

OCTOBER 2012 E-NEWSLETTER
from
Churchill High School

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October

- 17 *Schoolwide Testing Day for all 9 thru 11 graders* **NO LATE START!!!**
- 19 *Early Release – Progress Report*
- 18, 19, 20, 26, 27 *“Crimes of the Heart” Play 7 pm*

November

- 3 *SAT Testing 7:30 am*
- 7 *Winter Sports Registration Night 5:30 pm*
- 12 **NO SCHOOL** – *Veteran’s Day*
- 13 *Symphonic Band & Choir Concert 7 pm*
- 15 *Jazz Band & Downing Street Singers 7 pm*
- 22 & 23 **NO SCHOOL** – *Thanksgiving Break*
- 30 **NO SCHOOL** – *Trimester Grading Day*

Please note that OCTOBER 17th is NOT A LATE START for students!

OCTOBER 17th is TESTING DAY at Churchill High School.

All freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take part in career and college preparatory testing on Wednesday, October 17th, specifically through the EXPLORE, PLAN and PSAT tests. All 9th -11th grade students should be at Churchill by 8:40 on October 17th ready to test. Students should bring two #2 pencils, a calculator and their Churchill ID card.

EXPLORE is a test developed for freshmen, providing career exploration and serving as a baseline to monitor a student’s academic progress. The test consists of four academic achievement tests and a personal interest inventory. The academic tests are closely tied to the achievements tests in the ACT. The personal inventory allows students to explore relevant career options and identify perceived needs in the high school.

PLAN is a test providing sophomores a comprehensive guidance resource and practice for the ACT college admissions test. It helps students to assess the status of their academic preparation for post secondary education and relate personal characteristics to educational and career options.

PSAT Reasoning test is offered to juniors, measuring academic performance on a national scale and providing practice in testing formats employed on the SAT college admissions test. The PSAT can also qualify students for the National Merit Scholarship competitions.

The results of these tests will be available in December. Students will bring home tests and test results for parents to review. Questions... please contact your student's counselor at Churchill.

CHANGE IN ATTENDANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Recording and reporting attendance has always been important for student achievement, student safety, and accountability to parents. Now it's both required by law and an integral part of school accountability measures in Oregon.

Oregon has made Achievement Compacts with school districts that replace the punitive, one-size-fits-all provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act. Under the new Achievement Compacts, schools must set, track, report and achieve a number of goals, including student attendance in sixth and ninth grade. In addition, a new state law passed last year requires schools to notify parents of any unexcused absences by the end of the school day.

To comply with these requirements, schools must record attendance accurately and consistently. In every class in 4J middle schools and high schools, attendance shall be entered electronically within the first 10 minutes of each class period. A class without electronic access shall notify the school office of any absences or tardies within the first 10 minutes of the period.

STUDENT CONTACT DURING CLASS:

We've had a number of parents calling to get messages to students during class times. If your student needs to be excused for an appointment, please follow these procedures. If you are able to reach them by cell phone or text message, please do that. You will need to also call the attendance line (541-790-5102) to excuse him/her. If you know about the appointment in the morning, please have your student bring a note to the front office in the morning and we will give him/her an excuse to show his/her teacher to leave at the appropriate time. Obviously, if there is an emergency, you may always call the

front office for assistance. We do try to avoid this as much as possible, as this disrupts the classroom learning of all students.

TUTOR HELP NEEDED:

We are looking for volunteers to assist students in the tutor center. We are especially looking for MATH tutors. If you are available during one of these times, please let Deb Vobora know at (vobora@4j.lane.edu).

- Period 1: 8:40 – 9:50 am
- Period 2: 9:55 – 11:05 am
- Period 3: 11:10 am – 12:20 pm
- Period 4: 1:00 – 2:10 pm
- Period 5: 2:15 – 3:25 pm

CONTACTING TEACHERS:

Most of our teachers have websites on the Churchill webpage (www.chs.lane.edu) if you want to contact teachers to get homework after an absence or to arrange a meeting with him/her, please use this page to find their addresses. Also most have Basmati activated. You will need to know your student's ID number to get information.

ROWING CLUB:

South Eugene Rowing Club invites all Eugene high schoolers to a free trial week with their novice team.

Crew practices at Dexter Lake and races throughout the Northwest during fall and spring seasons. Interested students should complete a waiver at USrowing.org/join and show up at South Eugene's east parking lot by 4 p.m. M-TH to ride out to the lake. More information can be found at oarjrcrow.org.

KUDOS to DONORS CHOICE

Our department's very first DonorsChoose request has been posted, to buy graphing calculators for use in Algebra classes. Please spread the word!

<http://www.donorschoose.org/project/technology-access-for-all-graphing-calc/863627/>

AVID HELP NEEDED:

We are looking for volunteers to assist with discussion groups in our AVID classes. If you are available to an hour, one day a week or have questions, please email Noah Glusman at glusman_n@4j.lane.edu.

AVID Family Night

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Family Night Topics

- Study strategies**
- Four-Year Plan**
- Parent-Teacher Communication**
- College Entrance and Graduation Requirements**
- Time Management and Goal Setting**
- AVID Tutorial Process**
- How parents can help their students at home**
- Parent Concerns & Questions**
- SAT/ACT Information**

*Plus more...

