

Weekly Bulletin

April 13 - April 17



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PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY MESSAGE - From [Filip Hristić](#)

View all Principal messages [here](#).



Dear Wilson Community,

I hope that you and your loved ones are doing well during these complicated times. The last few weeks have definitely prompted me to feel grateful for much in my life. Among other things, I am deeply grateful to be part of our community of students, families, and staff here at Wilson. I want to acknowledge our parents whose personal and professional lives have been turned upside down over the last few weeks; I want to celebrate our teachers and staff who transitioned very quickly to a new way of teaching and learning; and I want to appreciate our students who are adversely impacted in so many ways by this extended school closure.

I remain convinced that we will come out of this stronger - as parents, as students, as staff, and as a community. We can already [see](#) signs of creativity, resilience, and hope from the work that our students and teachers are producing. There are and there will be many others in the weeks to come.

In the meantime, I will continue to keep you posted as new information becomes available. We will continue to send the Weekly Bulletin on Fridays and I will send emails throughout the week if necessary. Please join us for a weekly chat on Instagram ([@Wilson_Trojans](#)) on Fridays at 10. We will also have PTA meetings every other Thursday at 7pm - next one is coming up on April 16. And, as always, please don't hesitate to reach out with comments, questions, or concerns.

With Gratitude,

Filip Hristić, Ed.D.
Principal, Wilson High School

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates ([visit the calendar](#)):

- TBD - All activities on the calendar are being reviewed to determine what will be moved to an online format. More information to come.
- April 16: PTA Distance Meeting at 7pm



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PPS Distance Learning FAQ

Please take a look at [this FAQ](#) regarding PPS Distance Learning expectations and guidelines. It includes lots of important information.

WHS Student Distance Learning Schedule

Teacher guidelines and expectations for home-based distance learning and social emotional support include:

- Student and parent communication will be done primarily through email, Remind phone calls, Google chat, or Google classroom. Please make sure that your student is using the assigned PPS email!
- Content will be posted prior to the "meeting of class" - *This could look like an invitation for a Google Hangout for a fully online lesson, a project or writing prompt that students work on during the class period, or a video that students access and respond to during the class period. It could also be that material and work is posted for students to learn and complete, with the understanding that the teacher is available later in the day or during flex time for questions.*
- Teachers will provide 2 opportunities for students to interact with the teacher/classmate interactions - google hangout, guided discussion in google classroom or small group conversations during flex.
- Flex time activities may include virtual office hours, collaborating with classmates on assignments, IEP meetings, etc.
- Teachers will be available at least twice/week for students to connect regarding content. These times will be determined by each teacher.
- Here is what a typical daily schedule will look like.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15 - 8:50	Coursework or Reading/Literary Analysis- Student Choice				
9-10	Period 1	Period 3	Period 5	Period 7	Flex
10:10-11:10	Period 2	Period 4	Period 6	Period 8	Flex
11:10 - 12:00	Lunch/Clubs and Activities-Online				
12:00-1:00	Flex				



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1:00-1:45	Physical Activity
1:45-3:15	Continue coursework, projects etc.

During Flex time, students could be:

- Working on teacher assigned projects
- Virtually attending office hours with teachers
- Collaborate with classmates on classwork virtually

Student Needs and Family Supports

- [Please complete this survey](#) to indicate your student's needs. We are going to connect with as many families as possible this week, and this survey will help us prioritize.
- **Neighborhood House** is providing food deliveries to neighborhood families during COVID-19. You can request a delivery by completing the [Neighborhood House Food Order Form](#).
- If you are spreadsheet savvy, [this is a comprehensive list](#) of community services available at this time.
- OPB is helping supplement distance learning by increasing daytime educational TV programming. [An updated schedule can be found here](#).

WHS Student Emails

Portland Public Schools made the move to Gmail and Google Calendar! The goal is for you to have access to an innovative and collaborative suite of Google applications. All students at Portland Public High Schools have PPS student email. Students usernames are first initial, last name, last four digits of their student ID.

