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Spring 2017

Annika Gupta, Ward Jolles, and Frank McConnell have been nominated as OPS Class of 2017 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Early Awards. The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship is the state of South Carolina's highest academic scholarship. A student who: ranks in the top 6% of his/her class at the end of the sophomore, junior, or senior year; has a minimum SAT of 1200 or a minimum ACT of 27; and earns a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 will qualify for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. A student may be exempt from ranking in the top 6% and still qualify if he/she reaches a minimum SAT of 1400 or an ACT of 32 and has a minimum cumulative GPA of 4.0 upon graduation.

## Palmetto Fellows Scholars

Students who have accomplished the above will receive between \$6,700—\$10,000 per year for college, depending on the student's major, and assuming the student maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA each academic year while in college. Students must attend a four-year institution in South Carolina.

"The designation of scholarship recipients on this program or in any media is preliminary, based on information provided by the high schools and students at the time of this printing, and is subject to final confirmation and approval by the eligible higher education institution and/or the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education."



**Annika Gupta**  
Daughter of

**Drs. Avinash and Sangeeta Gupta**



**Ward Jolles**  
Son of

**Dr. and Mrs. Alan Jolles**



**Frank McConnell**  
Son of

**Mr. and Mrs. Gene McConnell**

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## Grades 6th-11th...SECOND SEMESTER REVIEW & EXAM SCHEDULE

**FINAL EXAM  
SCHEDULE**

**Monday, May 22** EXAM EXEMPTIONS ANNOUNCED

**Tuesday, May 23** REVIEW DAY

**Wednesday, May 24** REVIEW DAY  
Elective Exams

**Thursday, May 25**  
8:00-9:30 7th Period  
10:00-11:30 6th Period

**Friday, May 26**  
8:00-9:30 5th Period  
10:00-11:30 4th Period

**Tuesday, May 30**  
8:00-9:30 3rd Period  
10:00-11:30 2nd Period

**Wednesday, May 31**  
8:00-9:30 1st Period  
10:00-11:30 Make-up Exams



**Mrs. Karla Lambrecht**

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Karla Lambrecht back to the OPS family. She returned on February 21st and is teaching fourth grade reading and writing. Mrs. Lambrecht attended Columbia College where she received her B.A. in Elementary Education. She taught at OPS for three years before moving to Charleston with her family. Mrs. Lambrecht taught in the Charleston area for four years. She is married to Dr. Sam Lambrecht, and they have four children at Orangeburg Prep. Evan and Anna Beth are at Upper Campus, and Katherine and Hannah are at Lower Campus. Karla can be reached at [klambrecht@orangeburgprep.com](mailto:klambrecht@orangeburgprep.com).



Mrs. Kathryn Ruff, second grade teacher, is pictured above with her second child, daughter Kinsey Elizabeth. Kinsey was born on December 19, 2016, and weighed 7 lbs., 6 ozs. She was welcomed home by big sister, Mary Kate, 4 years old.

### Welcome to our Two New Little Indians!



Mrs. Sunny Stroman, 4K Assistant, gave birth to Olivia Wren Stroman on December 7, 2016. Wren weighed 6.38 pounds.

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# 2017 Teachers of the YEAR

Mrs. Rosemary McGee proudly announces the 2017 Orangeburg Prep Teachers of the Year. These nominees have met all the criteria and have demonstrated a willingness to devote time and energy to activities which result in improved instruction for children. Each nominee has at least five years teaching experience and has shown innovative practices in their classrooms.

OPS Teachers of the Year pictured in the right photo (left to right): Mrs. Terry Sue Moore, Middle School; Mr. Chance Gregory, High School; and Mrs. Kelly Ridley, Lower School.



Kelly Ridley, OPS 5K teacher, has been presented the 2017 Educator of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce.

Pictured above left to right: David Staten, President Rotary of Orangeburg-Morning; Melinda Jackson, Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce President; Kelly Ridley, Dr. Tim Newman, OCSD 4 Superintendent; and Rosemary McGee, OPS Interim Head of School.

Kelly Ridley is in her third year as an elementary teacher at Orangeburg Preparatory Schools. Mrs. Ridley graduated from Clemson University in 2000 with a degree in Early Childhood Education and went on to teach at Oakbrook Elementary in Ladson, S.C., from 2000-2004. She took a break from teaching while starting a family to be at home with her children until they started kindergarten. She was recertified in 2013 and took a position as an itinerant special needs teacher with Orangeburg County School District 5 before joining OPS in 2014.

