



Wilson Spotlight

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WILSON RISING JUNIOR TAKES HOME GOLD IN NATIONAL ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our very own **Michael Evans** (Class of '11), capped off a successful academic year with a stunning win at the Youth National Rowing Championships on June 14, 2009 in Cincinnati. He and his pairs partner Cameron McAlpine (Lincoln Graduate '09) row for Rose City Rowing Club, a private club in Portland that features athletes from all over the Portland metro area. They competed against 16 other crews from around the country over a 3 day period in the Men's Youth Pair category. They won their heat, semi-final, and final all with nice margins. Michael and Cameron took a boat-length lead in the first 500 meters and held on to win. "What is particularly impressive about this pair, is that they only started rowing this boat together in the past two months, after predominantly rowing larger boats with 8 rowers," adds Renee Pirkl Botero, Wilson parent. The transition to the smaller boat ended up to be very successful for Michael. Now, Michael along with **Logan Pirkl**, also a Wilson junior, are headed to Pittsburgh to spend four weeks, along with 35 other athletes from around the country, training at an invitational development camp for the Men's National Team with the hope of being selected to represent the U.S. as part of the 2010 National Team. Congratulations to Michael, son of **Steve Evans** and **Sally Niles** and Logan, son of **Renee Pirkl Botero** and **Kirk Botero**. During the Fall season, the Wilson Team took Gold in the Men's 8+ and 4+ at the Scholastic Championships in November 2009, beating out teams from Grant, Lincoln, Lake Oswego, Catlin Gabel and others. In addition, in May 2009, at the Norwest Junior Regionals, the qualifying event for Nationals, Michael and Cameron took the Gold in the Men's double, while the Wilson Men's 8+ (8 rowers with a coxswain) took Bronze in the High School Event, racing against teams from all over the Northwest and Canada. This boat consisted of Wilson Senior **Shane McCabe**; Juniors **Logan Pirkl**, **Michael Evans**, **Kevin Hart**, **Phil Wasserman**, **Will Behn**, **Yoni Rappaport**, and **Andrew Miller**; and Sophomore **Jonah George**. For those interested, there is still time to sign up for Summer Rowing which runs through the first week of August. You can contact Logan or Michael (President and Secretary of the Wilson Club, respectively) or Rose City Rowing at RoseCityRowing.org. Click here for photos of Michael and Cameron, [photo 1](#) and [photo 2](#).

WILSON-BORN INDIE BAND WINS 2009 BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Congratulations to members of the Wilson-born indie band **Starparty** for taking **1st Place at the 2009 Portland Music in the School's Battle of the Bands**. Musicians in **Starparty** include: Sophomore **Caleb Misclevitz** (lead guitar, lead vocals), Sophomore **Raine Fredickson** (bass, omnichord), and junior **Sonia Webber** (drums). The annual competition took place in April, 2009 and showcases local Portland high school musicians. The Battle of the Bands was judged by local music editors and other individuals in the music community. As part of their prize for winning the competition, **Starparty** will perform live at a concert in the first weekend in October, 2009 at the Crystal Ballroom. Members of **Starparty** also won 20 hours of recording in a professional studio. **Starparty** also recently participated in the [3rd Annual Music in the Schools](#) Benefit concert on June 9 at Cleveland High School. Funds raised for this concert are dedicated to the Portland Public Schools music programs. Congratulations to Caleb, Raine and Sonia!

WILSON BASEBALL PLAYERS NAMED TO ALL-STATE TEAMS

On June 17, 2009 The Oregonian reported players named to the 2009 6A All-State baseball teams. Selections were made by a consensus of baseball league representatives. Congratulations to the Wilson baseball team!

Wilson First team players:

Pitcher: **Stuart Fewel**, senior

Catcher: **Bailey Graham**, senior

Second team

Infielders: **Brent Graham**, senior

Third team

Pitcher: **Alex Massar**, senior

Infielder: **Jordan West**, senior

Outfielder: **Peter Valentine**, sophomore

Honorable mention

Outfielder: **David Jaynes**, senior

SOFTBALL PLAYER NAMED TO ALL-STATE SOFTBALL TEAM

Congratulations to **Danika Klein**, senior, for being named as an outfielder for the 2009 6A All-State Softball second team.

