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### Dates To Remember

- Nov. 6: Daylight savings ends. Set clocks back one hour.
- Nov. 7: Athletic Clearance for Winter Sports.
- Nov. 11: No School; Veteran's Day.
- Nov. 11, 12, 17, 18, 19: Musical "The Drowsy Chaperone". Call 503-668-8011 ext. 381 for reservations.
- Nov. 11-13: Ski Swap in Gym B.
- Nov. 14: School Board meeting at 6:00 pm at Naas Elementary School.
- Nov. 17: Mock Job Interviews in Gym B.
- Nov. 17: Cap, gown and ring make up orders taken during lunches outside of the Commons.
- Nov. 23-25: No School
- Dec. 3: Big Band Dance in Gym A.
- Dec. 5: Canned Food Drive begins.
- Dec. 7: Financial Aid Program at 6:30 pm in the Commons.
- Dec. 12: School Board Meeting at 6:00 pm at Firwood Elementary School.
- Dec. 13: Band Concert at 7:30 pm in the Commons.
- Dec. 15: Choir Concert at 7:30 pm in the Commons.
- Dec. 19-Jan. 2: No School, Winter Break. School resumes Jan 3.

# PIONEER PRIDE

## Sandy High School Oregon Trail School District #46

### A message from Principal Werner

Welcome to November!!

I want to thank all of the families that were able to make it to our Parent/ Teacher Conferences this year. We had a strong turnout! Many teachers commented that this was the busiest conferences they have seen in years. We appreciate everyone taking the time to come in and talk to us about your children and will continue to explore ways to increase communication between the school and our families.

We have started our Early Release staff development program. This will be each Wednesday until March 21<sup>st</sup>.

We are coming to the conclusion of our fall sports season. With the OSAA's "Play In" model our women and men all still have at least one more contest remaining before the season concludes. Depending on performance some sports may be playing through November. Please visit our website or the OSAA website for complete "Play-In" and playoff information.

Our Drama members are diligently working on this year's musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone". Each year they put on a fantastic show. The musical will run on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. You can reserve tickets at 503-668-8011, ext. 381.

Before we know it the annual Canned Food drive will be upon us. With your continued support everyone involved in the food drive plans to serve even more families this coming December. For more information or news about the canned food drive please contact Sally Tripp, SHS Activities Director, at ext 223 or by email at Sally.Tripp@ortrail.k12.or.us.

I hope everyone has a pleasant November and a great Thanksgiving!

Tim Werner  
Principal

### Important Dates for College-bound Students & Their Parents!

Tuesday November 8: Financing Education Workshop 6:30 p.m. @ Sam Barlow HS Ameriprise representatives who have been nationally certified as College Financial Planners will share tips on how to best use your financial resources to afford college. (Parents of ALL grade levels of students can benefit from this workshop!)

Monday November 14: College Night in Oregon 6:30-9 p.m. at MHCC. Topics covered include: Why College is Important, Choosing the Right College, Understanding the Financial Aid Process, and Scholarship Searches and Scams. Pizza & prizes

from 6:30-7; the program begins at 7; the night ends with a drawing for a \$500 scholarship (must attend the entire program to be eligible); go to [www.collegenightinor.org](http://www.collegenightinor.org) for agenda and other locations

Friday December 2: Elks Most Valuable Scholarship Application is due at the Gresham Elks Lodge; students should start EARLY on this lengthy application! Applications available in Counseling and Career Centers and online at: [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm)

Wednesday December 7: Financial Aid Program 6:30 p.m. in SHS Commons. A Financial Aid Specialist from Mt. Hood Community College will help seniors and their parents understand the federal financial aid program and its required form, the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and the process for applying for federal aid.

### Online Registration Recommended for National College Fair

The National College Fair will be held Sunday November 6, 1-5 p.m., & Monday November 7, 9 a.m.-noon @ the Convention Center in Portland. It is recommended that students register online prior to attending the fair! Pre-registered students will print an admission ticket at home—the admission ticket has a bar code with the student's name and address coded into it. When a student wants a college to send them more information, the college rep will scan the barcode and information will be sent to the student's home. This time-saver prevents long lines of students filling out postcards by hand at each college table! Register online at: [www.gotomyncf.com](http://www.gotomyncf.com)

### Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following Pio Pride Students of the Month. They were nominated by their teachers for their Dedication.

