni website](#) and adds, "I am happy to hear that Wilson continues to excel in academics and athletics. The current students and staff have a long tradition of excellence to carry on in future years."

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#### **SCHOLAR-ATHLETES SCORE BIG IN THE CLASSROOM**

Scott Aker, Wilson Athletic Director is proud to announce that our Fall athletes have a combined 3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA), not including freshman. Specifically, Cross-Country had 15 women and 17 men with 3.5 GPAs or better. Women's Soccer had 25 athletes with 3.5 or better. Men's Soccer had 11 athletes with 3.5 or better. Volleyball had 14 athletes with 3.5 or better; and Football had 20 athletes with 3.5 or better. Congratulations to your excellence on and off the field this season!

#### **PIL ALL-LEAGUE WILSON PLAYERS NAMED**

**Men's Soccer** All-League First Team: **Alex Gatewood**, junior Midfielder; **Connor Wear**, freshman Defender. Second Team: **Ryan Robertson**, senior Forward; **Jamie Breuer**, junior Forward. Honorable Mention: **Eric Vo**, freshman Midfielder; **Tyler Webster**, junior Midfielder; **Ryan Ades**, senior Goalkeeper.

**Volleyball** All-League First Team: **Ami Tajiri**, senior Defensive Specialist; **Shelby Kasal**, senior Setter. Second Team: **Samantha Bruno**, sophomore Middle Blocker; **Marleen Gray**, senior Outside Hitter; **Kayla Dahl**, senior Defensive Specialist.

**Women's Soccer** All-League First Team: **Sierra Duarte**, sophomore Forward; **Carley Izzett**, senior Defender. Second Team: **Becky Hascall**, senior Defender; **Shelby Griggs**, junior Defender/Midfielder; **Brittany Hartmann**, senior Goalkeeper; **Carlie Dennison-Leonard**, senior Midfielder. Honorable Mention: **Maria Cavagnaro**, senior Forward/Defender; **Kelsey Grudzinski**, junior Forward; **Meryl Turner**, senior Midfielder; **Ellie Steinbach**, junior Defender.

**Football** All-League First Team: **Nick O'Donnell**, Offense Center; **Nathan Osborne**, Defensive Back; **Cameron Davis**, Defensive Line. Second Team Offense: **Eric Wittkop**, Offense Running Back; **Duncan Ketel**, Offense Tackle; **Brent Graham**, Offense Utility. Second Team Defense: **Alex Massar**, Defensive Back; and **Taylor Newell**, Defensive Back. Honorable Mention Offense: **Nathan Osborne**, Quarterback; **Derek Brown**, Utility; and **Ramsey Fendall**, Receiver. Honorable Mention Defense: **Eric Wittkop**, Linebacker and **Tommy Kiriakedis**, Linebacker.

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### **UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS**

November 11- November 13 *Rent* (school edition) auditions  
December 3 Winter Talent Show at 7pm  
December 11-13 Wilson OneActs at 7pm  
December 16 Winter Band Concert (with Chamber Orchestra)  
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

### **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.

### **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.

### **BOOSTER CLUB MEETING NOVEMBER 13**

Everyone is invited to the next Booster Club meeting on Thursday, November 13 at 6:30pm at the Wilson High Cafeteria.

### **RUGBY HOLDS SECOND MEETING NOVEMBER 14**

Thank you for those who showed up on Thursday for the first Rugby team meeting. We are having another meeting on November 14th AFTER SCHOOL IN THE COURT YARD!!!! Please be there, it is an important meeting! Hope to see you all there. If you have not yet signed up or are interested this is a great time to come. If you have any question, call Ali Berry 503-701-5992 or by email [aliberry@comcast.net](mailto:aliberry@comcast.net).

### **BOYS' LACROSSE TEAM INFORMATION NIGHT NOVEMBER 19**

The Wilson Boys' Lacrosse teams will hold an informational meeting for parents and players on Wednesday, November 19th from 7-9pm in Room 105 (choir room) at Wilson. Please plan to attend if you are interested in trying out for the JV/Varsity teams this spring. The coaches will be there to answer your questions. Please call Heidi Alleman at 503-442-9138 or e-mail [heidi.alleman@comcast.net](mailto:heidi.alleman@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

### **GRAD PARTY MEETING LOCATION CHANGE DECEMBER 1**

The next meeting will be held in the foyer (space in front of the auditorium) from 7-8 PM. Starting in January, we will be back to meeting in the faculty lounge.