Kelly has a true passion for working with children and tailoring educational programs to meet the needs of her students. She loves teaching at OPS and has made so many dear friends – young and old(er) – in her time with the school. Kelly lives in Orangeburg with her husband, Josh, who is employed as Director of Sales & Marketing at Zeus, and her two daughters, Delaney (7<sup>th</sup> grade at OPS) and Reagan (2<sup>nd</sup> grade at OPS).

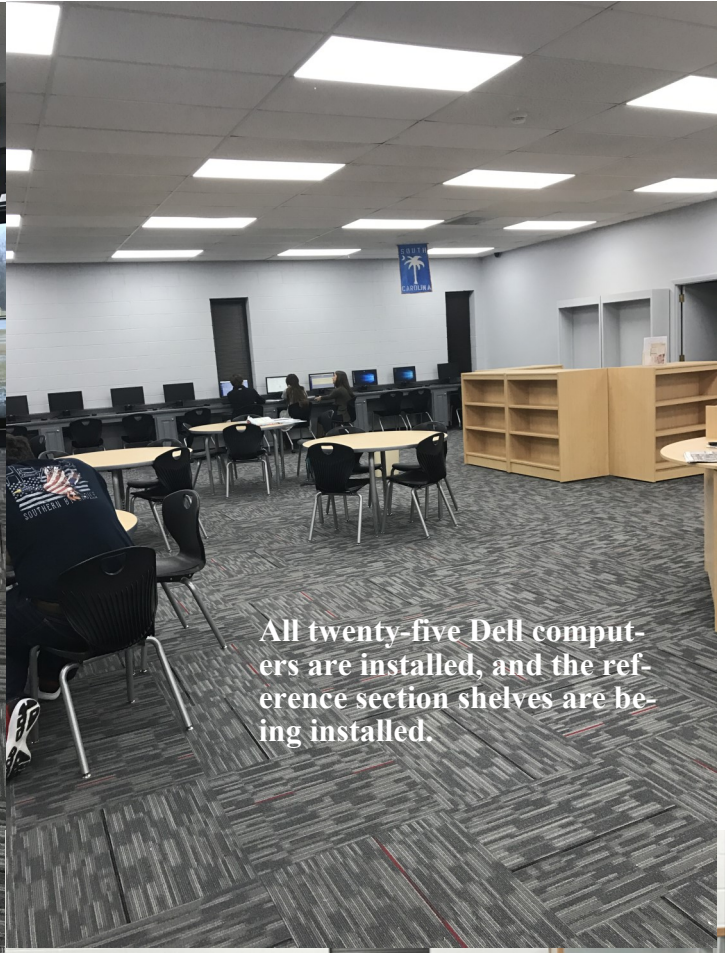
## Outstanding Educator

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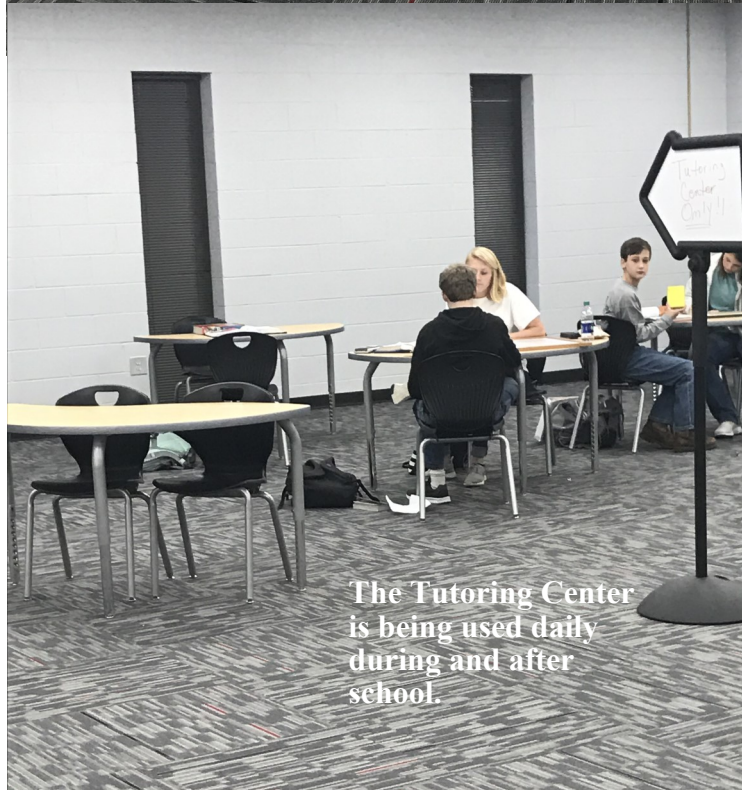




