

School Needs a New Home

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De La Salle North was the first school to replicate the innovative Corporate Work Study Program pioneered by Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago. The school was founded to provide this unique educational opportunity to families who would not be able to afford a private, college-preparatory education.

“Our goal is to develop tomorrow’s community leaders by making high-quality education accessible to motivated young people in a learning environment that values cultural, spiritual and ethnic diversity,” O’Mara said.

The school has been looking for a new location for two years. A committee

of community supporters will engage in the search and explore future locations. The team is concentrating its efforts on finding a 55,000-square-foot building or a former school in the Portland area that could be retrofitted. It needs to be located in a place with access to public transportation because its students have a work-study job to get to every week.

“Our vision for the future is to secure a permanent location to transform the educational experience of the students we serve. A home of our own will give our students and staff a sense of pride, strengthen our community, and inspire past, current and future students of De La Salle to build fulfilling lives that advance the common good,” added O’Mara.



Vanport Mosaic Festival -- Celebrating community history and resilience and commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Vanport Flood, the Vanport Mosaic Festival opens Wednesday and continues through the Memorial Day weekend. Live performances, film screenings, multi-disciplinary exhibits, historical walking tours and community engagements are scheduled at various venues in north and northeast Portland. For a complete schedule, visit vanportmosaic.org.

My Black is Beautiful Celebration -- The Vancouver NAACP, Odyssey World International and other black women leaders in Vancouver are holding a free, all ages positive expressive event “My Black is Beautiful,” celebrating the strength and grace that comes with all our beautiful shades, on Saturday, May 26 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver. There will be guest speakers, poets, musicians, other artists and more.

‘Left Hook’ -- “Left Hook,” fully staged new drama about gentrification and community displacement in 1970’s Portland, inspired in part by the Knott Street Boxing Club, premieres Thursday, May 24 as part of the Vanport Mosaic Festival with shows continuing through June 10 at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in north Portland. For tickets and more information about the Memorial Day weekend festival, visit vanportmosaic.org.



Rose Festival City Fair -- The Portland Rose Festival’s City Fair on the downtown waterfront opens this weekend for the Memorial Day weekend, May 25-28, before opening on the weekends of June 1-3 and June 8-10. City Fair is the Pacific Northwest’s biggest, best and family-friendliest carnival, and includes gentle Kiddie Land rides, tried and true family favorites and over-the-top twistlers for older, more adventurous thrill seekers.

Sister Act -- Portland actress Kristin Robinson performs the title role in “Sister Act,” the feel-good musical based on the 1992 smash hit film, now playing at the Lakewood Center for the Arts in Lake Oswego. Shows run through June 10. Tickets are \$39 for adults and \$37 for seniors. Call the box office at 503-635-3901 or visit Lakewood-center.org.

Norman Sylvester -- ‘Boogie Cat’ Norman Sylvester plays Friday, May 25 at Clyde’s; Saturday, May 26 at the Nehalem Bay Winery; Friday, June 1 at the Mock Crest Tavern; Saturday, June 2 at Catfish Lou’s; Sunday, June 3 at the Garages in Beaverton; Friday, June 8 at the Rogue Pub in North Plains; and Saturday, June 9 at the Spare Room.

Good in the Hood -- Legendary R&B performer Howard Hewitt will headline the multicultural Good in the Hood Celebration, June 22-24 at King School Park. This year will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the naming of Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary school and pay tribute to Portland’s civil rights history. Activities include live bands every day, a kid’s area, multicultural food, crafts, marketplace vendors, Portland Farmers Market, free health screens and more.

PassinArt Play on gentrification -- ROSE Community Development in Lents and the local African-American theater company PassinArt are presenting “Repulsing the Monkey,” a play about gentrification, with three 7:30 p.m. shows, Monday, May 28 through Wednesday, May 30 at the TEAM Event Center, 9201 S.E. Foster Rd. Tickets at \$5 to \$15. Visit passinart.net or call 503-235-8079.

‘Fences’ at Portland Playhouse -- Lester Purry stars in ‘Fences,’ the August Wilson play about a husband, father, former athlete and garbage collector trying to define himself in 1950s Pittsburgh. With its African-American narrative, the Portland Playhouse play tackles issues of mental health and the impacts of racism. Now playing through June 10 at Portland Playhouse, 602 N.E. Prescott St

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