



Wilson Spotlight

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NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS NAMED

We are proud to announce our three Semifinalists in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Competition:

Teddy Duchow-Pressley, parents Mike and Sandy Duchow-Pressley

Adriane Fura, parents David and Karen Fura

Zachary Swafford, parents Matt Swafford and Lisa Fitzpatrick

These academically talented Wilson seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$32 million, that will be offered next spring. These students qualified by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). The semifinalists represent the U.S. high school seniors with the highest-scoring entrants in each state. Thank you to our dedicated teachers and counselors for their commitment to our students and their quest for learning. Congratulations to our students and their parents!

2011 GRAD ROWS TO MORE VICTORIES IN COLLEGE

Michael Evans, Wilson graduate of class of 2011, rowed for the University of Washington in their freshman **8-man boat** that was undefeated in 2011, and **won the freshman national championship race** in New Jersey in June. The UW freshman team traveled to Henley, **England** this summer and **won their event, a 32 team tournament-style head-to head racing event**. Michael is planning to major in computer science or engineering. According to The University of Washington, as a freshman in 2012, Michael rowed in the George M. Varnell Men's Eight at the Class Day Regatta ... Rowed two seat for the men's freshman boat that won the Freshman Eight at the Windermere Cup Regatta ... Sat two seat for the freshman eight that won gold at the Pac-12 Championships ... Rowed in the two seat of the MF8+ that won a gold medal at IRAs in Cherry Hill, NJ ... Invited to race in the Temple Cup at the 2012 Henley Regatta ... Pulled the No. 2 oar for the eight that won the 2012 Temple Cup at the Henley Royal Regatta. Congratulations to Michael and his family, Sally and Steve Evans and sister, Alicia (sophomore at Wilson)!

RIEKE ELEMENTARY BECOMES FIRST GREEN FLAG SCHOOL IN OREGON

According to Rebecca Koffman at The Oregonian on September 14, 2012, Rieke Elementary School was named the first Green Flag School in Oregon by the Eco-Schools USA Program of the National Wildlife Federation. To win it, Rieke reduced waste and energy use and boosted biodiversity education. Parent volunteer Jamie Repasky, whose older son started at the school in 2010, was the driving force behind many of these efforts.

Click here to read Ms. Koffman's article:

http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2012/09/mary_rieke_elementary_in_south.html.

Click here to see a photo from The Oregonian article:

http://media.oregonlive.com/portland_impact/photo/img-3029jpg-054a5235ae7f17b2.jpg.

STUDENTS EXCEL OVER THE SUMMER

This past summer Wilson students took advantage of various summer internships, competitions, and explorations to discover their passions and strengths. These opportunities give our students inspiration as they make plans for college, a career, and build a resume for the future. What did your student do this summer? Let us know, we'd love to share it in the next Spotlight. Send details to Linda Doyle at: Lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

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FIELD OF DREAMS

Wherever there has been space to play, the history of genuine athletic success has always been found on the level playing fields of the past and thanks to the donations and efforts of hundreds of volunteers, the Wilson community will seek to continue this historical precedent with the **Wilson Fields Improvement Project**. Click here to read more about this impressive and crucial project happening at Wilson right now:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/WilsonFieldsImprovementProjectPressReleasefinal.pdf>

BASEBALL NEWS

Gareth Baldrice-Franklin, Jonah Harris, Austen Lake, Cole Conklin, and Jonathan Lee each had perfect 4.0 GPAs to lead the baseball program in the fourth quarter grades last spring. Other honor roll members are: **Sam Reed** (3.75), **Matt Harvison** (3.71), **Philip Blatt** and **Josh Hagge** (3.67), **Samuel Swanson** (3.6), and **Emil Marz** (3.5). To read all about Wilson's State Baseball Champs, go to: http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/September_Newsletter_2012.pdf.

BOOSTER CLUB BUILDS STRONGER SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

The Wilson Booster Club has many opportunities to become involved, meet new parents and help build a vibrant environment for Wilson High School. We can't do it without you, so please consider joining us. Membership forms are in the registration packet or check out our web page at: www.wilsonboosterclub.com.

POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL

Powder Puff Football Registration is available in room 121 with Coach Aker. Spaces are limited and spots are first come first served. The cost is \$50.00. You must pay to register.

CHAMPIONSHIP BASEBALL HAT AND T-SHIRTS ON SALE

5A State Championship 2012 Baseball hats (\$20) and tee shirts (\$15) are available for purchase in the bookkeeper's office, room 120 at Wilson. Get 'em while they last!

CONCESSIONS/ WILSON MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE NOW

Concessions and Wilson Merchandise available at all levels of Football, Volleyball and Soccer games (those games played on the main field)! Come check out our new gear and show your Wilson spirit!

NIGHT SCHOOL CLASS REGISTRATION

Night School class registration is only open for 4 nights – Sept. 12, 13, 17, and 18 from 4:30 – 8:00pm. If you need a Night School class to recover a credit, please see your counselor TODAY to get your spot reserved!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT PIZZA, SEPTEMBER 20

Don't worry about trying to fit in dinner at home after work before Back-to-School night... have dinner with us! Starting at 6 p.m. the Wilson Booster Club will be selling pizza by the slice and whole pies! Thursday, September 20, 6 p.m.

MOCK TRIAL FIRST MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20

Mock Trial – first meeting is Thursday, September 20th. Contact captains Paige Kracke at: paige.kracke@yahoo.com or Keep Nathanson at: Natalie.keep@gmail.com. It worth a ½ credit per year!

FRENCH CULTURE CLUB, FIRST MEETING SEPTEMBER 21

Wilson's French Culture Club will have its first meeting on Friday, September 21 at lunch in room 224 for anyone interested in French food, movies, music, etc. Speaking French is NOT required.

FIRST PTA MEETING, SEPTEMBER 24

PTA Meeting - September 24th – 7:00 pm Wilson Library - Please come to the first General PTA meeting of the year. Brian Chatard, the new principal will provide an overview of his vision and be available to answer questions and the State School Bond Initiative will speak about the details of the bond. Everyone welcome, you don't have to be a member to attend.

DOUGH FOR DOLLARS, SEPTEMBER 25

Wilson Foundation and Hillsdale Pizzicato team up on September 25th! Pizzicato will donate 20% of all sales that day to our Foundation to fund additional teacher at Wilson – a great time to buy gift cards for the future or for your hungry teen, throw a pizza party, or simply enjoy a yummy dinner. ALL sales are included that day, so tell friends, neighbors, family to BUY BUY BUY! No flyer needed.

COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP AT REED COLLEGE, SEPTEMBER 27

Reed College is offering a general college application workshop for high school students, **College 101**, to serve as an introduction to the process. We are inviting students and their parents to join us on **September 27** from **6:30 to 8:00 pm** in **Gray Campus Center rooms C and D** for an informative seminar on the basics of college, from application to arrival. The goal of College 101 is to help students find the best college fit, be able to apply to colleges most effectively, and to feel prepared once they're admitted. They will lead with a half hour presentation about financial aid, followed by a half hour about the college admission process, and will close with a discussion about college life, student involvement, and campus diversity.

TAG NEWS, SURVEY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 28

Dear Parents, In collaboration with the TAG Parent Advisory Council (TAGAC), the Office of Talented and Gifted want to learn more about your understanding and experiences of TAG services in PPS. In an effort to gain comprehensive insight from the diverse families that we serve, we will be conducting a series of activities for parent and student participation. Please click the link to take the survey: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/tag/7811.htm>. Survey available until September 28, 2012.

