



## Wilson Spotlight

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### WILSON JAZZ GUITARIST HAS EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

**Will Overton (sophomore)** spent a week in Boston this summer at Berklee College of Music furthering his study of jazz guitar. Will started playing guitar in 3rd grade. He was in a rock band called "The Hats" (with Nick Sullivan, Natalie Lyons--Wilson students--and Max Rompa) and has played at venues like Satyricon. Max has focused on jazz guitar over the last few years, and was asked to audition at Berklee School of Music in Boston for a scholarship. "Will's dedication to music has brought him maturity, self-discipline and a passion in life," states Will's mother, Judy Zehr. Congratulations, Will!

### PHOTOGRAPH BY ART TEACHER FEATURED

Newspace Center for Photography Members' Showcase, a juried group show featuring photographs by Newspace Center for Photography members includes a photograph by Wilson visual art instructor **Susan Kennedy Parker**. Exhibit runs September 4-27. Located at 1632 SE 10th Avenue, Portland. Gallery Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-8pm. Friday-Sunday 10am-6pm.

[www.newspacephoto.org](http://www.newspacephoto.org).

### ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

After **Kris Van Auken (Nelsen) '86** graduated from Wilson, she received a Music Ed. degree from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. After college Kris taught elementary music in the Evergreen School District in Vancouver, WA while earning her master's degree at Lewis and Clark College. Kris then taught elementary music in Oregon City and North Clackamas and at Oregon Episcopal School, where she still teaches an after school choir. Currently she is the Artistic Director of the Oregon Repertory Singers Youth Choirs, where children K-12 grades sing in six choirs. It is a community, tuition-based choir and kids come from all over the Portland metropolitan area to rehearse once a week and sing in several concerts in Portland during the school year. Go to: [www.orsingers.org](http://www.orsingers.org) to learn more. When asked about favorite teachers, Kris said that Merle Lotz, her choir teacher, had the biggest influence on her at Wilson. "He and his wife Pat gave me some wonderful opportunities to accompany the choirs on piano, as well as sing some very high quality music during my high school years," states Kris. "This was a huge influence on my choice of career." We also asked Kris if she had any words of wisdom for Wilson students. "I would advise current Wilson students to pursue their dreams and to look at life with an open mind," she adds. "Don't get stuck with a small, select group of people, as it will narrow your opportunities and your outlook on all that the world has to offer."

### WILSON MOVES TO 5A IN PIL

Here's the latest update on the OSAA Re-Classification process and the impact on Wilson. The OSAA has provided Wilson with the updated enrollment numbers they will use for re-classification for the 2010-2014 classification time block. The enrollment numbers for each classification have been adjusted downward from previous years. [New 6A cutoff: 1480; New 5A cutoff: 855-1479] The new cutoff numbers have Wilson, with an ADM (Average Daily Membership) of 1448. That places Wilson in the 5A Classification. Wilson has the choice to stay at the 5A level or opt to play up at the 6A level. The schools that we schedule for athletic competition will remain the same as they have been, and the PIL will become one of the Hybrid Leagues that contain 6A, 5A and 4 A schools. You can find out more about the reclassifications and how the different leagues will be reconfigured by going to the OSAA website: <http://www.osaa.org/governance/committees/classification/proposals.asp>. The Wilson Administration, after much discussion with the Wilson Athletic Director and coaches, has elected to stay at the 5A level where our enrollment places Wilson. We will play in a league consisting of Wilson, Franklin, Benson, Cleveland, Jefferson and Madison. The entire P.I.L. will be involved in a hybrid league allowing all of the traditional rivalries to continue. The advantages to playing 5A are many. All of Wilson's programs will be more competitive and have the opportunity for greater success in playoff situations by competing with schools that are more like sized. Wilson feels that across the board all of our programs will prosper from playing schools with similar enrollments rather than against those that have twice the enrollment and resources. Please feel free to contact either Sue Brent or Marshall Haskins if you have questions about this re-classification process.

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#### **9TH GRADE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 16**

You are invited to attend Wilson High School's 9th Grade Parent Meeting on Wednesday, September 16 from **6:30pm to 8:00pm in the WHS Auditorium**. The purpose of the meeting is to provide parents with information regarding success for 9th graders at Wilson. The meeting will be a combination of discussions, presentations and Q & A opportunities to enhance your ability to assist your 9th grader in having an extremely successful freshman year. Topics to be covered will include: (1) Role of parent(s)/guardian in high school student success; (2) How Wilson works – including communication (parental communication Newsletter, Webgrade, Wilson Website, Spotlight); (3) Athletics & Activities; (4) Counselor Information – Counseling Services & Graduation Requirements. If you have any question please don't hesitate to call Nancy Sevier or Marshall Haskins, VP Wilson High School at 503-916-5280 ext 405.

