



## Wilson Spotlight

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### FRESHMAN YEAR

Okay, so you're a freshman. You may not be thinking about it right now, but each year in high school is an opportunity - an opportunity to take yourself seriously and make the effort to succeed. To be successful at Wilson you must have goals. After all, your grades reflect your goals. It is important that you understand that your grades this year still matter! It is also important to understand what affects your grades. Besides assignments and tests, teachers at Wilson expect and give credit for class participation. They want to hear from you. They want to know what you think. In addition, always take advantage of a teacher's offer to earn extra credit. Freshman year is also a good time to start building strong, critical thinking skills. You do this by taking the most challenging courses at Wilson. You also need to keep reading. This will strengthen your vocabulary skills. Remember to take advantage of the tutor time at Wilson- this is a great time to get help from teachers and tutors.

Freshman year is a good time to check out all the student clubs at school. They are fun and will give you time to meet new friends. You should also try to get to know upperclassmen at Wilson. They will help you better understand the school and will serve as good navigators throughout the year. Now is the time to take a few minutes and sit down with your parents, your counselor and talk about what you want to achieve in school and in life. As you set your goals for the future make sure you make a meaningful contribution to something at Wilson or in our community. Volunteer work will help you gain invaluable skills. Also, take advantage of work experiences throughout the year and/or during the summer. These will help you identify possible career interests. It is also a great way to earn money for college.

It may be your first year at Wilson, but starting now will give you time to improve your success as high school progresses. Even though it may be tempting, do not cut corners. High school is all about learning. Take advantage of this opportunity and get the most out of your high school experience.

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WILSON MEN'S VARSITY SKI TEAM!

The Men's Varsity Ski Team has placed 2nd both last weekend 2/7/09 in Slalom at Ski Bowl and the previous weekend at Mt. Hood Meadows in Giant Slalom. They are currently tied for 2nd in the Three Rivers League and are more than likely headed to the State Ski Championships in Bend Oregon from March 3-7. The Varsity racers are: **Evan LeCoq, Kyle Dolinar, Michael Reeves, Dylan Stokes, Irvan Bubic** and **Niko Aberle**. Congratulations also goes out to **Erika Winner**, our lone varsity skier for women who has won several of this years events and is currently in 3rd place in the league overall and will most certainly qualify as one of the leagues top seeds for the State Championships as well. The Men's JV Ski team is currently running in 3rd place in the league with one race left in the season. The JV Skiers are: **Tom Halley, Cole Moore, Timmy Prag, Sam Margoles, Chris Nessler, and Shiva Miller**. The Three Rivers League is a member of the Oregon Interscholastic Ski Racing Association and the competitors are Central Catholic, Wilson, Lincoln, Lake Oswego, Lakeridge, Riverdale, LaSalle, Clackamas, West Linn, Tualatin and Canby.

### WILSON ART TEACHER LEADS BY EXAMPLE

Wilson High School art teacher Susan Parker's photographs will be included in the "Beyond the Demos III" juried group show of Oregon Art Teachers. This Showcase of teachers who create art beyond the demonstrations in their classroom will be on view at the West Linn Public Library until February 27. Twenty art teachers from around Oregon are represented. Congratulations, Susan!

### WILSON GRAD EXCELS IN COLLEGE

**Amelia Holcombe**, '07, was named Scholar Athlete of the Year for the University of San Francisco Cross Country/Track & Field program. A sophomore distance runner at USF, Amelia received the award for having the highest overall GPA (3.93) among all members of the team. Her parents are **Janice (& Dan) Rasmussen** and **Jay Holcombe**. Del Gerber, Wilson Track and Cross Country coach said that is great to see that Amelia is doing so well at USF. "She really came into her own as a runner her last season at Wilson. She finished up at a #4 ranking for all-time performances among Wilson women in the 1500 meters. She also finished up 7th all-time in the 3000 meters rankings. She is a bright young woman and it doesn't surprise me that she has earned this honor. It was a pleasure to have her in my advanced biology class and to have her on our team(in track and cross country) while she went to Wilson. I look forward to following her future successes as she continues on in college." Congratulations, Amelia and to her parents!

