



Wilson Spotlight

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WILSON STUDENTS NAMED AS NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

We are pleased to congratulate three Wilson students, **Jane Adkins**, **Melia Chase**, and **Carlie Dennison-Leonard**, as finalists in the 2009 competition for National Merit Scholarships. The selection of some 8,200 Merit Scholarship winners from the group of more than 15,000 Finalists is now in progress. In March, NMSC will begin mailing scholarship offers to winners, based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments. Congratulations to these students and their dedicated parents, **Todd and Ruth Adkins**, **Heidi and Greg Chase**, and **Charles & Sarah Dennison-Leonard**.

SENIOR SELECTED TO PLAY IN 2009 LES SCHWAB FOOTBALL BOWL

Coach Olsen would like everyone to know that congratulations are in order for **Nathan Osborne '09**. He has been selected by the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association to play in the 2009 Les Schwab Bowl. Out of all of Oregon's 5A and 6A high school football players, Nathan has been chosen to represent his school, community, and his fellow teammates in the classic North vs. South matchup. The Les Schwab Bowl will be played on Saturday, June 20, at Hillsboro Stadium (kickoff slated for 7:00pm). Nathan will soon have tickets available for purchase. Nathan was honored earlier this year as Wilson's football outstanding student athlete and was named to the 2008 PIL All-League football teams. Selected to play in the Les Schwab Football Bowl "is a tremendous honor and knowing Nathan there is no doubt in my mind that Nathan will go out and represent the Wilson community well," adds Coach Olsen. Congratulations to Nathan and his mother, **Maureen Osborne**.

SKI TEAMS SCORE AT GIANT SLALOM

Wilson's ski team had one of its better showing in many years this season. The last race for the Three Rivers League, a "giant slalom," took place on Saturday, February 14. **Erika Winner** (senior) took first place in the Varsity Girls' division. **Evan LeCoq** (senior) took third in Boys' Varsity, followed by **Michael Reeves** (sophomore - 10th), **Dylan Stokes** (junior - 11th), **Irvan Bubic** (junior - 15th) and **Niko Aberle** (sophomore - 23rd). Based on their excellent results this year, the Boys' Varsity team qualified for the State Championships the first week in March at Mt. Bachelor. Erika Winner has also qualified for State, having finished second overall for the season in Girls' Varsity. Congratulations to everyone on the Wilson Ski Teams!

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STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS WORKING SIDE BY SIDE

It was 7:00 o'clock in the evening and Wilson was abuzz with activity. This is pretty normal from my experience. But when I stopped to take it all in and appreciate what it meant for our students, I found it exceptional. Parents sat around tables holding court in the cafeteria, working feverishly on this year's Wilson All-School Auction. Upstairs, students briskly walked the hallway heading for the gym. I noticed that they were carrying their musical instruments, so I followed them and found a girls' basketball game in play. It was half-time and Mike Nolan, Wilson Girl's Basketball coach, was working with his young athletes. Wilson's band was entertaining the crowd. I looked closer and there was Paul Jolstead, Wilson's Director of Bands, in the last row of the bleachers. He was just another member of the band, playing his trumpet. The band was amazing. As I left, I saw Pat Murphy, Wilson Social Studies teacher, and Jeremy Shetler '92, Wilson math teacher, who were also taking in the game. Just before I left the building, though, I heard noises coming from the auditorium. As I opened the doors, I was transported to New York's Lower East Side. I found students and Jamie Miller, Wilson's Theater Arts teacher and director, enthusiastically working on the set for our upcoming musical, *Rent*. I left the building that night with a renewed sense of pride for Wilson High School. What I saw and heard on that night is just a small sampling of what actually takes place at Wilson. Parents, students, and teachers should be commended for their outstanding commitment to our school. We may be facing budget cuts, but we are not lacking generosity and dedication at our school. Everyone rolls up their sleeves at Wilson, and it's a good thing that they do. Thank you! *[submitted by Linda Doyle]*

NOMINATE WILSON BUSINESS TEACHER FOR AWARD

Here's your chance to nominate a Wilson teacher for a job well done. The Portland Tribune and Community Newspapers and the OSU College of Business are seeking nominations for the 2009 Outstanding High School Business Educator Awards. The awards will recognize five educators who improve student achievement, use innovative and exemplary instructional strategies, and enhance student learning of business concepts. Criteria: Nominee must be a high school business educator (teacher, advisor, or administrator) in Oregon or Clark County, Washington with at least two years of experience as an educator. Recognition: \$500 cash prize and recognition at the College of Business' 2009 Alumni & Business Partner Awards dinner on May 7, 2009 at the Governor Hotel in Portland. Submit nominations online at www.portlandtribune.com/news/educator_award.php or by mail to Sue Curran, The Portland Tribune, 6605 S.E. Lake Road, Portland, OR 97222. **Deadline:** Nominations must be received by **April 3, 2009**.