DESIGN AND WRITING CONTESTS, DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 28

What does Wilson mean to you? Design the front cover for the 2012-13 Wilson Student Directory - or - write a poem or short piece for the Directory. Winner of each contest will receive a \$40 gift card that can be used anywhere. Design Contest: Artwork must be original, in color or black and white. It can be a photo or photos, drawings, paintings or computer generated. Must fit on 8 ½ x 11 space and must include clearly somewhere the following language - "Wilson High School 2012-13 Student Directory" and "Sponsored by the Wilson PTA." Writing Contest: Writing must be original – no longer than 1 page 1-½ spaced. Submissions must be **received by 3:30 pm on Friday, September 28th**. Put the artwork/writing in the PTA box in the school office or email it to: karenrussell@mac.com. Questions? Contact Karen Russell at: karenrussell@mac.com, or 503-314-1303.

YOUNG LIFE, OCTOBER 1

Young Life is October 1 @ 7:29pm. Follow us on twitter, facebook and instagram!

WILSON FOUNDATION SECOND ANNUAL HOUSE PARTY EXTRAVAGANZA, OCTOBER 13

Wilson Foundation Second Annual House Party Extravaganza, Saturday, October 13th

rsvp to: WilsonHighSchoolFoundation@gmail.com

You're Invited!

Please join us for the House Party Extravaganza, our first Foundation event of the year on Saturday, October 13th. Multiple parties held at the same time in private homes around the Wilson neighborhood promise an evening of fun, food, drink, and fundraising. Join friends, neighbors, Wilson staff and teachers to raise money for Wilson. Meet new people, see old friends--there's a party for everyone! RSVP to: WilsonHighSchoolFoundation@gmail.com and we'll match you with the perfect party. Funds raised through the Wilson Foundation are the only way for the Wilson community to pay for additional teaching staff. Thanks to contributions in 2011-12 of more than \$80,000, Wilson students have smaller class sizes and more elective choices this year.

PSAT/NMSQT Test at Wilson, OCTOBER 17

All sophomores will take the **PSAT/NMSQT** test on **Wednesday, October 17** at Wilson High. Oregon Dept. of Education provides this test, at no charge, to all sophomores. Each high school will administer it to their own students on this day. No pre-registration is needed for sophomores – this will happen in class. Juniors are encouraged to sign up to take the test as well for a chance to compete for the National Merit Scholarship. The cost is **\$20 for juniors** to take the test and you can sign up with our bookkeeper now through **October 3rd**. The cost is \$5 for students on Free & Reduced lunch. If other financial assistance is needed, please see Abby Menashe in the main office. All grades will have school that day starting at **8:15am**. There will be changes to the bell schedule that day which will be explained in advance. The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is a national standardized assessment that measures various skills your students will need for higher education and careers after high school. It provides firsthand practice for the SAT® and gain access to college and career planning tools. It also gives juniors a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs. Additional information as well as listing of study sites for the exam are available in the main office. For more information, contact Abby Menashe x75203.

CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS

PURSE/BAG DONATIONS WANTED, DONATE TODAY!

The 3rd annual **IN THE BAG: benefit for the arts at Wilson** is just around the corner. We are collecting new, gently-used purses, bags, clutches, briefcases, messenger bags. Buy a new one, Ask a friend to donate, Clean out your closet. Also, do you have any connections with a celebrity that might donate a handbag?

Today, drop off at:

Paloma Clothing → donate here, receive coupon for 20% off any one item,
one coupon per customer, good for two weeks after purse drop off

KeyBank Hillsdale

Switch Shoes & Clothing → drop your purses off and receive coupon for 20% off one item

Sip D'Vine Wineshop

UPS Hillsdale

Anne Bocci Boutique Multnomah

Wilson, Erica Meyer's office

Questions: Linda Doyle (Lsdoyle@earthlink.net) 503-539-7240

Jaci Evans (JLE184@comcast.net) 503-502-7612

2012-13 STATEMENTS E-NEWLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Monday, October 15, 2012 → for November/December news

Monday, December 3, 2012 → for January/February news

Monday, January 28, 2013 → for February/March news

Monday, March 11, 2013 → for April/May news

Monday, May 6, 2013 → for June/July news

Monday, June 24, 2013 → for August/September news

SWNI Save the Date:

WESTSIDE CANDIDATES FORUM, OCTOBER 16

Tuesday, October 16, 2012, Meet and greet the candidates at 6:30 pm, Forum 7 pm, Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219, (TriMet #44, #45). Residents are invited to meet the candidates for mayor (Charlie Hales and Jefferson Smith) and city commissioner position #1 (Amanda Fritz and Mary Nolan). The focus will be on westside neighborhood livability and prosperity issues. The moderator will be Dr. Richard Clucas, Professor of Political Science at Portland State University. The event is free and open to the general public. The event is being sponsored by Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.; Neighbors West-Northwest; and Multnomah Neighborhood Association. For more information, contact: Sylvia Bogert, Executive Director. Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. (SWNI). 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219. 503-823-4592. Email: sylvia@swni.org. Website: <http://www.swni.org>, <http://www.nwnw.org/>

JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Jackson Middle School's Ensemble Choir has been invited to a choral competition in New York this Spring. To help raise money for the trip we are partnering with Portland Center Stage. Attend one of the following plays and parents will receive \$5 off each adult ticket price: Sweeney Todd, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The SantaLand Diaries. In addition to your \$5 off, Portland Center Stage will donate \$10 to Ensemble for each adult ticket sold. Click here for the flyer:

http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/Jackson_Middle_School_Choir_Fundraiser.pdf

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES AT WILSON

Susan Kuznitsky, instructor, is offering After School Art Classes at Wilson. Classical Charcoal Drawing. Learn to draw like the masters. A classical approach to drawing. 8 week session \$160.00. Mondays October 1st - December 3rd, 3:30 - 5:30pm in Room 7. Class size is limited to 10. \$25.00 supply fee. To register contact Susan at: susankuznitsky@gmail.com or call: 503.519.8187. Click here for the flyer: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/ASAatWilson.pdf>.

LEARN SOCIAL DANCE AT MITTLEMAN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Wilson students are invited to join the social dance classes at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center. Wilson students can take the dance classes at the special member rate of \$7. Regular rate for non-members is \$10. Classes are Wednesday evenings, starting in one week, September 5th. Learn Salsa, Club 2-step, and Fusion Waltz. Class size limited. www.join-the-dance.com.

NEA FOUNDATION – NICKELODEON BIG HELP GRANTS AVAILABLE

NEA Foundation-Nickelodeon Big Help Grants Are Available to K-8 Public School Educators. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to educators at K-8 public schools for the development and implementation of projects related to environmentalism, health and wellness, students' rights to a quality education, and community involvement. Deadline: October 15, 2012. Go to: <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/nea-foundation-green-grants/>.

NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON SW 10TH AVE NEAR SW CHESTNUT

The Portland Water Bureau has begun a new construction project on SW 10th Avenue near SW Chestnut. The project will last about 10 months and the work will involve making pipe connections to three existing Burlingame water storage tanks at 6932 SW 10th Avenue. ***Streets that will be affected include SW 10th Avenue, SW Chestnut Street, and SW Burlingame Avenue.*** There's going to be noise, dust, and use of heavy equipment and vehicles Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Neighbors have been notified but we wanted to ensure all schools in the area were aware of the project in case bus routes are affected. The Portland Water Bureau's point-of-contact for any project questions or concerns will be Darcy Cronin. Darcy can be reached beginning on September 10, 2012 at darcy.cronin@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-3520. Until that time, please direct all inquiries to Tim Hall, Public Information Manager, at tim.hall@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-6926.

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ATHLETIC SCHEDULE - All schedules subject to change. Check with coaches and the players.