## **COLORADO RAPIDS TAKE WILSON GRAD FOR MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER SUPERDRAFT**

According to the [University of Redlands](#), the Colorado Rapids selected Wilson graduate **Ross Schunk '05** for the 2009 Major League Soccer (MLS) SuperDraft. Ross is a senior at the University of Redlands and is a forward on the men's soccer team. Schunk received an invitation to work out at the MLS combine. No other NCAA Division III student-athlete received an invitation to the combine nor was selected in the 2009 SuperDraft. "When I saw my name come up on my screen, I was in shock," Schunk said. "It was one of the happiest moments in my life; it was a joy." Schunk said that while Colorado was making the pick, Rapids Head Coach Gary Smith called him up on his cell phone to notify him of the selection. As a drafted player, Schunk gains an invitation to Colorado's training camp. Ross started his first day of on-field training on January 28. As a student-athlete at the University of Redlands, Ross set the career program record for goals (63) and points (139) while garnering three First-Team All-Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) honors, two SCIAC Player of the Year awards, two College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA)/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District recognitions, three National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)/adidas® All-Far West Region laurels and two NSCAA/adidas® All-American nominations. **Tony Betts**, Wilson Men's Soccer coach states that in the 20 years of coaching soccer at Wilson there have been only a few players that had the potential of playing professional. "Ross was one of them as he stood out on the field not just because of his individual skills but because of his determination and never wanting to lose," adds Tony. "He led by example and gave 100% in training as well as in games, which is very rare for many talented players today, but his desire was so strong to succeed, learn and improve each day. I'm not surprised he was drafted in to the MLS and I wish him all the best in the future. Now if he wore PUMA shoes he might get signed by an EPL team!!" Congratulations to Ross and his parents!

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## **FRESHMEN BASEBALL**

Freshman -- Contact Coach Shetler in room 27 at lunch or after school if you plan to play baseball this Spring, but have not signed up.

## **INTERESTED IN CREW?**

There will be an Erg party every Wednesday from 4 - 6pm at Oaks Park ORU boathouse. Learn how to row and get a great workout, too. Feel free to drop in. If you have questions call 503-419-7222 or go to [www.oregonrowing.org](http://www.oregonrowing.org). There are flyers in Mr. Murphy's room (133) if you want one.

## **CULTURE NIGHT MEETING FEBRUARY 9**

The WHS Culture Night committee meets TODAY at lunch in room 224. We need lots of people to help celebrate the diversity in our community with performances, food, and activities.

## **JUST A FEW HOURS ON FEBRUARY 10 ... THAT'S TUESDAY**

Wilson's All-School Auction is holding a "**Donation Request!**" mailing party on **Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00pm in the Faculty Lounge** at school. It's pretty simple, we need your help to address envelopes. We have hundreds of donation request letters to mail out to let folks know about the upcoming auction, and we need just a few hours of your time to help address the envelopes by hand. If you can't make lots of meetings but want to help out with the auction this year, this is your chance. Bring a pen. Can we count on your help?

## **DRAGON BOAT MEETING FEBRUARY 11**

Important Dragon Boat meeting is this Wednesday, February 11 at 3:30pm in the cafeteria. Make sure you're there; we'll be discussing vital information. If you haven't yet, you'll meet our coach, Brit. See you there!

## **RENT (SCHOOL EDITION) IS COMING TO WILSON - TICKETS ON SALE STARTING FEBRUARY 11**

Wilson's winter musical, *Rent*, begins this not-to-be-missed run on February 19-22 and February 26 through March 1. All Sundays listed are Matinee performances. All performances take place in the Cosgrove Auditorium on the campus of Wilson High School. The dates/times are: Feb 19-20-21 at 7:00pm; Feb 22 at 2:00pm Matinee; Feb 26-27-28 at 7:00pm; and March 1 at 2:00pm Matinee. Tickets go on sale starting Wednesday, February 11. Tickets can be purchased with bookkeeper, Darcy Shetler, or to purchase over the phone call 503-916-5280 ext.438. Join us and support the arts at WHS!

## **CHEERLEADING HEADING TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

Come see your Wilson Varsity Cheerleaders take on the OSAA State Cheerleading Championships on Saturday, February 14 at the Memorial Coliseum. The doors open at noon and the afternoon session begins at **1:00pm**. Wilson will be number 6 in the line-up which means our girls will probably go on around 1:30pm or before. We need your support, we need to be loud!

## **LET'S BOWL**

Attention all Wilson Bowling Club Members--meet at Tigard Bowl on Thursdays, February 12, 19 and 26 beginning at 3:30pm. Remember, everyone is welcome and the bowling is FREE! Come and have some fun.

