



ORANGEBURG PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, INC.

# tribalTALK

## Fall 2022



## HOMECOMING 2022

Our Homecoming Court was crowned on October 3, 2022, on our new field at the OPS Athletic Complex. Pictured left to right are WeiMen Yang (First Attendant), Rebecca Ann Fairey (Homecoming Queen), and Hallie Fanning (Maid of Honor).

The Varsity Indians handed Bethesda Academy its first loss of the season defeating the Blazers 20-18 on October 3rd. The game was originally scheduled for Friday, September 30th, but was postponed due to inclement weather caused by Hurricane Ian.



### HOMECOMING ATTENDANTS AND SPONSORS (Sponsors are noted in parentheses.)

Pictured left to right are: Campbell Delaney (Abraham Santos), Rebecca Ann Fairey (Matthew Gleaton), Hallie Fanning (Addison O'Cain), Ashby Garrick (Thomas Gladd), Joni Holstad (Preston Wells), Lane Inabinet (James Williams), Lauren Linder (Xavier Ravenell), Haven Walters (Luis Fernandez), and WeiMen Yang (Joe Randolph). Homecoming sponsor is Mr. Marty Kinard.

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Rivers is the daughter of Ryan and Barkley Stoudenmire McNair 5K teacher and an OP graduate (*Class of 2010*). She was born August 11, 2022, at Lexington Medical Center and weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces. Rivers was welcomed home by her big sister Tilly who is two years old. She is also the granddaughter of our Athletic Director, Coach Jan Stoudenmire.



The Upper Campus welcomes Sergeant Tammy Williamson as our new Resource Officer. She has been in law enforcement for approximately twenty years. Sgt.

Williamson has two sons and a grandson and resides in Neeses, South Carolina. She is thrilled to be patrolling our Upper Campus and is enjoying getting to know our students. Sgt. Williamson enjoys reading, crocheting, looming, cooking, and baking cakes.

## New Faculty Ready for 2022-2023



Welcome  
New Faculty

**Left to right:** Kathryn Ruff (First Grade Teacher), Caroline Henderson (Second Grade Teacher), Eden Bolin (Fourth Grade Teacher), Marty Kinard (Upper Campus Library), Shaniya Thomas (Chemistry, Algebra, Physics),

Kim Green (Middle School Reading and Writing), and Lexi Crider (Middle and High School Science).



Lexi Crider and Kim Green attended the SCISA Teacher Institute on August 1st and 2nd. The institute is designed to train teachers in areas they will be teaching. All participants were videotaped for two to three minutes on the first day of the workshop. The two eight hour days provided a thorough orientation for these new teachers!

# A Dream Built on Determination

**April 2022****August 2022****September 2022**

As we all know, there has been an enormous amount of work happening at the new football facility behind the Lower Campus. We started in April 2022 not quite knowing the plan. Were we going to play on the old field or were we going to move forward and build a new facility? In order to play our first home game at the new field, we had a ton of work to do and only five months in which to do it. After we made the decision to build, we jumped in with both feet, and boy was that water cold and deep! A project this size usually takes twelve to eighteen months, not counting all the necessary litigation. With the help of several businesses and friends of the school, we knew we could accomplish our goal. With that being said, I would like to thank John Dangerfield; Kyle and Tripp Williams; Carolina Fresh; Andy, Drew, Cole and Ross Fogle; Jason Gray; Greg Sutcliffe; Joe Rich; Chris Holstad; DPU; George Bonnette; Mike O'Cain; Ryan Hicks; Jeff Till; Britton Whetsell; and Stuart Haig. If I left anyone out, I apologize. I know there were many more who contributed. Although the facility is not quite complete, it is usable and has well served our football team this fall. It is a testament to the hard work of many and serves as a reminder to our students to dream big. Hard work and determination are two huge factors that can serve one well in life. To the students at Orangeburg Prep: We as a school (board, coaches, teachers, staff, and parents) are invested in you. This is a place in which you can be proud. It is a place that will build character, championships, and memories for a lifetime. You are the future. Don't ever settle for anything less than the best in life. Set goals and accomplish them. Control your own destiny. We want each of you to know how honored we are to provide a facility where our students can grow and learn on a level that is immeasurable.

