



Wilson Spotlight

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VETERANS DAY: WILSON SALUTES OUR TROOPS

Thank you Wilson veterans and veterans throughout the US for your service to our country. We are proud to honor our alumni who have served and those who continue to serve in the Armed Forces. We salute you! Click here to read about many of the Wilson High School military graduates: http://www.wilsonalumni.com/Military_List.html. If you know of a Wilson graduate who has served or is serving in the military, please send their name and contact information to Linda Doyle: Lsdoyle@earthlink.net so that they can be added to the list.

WILSON FIELDS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SPECIAL ON FOX 12 FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Wilson Fields Improvement Project Special on Friday Night Lights Portland's FOX 12, <http://www.kptv.com/video?autoStart=true&topVideoCatNo=default&clipId=7944499>, visited Wilson High School and chatted with Brian Chatard and WHS students- Watch this video and listen to the students talk about playing on a new surface. We need your support to bring artificial turf to Wilson High School's fields. DONATE TODAY <http://wilsonfields.org/Donate.html>.

WILSON CELEBRATES STAND-OUT SWIMMER, HAPPENIN' SCHOOL

As reported by Portland Public Schools News (November 09, 2012), Wilson senior **Grace Carlson** has won a swimming scholarship to **Stanford University**, where she will join one of the nation's premiere college programs. But Carlson's achievement is only part of the big news at Wilson. Our 1,247 students returned this fall to a new principal, food carts and an ambitious campaign to replace Wilson's muddy athletic fields with artificial turf. Not to mention Wilson's "Outstanding" rating on the Oregon school report card. Principal **Brian Chatard**, who spent nine years as a vice principal at Grant, said the top rating shows that Wilson "is doing right by our students." More important than state labels, he said, is the broad array of opportunities for a wide range of students that Wilson continues to provide, despite budget cuts. Chatard said he was surprised and pleased when he arrived to realize that in addition to a strong core academic program, the school has managed to maintain a deep and broad visual and performing arts program -- eight teachers who offer more than two dozen courses in areas as diverse as drawing, photography, ceramics, acting, choir, orchestra and digital media. To read the full article, click here: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/news/8077.htm>.

PPS STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2012

Two Wilson students were recently recognized by PPS as Student Athletes of the Month. **Taija Jones**, Sophomore, is on the Wilson Volleyball Team. She averages 12 Kills per match. **Cory Hincks**, Senior, plays for Wilson Football. He has over 1,000 yards rushing and 9 yards per carry. Congratulations to Taija and Cory!

SPEECH AND DEBATE ARE ON A ROLL

Wilson Speech and Debate continues to show strength this year with a strong performance at Forest Grove on Nov 3. Every student who competed broke to finals in at least one event! Congrats to our finalists/winners. **Natasha Baranow** took 1st place in Varsity Radio Commentary. **Edward Szczepanski** and **Jessica Peterson** took 2nd place in Novice Parliamentary Debate and Edward took 3rd place in Novice After Dinner Speaking. **Ashlynn Olsen** took 3rd place in Novice Expository, and **Devan Cakebread** was a finalist in Novice After Dinner Speaking. On Nov 10, the debate squad competed at the Sprague Debates in Salem, and the full team competes again at Silverton on Nov 17. Our Student Congress squad will be at Beaverton High School on Nov 15 for the Beaverton Winter Congress. Speech and Debate are still accepting members for the winter season (January-March leading to Districts and State in April). This activity offers academic credit, improves performance in every other subject, looks great on a college app, and presents opportunities for scholarship money to really good universities nationwide. For more info on how to get your student involved, email one of the coaches: Don Steiner (donsteiner@q.com) or Adam Testerman (adam.testerman@gmail.com).

MOTIVATING STUDENTS TO STRIVE FOR SOMETHING MORE

Willamette Week is honoring **Francisco Hernandez** for his dedicated service to students at Wilson and Roosevelt High Schools, with one of their coveted Skidmore Prizes this year. Francisco is the Social Support Services for Educational Success (SSSES) Case Manager for Wilson and Roosevelt High Schools and the recent recipient of the Willamette Week's Give!Guide Skidmore Prize. The goal of the guide is to engage young donors to support non-profits in the Portland Metro area. Each year, organizations applying to be included in the Give!Guide nominate one employee under 35 years of age, making less than \$35,000 a year, and excelling in their field.

Francisco's job is to connect with those students who are struggling most in school, either academically or through difficult life experiences, and help them find success. Sometimes it is extra tutoring sessions, advocating for needed services, or providing emotional support. For Francisco, working with kids is more than a 9-5 job. You'll find him coaching the Roosevelt JV Football team or the girls Basketball team. He becomes an active participant in his students' lives by attending their sporting events, graduations, and other significant events. His efforts result in students who improve in their studies, stay connected with school, and become part of their communities.