### **BOWLING CLUB**

All students are welcome to come to Wilson's Bowling Club held on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm at Tigard Bowl. In November, Wilson Bowling Club will meet on Thursday, November 6, November 13, and November 20--no meeting on Thanksgiving Day. All skill levels are welcome. And remember, it's FREE!!!

### **SENIOR PARENTS -- IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR FORMS AND MONEY IN FOR THE GRAD PARTY**

You can pick up registration and permission forms in the office in the Grad Party letterbox. You and your students will need to sign the forms and include some medical information. If you do this before Winter break, the fee is only \$65. After break it goes up to \$80. So get your money and forms in now to avoid paying more! You can drop off your completed forms and money in the locked wooden Grad Party box in the office or mail it in to the PO BOX address listed on the form. Do NOT send it to the Wilson street address or it may get lost. This will be a lasting memory for your graduating student. Don't miss the opportunity for them to celebrate their graduation at a safe and fun all-night party!

### **SENIOR PARENTS -- HELP YOUR GRAD CELEBRATE!**

You can plug into any number of volunteer opportunities to make your graduate's end-of-year celebration memorable for both of you. Volunteers are needed now for the Book Sale in February, gathering business donations, helping with planning, or chaperoning the grad party. Every little bit helps. So if you can spare an hour here or there, please contact Daureen Morris [figgymorris@comcast.net](mailto:figgymorris@comcast.net) or Bev Warren-Leigh [bev@threeoaks.com](mailto:bev@threeoaks.com). Come to the Grad Party meetings the first Monday of every month at 7-8 PM in the faculty lounge to find out more!

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### **THE CLOTHING CENTER REALLY NEEDS CLOTHES THIS YEAR!! PLEASE DONATE YOUR USED STUDENT CLOTHING AT WILSON!**

The demand for student clothing from the PTA Clothing Center is way up! In the first two months of the school year the Center provided clothes to about 700 families—that's about 40% higher than the historical average number of families served/month. The Center really needs COATS/JACKETS, SCARVES, GLOVES, JEANS and other cold-weather clothing, and we're hoping to be able to provide a lot of clothing before winter break, so please bring your donations in soon! The Center provides free clothing to students in need within the Portland Public school district. It is entirely volunteer-run and dependent on donations. 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.

### **LOOKING FOR DRAMA PHOTOS**

Over the last several years we have been developing a [50 Years of Drama](#) website for Wilson High School. The school celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2006, so now we are looking at the current decade - 50+ Years of Drama. We have been collecting photos from the WHS Yearbook and Statesman, but need more photos from the following drama productions: Picnic in 2006, Kiss Me Kate in 2007, Twelve Angry People in 2007, Alice in Wonderland in 2008, and The Mousetrap in 2008. If you have photos you would like to share, please contact Linda Doyle at [lsdoyle@earthlink.net](mailto:lsdoyle@earthlink.net). Thanks for helping us document Wilson history!

### **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](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.

**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](mailto:smatthei@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).

### **NOVEMBER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

Wilson continues successful Priority & Arena Conferences. Priority Conferences are available, by appointment only, for parents of students whose teachers have concerns about performance and success. Arena Conferences are open to everyone and are held in the Cafeteria.

#### Monday, November 24

Priority 8:15-11:30am

Priority 1:00-3:00pm

#### Tuesday, November 25

Priority 8:15-11:30am

Arena 1:00-4:00pm

Arena 5:30-8:30pm

#### Wednesday, November 26

Arena 8:15-11:30am

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### **ROBERT GRAY STUDENTS PERFORM IN FALL PLAY**

The first annual Fall Play at Robert Gray is performed this week! *The Glass Slipper* is an interactive comedic adaptation of Cinderella and it's designed to be fun for all ages. Performances are Thursday & Friday, **November 13 & 14 at 7 PM**. Everyone is welcome and tickets are only \$2.00 each. A discounted 'family pack' of five for \$9.00 is offered to encourage our neighbors to attend. Tickets are on sale now by contacting Dover Norris-York [doverny@hotmail.com](mailto:doverny@hotmail.com) 503.452.1478 or Renee Erickson-Davolt [phoenixrising7@comcast.net](mailto:phoenixrising7@comcast.net) 503.756.8062 or Maureen Berrie-Lawson [reenb@q.com](mailto:reenb@q.com) 503.246.1474.