Use PPS email to contact teachers and classmates, logging in with your username@student.pps.net account at email.pps.net. Your student email address is the same as your school account login and is also how you access G Suite for Education tools.

Having trouble accessing your PPS accounts? Want to access your new Gmail student account? Check out the links at the PPS Student Portal at pps.net/student. Then, make sure you are using @student.pps.net after your username not @apps4pps.net. Still having trouble accessing your account? Email Cassie Lanzas at clanzas@pps.net for help. If, you don't have access to email right now, join our Remind for account help. Text [@whslogin](https://www.remind.com/@whslogin) to 81010 or use Remind code [@whslogin](https://www.remind.com/@whslogin)

Q3 Grades

Here is the PPS guidance that we have been given thus far: For students in grades 9-12, all students will be given the opportunity to improve their grade for the 3rd quarter by working with their teachers to complete outstanding work. In no case will a student have a lower grade than on the date we closed school. We will extend the 3rd quarter to April 13. Students who have been unable to complete their work for the 3rd quarter will be assigned a grade of Incomplete. Students will have an opportunity to resolve any incomplete grades



once schools are re-opened. We are waiting for additional information from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) regarding Q4 Grades.

Welcome Jessica McKie to the Wilson Team

My name is Jessica McKie, and I am very excited to join the World Language Spanish team at Wilson High School. I have always loved teaching and started teaching my first bilingual class 22 years ago. I have taught Pre-K through high school, college students, and adults getting professional training. I also took some time to become a lawyer and worked as a legal professional for a few years, but came back to my true passion to teach and support students. For the last 7 years I have been teaching in Portland Public Schools Spanish immersion program. I look forward to working with Wilson's amazing students, and providing a rigorous and engaging language learning experience.

I live in the Wilson neighborhood, and have two children that attend Wilson where they are studying Spanish. When I am not teaching, I enjoy hiking, reading, cooking, gardening, and painting.

Raise Money for WHS While You Shop

Help us raise money for Wilson High School while you shop. Register with community rewards at Fred Meyer and choose Willson High School as your donation organization. <https://www.fredmeyer.com/>

PPS 2020-2021 School Calendar and WHS Fall Registration Dates

The 2020-21 school year in Portland Public Schools will start on Wednesday, Sept. 2, and end on Friday, June 11 (if weather allows). The calendar for next school year was approved by the Board of Education. ([See the full, downloadable calendar](#)).

WHS 2020-2021 Fall Registration Dates

At Registration, students have their yearbook picture taken, pay school fees, receive their school id card, and course schedule. Be sure to come ready to have your yearbook photo taken and send cash, check, or credit card with students attending without a parent.

If you are unable to attend your scheduled registration time and date, there is a make-up registration session for grades 10-12. If you can't attend either of those registration dates, all registration items may be taken care of on the first day of school from 7:30am-3:00pm. All new students will have appointments with counselors during Senior, Junior, Sophomores and Freshmen registration.

Fall Registration Dates - Save the date!

Monday, August 24th	12:30-3:30	Seniors
Tuesday, August 25th	8:30-11:45	Juniors
Tuesday, August 25th	12:30-3:45	Sophomores



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Wednesday, August 26th	9:00-11:00	Make Up for Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores who couldn't make the other times
Wednesday, August 26th	12:00-3:30	Freshman Registration

Updates will be posted on the WHS website [here](#).

ATHLETICS

For more information on athletics at Wilson, including schedule updates and how to register for sports, go to wilsonathletics.com or WHS visit room 121. Sign up to sell concessions today!" <http://vols.pt/zLYCmC>

Check out the weekly Athletics Newsletter: [Here](#).

Spring Sports Officially Cancelled

Earlier this week, OSAA announced that all remaining spring activities will be cancelled. PPS Athletic Office will be in communication with families shortly about potential refunds and more detailed NCAA information.

Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship

Our partners are the Positive Coaching Alliance are offering the Triple Impact Competitor Scholarship to any high school junior (class of 2021) through an application process. You can find more information and apply at positivecoach.org/scholarships. The deadline to apply is May 31, 2020. They will be handing out at least 50 scholarships ranging between \$500 and \$2000.