**Written by  
Tate Jameson**

**May 2022****August 2022**

**God bless and go Indians!**

**August 26, 2022  
OPS' First Home Game**



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**November 16  
12 Noon  
Orangeburg  
Country Club**

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homepage for more  
details!**

**orangeburgprep.com**



**Color Fun Run 2022**

**NOVEMBER  
5<sup>th</sup>**



**Orangeburg Preparatory School  
5K Color Fun Run 2022**

**Check in starts at 8:00 am**

**Race starts at 9:00 am**

**Orangeburg Prep Lower Campus  
168 Prep St, Orangeburg, SC 29118**

**Online Registration:**

**<https://www.strictlyrunning.com/gpuilreg-8l.asp?uRaceId=3982>**

**Early Bird Registration: 9/8/2022 – 10/23/2022  
(includes race packet and t-shirt)**

**Adults - \$40**

**Students (age 6-18) - \$20**

**Under 6 - \$10**

**Late Registration: 10/24/2022 – 11/3/2022  
(only includes race packet)**

**Adults - \$45**

**Students (age 6-18) - \$25**

**Under 6 - \$15**

Location: Orangeburg Prep Upper Campus

Tickets: 4 for \$1.00

**TUESDAY**  
**OCT 25**  
**5:30-7:00**

ORANGEBURG PREP

# HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

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BOUNCE HOUSE • TRUNK OR TREAT • & MORE

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# First Semester Exams

## **FIRST SEMESTER EXAM DATES**

**Friday, December 9**

REVIEW DAY

**Monday, December 12**

REVIEW DAY (11:30 Dismissal)

**Tuesday, December 13**

First Period exams (8-9:30 A.M.)  
Second Period exams (10-11:30 A.M.)

**Wednesday, December 14**

Third Period exams (8-9:30 A.M.)  
Fourth Period exams (10-11:30 A.M.)

**Thursday, December 15**

Fifth Period exams (8-9:30 A.M.)  
Sixth Period exams (10-11:30 A.M.)

**Friday, December 16**

Seventh Period exams (8-9:30 A.M.)  
Makeup Exams (10-11:30 A.M.)

**11:30 dismissal for Upper Campus December 12th-December 16th  
Lower Campus dismisses at 11:30 on December 16th**

### **Information for Parents and Students:**

- Students do not report to homeroom. They should report directly to their exam period.
- *Students may exempt the first semester under the following conditions:*
  - A. Seniors—(1) with at least a 90 average in year-long classes and in compliance with the OPS policies, (2) with an 85 average in an Honors course and in compliance with the OPS policies, or (3) with an 80 average in an AP course and in compliance with the OPS policies or (4) attend the minimally required sessions of the senior seminar.
  - B. Students (6th-11th) may not exempt the first semester exam unless the course is a semester course (such as marine biology, health, forensics, robotics, philosophy, music).
  - C. Students taking a semester course may exempt the first semester exam with an average of a 90 (seniors with an 87) and in compliance with OPS policies.
- Students in grades 6th-11th must stay for the entire exam period. *Only seniors may leave after exam completion.*
- Students need only to be here based on time period of testing. Sixth graders and seventh graders do not have to report for their art, music, computer, drama, or physical education classes. Eighth graders do not have to report for their physical education class. If these students report to school, they must report to the library during their rotation or physical education class periods.
- Students having two exams on the same day may *not* leave the campus between exams.
- Students having to arrive at school for one test only (8-9:30 AM) but having to stay afterwards will go to the library for supervision (Mr. Kinard).
- Students having personal vehicles can arrive and depart based on the time period of testing. Once students leave the campus, they may not return unless they have to pick up other students for a ride home.
- Students who have an exam at 8:00 A.M. but do not have an exam at 10:00 A.M. may leave school at the end of the exam so that they may go home and study. If they have to wait for a ride, they must go to the library. No one should be in the halls or outside the buildings.
- Students who do not have an exam at 8:00 A.M. but have an exam at 10:00 A.M. do not have to arrive at school until 9:50 A.M. for their 10:00 A.M. exam. If a student arrives for a second exam before 9:30 A.M., he/she must report to the library.
- Students who have no exams on a given day do not have to report to school.
- All rules, **including the dress code**, will be in effect during exam days. *A Level-1 detention will be awarded for non-compliance!*