Trent Bergstrom  
Dalton Hamburg  
Angel Horta  
Kevin Frank  
Jacoby Liaty  
Sarah Rutledge  
Bryce Trimble  
Marissa Wright

## Career Center Corner

### NOVEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Nov 1: Eastern Oregon Univ. early application deadline  
 Nov 1: OSU Honors College early application deadline  
 Nov 1: U of O Early Notification deadline (incl. Honors Coll.)  
 Nov 2: Boise College Fair – Boise Centre on the Grove 9:30 - 2:30 and 6:00 - 8:00  
 Nov 3: OIT Making College Happen Preview Day  
 Nov 4: ACT registration deadline for 12/10 test  
 Nov 4: WOU Making College Happen I  
 Nov 5: SAT test  
 Nov 5: EOU Campus Preview Day  
 Nov 5: PSU Campus Preview Day  
 Nov 6: Portland College Fair-OR Convention Ctr. 1 p.m.-5 p.m.  
 Nov 7: Portland College Fair-OR Convention Ctr. 9 a.m. - Noon  
 Nov 8: SAT registration deadline for 12/3 test  
 Nov 10: U of O Connections (college prep for 1st generation, ethnically diverse, economically disadvantaged h.s. students)  
 Nov 11: OSU Cascades Campus Preview Day  
 Nov 12: WOU Fall Preview Day II  
 Nov 14: College Night in Oregon  
 Nov 16: PSU Bridges: Open House for ethnically diverse students  
 Nov 17: Mock Job Interviews-Gym B  
 Nov 18: SOU Campus Preview Day

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER

#### FOR SENIORS:

- Get FAFSA worksheet and begin working now on gathering necessary information
- Start researching state, school and local level scholarships
- Begin working now on scholarship essays
- Find out if any of your college choices require an additional financial aid application, such as the CSS Profile
- Be mindful of application deadlines. Remember to keep copies of everything sent!
- Locate (usually online) current financial aid information for schools you are interested in attending
- Remember to talk with family about payment options for postsecondary ed.
- Review SAT/ACT scores and if necessary, plan for prep classes

#### FOR JUNIORS:

- Begin reviewing SAT/ACT preparation materials
- Determine what type of school might be a good fit - community college, career-tech school, 4-yr. college, etc.
- Begin researching schools online and in college guidebooks (Barron's, Peterson's) – Come to the Career Center! Begin searching for scholarships at the national level. Register with 1 or 2 online scholarship search engines such as FastWeb.com or FinAid.com
- Plan on attending SHS's financial aid night in December, with a parent or guardian if possible.

#### FOR SOPHOMORES and FRESHMEN:

- Look at college or training school admission requirements to get an idea of what kinds of classes need to be taken now
- Volunteer, particularly in a field you may enjoy or in a career area that is of interest to you

### Have you purchased your 2011-2012 Oregon Trail calendar?

The Oregon Trail Education Foundation (OTEF) 2011-2012 Calendar highlights artwork from Oregon Trail students, and includes dates for events, meetings, and activities occurring across the entire District. OTEF is a private, voluntary organization, so all profits from the calendar will be contributed toward academic programs that are not otherwise available to our students. Calendars are available for purchase in every school office.

OTEF meets on the 4th Monday of each month, 4:00 p.m. at the Sandy High Career Center. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact OTEF President James Milliken at: james.milliken@ortrail.k12.or.us.

### Newsletters to be emailed home

The Sandy High School parent newsletter will now be emailed home. If you would like a hardcopy, please have your student stop by the Principal's Office to pick one up.

### Social Media and Students

The Oregon Trail School District has a policy in place regarding student use of personal communication devices and access to social media. The full policy (JFCB) may be viewed on the district's web site at [www.oregontrailschools.com](http://www.oregontrailschools.com). In brief, the policy restricts student possession or use of personal communication devices (such as cell phones, iPods, etc.) on district property, in district facilities during the school day, and while the student is in attendance at district-sponsored activities, unless the student is given explicit permission by a teacher or administrator. An exception to the policy, effective at Sandy High School only, allows the use of personal communication devices during passing time, lunch and before/after school. Students may not access social media sites (such as Twitter, YouTube, etc.) using district equipment, while on district property, or at district-sponsored activities, unless the posting is approved by a district representative. Students in violation of the policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

### Reverse 911: Emergency Notification System

*An important step in preparing your family for an emergency*  
 In the event of an impending natural disaster or other imminent emergency, the Clackamas County Emergency Notification System (Reverse 911) will send emergency messages and instructions to residents in the affected geographic area. The Reverse 911 system is programmed with landline phone numbers, but you may sign up to receive alerts by cell phone, text message, VOIP, and/or email. Visit [PublicAlerts.org](http://PublicAlerts.org) to sign up for Reverse 911 Emergency Notifications, and to view news and information on major service disruptions.

### Media Access to Students

Media representatives (newspaper, television and radio reporters) are required to report to school administration before accessing students for information on school programs and activities. Information obtained by media representatives directly from students does not require parental approval prior to publication by the media. *Parents who do not want their student interviewed or photographed by the media may direct their student accordingly.*