His dedication and generosity to the kids comes out when asked what he'll do with the \$4000 cash prize he'll receive as part of the award. He plans to give \$1000 to the Roosevelt Football Team for necessary equipment and fly his mother up from El Salvador to visit. More info on Francisco's is available at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=apty9KmVQWY. More info on Skidmore Prize: http://www.wweek.com/portland/article-17697-what_is_the_skidmore_prize.html.

"Way to go Francisco!! You do so much for our students and this prize is greatly deserved. Well done! Our community is fortunate to have you as a team player." **Megan Moyer**, Ed.S., NCSP School Psychologist

"I am so happy that you've received this important recognition as you very much deserve it. The work you do with our students is so important, and you bring such heart to your support for them – as full people. We're lucky to have you here!" **Kathryn Wolff**, Wilson Counselor

"Our students are fortunate in having him here at Wilson. Congratulations!" **Lise Flores**, Wilson World Language/Spanish teacher

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GOT A SOFA TO DONATE

The Wilson Band program is looking for a new sofa for students to relax on during lunch and other musical times during the day. Do you have a sofa you would like to donate? They would be thrilled to have your “support”. Please contact Nick Caldwell, Wilson Band Director at: ncaldwel@pps.net.

ON THE TOWN FALL MUSICAL AT WILSON

Get your tickets early and online for Wilson's first happy-go-lucky, family friendly musical in the last several years. *On The Town* is a pre-war, mid-century romp full of music, dancing and fun, guaranteed to be a hit for Wilson this theater season. The performers will be channeling the likes of Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra, Ann Miller and Vera Ellen in this not to be missed spectacular directed and choreographed by Wilson alum Clara Hillier '04. Purchase tickets online at: <http://wilsonthespians.blogspot.com/> or at the door. The show runs Nov 14, 15, 16, & 17 at 7pm. Veterans and active service members get to see this special matinee for free! Check out the poster here: [http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/On the Town Poster.pdf](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/On_the_Town_Poster.pdf).

PASTA-THON! NOVEMBER 12 or NOVEMBER 13

Pastini Pasteria and the Wilson Foundation invite you to join the food fest! Dine in or take out, lunch or dinner, Monday, November 12th or Tuesday the 13th... **YOU MUST MENTION THE WILSON HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION WHEN ORDERING** - please, for us to receive the donation, and Pastini will donate 50% of net proceeds to Foundation! There's no school on the 12th –plan ahead! Pastini is located on NW 23rd and Quimby.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES ARE HAPPENING SOON!

Starting the Friday after Thanksgiving the Booster Club will be selling Christmas Trees at the A-Boy lot. We need your help! Please sign up to volunteer with your student/group at: www.wilsonboosterclub.com. The Christmas Tree sale is our biggest fundraiser! All profits go to Wilson sports, clubs, groups and arts' funding requests.

SAT STUDY GROUP

Come one come all! The SAT Study Group meets Wednesdays during Tutor Time in Room 28. Join Mr. Bartlo for tips, tricks and practice with your fellow test takers!

WILSON BOOSTER CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Our biggest fundraiser is held from the end of November through mid-December. The Wilson Booster Club is seeking the support of parents and alumni for their volunteer efforts and participation in organizing our **Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser**. Trees will be sold at A-Boy parking lot, located on Barbur Blvd. Please contact: wilsonboosterspdx@gmail.com if you or anyone you know is interested in helping with this very important event.

BOOSTER BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

Booster Club is looking for a Vice President, Treasurer-Elect, and PR-Coordinator. For full descriptions, please visit our website, www.wilsonboosterclub.com. If this sounds like you, please contact: wilsonboosterspdx@gmail.com! We'd love to meet you!"

HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED

Wilson parents!! We are your PTA Hospitality chairs and we need your help! If anyone is interested in helping donate food or paper products for the Hospitality events at Wilson, please send your email to: JeanH@Grand-Benedicts.com or ChristiC@alpenrose.com. We look forward to hearing from you!
Jean Hinkley and Christi Cadonau

DONATE YOUR POINTS TO WILSON

It's time for Wilson HS to get rewarded with My Coke Rewards for Schools. When you stock up on any of your favorite Coca-Cola beverages you get codes on the box end flaps or under caps, enter the codes online to get points and donate them to Wilson. You can also just deposit your caps and box ends with codes in the PTA box in the office. Check it out at: www.mycokerewards.com/schools. Thanks for your support! **Contact Maureen at: reeniebl@comcast.net for more information.**

SENIORS

Register now for Grad Night. Original forms did not get updated to include the fee hike on December 16th - it *will cost you more to attend* if you wait to sign up, so do it now! Scholarships are available and you are encouraged to ask early for them to be sure you get one. Forms are available in the main office. Please turn them in to the locked box on the counter near Abby's desk.

