



*Wilson High School*

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### WILSON SENIOR GOES TO NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Last week Wilson senior **Jesse Van Mouwerik '09** packed his bags and headed to Washington, DC. He was invited to represent Oregon at the Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) and was chosen for his demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Jesse's mother, Deb Holmes, believes that the NYLC was definitely a "wider world" experience for Jesse. "He was able to get up very close to the political machinery on Capitol Hill and engaged in a number of simulated activities that greatly increased his knowledge of the democratic process." During the six-day conference Jesse, along with other students from around the country, met with the men and women who shape laws and policies, such as Cabinet secretaries, members of Congress, diplomats, lobbyists, journalists and academicians. According to Karen Van Duren, JrNYLC Admissions Advisor, the students participated in activities designed to help them understand the fundamental aspects of leadership: character, communication, courage, goal-setting, motivation, perseverance, problem-solving and teamwork. When asked about this experience, Jesse stated that, "NYLC was a great week long series of events that led me to achieve a much clearer perspective and understanding of the amazing system that governs our nation. I had the opportunity to meet many other students from all over the country and especially enjoyed being in the midst of the new energy that was apparent in DC following the recent election of Barack Obama." Congratulations, Jesse!

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### NEW ALL-SCHOOL TROJAN FUNDING CLUB IS CALLING

Come one! Come All! The More the Merrier! Many Hands Make Light Work! You get the drift.... The **Trojan Funding Club** Needs You at **7:00pm** on **November 20th** in the Teacher's Lounge @ Wilson HS. Come find out what's new with this year's auction. The Trojan Funding Club is hosting an **ALL-inclusive, ALL Wilson auction to benefit the whole school**. A BIG fund-raising goal has been set to meet the BIG needs of: Athletics and Clubs, The Arts and the Auditorium, FTE to help fund an additional teacher, and updated computers for the library. We'd love to see as many folks as possible participate. Parents, alumni, students, community friends and staff, we can't do it without you. Questions? Call Sue Brent or Erica Meyers at 503-916-5280.

### CORRECT DATE FOR INTEL CHALLENGE- DECEMBER 12

As reported in last week's Spotlight, Wilson students are competing in the Intel/Trail Blazers Engineering Challenge. The correct date to catch them display their t-shirt launcher is the December 12 Trail Blazers game. The Wilson Engineering Challenge students, teachers and immediate family members of the student engineers can purchase discounted tickets at:

<http://tickets.trailblazers.com/intel>, and these tickets are located in the PURPLE section.

### '09 GRADUATION NIGHT BENEFIT BOOK SALE

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](mailto:tim@leighcompany.com).

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### MEN'S TENNIS - MEETING - NOVEMBER 19

Returning players, and anyone interested in trying out for Wilson Men's Tennis this spring, come to an informational meeting in Rm. 106 at lunch on Wednesday, November 19th.

### **THE SHACK IS BACK!**

Parents and Students: "The Shack" is back! Most Monday nights at 7:29pm Young Life will be wild but winsome at "The Shack." Transportation to "The Shack" will be from Jackson Middle School at 7:17pm. Don't miss the fun, games and food. Hallway posters and periodic announcements in the Bulletins and Spotlight issues will give you more information about how to get to club. Have your students find Nathan or Micah in the halls...or on Pizza Mondays in the auditorium foyer for more details.

### **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 & Spice or other sweet treats from local bakeries will be hand delivered to your child's class, along with your personalized message of encouragement. Other students at Wilson need encouragement too, but don't always receive it. If you would like a Wilson counselor to recommend a worthy student for a Sweet Gram just write in "Counselor's Choice" and we will make sure your gift is sent. 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.

### **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.

### **UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS**

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

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### **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!

### **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.

## **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).

## **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 [lsoyole@earthlink.net](mailto:lsoyole@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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## **LOCAL RESTAURANT AND WILSON NEIGHBOR FEATURED ON NATIONAL TELEVISION**

[Three Square Grill](#) and [Picklopolis](#) are featured in the upcoming "Road Tasted Thanksgiving" episode on the Food Network, scheduled to air November 21 at 10pm. According to David Barber, co-owner and chef of Three Square Grill, the show's premise is a "web ordered feast" with the best of America's Thanksgiving goodies ordered online and coming in for a landing at hosts Gina and Pat Neeley's home. They followed David through the kitchen, while preparing heirloom cornbread stuffing and northwestern cranberry preserve, one of Picklopolis' most popular seasonal items. A walk out of Three Square Grill's backdoor for a tour of the Hillsdale Farmers Market provided the Food Network's visit with the sources of many of the ingredients used, and lots of Oregon color. Congratulations to Barbara and David Barber!

## **FIFTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DESSERT CONCERT DECEMBER 14**

Join the members of the Hillsdale Community Church on Sunday, December 14 -- 6:30pm for their annual Christmas Dessert Concert. A concert of fun and festive music presented by Hillsdale Community Church Chancel Choir. A delicious dessert will be served. Suggested donation \$3.00 (children), \$5.00(adults). In the Fellowship Hall - enter on Texas Street.

## **EDUCATORS INVITED TO APPLY FOR ING UNSUNG HEROES GRANT**

The ING Unsung Heroes program helps K-12 educators and their schools fund innovative classroom projects. Each year, the program selects a hundred educators to receive grants of \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. At least one award will be granted in each of the fifty states, provided one or more qualified applications are received from each state. Three of these educators will be chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$25,000. Deadline: April 30, 2009. Visit the ING Web site to download a program application form at <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15015815/unsungheroes>.

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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** [www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us](http://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](http://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

#### **NOVEMBER**

20 Trojan Funding Club meeting 7:00pm Teacher's Lounge

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)

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

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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