



Wilson Spotlight

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CHEERLEADERS ARE CHAMPS AGAIN!

Wilson's Varsity Cheerleaders took home **1st Place** in the 6A Small Division of the OSAA **State Cheerleading Competition** on Saturday, February 14. "This is the second State Championship title for Wilson Cheer, the first was in 2007," beams Coach Shannon Maloney. "It was an amazing performance!" states Coach Chris Fazzolari. Because of the State win the Wilson Cheerleaders have been invited and sponsored by PacWest to participate in the PacWest National Cheerleading Championships at the Portland Convention Center on March 14 and 15. Thank you PacWest! "We feel this will be a great warm-up for USA Nationals which is held at the Anaheim Convention Center on March 27 through the 29!" adds Shannon. Congratulations to our cheerleaders: **Lisa Bennett, Maye Berns-Janousek, Rebecca Cassady, Yasmin Ciment, Allison Creamer, Hannah Mae Floom, Leah Leiva, Hana Matsumoto, Tamar Goodblatt, Joslyn McLaughlin, Lisa Samuel, Hannah Seaman, Natalie Tonneson, Kayla Washington, and Juliana Levi.** Our supportive parents deserve extra credit for their commitment to the squad. We are especially grateful to our dedicated coaches: Chris Fazzolari, Gabriella Testa, Shannon Maloney, and Katie Fazzolari. The Wilson Varsity Cheerleading squad is currently fundraising to attend USA Nationals, anyone interested in supporting our talented young athletes can contact sfazz@comcast.net.

WILSON STUDENTS SHINE IN HIT MUSICAL *RENT*

The energized cast of students captured the joyous and bittersweet nature of *Rent* this past weekend. [Click here for a list of Cast members.](#) [Click here for a list of Technical Artists/Production Staff.](#) Special thanks to the sponsors of *Rent*: **Waco Scaffolding, Davis Development, Cascade AIDS Project, Gay-Straight Alliance, and Global Citizen Corps.** Wilson alumni parent **Gail Lembke** saw the performance and applauded the students for the great voices, set and choreography. "The musical left me with goose bumps," states **Linda April**, Wilson parent. "It was so emotionally powerful. The kids clearly put their all into the performance. The voices were outstanding. My hats off to Jamie Miller, Steve Peter and the entire cast for tackling such a challenging and compelling musical." **Sharon Bruno '78**, Wilson alumni and parent, reports that Wilson's drama and musical departments are alive and well, under the direction and enthusiasm of Jamie Miller! "This year's production of *Rent* (high school version) is spectacular! With all of the energy and emotion of the original. Standout performances and bring the house down solos ensure the life of theater at Wilson for years to come. BRAVO!" **Annie Bottinelli**, Wilson parent, was quick to point out that the students have worked tirelessly and faithfully through seemingly endless hours of practice. "With terrible sickness rampaging through the student body this year these kids were a true embodiment of the show must go on, and what a show! It far exceeded my expectations. I felt like I was watching an off Broadway production. Congratulations Mr. Miller and cast." "The kids worked REALLY hard," adds **Heidi Swalwell**, Wilson parent. "I loved it!" **Hillari Sasse**, Wilson parent, said that her family and friends were blown away by Wilson's production of *Rent*! She stated that, "Comments ranged from 'fabulous' to 'Oh my gosh, who knew this was happening at Wilson High!' 'The cast, set, music, and direction (and poster) were first rate. Another MUST SEE production from Wilson's Drama department!" adds Hillari.

Even though the Wilson stage was alive with music and energy, thanks to these young actors, improvements to the inadequate sound and lighting systems in the old auditorium are necessary. New microphones were purchased last year to help with sound issues, but still more is needed. You can help the drama department raise funds for improvements by attending or donating to the [Wilson All-School Auction](#) on Saturday, April 4 at the Multnomah Athletic Club.

You can also still catch one of the ***Rent* performances: February 26, 27, 28 at 7:00pm and March 1 at 2:00pm.** Wilson students deserve to play to standing-room-only audiences for the duration of their performances. Support the arts and our young performers. See you at the theater!

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BOOK SALE THANKS

On behalf of the Grad Party Committee, I'd like to thank the Wilson community for donating a wonderful collection of books, movies and music for us to sell. You noticed our signs, took the effort to go through your shelves, delivered over 3,000 worthy items and made it possible for us to raise over \$1000 toward providing a safe and fun Grad party! THANK YOU! Also heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers who planned, collected, sorted, priced, promoted, hauled, arranged, set up and cleaned up: sorters **Mary Kent** and **Carol Wolff**, venue coordinator **Janis McDowell**, promoters **Liz Klein** and **Amy Meabe**, signmaker **Maria Winner**, violinist extraordinaire **Matthew Klein**, site prep and sales room staff **Anita Beck**, **Mary Kiriakedis** (and her truck), **Kathleen Newell**, **Louise Rountree**, **Susan Crabtree**, **Jennifer Jennings**, **Cassie Morton**, **Leslie Ades**, **Pam Kirk**, **Daureen Morris**, **Gloria Martin**, **John Hughart**, **Janice Gega**, all-around helper **Jim Poplack**, and Chair **Tim Leigh**. All unsold items were donated to soldiers overseas and the Hillsdale book sale. It was a community effort with community results that everyone can feel proud to have been a part of. Thank you. ~**Bev Warren-Leigh**, Grad Party Chair.