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HOME AWAY FROM HOME

# Spirit Week

September 26-30, 2022

## Monday:

Home Run—Jersey/Favorite Team Day



## Tuesday:



Throw it Back Homies— 50s, 60s, 70s, 80 & 90s

## Wednesday:



Make Yourself at Home— Pajama Day

## Thursday:



Home on the Range—Cowboy/Western Day

## Friday:

Home Away From Home

**OPS**

**CRAZY Spirit Day**—Red, White & Grey





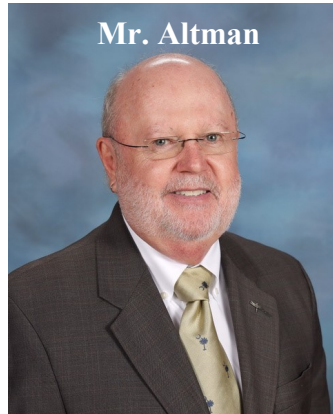
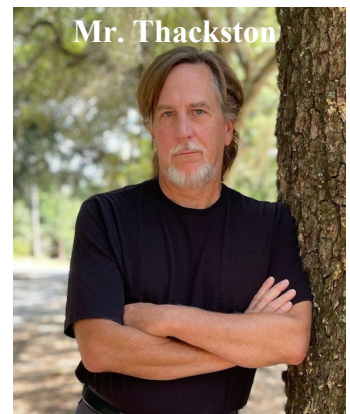
Our #KRISTENSTRONG fundraiser was a huge success! We were able to raise \$1,757.00 for her Friday night, August 26th! Thank you for the support from Ally Brynn Westbury , Mrs. Westbury, Ashlee Weeks, Mrs. Weeks, Jessica Weeks, Adi St. John, Annabelle Hunter, Graysen Garrick, Kenya Patel, Rheney Bates, and Mr. Bates for running our tables and coordinating this event!

### Thomas Gladd Earns Eagle Scout



Thomas Gladd earned the rank of Eagle Scout on August 2, 2022. He has been involved with scouting since age five. Congratulations Thomas on your outstanding achievement.



**Preston Wells****Mr. Altman****CarrieAnn Martin****Mr. Thackston**

## Community of Character

The character trait for the month of September is curiosity. Twelfth grade students voted on a classmate and teacher who exemplifies this trait. Preston Wells and Mr. Altman were nominated.

The character trait for the month of October is respect. Eleventh grade students voted on their classmate and teacher who most exemplifies this trait. CarrieAnn Martin and Mr. Thackston have been nominated.

## *In Loving Memory*

### **Billy Reynolds Scholarship Fund**

James and Janet Barrett  
Jack and Celeste Bryant  
Thomas Bryant III  
Elizabeth (Libby) Bryant  
Caroline Farmer  
William P. Hamilton  
Rob and Teresa Hibbits  
Sally Heidebrecht  
Lisa Knight  
Steve and Jamie Katzberg  
Colie Livingston  
Reynolds & Reynolds Printing Co., Inc.  
NCW Risk Management  
Peggy Stewart  
Craig and Katherine Smith  
Ken and Becky Stovall  
Freda Summers  
Doug and Lisa Tourville  
Gail Tourville  
Jeff & Deryl Tourville  
Mike and Summer Tourville  
Pearl Tourville  
Kurt and Gerlinde von Besser  
William P Wooten  
Dempsey Wood Products Inc.  
Jennifer K Weeks  
John (Jack) Bryant  
Linda Bates

Beverly H. Jones  
Curt Campbell  
Lesslie Boyer  
Jeb and Rebekkah Brailsford  
Thomas and Hope Humprey  
Ronnie and Elaine Hewitt  
Patsy Judy  
Orangeburg Redi-Mix Jeff and JC Till  
W&B Enterprises Inc.  
GrandSouth Bank  
Leslie and Frank Cope  
Barbara Kuck  
Kiwanis Club of Orangeburg  
Mary Kay Oliver  
Warren & Griffin Inc. Dealers in Southern  
Yellow Pine  
Lower Savannah Council of Government  
Raymond and Debbie Reynolds  
Debbie and Ben Hare  
Pam and James Wells  
Larry and Pam Reynolds  
Earl and Lynda York  
Christopher and Jesseca Lamb  
Richard and Belinda Faust  
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Gue Jr.  
Stillinger's Body Shop  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hanna, JR  
Jess and Martha Nance

### **Dickie Phillips**

Leonard and Lyn Blanchard  
Thomas Bonnette  
Danny and Judy Covington  
JJJ FARMS  
Faith and Robert McCurry  
Horger, Barnwell & McCurry, LLP  
Samuel and Rosa Reid  
Thomas and Linda Ryan  
H Briggs Salley Jr.  
Robert and Pam Utsey  
Russell Wolfe