Capturing Wilson Athletics [\(link\)](#)

Elena Miller and Ed Devereaux have been taking some amazing pictures of our events.

THE COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER (Learn more [here](#))

Wilson College & Career Center, Room 149 (across from the main office)

Sign up for Remind messages to get college and career info sent in a short text right to your phone. Text @2020trojan to 81010 to get connected. Parents can sign up too. *During Coronavirus distance learning reach out to Kelly Milford (kmilford@pps.net) or your counselors.*

Special Message from the College & Career Center



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The College & Career Center remains dedicated to assisting Wilson students during the school closure. If you are a Senior and still need assistance with college applications, financial aid and Oregon Promise, or are considering an apprenticeship or other earn and learn option after graduation, please know we are here to help you!

All students are welcome to contact us to arrange a virtual appointment:

- For assistance with college searches, applications, financial aid, scholarships - Kelly Milford, College Coordinator, kmilford@pps.net
- For assistance with employment options for summer and beyond, resume and cover letter review, and apprenticeships - Jessica Wade, Career Coordinator, jwade1@pps.net

PPS Career Technical Education is going virtual!

"Future You 2 Go" is a fun opportunity to connect high school students with industry and postsecondary partners who are interested in influencing our youth by sharing information about their career and unique educational pathway to get there.

CTE will launch Future You "District Led" on Friday, April 17th with two morning sessions:

9:00 to 9:30: **Portland Community College (PCC) Programs and Opportunities.** Join this Future You event [from the College & Career Readiness Calendar HERE](#)

10:10 to 10:40: **FBI: Careers in the FBI.** Join this Future You event [from from the College & Career Readiness Calendar HERE](#)

Coronavirus and College - What you Need to Know!

Greetings Wilson families,

I hope that this message finds you well and managing through this difficult time. I have been reading and sifting through the ever changing landscape of health and education announcements that have been issued. While it is difficult to pull together the right information and resources and then figure out how to share them, the folks at [Oregon Goes to College](#) have done a fabulous job putting together a **VERY COMPREHENSIVE set of information on how and what to do if you are a junior, a senior, or a current college student as well as a general update section on changes in the admissions world with videos, clickable checklists, and resources!**

Please use this fantastic resource as it is all that you need to know about college and testing in Oregon. UPDATES are posted as things continue to change - including a chat function, and advice from local admissions counselors oregongoestocollege.org/corona

There are a few updates I would like to point out to you as well:

1. **Please reach out** with questions on college related things to myself kmilford@pps.net or to your counselor while we are out of the building - we can help! We are working on video and calling options as well and will communicate these when available.
2. **Oregon Promise:** There is a *tentative Expected Family Contribution (EFC) limit* of 34,000 for Class of 2020 applicants. Visit [Oregon Promise FAQs](#) for all details.



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3. **Seniors** - most Oregon schools and many others have moved their commitment/deposit day from May 1 to June 1 - see the list on the website along with links to all of our schools online virtual tours!
4. **ALL Oregon Public Universities have announced they will be TEST OPTIONAL** (meaning admissions test - ACT/SAT) moving forward - class of 2021 onward!
5. **The PTA Scholarship deadline has been extended until the End Of APRIL on 30th** - I am waiting for an update on how to turn it in. If you have submitted it to me or would like to do so via email, I will make sure to get your app. to the right place. Look for an update on this.
6. Many colleges across the nation are committed to helping the class of 2021 by going test optional for next year and understanding that grades and transcripts across the nation will look different. They will evaluate students based on the greater context of COVID 19 as well as our local context.

Merla and Pat Lotz Scholarship for WHS Music Senior - \$2000 Award

Merle and Pat Lotz were active music teachers and in Portland from 1951-1995. Merle spent 32 years in public school choral teaching (at Jefferson, Wilson, and Benson High Schools); as well as serving as church music director, performing as pianist with the Oregon Symphony Pops orchestra, and running his own dance band for 45 years. Pat was a public school music teacher, accompanist for the Portland Chorale, and a private piano teacher for 45 years. She and Merle took the Wilson high school choir on a trip to Europe in 1971, creating the memories of a lifetime for 70 young singers.