Monday, September 17, 2012

Women's Soccer – JV2 Wilsonville @ Wilson (Gabriel Park) 4:15 *Early release-2:50*

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Men's Soccer – JV @ Liberty 4:30 *Early release-2:50*

Men's Soccer – Varsity @ Liberty 7:00

Women's Soccer – JV Liberty @ Wilson (Gabriel Park) 4:15 *Early release-2:50*

Women's Soccer – Varsity Liberty @ Wilson (Rieke) 4:15 *Early release-2:50*

Volleyball – Jefferson @ Wilson 5:00 / 5:00 / 6:30

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Cross-Country - @ Franklin (Lents Park) 4:00 *Early release-2:10 Bus-2:30*

Men's Soccer – JV2 Sherwood @ Wilson (Gabriel Park) 4:15

Women's Soccer – JV2 @ Clackamas 4:30 *Early release-2:30*

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Football – Frosh Roosevelt @ Wilson 4:00 *Early release-2:45*

Football – JV Roosevelt @ Wilson 6:00

Men's Soccer – JV McMinnville @ Wilson (Gabriel Park) 4:15 *Early release-2:50*

Men's Soccer – Varsity McMinnville @ Wilson (Rieke) 4:15 *Early release-2:50*

Volleyball – Benson @ Wilson 5:00 / 5:00 / 6:30

Women's Soccer – JV @ McMinnville (Baker Field) 5:00 *Early release-3:00 Bus-3:15*

Women's Soccer – Var. @ McMinnville (Stadium) *Early release-3:00 Bus-3:15*

Friday, September 21, 2012

Football – Varsity @ Roosevelt 7:00 *Bus-4:45*

Saturday, September 22, 2012

Volleyball – JV @ Hillsboro Tourney 8:00 am

Women's Soccer Schedule:

http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/WilsonWomenSoccerV_JV_2012Schedule.pdf

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WHS Daily Bulletin Send to: wilsonbulletin@yahoo.com

HAVE GOOD NEWS TO SHARE? Send the details to Linda Doyle at: Lsdoyle@earthlink.net

PTA SCRIP ORDERS, ORDER SCRIP NOW ...Get your Scrip order in ... If you would like to order Scrip, please email Martha at: <mailto:schulte@easystreet.net> or call 503-244-5072.

SCRIP

Thinking of buying holiday or thank you gifts for your employees or clients? Then think scrip. Scrip is an easy way to support Wilson PTA that doesn't cost you anything extra--simply purchase gift cards for Fred Meyer, Kaady Car Wash, or many other local vendors. Orders are collected every Monday. Go to: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/931.htm> for order forms.

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ALUMNI NEWS ... Wilson High School official alumni website: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com>

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

WILSON GRADUATES WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE SERVING IN MILITARY

To add your name and information to the archive of Wilson Military Graduates, click on this link: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/Military.html>.

PPS ATHLETIC WEBSITE Daily WHS Sports Schedules at <http://www.pilathletics.com/>

PHONE # Wilson 503-916-5280 . Attendance 503-916-5294

Note: PPS Athletic hotline is no longer in service. The Wilson Main Office will have the information when games are changed.

WEATHER & EMERGENCY CLOSURE <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/>

FACULTY/STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION - If you would like to contact faculty or staff at Wilson go to: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/>

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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

For complete calendar listings, see official school calendar online at: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/>

Please note: schedules can change at the last minute. Always check with your student, or teacher/coach, or call the school to confirm.

SEPTEMBER 2012

19 Improv team auditions 2:30PM
20 Booster Pizza Dinner Sale 6pm
20 Back-to-School Night 6:30pm
21 Football @ Roosevelt 7pm
24 PTA Meeting 7-8:30pm
25 Wilson Pizzicato Dough For Dollars fundraiser
28-29 Wilsinger/WAVE Retreat
28 Football @ Jefferson 7pm

OCTOBER

13 Wilson Foundation House Parties
15 deadline to submit article for Statements → for November/December news

NOVEMBER

11 3rd annual IN THE BAG: BENEFIT FOR THE ARTS purse sale --- donate bags today!

DECEMBER

3 deadline to submit article for Statements → for January/February news

JANUARY

28 deadline to submit article for Statements → February/March 2013 news

MARCH

11 deadline to submit article for Statements → April/May 2013 news

APRIL

27 next Wilson campus spring clean up

MAY

6 deadline to submit article for Statements → June/July 2013 news

JUNE

12 Graduation 8pm Memorial Coliseum. Rehearsal 9am.
24 deadline to submit article for Statements → August/September 2013 news

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