### **Mildred Warren**

Robert and Pam Utsey



2022-2023

# THE ANNUAL FUND

Mrs. Angela Wong Black  
Leonard & Lynn Blanchard  
Jack, Celeste and Sellars Bryant in honor of Harry and Bettis Bryant  
Harry and Bettis Bryant  
Curt, Tamra and Evan Campbell in memory of Mr. Taylor Garick  
Jay and Mandy Culler  
Mrs. Nancy Davis in memory of Mr. Harris Davis  
Dr. Spencer and Mrs. Charlotte Dixon  
Mrs. Paula Edwards  
Felder and Sara Evans in memory of Dickie Philips  
Justin and Caroline Farmer in memory of Riggs Farmer and Brent Lukens  
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Gue Senior  
Dr. Thomas and Ashton Gue  
Donna Helms in honor of Abby Lyn, Brynley, and Eli Pantaleon  
John Hibbitts  
Jim and Christa Hunter in memory of Freddy Riley  
Lorraine T. Hutto in honor of Hayden Olivia Williams  
Lewis and Gaye Lanier in honor of the Burroughs Boys & the Oakley Children  
Elaine Johnson in honor of Esther Higginbotham and in memory of W.C. Higginbotham, Jr.  
Bob & Faith McCurry  
Drs. Albert & Christie Mina  
Ernie and Debbie Odom  
Dr. Ryan and Laura Phillips  
Justin and Libby Ray  
Carolyn Johnson Ritchie  
Jim and Karen Roquemore in memory of Ruth Garvey Horger  
Mr. and Mrs. Craig and Katherine Smith  
Patricia Stoddard  
Lawrence and Joni Thackston  
Kurt and Gerlinde von Besser  
Ali Weathers  
Xennie Weeks in honor of Kathy Creech and the STEM program  
Mr. and Mrs. Dan and Branna Williams  
Michael and Amy Delaney  
Bob and Pam Utsey  
McElhone Family / Pioneer Farm Equipment in memory of Billy Reynolds and Freddy Riley

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**Lexi Crider**

**Collin Bair** graduated from the Citadel with a major in Criminal Justice, May 2022.

**Lexi Crider** graduated co-valedictorian of Presbyterian College with a double major in Biology and French in May 2022. Lexi now teaches eighth and ninth grade science, as well as Life Skills at OPS. She is excited to be back at OPS again!

**Emily Irick** graduated with a major in biology from the College of Charleston in May 2022.

**Bill Metts** received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from The Citadel Honors College in May 2022. He graduated summa cum laude and also studied abroad in Cyprus during the 2019 Fall Semester. Bill is currently working at Southern Consulting & Engineering in Goose Creek and is also attending graduate school at The Citadel. He plans to earn his Master's in Civil Engineering with a focus in Structural Engineering.

**Corey Murdaugh** graduated from the College of Charleston in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

**Sam O'Cain** graduated from Clemson University in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Geology. He has joined the team at O'Cain Construction.

**Ryan Smith:** After graduating from Orangeburg Prep in 2018, Ryan went on to further his education at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. He graduated in 2020 with a degree in Electronic Instrumentation. This program gave him an opportunity to work a paid internship for International Paper in Savannah, Georgia. After the co-op opportunity, he went on to work for the Canal Water Plant in Columbia, South Carolina, as an Instrumentation and Control Technician. He has been working there for two years and enjoys his job.

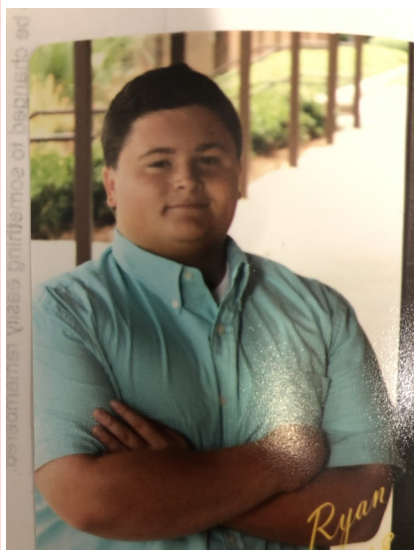
**Logan Teague** earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Wofford College on May 22, 2022.

**Matheson Wannamaker III**, graduated with honors from the Citadel in May 2022 earning a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Matheson interned with Norfolk-Southern Railroad (Lynchburg, VA) over the summer of 2022 and is now attending graduate school at Georgia-Tech. He plans to earn his Master's in Civil Engineering.