Wednesday, October 24th
5:30-7:30pm
Churchill Library

Comments? Concerns? Questions?
Please contact us:

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Got woodworking skills?

Mr. Eagen is looking for someone with woodworking skills and tools to build some simple items for the Art classroom. He needs some organizational blocks to keep track of scissors, pens, and paint bottles

and make them accessible to students. A table saw and drill press ought to be all that's needed. Please contact Lance Eagen (eagen@4j.lane.edu or [541-790-5146](tel:541-790-5146)) if you can help out.

Mike's Closet: Mike's closet is located in the F hall (enter through F55). We have school supplies, clothing, backpacks and more for students in need. Please come in and check in if there is anything you need. We also accept donations of gently used items for high school students. Please contact Polly Nelson if you have any questions.

4J Driver Ed: Driver ed is offered 4 times a year in the Eugene School District, in September, January, April and Summer. Schedules are offered at all high schools and the schedules vary depending on the location. Teens must have an Oregon permit to participate and it is recommended that they have at least 10 hours of practice behind the wheel before registering. If you would like to have a flyer mailed to you please call and we will put you on the mailing list. [541-342-4339](tel:541-342-4339). Flyers are also in the main office prior to the term.

Starting in October: Ophelia's Place Offers Girls' Leadership and Empowerment Groups at Churchill!

Churchill Health Center and Churchill High School are coordinating two specialized groups for students this fall. A dedicated pair of Ophelia's Place staff will meet with small groups of girls once a week for the fall trimester. Students will learn about healthy relationships, build leadership and friendship skills, do fun activities together, and encourage each other to reach their personal, college and career goals. Girls' similarities and differences are appreciated and respected. Call the Health Center at (541) 790-5227 if you are interested in the group.

Ophelia's Place is a nonprofit resource center in Eugene that offers a safe, nurturing environment for all girls ages 10-18. We help girls find and focus on their personal strengths, build self-esteem, and create healthy, lasting relationships. Questions?? Call at 541-284-4338 or go to www.opheliasplace.net

LIBRARY INFORMATION:

Do you have any textbooks that are overdue? We would save \$48,732 if these were turned in!

TRACK TEAM FUNDRAISER:

On November 17th, the University Of Oregon Ducks will be hosting the Stanford Cardinals at Autzen Stadium. For every home game, the Slocum Center uses their parking lot to raise funds for different causes. For this game, Slocum is willing to give half the proceeds to the Churchill Track Program if we can find parents or students who are willing to work the lot that day. We need approximately 12 people to work the lot on different shifts. Anyone interested, please

contact George Walcott at [\(541\) 517-4270](tel:5415174270). Any student who participates, could also use the time worked for community service. The starting time for the game is yet to be determined, but it will most likely be a mid afternoon or evening start time. Thanks!

OCT. 19, LAST HOME FOOTBALL GAME. CHS PEP BAND has performed at all home varsity football games. The last home game will recognize all senior football players, cheerleaders, and band members. Thanks to each of you for your contribution to a great football season.

FIRST BAND CONCERTS OF THE YEAR. FREE!

TUESDAY NOV. 13, 7:00 pm CHS Symphonic Band and Concert Choir, CHS auditorium

THURSDAY NOV. 15, 7:00 pm CHS Jazz Band and Downing Street Singers, CHS auditorium

October Career Center Info

Career Center is Up and Running!

Fall is a busy time in the Career Center! Don't miss out on important testing dates, and college visits and fairs. **Seniors, stop in and make an appointment to talk to Betsy or Shannon.** Parents are always welcome.

College Fair:

Sunday, October 14th Lane Community College 12-3 PM

Over 60 different colleges & universities from around the country will visit.

Workshops on college admission and financial aid will also be held.

Junior Project: Churchill Juniors will begin their junior project in November. They will be asked to do a self-assessment regarding their future plans for higher education, create a resume, explore and compare colleges and universities, and have an interview with Betsy in the Career Center. IHS Juniors should complete the Junior Project in October.

College Testing: Seniors: Seniors, are you considering attending a 4 year college next year? You should take the ACT or SAT in December if you have not already done so. Register online today!

College Application Workshops: Both University of Oregon and Oregon State University will hold application workshops in November. Seniors can finish and submit their applications for admission at these workshops. Stop by the Career Center to sign up!

College Visits: Many college admission officers visit Churchill (or the surrounding area) during the fall. Students and parents have a great opportunity to meet admissions counselors, ask questions and get a feel for the atmosphere of each individual campus. Call or check the bulletin boards and online calendar for specific dates and times.

October 25th Oregon Public Universities Visit Churchill in the afternoon

All of the 8 Oregon Public Universities (plus Lane CC) will visit Churchill. Students and parents will hear about the university system and then attend separate break-out sessions.

Study Abroad Fair October 23nd 7 PM Sheldon Cafeteria

Representatives from many organizations that sponsor study abroad programs will visit! Parents and students considering a summer, semester, or year-long experience abroad are welcome to come and learn about these great opportunities

Community Service

All Churchill students must complete at least 40 hours of community service hours as a graduation requirement. Interesting opportunities are posted in the Career Center!