CHECK OUT PHOTOS OF THE WILSON DRAGON BOAT TEAM

Sylvia Ayala, parent of Wilson grad, sent us these photos of the Wilson High School team at the June 2009 Rose Festival Dragon Boat races. [Photo 1.](#) [Photo 2.](#) [Photo 3.](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Baseball standout for Wilson High School and former Atlanta Braves star center fielder **Dale Murphy '74** has launched a foundation, [iWontCheatFoundation](#), with the intent to eliminate steroids and other illegal performance enhancing drugs from the world of sports. According to Oregon Sports Hall of Fame, Dale was Atlanta's first round draft pick, fifth overall in 1974. He played 15 seasons and set ten team career records with the Braves, who retired his uniform number (3). After eighteen years in baseball, Murphy finished with a career record of 398 home runs, 1266 RBI's, 2111 hits and a .265 batting average. Murphy was the youngest player ever voted National League MVP back-to-back, 1982-83. He won five consecutive gold Glove Awards (1982-86), was named outfielder for The Sporting News National League All-Star and Silver Slugger teams for four straight years (1982-86), and played in seven major league All-Star games (1980, 1982-87). Murphy created his foundation with a couple of friends to promote ethics in youth athletics and deter steroid use and cheating. Dale lives in Utah with his wife and eight children. His charitable work earned him the Lou Gehrig Memorial Award in 1985 and the Roberto Clemente Award in 1988. Dale recently made a stop at the baseball grounds of Jacksonville, Florida as a guest of the Suns baseball team to promote his iWontCheatFoundation. [Click here](#) to read the Jacksonville Times-Union story. Dale Murphy '74 along with another Wilson baseball standout **Wayne Twitchell '66** were part of a group of Portland-area baseball greats that recently appeared at an All-Star Fan Fest event in conjunction with the 2009 Triple-A All-Star Game on July 11 at PGE Park.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Wilson graduate **David Keller '07** was recently featured in a new local blog, PDXME started by Wilson grad **Daniel Ronan '07**. PDXME focuses on issues of accessibility to Portland by all, the livability of Portland and individual neighborhoods, and vibrancy of our city culture. David Keller is a full time student at Portland State University. To read more about David, click here to read more: [@j kð áç { ðèèèè ð áç } |èæãè ^||^!è } ^è^•• èèè](#)

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REGISTRATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for parent/student volunteers to help with Registration. Here are our needs:

Stuff registration packets--August 21st and August 22nd from 9-1pm.
Registration Day Help--- August 25th, 26th and 27th (Morning 7:45-11:45 or Afternoon 12:15-3:15 shifts)

Please email Erica Meyers emeyers@pps.k12.or.us if you can help out!

WANTED: A FEW GOOD CHALK ARTISTS

The Wilson Area Arts Council (WAAC) is once again sponsoring the Chalk Art Festival on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at the Hillsdale Farmers Market. We need chalk artists to add their artwork to the sidewalk. We are especially looking for 3D chalk artists. To volunteer, please contact Linda Doyle (WAAC Board member) at lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

WAAC CELEBRATES ANOTHER YEAR OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN ARTS EDUCATION

As the [Wilson Area Arts Council](#) (WAAC) wraps up its fifth year, we want to take a brief look back at what was accomplished this year and say Thanks! for the ongoing commitment of our community and the many dedicated volunteers and teachers who have helped support the arts in the nine schools in our cluster. Here are some of the highlights of the Wilson Area Arts Council for the 2008-2009 school year: [click here to read more.](#)

END OF SCHOOL YEAR SCRIP ORDERS

Get your Scrip order in... Orders are still being taken both this week and next. There will also be an order on August 4 and September 1. If you would like to order Scrip, please email Martha at schulte@easystreet.net at 503-244-5072.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANYONE?

The PPS Clothing Center, at Marshall High School, could use your help during the last week in August--it's the first week the Center is "open for business" for the 2009-2010 school year. Shifts are available Monday thru Thursday, 8/24 to 8/27, from 9:00 to 2:00 (or any portion of those hours that you are available). Parents and students are welcome to help, and students will receive community service hour verification. If you'd like to know more or want to volunteer, please call Mari Vandewettering at 503-464-7899.