**Grace Porter** recently graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing. She is currently working for a branding agency, *On Brand Designs*, based in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., as their Social Media and Marketing Manager.



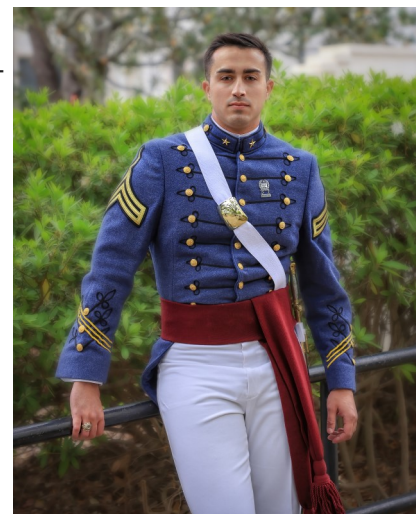
**Bill Metts**



**Ryan Smith**



**Grace Porter**



**Matheson Wannamaker**

# alumni news

**Addison Jeffcoat, Class of 2016**, graduated from The Citadel in May 2022 with a major in nursing.

**Morgan Baltzegar, Class of 2017**, graduated from Coastal Carolina University majoring in Engineering Science.

**Tori Smith (pictured right), Class of 2019**, was named to the College of Charleston's President's List (Highly Distinguished) for the Spring 2022 semester. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.800 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours. Tori is majoring in Marketing and minoring in Real Estate. She is currently interning with Rachel Urso Real Estate and will graduate in December 2022.



## Upper Campus

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 1st, NHS Individual Pictures
- November 4th, Student Holiday/OPS Hosts SCISA State Teachers Conference
- November 7th, 5:30 p.m. Paying for College
- November 11th, Veteran's Day Assembly
- November 22nd Thanksgiving Assembly
- November 23rd, 24th, 25th Thanksgiving Holidays



## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Thanksgiving  
November 24, 25

Christmas  
December 22, 23, 26

New Year  
December 30, January 2



## SCISSA FALL CONFERENCE

Forrest Sutcliffe, Campbell Delaney, Hallie Fanning, and Corey Reynolds attended the 2022 SCISSA Fall Conference at the South Carolina State House on September 20th. Mr. Marty Kinard, Student Council Advisor, also attended. Thanks to these wonderful students and sponsor for representing OPS so well.

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## Check out our Senior Bulletins page at [orangeburgprep.com](http://orangeburgprep.com)!

**October 15th** Second payment for Senior Class Trip: \$350  
**November 15th** Senior Class BBQ Fundraisers / Dukes on Whitman  
**December 15th** Third payment for Senior Class Trip: \$350

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Students taking a semester course may exempt the first semester exam with an average of an 87.



## OPS Named SCISA Chain Crew of the Week October 3, 2022

Pictured above left to right: Jack Bryant, Ryan Phillips, Tate Jameson, and Philip Smith. Not pictured and also on the "chain crew" are Greg Fanning and Fred Riley.

These are all volunteer parents of OPS students. This weekly honor is sponsored by Farm Bureau and partnered with the South Carolina Independent School Association. Thanks to our Athletic Director, Coach Jan Stoudenmire, for nominating this "crew."

## VIRTUAL SCHOOL DAY

September 30, 2022, was declared a virtual day at Orangeburg Prep due to the approaching of Hurricane Ian. Orangeburg Prep sustained no damages and very little wind.

## Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Inc.

### Upper Campus (Grades 6-12)

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### Lower Campus (Four year old Preschool—Grade 5)

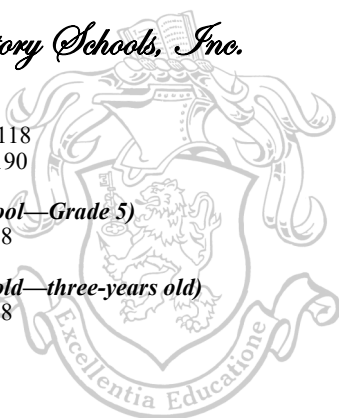
168 Prep Street, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118

Phone: 803/536-3000

### Child Development Center (Six weeks old—three-years old)

168 Prep Street, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118

Phone: 803/536-0490



Mrs. Libby Ray, Interim Head of School  
Mrs. Connie Porth, Lower Campus Administrator  
Coach Jan Stoudenmire, Athletic Director  
Mrs. Taylor Riley, Guidance Counselor  
Mrs. June Kemp, Child Development Director  
Sandy Reed, Tribal Talk Editor

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