#### **PTA MEETING - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT 7PM**

Please join Principal Sue Brent and the PTA Board for our first general meeting of the year on Thursday, September 17th at 7 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. Our agenda will include a beginning of the year report by Sue Brent, introduction and approval of our budget for the 2009-10 school year and updates on all activities sponsored by the PTA, including the All-School Auction, the Grad Night Party, plans for a Career Pathways in Business Day, volunteer sign-ups and more. Please support your student and be an involved parent! Questions - please contact PTA President, Rosemary Schwimmer at [rjschwimmer@comcast.net](mailto:rjschwimmer@comcast.net) or at 503-203-8971.

#### **HELP NEEDED FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 22**

We've got our first event coming up quickly. Back-to-School night is next week, Tuesday, September 22nd, and we'll need LOTS of store-bought cookies to serve to hungry parents and students. As many packages of cookies as you can donate will be greatly appreciated. If everyone contributes a few, we should have enough. Remember, we're hoping to get ALL the Wilson parents out to see what their students are doing, so we could have as many as 1500-2000 people eating cookies! Please drop any cookie donations off at the main office or in the Faculty Lounge, clearly marked "For Back-to-School Night", as soon as you can, at the latest by Monday, September 21. Thank you so much for helping to get the year off to a great start. *[Mopsy Ballard and Kathy Phillips, PTA Hospitality Co-Chairs]*

#### **ENJOY DINNER AND SUPPORT FOOTBALL**

Stop by Casa Colima Mexican Restaurant (6319 SW Capital Hwy. 503-892-9944) in Hillsdale on Varsity Football Game night, before or after the game. Mention you are a Trojan and 20% of your bill will be donated to Trojan Football. Varsity Game nights: 9/18, 9/25, 10/8, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6.

#### **ATTENTION ALL SENIOR PARENTS**

Please help us make the 2010 Grad Night Party a memorable celebration! This event only happens with parent involvement. We have many positions to fill. Graduation is on June 9, 2010 so mark your calendars and come help make it a great night for our seniors! The kickoff meeting was September 14 @ 7:00 pm in the WHS faculty lounge. **Future meetings will be held the SECOND MONDAY of each month.** If you have any questions, contact Debi Corah [corahs@live.com](mailto:corahs@live.com) 503-244-6608, Kim Kilhefner Juare [kim\\_k\\_juare@msn.com](mailto:kim_k_juare@msn.com) 503-697-4236.

#### **SEEKING INTERNS FOR LOCAL NEWSPAPER**

The Southwest Community Connection, Southwest Portland's neighborhood newspaper since 1994, is **seeking interns for the 2009-2010 school year**. Interns will be expected to write approximately one article per month (sometimes none, sometimes two), but may be required to rewrite that article until it is acceptable. Eligible candidates will be good communicators (on and off the page), respectful of deadlines and skilled enough to shoot pictures at their own events. Responsible young adults who are interested in print journalism should send a resume and a cover letter to Shasta Kearns Moore (Editor, The Southwest Community Connection) at: [skearns@commnewspapers.com](mailto:skearns@commnewspapers.com). In return for your hard work you will receive experience, clips and one-on-one advice. This is an unpaid internship and so far does not give school credit. The **deadline to submit your application is 8 a.m. on Sept. 28**. All applicants will receive a response.

#### **PIL HALL OF FAME GOLF TOURNAMENT, SEPTEMBER 21**

**Steve Rudolph '75** (member of the PIL Hall of Fame Board of Directors) would like everyone to know about the upcoming Fall Fundraising event - the 2009 PIL Hall of Fame Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, September 21, at Broadmoor Golf Club in Portland, Oregon. The event is open to anyone that wants to play. On the day of tournament, activities will start with a box lunch. The scramble format will begin at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start. All participants and contributors will receive a registration gift acknowledging their support and participation. A post-event awards dinner will recognize all the winners and sponsors. Reserve your spot now to guarantee a place in the 2009 event. (Go to Entry Form at <http://pilhalloffame.org/events/golf.shtml>. They anticipate a full field.