## **WILSON CAREER PATHWAYS IN THE ARTS DAY APRIL 17**

The Wilson High School PTA and the Wilson Area Arts Council (WAAC\*) are pleased to co-sponsor a Career Pathways in the Arts Day to be held at Wilson High School on April 17 from 8:00am to 4:00pm. We are inviting participation from colleges with arts programs, members of the local community who work in the arts and can share their experiences with our students, and Wilson High School counselors who can help students with appropriate course and college choices. We would love to have you join us.

## **JUNIOR COLLEGE NIGHT RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 19**

Please note that the Junior College Night originally on the calendar for February 23 has been rescheduled to March 19 from 5:00pm until 8:30pm at Madison High School with a new and improved format. All Wilson students are invited. It is critical for all Wilson juniors to attend.

## **SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!**

We want to cover every aspect of life at Wilson High School, especially the parts that interest you. We know that we can't do that by ourselves. We need your help. Please submit your stories for submission in the Spotlight. Send the details to Linda Doyle at [lsdoyle@earthlink.net](mailto:lsdoyle@earthlink.net).

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## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Click here to watch the new video by The Right Brain Initiative: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSU5g1Bye9w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSU5g1Bye9w). Clicking the "Watch in High Quality" link under the screen will yield a much better image.

## **UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS**

February 19-22 and February 26-March 1- musical "Rent" School Edition

February 28 Instrumental Solo/Ensemble at Grant HS

March 6 Wilson's Concert Choir, WILSINGERS, participating in Mt. Tabor Choral Festival on Warner Pacific campus in SE Portland

March 7 PIL Vocal Solo/Ensemble at Wilson

March 19 Wilson "Choral-o-City 2009"

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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## **WILSON STUDENTS AND TEACHERS INVITED TO BILL BRADBURY SPEECH FEBRUARY 12**

Grant High School invites PPS high school students and teachers to a presentation by Bill Bradbury, former state secretary of state, on climate change and its impact on Oregon and the world: 7:00pm on Thursday, February 12, Grant High School Auditorium, 2245 N.E. 36th Ave. Cost: Free. Using the film "An Inconvenient Truth" as the backbone, Bradbury will talk about Oregon climate impacts and Oregon solutions. Bradbury, a member of Oregon's Global Warming Commission, is delivering this nonpolitical presentation at high schools throughout the state. This is a good opportunity for students to learn and discuss climate change with up-to-date information and practical insight. To learn more about these efforts go to: [www.nationalteachin.org](http://www.nationalteachin.org) and "Eban Goodstein: Oregon Climate Dialogue" on YouTube. For more information, contact Brick Street at Grant, [rstreet@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:rstreet@pps.k12.or.us), x65150.

## **DEAR PARENTS ... MARCH 3**

Please join us for the next Wilson High School PTA meeting on Tuesday, March 3. Big things are happening at Wilson including: the SAMPLE SAT on March 14, the All-School Auction on April 4, the Career Pathways in the Arts Day on April 17, the Grad Night Party and much more! These events are all sponsored by the Wilson HS PTA. We need your input, so please become involved!

## **TAKE SAMPLE SAT AT WILSON ... MARCH 14**

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](mailto:WilsonPractSAT@q.com). March 6 is the deadline for registration for the SAMPLE SAT at Wilson. There is no reason to wait to register, sign-up now to guarantee a spot. Middle school students welcomed!

## **REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2009 GRAD PARTY!**

Get your student signed up now for a fun and memorable graduation celebration! The Grad Party is an all-night celebration, and begins right after the graduation ceremony on June 9. Download registration forms from the Wilson website at: <http://wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10174>. Please be sure that the forms are filled out completely, and signed by both the guardian and the student. Completed forms and payments may be dropped off to the Grad Night locked box in the school office or mailed to: Wilson Grad Night Party, PO Box 80113, Portland, OR 97280-1113. Questions? Contact Bev Warren-Leigh, Grad Party Chair at [bev@threeoaks.com](mailto:bev@threeoaks.com).

## **GRAD PARTY MEETINGS**

Get involved with the Grad Party! We welcome junior and senior parents to our one-hour meetings every first Monday of the month. Meetings are held in the faculty lounge at 7:00 PM. Come to learn more about what we're planning and how you can help. Bev Warren-Leigh, Grad Party Chair: [bev@threeoaks.com](mailto:bev@threeoaks.com).

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE ON OUR HIGH SCHOOLS**

To read a letter from PPS Superintendent Carole Smith about the future of Portland's high schools, click here: <https://app.e2ma.net/app/view:CampaignPublic/id:16514.1707553677/rid:23a7f9c62ddcd5305d116ebb91a94e05>

### **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 6, 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](http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10244/f/Booster_Scholarship_Form.pdf).