This music scholarship is a powerful way to honor and celebrate their many years of dedication to music education, as well as their love of students and people, and their understanding of the positive impact of music in the hearts and lives of all people.

Applicants must have taken music classes at Wilson. In addition to this application, you must have two teachers write a letter of recommendation. One teacher must be from Wilson and the other can be a private music teacher or your WHS Music teacher.

This form includes three questions. Please choose one question to answer in paragraph form. The Lotz Family would also like a 3-5 minute recording of your work. It can be original or of another artists work. It can be accompanied or not. Deadline to apply is May 1st. To apply: <https://forms.gle/ww3pqFp14zX56ZZh6>

Four Years Free @ PSU New GPA requirement - 3.2

Portland State University proudly covers standard tuition and mandatory fees for qualified incoming freshman students. All applicants are automatically considered for Four Years Free, no separate application is required.

Four Years Free is an institutional aid program that covers standard tuition and mandatory fees for eligible Oregon high school graduates who enroll full-time. The program covers remaining standard tuition and mandatory fees after financial aid is applied. Initial awards are calculated at 15 credit hours per term and the amount is finalized at the end of the second week of the term when registration closes.

Differential tuition and fees are assessed separately for certain academic programs and students are responsible for covering those additional charges.

Four Years Free money does not cover room and board, books and supplies, transportation or personal expenses.



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Eligibility

Students must meet all of the requirements below:

- Oregon resident
- Oregon high school graduate
- 3.20 cumulative unweighted high school GPA
- Pell Grant-eligible according to FAFSA
- First-time PSU student
- Enroll full time (12 to 15 credits per term)
- Start in fall term

Review the [official Four Years Free policy](#) for more details on eligibility.

Deadlines

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| May 1 | Submit the FAFSA (PSU FAFSA school code: 003216)
Apply to PSU and to submit all required admission materials |
| August 1 | Submit final high school transcripts to PSU
Accept all state and federal grants |

Employment Spotlight

Portland Parks and Recreation Seasonal Employment - Various deadlines and opportunities -

[https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/portlandor?department\[0\]=Portland%20Parks%20%26%20Recreation&sort=PostingDate%7CDescending](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/portlandor?department[0]=Portland%20Parks%20%26%20Recreation&sort=PostingDate%7CDescending)

Scholarships for College- All Grades Can Get Started!

- [Going Merry](#) - it makes scholarship applications as easy as college applications are when you use the Common App! Wilson has signed up for an account that you can join here:
<https://www.goingmerry.com/c/kellym-deowl>
- [Scholarship Search Experts](#)
- [College Board's Big Future](#)
- [College Net](#)
- [Fast Web](#)
- [Coolidge Scholarship](#) - The Coolidge Scholarship is a full-ride, four-year, merit scholarship that may be used by recipients for undergraduate study at any accredited college or university in the United States.
- [Student Aid](#) (scholarships/finding-scholarships#type)

Local Scholarships ([here](#))

B Davis Scholarship, Due: May 22nd, 2020, Award: \$1,000



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Criteria: Open to juniors and seniors, Write essay (1000 words or less) on: *Describe the three characteristics of leadership you value most. Discuss why you believe that these traits are so important and how you feel that they are developed in an individual.*

For more information and to apply: <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm>

SENIOR NEWS

Senior college news -

- Mid year reports - if your counselor wrote a letter for you, they will go in and send your mid-year reports as soon as we get transcripts in Synergy - likely Monday Feb. 3rd. Do not worry if your deadline has passed!
- If you are applying to UofO and/or OSU with the Common Application, it requires your counselor fills out a form that gets sent with your transcript, so please check in with them so they know to send it.
- If you added any schools to your Common Application after your counselor/teachers submitted letters of rec for you, you must let them know so they can resubmit

Deadlines coming up:

- OSAC - 1 app for Oregonians to apply to up to 40 scholarships! DUE March 1st - oregonstudentaid.gov
- Wilson Scholarships - We will give out 4 scholarships to Wilson students this spring for college ranging from \$1000-\$1500 - pick up a cover sheet from the office or CCC and apply by March 1.
- Future Connect and Foundation Scholarship - PCC's wrap around support program for first gen or low income students - DUE March 1

I applied for College, what should I be doing now...?