#### **SCRIP ORDERS**

Get your Scrip order in... If you would like to order Scrip, please email Martha at [schulte@easystreet.net](mailto:schulte@easystreet.net) at 503-244-5072.

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### 2009-2010 STATEMENTS ARTICLE DEADLINES

If you would like to have news articles included in the Statements, below are the due dates.

<u>News articles due</u>	<u>E-Mail/mailling dates</u>
Monday, September 21, 2009 for Oct/Nov news	October 12, 2009
Monday, November 16, 2009 for Dec/Jan news	December 7, 2009
Monday, January 11, 2010 for Feb/Mar news	February 1, 2010
Monday, February 22, 2010 for April/May news	March 15, 2010
Monday, April 19, 2010 for June/July news	May 3, 2010
Monday, June 21, 2010 for summer/back-to school	July 12, 2010

**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 YOUTH BASKETBALL - REGISTER NOW

Wilson Youth Basketball (grades 4 through 8) is now accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 basketball season. We have programs for both boys and girls. Go to [www.wilsonyouthbasketball.com](http://www.wilsonyouthbasketball.com) to register and to learn more about our program. Janine Blatt, Wilson Youth Basketball Association President

### WAAC NEWSLETTER

Join the hundreds of families receiving the Wilson Area Arts Council monthly e-newsletter. A flyer was placed in every student registration packet in the cluster; however, if you did not receive one it's not too late to sign up. Just go to this link and complete the simple online form: <http://www.wilsonarts.org/ACTIVITIES/OUTREACH/form1.htm>.

### ROCK'N' ROLL CAMP FOR GIRLS

Here is a great opportunity for girls. The Rock'n' Roll Camp for Girls is an internationally recognized self-esteem enhancement program for girls ages 8-18. The Rock Camp's after school program, Girls Rock Institute (GRI), offers a safe place for girls to explore their creative side and develop their technical, musical and leadership skills. GRI provides weekly instruction and technical training, encouraging the development of life skills, creating leadership opportunities and providing girls with a supportive community of peers and mentors. We are currently accepting applications for fall enrollment and would love it if you could help us with our goal of reaching every girl in the Portland Metro Area who would like to attend Rock Camp. GRI will start on October 6, and we have plenty of openings, and financial aid for any girl who might need it. Marisa Anderson, Artistic Director, 503-445-4991, [marisa@girlsrockcamp.org](mailto:marisa@girlsrockcamp.org).

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### WILSON BAND PERFORMANCES/CONCERTS

Home Football Games where Pep Band is playing:

- Friday, Sept. 25, vs. Sunset
- Friday, Oct. 16, vs. Lincoln
- Friday, Oct. 23, Homecoming vs. Benson

Concerts & Other Activities: (all at Wilson unless otherwise noted)

- Tuesday, Oct. 27: Fall Concert
- Tuesday, Jan. 12: Winter Concert
- Wednesday, April 14: Pre-Festival Concert
- Thursday, April 15: PIL Festival (not at Wilson)
- Tuesday, May 25: Spring Concert

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### ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

All schedules subject to change!

Friday, October 2 Powder Puff Game. Participation forms are available in Room 121, along with practice schedule.

Wednesday, September 16:

Women's Varsity Soccer @ Sunset @ 5:00pm

Thursday, September 17:

Women's Varsity Soccer @ Aloha @ 5:00pm

Varsity Football Schedule 2009 Season. JV and Freshman schedules see [www.TrojanTouchdownclub.org](http://www.TrojanTouchdownclub.org).

- Sept. 18 Wilson @ West Linn 7:00
- Sept. 25 Sunset @ Wilson 7:00
- Oct. 8 Wilson v Grant @ Lincoln 5:00
- Oct 16 Lincoln @ Wilson 7:00
- Oct 23 Benson @ Wilson 7:00
- Oct 30 Wilson @ Jefferson 7:00

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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](#).

**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

### SEPTEMBER 2009

16 9th Grade Parent Meeting 6:30pm to 8:00pm WHS Auditorium

17 PTA meeting 7pm

18 Football, @ West Linn 7pm

18 October ACT registration deadline

21-22 Auditions for the fall play, The Children's Hour

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

20 Pizzicato Hillsdale Wilson PTA fundraiser all day

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 Pizzicato Hillsdale Wilson PTA fundraiser, all day  
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

Principal Sue Brent (media contact) [sbrent@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:sbrent@pps.k12.or.us)

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