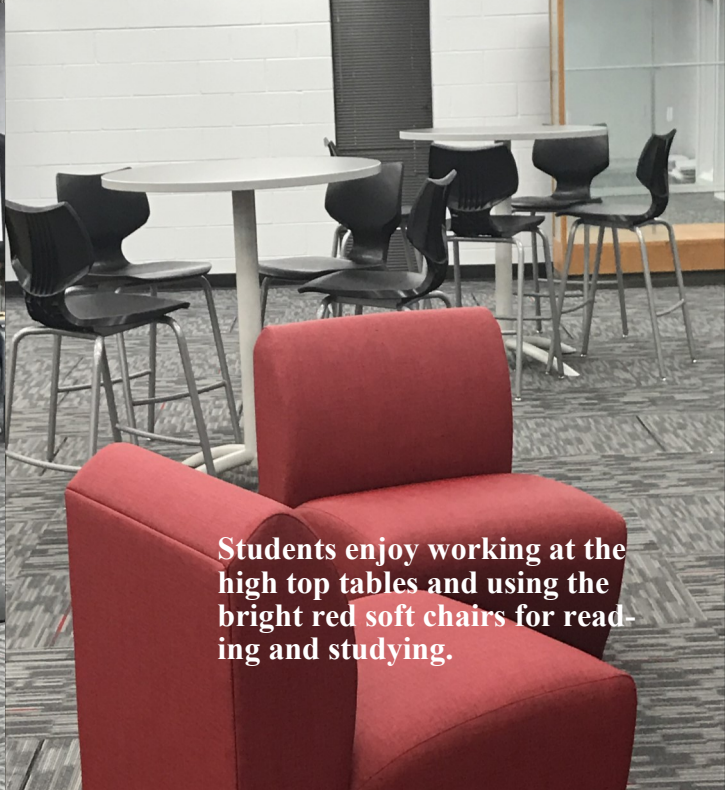
Mrs. Garrick is enjoying getting her new spacious circulation desk organized.



All twenty-five Dell computers are installed, and the reference section shelves are being installed.



The Tutoring Center is being used daily during and after school.



Students enjoy working at the high top tables and using the bright red soft chairs for reading and studying.



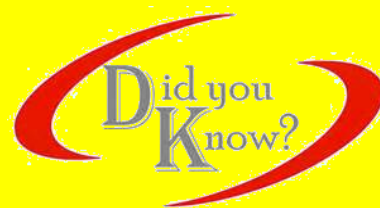


Check out our Senior Bulletins page at [orangeburgprep.com](http://orangeburgprep.com)!

May 10th, 11th, 12th:	Senior Exams
May 19th:	Baccalaureate Practice / 10:00 AM / First Presbyterian
May 21st:	Baccalaureate / 7:00 PM / First Presbyterian
May 24th:	Graduation Practice / 9:00 AM / Upper Campus Gym
May 26th:	Commencement / 7:00 PM / Upper Campus Gym

Colleges where our seniors have been accepted: USC, USC Honors College, Clemson, Clemson Bridge Program, Coastal, USC Upstate, Citadel, Charleston Southern University, Presbyterian College, College of Charleston, College of Charleston Honors College, University of Georgia, USC Beaufort, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, Auburn University, Anderson University, and Wingate.

**SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES** for June, July, and August at our Child Development Center have already been planned. So many fun activities our center already has on the agenda! If you register by **April 17th**, you will be entered in a drawing for \$150 credit toward your activity fees. Contact June Kemp or Kim Dysard at 803.536.0490 for forms and more information.



- The Child Development Center will be closed for Easter on April 14th.
- OPS Spring Sports Athletic passes are now on sale at the Upper Campus Business Office or you may purchase one at the admission gate of a spring sport. Cost is \$20. Regular admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 for students. OPS students are admitted free!
- Final report cards will be issued on May 25th at the Lower Campus. Final report cards will be available online June 2nd for Upper Campus.
- The OPS Athletic Banquet (recognizing ALL sports) is Monday, May 22nd.