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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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TEACHER GRANTS AVAILABLE

Kids In Need Foundation Invites Innovative Learning Projects for Teacher Grants Program. Grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to K-12 certified teachers working to create unique learning opportunities for their students at public, private, and parochial schools. Deadline: September 30, 2009. Learn more at: <http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/>.

WILSON CLUSTER CHALK ART FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 13

Sunday, September 13, 2009 at the Hillsdale Farmers Market, sidewalk in front of Rieke Elementary School from 10am to 2pm. It is FREE. All ages/abilities welcome! Supports arts programs at Wilson HS, Robert Gray MS, Jackson MS, Hayhurst School, Capitol Hill ES, Rieke ES, Markham ES, Stephenson ES, Maplewood ES. Click here to learn more: <http://www.wilsonarts.org/chalk-art/chalk.htm>.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION IN MULTNOMAH VILLAGE, AUGUST 15

Looking for a terrific community event this summer? Bring the entire family to Multnomah Day on August 15, the annual SW Portland celebration that draws thousands of families, kids and their canine counterparts. Things kick off with a Kiwanis pancake breakfast at the Key Bank parking lot at 8:00 am. The Dog Parade assembles at Handy Andy's at the intersection of Capital Highway and Garden Home Road at 9:30 and starts at 9:45. At 10:00 the parade starts and winds through the center of the village starting at 10:00 am. Everybody's welcome to be in the parade – hand-pulled wagons, scout groups, bands, school groups, musicians, jugglers, dogs – you name it! The rest of the day features a "Kid Zone" at the Multnomah Center, artisan booths, clowns, food vendors, sidewalk sales and live music! Please contact Joan Steinbach at 503-245-3936 or at multnomahparade@gmail.com if you have a group that wants to be in the parade. To volunteer (very fun community service opportunities) please contact Tye Steinbach at 503-245-3936 or Tyesteinbach@yahoo.com. For additional information you can contact Gail Anderson at 503-953-8114 or at ganderson@lfcpxd.org. Also check out the website at www.multnomahvillage.org.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Wilson High School Official Alumni website: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/index.htm>.

ALUMNI CLASS REUNIONS

To find out about upcoming Class Reunions go to: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/reunions.htm>.

POSITIVE ALUMNI NEWS - Send the details to [Linda Doyle](mailto: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

AUGUST 2009

7 September ACT Registration Deadline- www.actstudent.org

25 Junior Registration

A-G @ 8-9 AM

H-M @ 9-10 AM

N-Z @ 10-11 AM

25 Senior Registration

A-G @ 12-1 PM

H-M @ 1-2 PM

N-Z @ 2-3 PM

26 Sophomore Registration

A-G @ 8-9:30 AM

H-M @ 9:30-11 AM

27 Freshman Registration

A-G @ 8-9:30 AM

H-M @ 9:30-11 AM

29 Community Care Day 9-Noon

SEPTEMBER 2009

3 Teacher Planning Day
4 School Closed
4 Football, Madison @ WHS 7:30pm
7 Labor Day School Closed
8 First Day of School
 8:15-10am Freshman Orientation and Exchange Students Orientation
 10:15-3:15 All Grades
8 Site Council 3:30pm
8 Booster Club 6:30pm
9 Full Day for ALL students
11 Football, Barlow @ WHS 7pm
11 Back to School Dance
12 ACT testing
13 Chalk Art Festival, Hillsdale Farmers Market 10-2pm
14 Grad Night Planning 7pm
17 PTA meeting 7pm
18 Football, @ West Linn 7pm
18 October ACT registration deadline
21-22-23 Fall Play Auditions
22 Parent Pizza 6pm
22 Back-to-School Night 7pm
25 Football, Sunset @ Wilson 7pm
26 Men's Choir @ Willamette University