PARENTS

We still need lots of volunteers to help us make this a fabulous Grad Night Party for your senior. Anyone can help and parents of juniors and underclassmen are particularly in demand! If you want to make sure your student's group or team gets spirit buttons, contact Maureen: reeniebl@comcast.net or 503-246-1474 to help make those happen. Lots of little Grad Night jobs are in need of filling right now. Please donate a few minutes of your time to enrich our seniors last year. "Many hands make light work".

WINTER SPORTS BEGIN

Winter Sports begin November 12th. Athletes must be cleared through the Athletic Director prior to attending a practice. Any questions see Mr. Aker in room 121.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TRYOUTS, NOV 12

Wilson Women's Basketball tryouts begin Monday, November 12th at 8am. Make sure you have your blue card cleared through the Athletic Director's Office. Go Trojans!

WILSON BOOSTER MEETING, NOVEMBER 14

Booster Meeting this Wednesday, November 14, 6:45 pm, Wilson cafeteria. Hope to see you there!

GIRLS LACROSSE INFORMATIONAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 14

Wilson Girls Lacrosse will be holding their annual Fall informational meeting on Wednesday, Nov 14th at 7:00pm in the WHS cafeteria. All current and prospective players along with a parent are encouraged to attend. Desserts and beverages will be provided. Click on the link to view our flyer:

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B-2Rp3tvUH3dTVA2cVc1VElySG8/edit>.

WILSON BOOSTER MEETING, NOVEMBER 14

Booster Meeting is next Wednesday, Nov 14, at 6:45pm in Wilson cafeteria. Hope to see you there!

CHOIR HOLIDAY GREENERY ON SALE NOW, TURN IN BY NOVEMBER 26

Decorate your home for the holidays and support Wilson Choir too. There are expanded choices this year so something for everyone! The Wilson Choir Greenery Sale is now through November 25th with all order forms needing to be **turned in by Monday November 26th**. There are order forms in the office or ask your favorite choir student for one or click below for a form. This fundraiser helps pay for sheet music, buses to competitions and festivals, scholarships for attire, clinician help for concerts, accompanists -- so this sale benefits all our choir students! Our new Wilsingers robes are a very visible example! Order **pick up** will be at the **Winter Choir Concert Dec. 6 from 6-9pm**. Please ask everyone you know to support our choir program. There are several more options this year something for tabletops to mantels to outdoor decorating! Thanks for supporting Wilson Choir

Jolene Schmidt-Howard & Marcia Reed, showardjack@aol.com.

Greenery Order form:

http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/schoolwilson/Wilson_Chair_Greenery_Order_Form_20120001.pdf

Information:

http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/Wilson_Chair_Greenery_Sale_20120001.pdf

YOU'LL LAUGH TIL YOU CRY! NOVEMBER 27

Betsy Kauffman and **Joanie Quinn** are local comedians who also happen to be Wilson parents. They are performing their stand up ("Spilt Milk! You'll laugh 'til you cry" this month at O'Connors in Multnomah Village on November 27. They are bringing comedy to Multnomah Village every month. They are working with Steve Arel (1967 Wilson grad and owner of O'Connors) to feature local comics, some just starting out, others with more experience, in a safe, comfortable room, with an emphasis on providing a space for women. Betsy and Joanie are both busy parents, but they are doing what they can to let the community know that a low-cost, fun night out can happen right in our neighborhood - and laughter really is the best medicine! There is a cover charge at the door to cover expenses. Doors open at 6:30pm, show begins at 7pm. No minors, and more info on their Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/SpiltMilkInSWPDX> (Spilt Milk - you'll laugh 'til you cry! Put it on your calendar and have a laugh with Betsy and Joanie and all your friends!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR WILSON'S ANNUAL 8TH GRADE FAMILY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 28

Program begins at 6:15PM in auditorium. Wilson encourages all WHS neighborhood 8th grade families to attend this special night!

WILSON BAND CONCERT, DECEMBER 5

Save the Date for the Wilson HS Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands Concert on December 5 at 7pm in the Wilson Auditorium.

SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS! DEADLINE DECEMBER 14

Now is the time to start planning for ads. Ads are a great way for parents to congratulate their seniors and for friends to ensure that their most memorable moments get the place they deserve in the yearbook. Senior parents can have ad sizes of 1/8 of a page (\$50), 1/4 of a page (\$90), 1/2 of a page (\$160) and a full page (\$300). Templates are used for senior parent ads. All you need to do is choose a color, a size, and send in your photos and a message. Templates can be found at:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/236.htm>. Senior ads are either a 1/2 of a page (\$160) or a full page (\$300). Ads may be submitted as hardcopy, or JPEG and PDF files (CMYK at 300 dpi). The ads can contain no alcohol, drug or tobacco related objects. All ads are subject to Troyan yearbook approval. The **ad deadline is December 14, 2012**. If you have any questions email us at: troyanbizz@gmail.com or Mr. Higbee at: teachhigbee@mac.com.

2012-13 STATEMENTS E-NEWLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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

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CHESS FOR ALL AGES AT THE HILLSDALE LIBRARY

Players of all levels welcome. Play a game or get tips from a tutor. Chess sets provided or bring your own. **Sundays 2-4pm except on school holidays**. Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd, 503-988-5388.

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT COLLEGE (BUT NEVER ASKED)

NOVEMBER 27 Tue, 11/27/2012 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Hillsdale Library, 1525 S.W. Sunset Boulevard, Portland, OR 97239, 503.988.5388

Which college is best for you? How can you fund your education? What do you need to do now to prepare for the future? Choosing a college can seem overwhelming! Marilyn Petrequin, of Petrequin College Consulting, will answer any questions you could possibly have about continuing your education!

HELP MAKE HILLSDALE HAPPENIN'

Looking for new interests or hobbies? Want to develop a new skill? Have a knack for planning events? Or maybe you have a bit of free time to fill? Join us in making Hillsdale a better place to live, learn, work & shop! A powerful volunteer driven non-profit organization, HMS continues to bring in new events, capital improvement projects, and resources into the area. Please consider contributing YOUR skills and expertise to the health of YOUR community. Enthusiastic teams of committee level volunteers have successfully gotten our two largest events, Springfest & The Hillsdale Paella Dinner, up and off the ground over the past 2 years. But, as the events grow, so must the planning committees; these wonderful folks could use a hand! Committee level volunteers commit to at least 6 months of service, dedicate at least 3 – 5 hours a month, attend a monthly meeting, work as a team to create and complete programs, and have various trainings offered to them throughout the year- As a volunteer you determine your level of commitment.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Oct-May | Springfest | Committee | 3-5 hrs/mo |
| Oct-Sept | Paella | Committee | 3-5 hrs/mo |

Please, tell your friends and family about Hillsdale Main Street, and if you/they are interested in joining, contact us at: volunteer@hillsdalemainstreet.org. Learn more about us at: www.hillsdalemainstreet.org.

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

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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.

NOVEMBER

12 Veteran's Day School Closed
13 Site Council 3:30pm
13 Fall Sports Awards 7pm
14 Boosters 6:45pm
19-20 Parent/Teacher Conferences
19 Conferences 8:15-Noon Priority Appts; 1-3:30pm Priority Appts; 5-8pm Arena Conferences
20 Conferences 8:15-Noon Priority Appts; 1-3:30pm Priority Appts; 5-8pm Arena Conferences
21 No School, no conferences
24-30 Booster Tree Sales
26-30 Winter Play auditions 3:30pm
28 8th grade family night @ 6:15PM
29-30 Fall OneActs 7pm

DECEMBER

1-16 Booster Tree Sales
3 deadline to submit article for Statements → for January/February news
4 Financial Aid Night 7pm Cafeteria
4 Wilsingers and WAVE choirs perform at the Grotto @ 8pm
5 Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands concert @ 7pm in Auditorium
6 Wilson Choir Winter Concert – all choirs perform @ 7pm Wilson auditorium
6 Wreath Sale Pick-up
11 Site Council 3:30pm
17-Jan 1 Winter Break

JANUARY

2 Back to School

8 Site Council 3:30pm

9 Boosters 6:45pm

21 MLK Day, No School

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

28 PTA Meeting 7-8:30pm

FEBRUARY

1 Practice ACT 11am

MARCH

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

APRIL

6 Senior 60-Day Rule begins

27 next Wilson campus spring clean up

MAY

3 Complete all Off-Campus Coursework

4 Promo, 8-11pm Portland Art Museum

6-17 AP Testing

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

17 Last Day for Seniors to submit Off-Campus grades/transcript

JUNE

4 Last Day of School for Seniors

5 Senior Awards Assembly – all school attend. Wear cap/gown to assembly

5 Senior Class BBQ

12 Graduation 8pm Memorial Coliseum. Rehearsal 9am.

12 All Night Grad Party 10pm

24 deadline to submit article for Statements → August/September 2013 news

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