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>.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR PPS CLOTHING CENTER, MARCH 2, 9:30 TO 1:30!

Monday, March 2 is Wilson's designated day to staff the PPS Clothing Center. Our shift runs from 9:30 to 1:30, but volunteers can come during whatever hours they have to spare. We have a couple volunteers, but need a few more -- the Center is pretty busy these days! The Center is located at the Marshall HS Campus (3905 SE 91st Ave, Portland, OR 97266). Volunteers sort and organize clothes, and they help the students find a nice set of clothes. Directions to the Center once you're at the school: Enter the main doors, go left down the hallway, take the first left hallway, and half way down on the right side is the door leading up the stairs to the Clothing Center (Room C-58—Next to the Pauling School office). Please let me know if you can help-- mari.vandewettering@pgn.com or 503-464-7899. This is our second, and last, shift for the 2008-2009 school year. Thanks, Mari Vandewettering

WILSON -- ALL SCHOOL -- NEXT AUCTION MEETING March 4

Wilson - All school - Auction: Our next general meeting is March 4 at 7:00pm in the Wilson Faculty Lounge. Please plan to attend and help us make this a successful fundraiser! 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: <http://www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10325>.

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UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

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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PARENT WORKSHOP - WHAT KIDS KNOW AND PARENTS WISH THEY DID - FEBRUARY 28

Kathy Garrett, WHS Counselor, would like everyone to know about an upcoming parent workshop: "What Kids Know and Parents Wish They Did." The Safe Communities Task Force still has a few spaces available. Targeted at parents of teens, the workshop will be held on February 28, from 10:00am - 2:30pm at the Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Washington, 409 NE Anderson Road, **Vancouver, WA**, next door to Hazel Dell Elementary School. Workshops offered: (1) Drugs/Alcohol- what are kids using and seeing, (2) Healthy Relationships, (3) Talking with your kids, (4) Gangs- what to look for, (5) School/Credit Options. Guest speaker is Ossco Bolton (a former gang leader who now works with law enforcement and community programs to combat the influence of gangs.) Lunch will be provided, and Spanish and Russian interpreters will be available. To register, please call the Boys and Girls Club of SW Washington in Vancouver, WA at (360) 567-1152.

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!

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.

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 bevww@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: bevww@threeoaks.com.

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 (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.

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

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WILSON ATHLETICS

always recheck date/time, as schedules changes

Monday, February 23, 2009

No Contests

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Men's Basketball @ Grant 4:15 / 5:45 / 7:30 Frosh / JV early release @ 2:45

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

No Contests

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Men's Basketball Lincoln @ Wilson 4:15 / 5:45 / 7:30
Wrestling State Tournament @ Memorial Coliseum TBA

Friday, February 27, 2009

Wrestling State Tournament @ Memorial Coliseum TBA

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Wrestling State Tournament @ Memorial Coliseum TBA
Dance @ District Dance Competition @ Benson TBA

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SW HOPE ... FEED THE HUNGRY

The goal is to raise 100,000 lbs. of food for hungry people in our community. SW Hope: Feed the Hungry is a community wide food drive working to address the growing need for food assistance in Southwest Portland. This is a critical time for Neighborhood House's Emergency Food Box Program. As Southwest Portland's primary social service agency and local distribution center for the Oregon Food Bank, the number of families seeking food assistance has greatly increased over the past year. There are so many ways you can help: (1) Bring a donation of non-perishable food to one of the SW Hope drop-off sites, or directly to Neighborhood House. A complete list of drop-off sites is available at www.swhope.org. (2) Make a monetary contribution. (Checks should be made payable to Neighborhood House with SW Hope noted in the memo line. Or give online at www.nhweb.org.) (3) Support one of the many Dine Out To Donate fundraising promotions offered by local restaurants, go to www.swhope.org for more information. Hunger is too big of a problem for any of us to tackle alone. But together we can make a real difference in reducing the number of neighbors who are facing hunger. Please support this outstanding community effort at this time of utmost need in our community!

JACKSON MS AUCTION FEBRUARY 28

Valentine's Day is over ... nothing to look forward to 'til Spring Break ... Wait! This year's Jackson Art Auction is in only 10 days. Tickets are 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.

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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 Graham 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

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**

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