OCTOBER

1 November SAT Registration deadline
2 Powder Puff Football 7pm
6 Club Fair @ lunch
8 Football vs Grant @ Lincoln 5pm
9 Statewide In-service No School
10 SAT testing
12 Grad Night Planning 7pm
13 Site Council 3:30pm
13 Booster Club 6:30pm
13 College Info Night 7pm
14 PSAT for Sophomores
15 One Act Auditions
16 Football, Lincoln @ Wilson 7pm
19-23 Homecoming Week
20 Teenage Brain Presentation 7pm
21 Performing & Visual Arts College Fair @ PSU 7pm
23 Picture Make-up Day
23 Football, Benson @ Wilson 7pm
23 Homecoming Dance
24 ACT testing
25 National College Fair @ Convention Center
26 PPS College Symposium for Juniors @ Convention Center 9-12
27 Band Concert 7pm
29 Wilson Choirs Fall Concert 7pm
30 Business Career Pathways Fair
30 Football @ Franklin 7pm
30 December SAT Registration deadline

NOVEMBER

6 Teacher Planning Day No School
6 Football @ Jefferson 7pm
6 December ACT Registration deadline
7 SAT testing
9 Grad Night Planning 7pm
10 Site Council 3:30pm
10 Booster Club 6:30pm
11 Veteran's Day No School
13-14 Fall Play 7pm
15 Fall Play 2pm
17 Fall Sports Awards 7pm
19-20-21 Fall Play 7pm
21 Wilsingers @ Schnitzer 7pm
23 Conferences 5-8:30pm
24 No School, conferences 8:15-Noon, 1-4pm, 5-8:30pm
25 No School
26 Thanksgiving
27 No School

DECEMBER

4 Wilson Choirs @ Grotto 8pm
5 SAT testing
8 Site Council 3:30pm
8 Booster Club 6:30pm
8 Financial Aid Night 7pm
10-11 One Acts Performances
12 ACT testing
14-15-16 Winter Play Auditions
14 Grad Night Planning 7pm
15 January SAT registration deadline
17 Winter Choir Concert & Art Exhibit 7pm
21-Jan 1 Winter Break

JANUARY 2010

4 School resumes
5 February ACT registration deadline
11 Grad Night Planning 7pm
12 Site Council 3:30pm
12 Booster Club 6:30pm
12 Band Concert 7pm
16-17 Wilson 24 for 8th Graders
18 MLK Jr Day, No School
23 SAT testing
27 PTA meeting 7pm
30 Winter Formal

FEBRUARY

1 Teacher Planning Day No School
4 March SAT registration deadline
4 8th Grade Family Night 7pm
6 SAT testing
8 Grad Night Planning 7pm
9 Site Council 3:30pm
9 Booster Club 6:30pm
15 President's Day No School
19-20 Winter Play 7pm
21 Winter Play 2pm
25-26-27 Winter Play 7pm
26 Career Pathways Fair
27 PIL Choir Solo Ensemble

MARCH

5 April ACT registration deadline
6 PIL Band Instrumental @ Grant
8-9-10 Spring Play auditions
8 Grad Night Planning 7pm
9 Site Council 3:30pm
9 Booster Club 6:30pm
12 Spring Dance
13 SAT testing
15 Annual Art Exhibit @ Baker & Spice opens
16 Winter Sports Awards 7pm
18 Choral-O-City
19 Improv Marathon
22-26 Spring Break

APRIL

8-9-10 MUN Conference
9 Teacher Planning Day No School
9-10 Drama Trip to Ashland
10 Auction @ MAC
10 ACT testing
12 Grad Night Planning 7pm
13 PIL Choral Festival @ Cleveland
13 Site Council 3:30pm
13 Booster Club 6:30pm
14 Band Concert 7pm
24 Spring Clean-up 9-Noon
24 Culture Night
25 Baseball Pancake Breakfast
28 ACT testing for Juniors
29 June SAT registration deadline

MAY

1 SAT testing
3-4-5-6-7 AP testing
7 June ACT registration deadline
7 Prom
8 6A State Choir Festival @ George Fox University
10-11-12-13-14 AP testing
10 Grad Night Planning 7pm
11 Site Council 3:30pm
11 Booster Club 6:30pm
14-15 Spring Play 7pm
16 Spring Play 2pm
20-21-22 Spring Play
25 Band Concert & Art Exhibit 7pm
25 PTA 7pm
27-28 Trojanantics 7pm
31 Memorial Day No School

JUNE 2010

3 Senior Awards Assembly, Senior BBQ
4 Troscars
5 SAT testing
8 Site Council 3:30pm
9 Graduation rehearsal 9am
9 Graduation Memorial Coliseum 8pm
12 ACT testing
15 Last Day of School

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