GLOBAL CITIZEN CORPS MEETING FEBRUARY 17

There is a Global Citizen Corps meeting this Tuesday, February 17! Come to room 130 (Botula) to get involved in helping our community.

MEN'S GOLF MEETING FEBRUARY 17

Men's Golf – practice starts on Monday, February 23. Meeting at lunch, Tuesday, February 17.

WOMEN'S TENNIS MEETING FEBRUARY 17

All girls intending to turn out for tennis please meet in Rm. 101 at lunch on Tuesday, February 17. Bring your athletic turn-in forms.

TRACK MEETING FEBRUARY 18

There is a Track meeting Wednesday, February 18, in the gym at lunch. All interested athletes need to attend. Also, blue cards are due to Coach Gerber.

WILSON -- ALL SCHOOL -- AUCTION MEETING FEBRUARY 18

Wilson - All school - Auction: Our next general meeting is February 18 at 7:00pm in the Wilson Faculty Lounge. Please plan to attend and help us make this a successful fundraiser! We will have posters and invitations available. We still need volunteers for various positions and we are looking for donations too. For more info, contact us at wauction@pps.k12.or.us or visit our page on the Wilson Web site: www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/auction/.

DO YOU WANT TO SING NEXT YEAR?

Auditions for the 2009-2010 Wilson Choirs for students (not currently enrolled in our four existing groups) will be held Tuesday, February 17 through Friday, February 20 during lunchtimes and during Tutor time on Thursday, February 19. They'll be held in the choir room (Room 105). No experience necessary. All we want is people who want to sing daily, and would like to improve their vocal skill sets! Each audition is private and will last only 3-5 minutes.

GET YOUR TICKETS TO RENT

Get your tickets for the upcoming production of *RENT*! The production runs February 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28 at 7:00pm with special matinees on February 22 and March 1 at 2:00pm. A special guest star will join us for each night's performance. Tickets will be on sale with the bookkeeper starting at lunch on Wednesday, February 11. Tickets are all general admission, and cost \$10 for students and faculty and \$15 for the general public. Sorry, no senior discounts or reserved seating. This show is recommended for those over 13 due to mature content. 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! Don't miss out!

SHARE YOUR BUDGET IDEAS FEBRUARY 26

Portland Public Schools is facing major budget reductions. How should we prioritize spending? School district leaders invite you to share your ideas at two community input sessions. Thursday, **February 26 from 7-8:30pm at Wilson High School**. If you can't make it to the meeting, you can take an online survey of "How should Portland Public Schools set budget priorities next year?" Click here: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/survey.zgi?p=WEB228SYAQ7KEU>.

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.

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.

BASEBALL NEWS

Click here to read the latest newsletter from the Wilson Baseball team: <http://www.wilsonhsbaseball.com/Newsletter/08-09/jan-febNL09.pdf>.

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.

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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. 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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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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 (elembke503@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.

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

PPS LATEST BUDGET NEWS AND MUCH MORE

To read the latest PPS budget news, background on how spending decisions affect schools, and opportunities for your thoughts, click here:

<https://app.e2ma.net/app/view:CampaignPublic/id:16514.1714691928/rid:aeb154111ba1e53523a21396080e2857>.

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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 Art 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 or Judy Rompa mjrompa@msn.com or Amanda Wolf 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 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](mailto:cliftonchestnut@yahoo.com) 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](#), and we will share with your classmates.

CLASS OF 1989 REUNION ... REVISIONS ... one night only

Mark your calendars for our 20- year reunion! It will take place July 24, 2009 at the Governor Hotel, in Portland, from 7:00pm - Midnight. Contact: Classic Reunions www.classicreunions.com. Phone: (503) 626-3669 or (800) 474-3669. Email: wilson1989@classicreunions.com.

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 Grahm Metz-Porozni or contact Classic Reunions at www.classicreunions.com or call (503) 626-3669 or (800) 474-3669 or email at: wilson1999@classicreunions.com.

CHECK OUT NEW WWS 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

FEBRUARY

- 18 All School Auction general meeting Faculty Lounge, 7pm
- 19-20-21 *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
- 26-27-28 *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**

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

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