### **DONATE WINTER CLOTHING TO STUDENTS IN NEED!**

The PTA Clothing Center needs gently-used coats, jackets, hoodies, jeans, and winter shoes to help keep PPS kids warm through the rest of the winter! This year, the number of children requesting clothing from the Center is up about 40% over the past few years, and the demand will likely continue to grow until the economy starts to improve. Please take a few moments to look through your closets for the clothes you no longer need and bring them to the Clothing Center bin in the main office. 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.

### **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](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!

### **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.

### **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](mailto:schulte@easystreet.net)) at 503-244-5072 or Gail ([elembeke503@aol.com](mailto:elembeke503@aol.com)) or 503 -246-3411.

**WHS DAILY BULLETIN** 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).

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## **WILSON ATHLETICS**

always recheck date/time, as schedules changes

Monday, February 9:

No Contests

Tuesday, February 10:

Men's Basketball @ Lincoln @ 4:15 / 5:45 / 7:30 (JV/FR team release @ 2:45 – mini bus)

Women's Basketball – Lincoln @ Wilson @ 4/15 / 5:45 / 7:30

Wednesday, February 11:

Wrestling @ Franklin @ 6:30 (Bus, TBA)

Wrestling – JV @ Jefferson @ 6:30 (Bus, TBA)

Thursday, February 12:

No Contests

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## **READY, SET, CONNECT TO KINDERGARTEN ... FEBRUARY 14**

Portland Public Schools is hosting a Kindergarten Fair at the Multnomah Arts Center on Saturday, February 14 from 2:00 to 5:00pm, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. This is a fun event for parents and kids ages 4-5 to explore kindergarten classroom learning stations, meet kindergarten teachers, discover programs and services PPS offers, learn what you can do now so your child is ready for school in September and to take home free educational materials to use with your child. To learn more about all kindergarten events, go to [www.readysetconnect.pps.k12.or.us](http://www.readysetconnect.pps.k12.or.us). Bring the kids and see you at the fair!

## **HAYHURST KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP FEBRUARY 11**

Hayhurst Schools Kindergarten Round-Up will be on February 11 from 9:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Anyone interested with school tours in Feb. on the 4th, 18th, and 25th from 8:45 am to 9:30 am. should please check in with Principal Robin Morrison at the front office.

## **CAPITOL HILL KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP FEBRUARY 18**

Please join us for Kindergarten Round Up at Capitol Hill! This is an informational night for parents, Wednesday, February 18 from 6:30-7:30pm. Come hear about the kindergarten program, our unique after school programs and tour the building. We will provide limited childcare by reservation, please call the school to reserve a spot. If you have any questions or would like a tour please call the school office at 503.916.6303.

## **JACKSON MS AUCTION FEBRUARY 28**

Jackson Middle School presents "the art ... 2009 Auction on Saturday, February 28 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. The Art of Singing (lessons), The Art of Vacationing (at the beach), The Art of Smiling (with teeth whitening), The At of Drama (with theater tickets)! What do all of these have in common? All are part of this year's Jackson Art Auction being held on February 28. Please join us for an evening of fun and community as we support our children's learning. Tickets are now available in the office or call and order by phone with your credit card 503-916-5680. Questions? Jan Halsey [Jans3sons@aol.com](mailto:Jans3sons@aol.com) or Judy Rompa [mjrompa@msn.com](mailto:mjrompa@msn.com) or Amanda Wolf [wolf1870@comcast.net](mailto:wolf1870@comcast.net).

## **TAKE A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD AT ROBERT GRAY'S MULTICULTURAL FAIR ... MARCH 3**

The community is invited to join in the fun at the 10th Annual Robert Gray Middle School Multicultural celebration on Tuesday, March 3, from 5:30 to 8:30pm. Come and savor the flavors of delicious ethnic foods available for sale at the World Café. Admission is free for the evening's entertainment which will feature the Kaleinani o ke kukui Hawaiian dancers, the Ballet Folklorico Sol Azteca performing native dances of Mexico, and the RGMS choir. Pose in colorful costumes at the dress-up photo booth, try your hand at making unique crafts, and enjoy the array of multicultural displays. Students, faculty, staff and local restaurants are collaborating to present this family event. Robert Gray Middle School is located at 5505 SW 23rd Avenue in the Hillsdale neighborhood. For more information, call the school at 503-916-5676.