- Apply for financial aid by filling out the FAFSA - it's required by many scholarships
- Check in with your colleges - via your email or your new school account to make sure they have everything and to follow their Next Steps directions
- Looking at your college's websites for additional scholarships to apply to
- Learning about housing applications and process (if applicable)
- Apply for as many private scholarships you can get your hands on! Going Merry, Scholarships.com, BigFuture.collegeboard.org, Unigo

What do Bates, The New School, University of Chicago, Occidental, Redlands, Cal Poly,

Macalester, Dartmouth, Brown, and Colby have in common?



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They are all scheduled to visit Wilson High School this fall, along with 47 other colleges and universities so far. Log in to your Naviance account to check the current list of colleges and get signed up.

Why are college visits important?

- A good way to begin thinking about what you want out of a college experience is by attending a visit and listening to presentations. They can help you figure out what you don't know about what might be important to you!
- Juniors and seniors can help narrow down or expand their interests in colleges
- The college reps that make the visits are often the reader of your application when you apply, so if you intend to apply to a school that is visiting us, it is worth your while to meet them face to face and show interest in their school

Keep in mind that most college visits happen during class time and you are responsible for what you miss, so choose responsibly and wisely

[College FAQs for Seniors](#)

Your questions answered! Stop by the College & Career Center in room 149 for more info.

CONNECTIONS (more [here](#))

Bulletin

The Wilson Bulletin is an electronic newsletter full of useful information and interesting news emailed to Wilson students, parents, staff, and community members. Parents and student emails are automatically added to the list based on information provided by parents/guardians on the Student Verification form. Archives can be found [online](#) at the Wilson website. Have good news to share about Wilson students or alumni? Complete the online [form](#).

Attendance

When a student has been absent from school, a parent or guardian must contact the attendance office within three days to excuse an absence. Here's how: Bring a note from a parent/guardian to the attendance office, located in Wilson's main office; call the attendance office at (503) 916-5294 and leave a message; or email Sara Mattheisen, Attendance Secretary, at smatthei@pps.net. For a complete description of Wilson attendance policies, procedures and supports, go to www.pps.net/Page/10116.

Make Payments Online: Schoolpay.com

Get involved at Wilson with memberships in Wilson Booster Club and PTA!

Your membership dollars are tax-deductible, help fund our programs, confer voting privileges, and make our community stronger. Joining online is easy: Visit www.schoolpay.com and on the left-side screen menu, choose Nonprofit Groups.



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Apply for Financial Assistance for Meal Benefits, Summer School and More

Students in all grade levels meeting income guidelines or receiving SNAP or TANF benefits are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meal benefits as well as fee waivers for AP exams, athletic participation fees, and support for other school-related needs. Apply for or renew benefits online at <https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp>.

SafeOregon Tip Line

SafeOregon, funded by the Oregon Legislature as part of a statewide effort to improve school safety, provides a secure means for anyone to anonymously report suspicious or imminently unsafe situations, such as threats of violence, fights, drugs and alcohol, weapons, bullying, harassment, intimidation or self-harm. Anyone, from students to parents to community members, can access the system in a variety of ways:

- Click the “Report unsafe behavior” button found on every PPS school’s website
- Go to www.safeoregon.com
- Call or text 844-472-3367
- Email tip@safeoregon.com
- Use the SafeOregon mobile app (download via iTunes or Google Play)

Trained staff are available to respond 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Share this information with your friends and family and remind students: If you see or hear something, say something—immediately.

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