## MUSICIANS FOR THE CURE PERFORM DECEMBER 10

Join the Musicians for the Cure on December 10 for the NW Women Rhythm & Blues 10th Annual Christmas Concert and silent auction, benefitting Komak! The concert, featuring Sonny Hess, Rae Gordon, Janice Scroggins, Ellen Whyte, Lisa Mann, Jolie Clausen, Lady Kat, Kelly Pierce, Theresa Lowe, and Claudia Knauer is at the Chelsea Ballroom, 1510 SE 9th, Portland, Dinner & Silent Auction, 6:30pm, Concert, 8pm. For more about tickets go to: <http://www.sonnyhess.com/tickets.html>. Komak is an Oregon-based non-profit organization founded to provide immediate and interim assistance to low- and middle-income individuals and families in the Portland area impacted by cancer. Wilson grad **Gary Martin '63** encourages everyone to check it out, "the music will be great and the cause EXTREMELY worthwhile."

## DO SOMETHING GRANT TO USE MUSIC TO IMPROVE COMMUNITIES

Do Something and the Grammy Foundation are offering a total of \$25,000 in Key Change Grants to young people who have an idea or existing project that uses music to make a difference in their local and/or global community. To be eligible, the applicant must be 19 years of age or under, and must be a U.S. or Canadian citizen. The project must be youth-led and -driven, creative, and demonstrate an original idea for solving problems and creating change. Projects must also strive toward tangible results and measurable impact, focus on problems in communities, and -- whether one-time event or ongoing program- must promote diversity and seek to make lasting change in the target community. **Deadline: December 15, 2008.** See the Do Something Web site for complete program guidelines at <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/keychange>.

## INTERNATIONAL PAINTING COMPETITION FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

To help raise environmental awareness and foster science literacy among elementary- and middle-school students, Bayer Corporation and the United Nations Environment Program's Regional Office for North America have launched the second year of their partnership in the United States to bring the International Children's Painting Competition to school-children nationwide. With this year's theme, Climate Change - Our Challenge, UNEP and Bayer Corporation are inviting students ages six to 14 to learn more about climate change and express that knowledge creatively through art. The students' paintings are expected to focus on the impact of global warming on our planet, as well as concrete actions people can take, such as using renewable energy and eco-friendly light bulbs, planting trees, sharing vehicles and using public transportation, among others. **Deadline: January 15, 2009.** For complete entry rules, go to: <http://www.bayerus.com/msms>.

## COLLEGE COURSE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR K-12 EDUCATORS

The Horace Mann Companies are offering \$30,000 in total scholarships for public and private school K-12 educators to take college courses. One recipient will receive \$5,000 in scholarship funds payable over four years, while fifteen other recipients will receive \$1,000 each in scholarship funds payable over two years. Twenty additional recipients will each receive one-time awards of \$500. Awards will be announced in May 2009. Scholarship money will be paid directly to each recipient's college or university for tuition, fees, and other educational expenses. To be eligible, applicants must be a K-12 educator currently employed by a U.S. public or private school and planning to enter a two- or four-year accredited college or university. **Deadline: March 12, 2009.** For complete program information, go to: <http://www.horacemann.com/resources/scholarships/default.aspx>.

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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 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** <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

11- 13 Rent (school edition) auditions

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)

13 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria

24-26 Conferences NO SCHOOL

27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL

## DECEMBER

1 Professional Development NO SCHOOL  
3 Winter Talent Show 7pm  
9 Financial Aid Night at Wilson, 7-pm  
11 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria  
11-13 Wilson OneActs 7pm  
16 Winter Band Concert (with Chamber Orchestra)  
22-Jan 4 Winter Break NO SCHOOL

## JANUARY

6 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge  
8 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria

## FEBRUARY

3 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge  
3 Cluster Concert (Robert Gray, Jackson, Wilson Bands)  
12 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria  
19-22 the musical "Rent"  
26-28 the musical "Rent"  
23 College Night for PPS Juniors at Madison HS, 7pm  
28 Instrumental Solo/Ensemble at Grant HS

## MARCH

3 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge  
7 Vocal Solo/Ensemble at Wilson  
12 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria  
13 PCC Preview Day on Cascade Campus  
23-27 Spring Break

## APRIL

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)  
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

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