## **ROBERT GRAY MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS SPRING MUSICAL: "BYE BYE BIRDIE"**

Show dates: **April 30, May 1 and May 2**: Set in the 1950s, the plot revolves around rock and roll superstar Conrad Birdie and the complications that arise when he is drafted into the army. His agent stages a publicity stunt on The Ed Sullivan Show in which he will kiss one lucky girl from Sweet Apple, Ohio. This musical is funded by the R.G.M.S. PTA and a grant from the Wilson Area Arts Council. Get out your calendars and circle April 30, May 1 and May 2. **To purchase tickets** contact Christy Caton at [christycaton@msn.com](mailto:christycaton@msn.com) or by phone at 503-246-0891.



## SPANISH IMMERSION COURSE IN MADRID THIS SUMMER

There are still spaces available for the Spanish immersion course organized by Grammata Servicios Linguisticos. 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 (not including airfare) is \$2,725. Space is limited to 20 students and is designed for students with at least one year of Spanish. The course fee includes: Grammata representative on board all flights; 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). Additional information and payment instructions may be requested from Clifton Chestnut at Grammata Servicios Linguisticos by [emailing cliftonchestnut@yahoo.com](mailto:cliftonchestnut@yahoo.com). Mr. Chestnut is available to phone families interested in the program, and can send you a multimedia presentation about the course.

## CHILDREN INVITED TO SUBMIT DESIGNS FOR UNICEF GREETING CARD CONTEST

The U.S. Fund for UNICEF has announced a call for entries for its annual Pier 1 greeting card contest, in which a child's winning design is turned into an official UNICEF greeting card to be sold at Pier 1 Imports stores across the United States during the 2009 holiday season. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the sale of the card, as well as all UNICEF cards sold at Pier 1, go to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to help in its mission to reduce the number of preventable childhood deaths from 25,000 each day to zero. The contest is open to children age 14 and under. All entries must be hand-drawn. The children's artwork will be judged on artistic quality and creative interpretation of this year's theme, "Joy to the World." In addition to having their design turned into a greeting card, the winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, along with \$500 worth of art supplies for his or her school. Visitors to the Pier 1 Web site will also be invited to vote on their favorite design from April 1 to 15, 2009. The "People's Choice" winner will receive \$500 worth of art supplies. Deadline: March 6, 2009. Click here for more information <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016775/unicefusa>.

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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 11 and 12, 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](mailto:Linda.Doyle@wilson.k12.or.us), 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. Questions, please email [Graham Metz-Porozni](mailto:Graham.Metz-Porozni@wilson.k12.or.us) or contact Classic Reunions at [www.classicreunions.com](http://www.classicreunions.com) or call (503) 626-3669 or (800) 474-3669 or email at: [wilson1999@classicreunions.com](mailto:wilson1999@classicreunions.com).

**CHECK OUT NEW WWHs ALUMNI WEBSITE** at <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/index.htm>

**POSITIVE ALUMNI NEWS** - Send the details to [Linda Doyle](mailto:Linda.Doyle@wilson.k12.or.us).

**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

### FEBRUARY

10 All School "Donation Request" mailing party Faculty Lounge, 7pm (that's Tuesday)

12 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria

16 Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL

19 Rent School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 7pm

20 Rent School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 7pm

21 Rent School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 7pm

22 Rent School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 2pm Matinee

~~23 Junior College Night @ Madison, 7pm~~—rescheduled to March 19

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

26 Rent School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 7pm

27 Rent School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 7pm

28 Rent School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 7pm

28 Instrumental Solo/Ensemble at Grant HS

## MARCH

- 1 Rent School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 2pm Matinee
- 2 Grad Party meeting, Faculty Lounge 7pm
- 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 SAMPLE SAT test @ Wilson 8:30am to 1:30pm
- 19 Junior College Night at Madison HS, 5pm to 8:30pm - NEW DATE**
- 23-27 Spring Break

## APRIL

- 4 All-School Trojan Auction at the Multnomah Athletic Club
- 6 Grad Party meeting, Faculty Lounge 7pm
- 7 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
- 30 Robert Gray Spring Musical "Bye Bye Birdie"

## MAY

- 1 Robert Gray Spring Musical "Bye Bye Birdie"
- 2 Robert Gray Spring Musical "Bye Bye Birdie"
- 2 OSAA State Solo Contest
- 4 Grad Party meeting, Faculty Lounge 7pm
- 5 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

- 1 Grad Party meeting, Faculty Lounge 7pm
- 2 Spring Band Concert
- 8 Grad Party meeting, Faculty Lounge 7pm
- 9 Wilson graduation 8pm**
- 10 Last day of school **THIS IS A NEW DATE**

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