## LOWER CAMPUS CELEBRATES

Read Across America Day  
Dr. Seuss Day  
Thursday, March 2, 2017  
Character Parade at 8:15 AM

Children will be able to dress as their favorite book character and parade through the hallways. They may carry their book from which their character comes or a sign telling which character they are. If they do not have the book or a sign, they will still be able to march, but books are encouraged.

Come Celebrate  
Dr. Seuss Day  
on March 2!







## May Day Sunday, May 7th 6:00 PM Upper Campus Gym

This is a celebration to recognize the elected senior May Queen and her Court. All grade levels from both campuses participate in this event. The first through fourth graders will perform a dance by each grade level. The fifth graders have the honor of doing the May Pole Dance. A Junior May Day Queen and May Day Queen will be crowned. There will also be other "special entertainment." Mark your calendar. You don't want to miss this exciting celebration!

## Academic Awards

## Upper School Awards Day

Grades 6th—12th

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017 • Upper Campus Gym  
A complete schedule with full details will be emailed to Upper Campus families the end of April.

The Lower Campus Dance Party on February 10th was a huge success. Approximately 170 students attended. Thanks from Coach Jan to all the Lower Campus parents who supported this fundraiser for the Lady Indians!



# OPS

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## Thursday, March 16th

Students set up projects and  
ing takes place

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## SCIENCE FAIR

## Friday, March 17th

Par-ents  
can view projects from 8:00  
A.M.—2:00 P.M.



**2017-2018  
Opening School  
Date  
August 15th**

Christmas Holidays..... December 18-January 2  
Spring Break.....March 30-April 8  
Last day for both campuses...May 25

Copy and paste the following link in your browser for a complete 2017-2018 calendar:

[http://www.orangeburgprep.com/PDFs/Yearly\\_Calendar\\_17-18.pdf](http://www.orangeburgprep.com/PDFs/Yearly_Calendar_17-18.pdf)

A Salute to the Class of 2017  
Valedictorian & Salutatorian Spotlight  
Academic Awards  
May Queen & Court  
Summer Information  
Tommy Wannamaker Spotlight



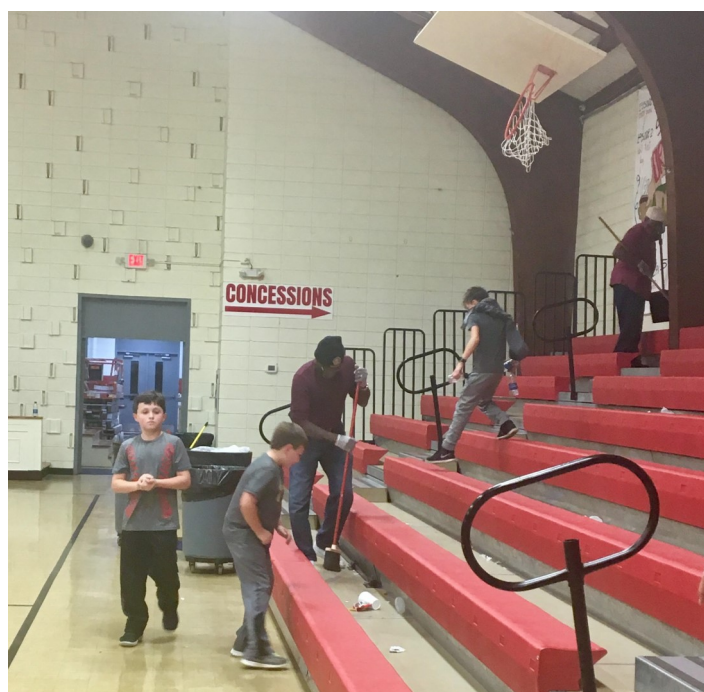
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Inclusion is the new cool at Orangeburg Prep thanks to *No One Eats Alone*, a program created by Beyond Differences. Orangeburg Prep joined hundreds of schools all over the country on Friday, February 10, 2017, during Middle School lunch to

participate in *No One Eats Alone Day*. This program encourages students to not only sit with classmates they don't know and get to know them, but also to spot others who might feel left out and include them. The students enjoyed music and cake in the cafeteria while sitting with other students who shared the same birthday month. A special thanks to the Middle School students and Mrs. Riley, Guidance Counselor, for promoting this event.



Mrs. Karen Davis, Middle School writing teacher, was so impressed that she took a picture of these students cleaning up our gym after the basketball game. Mrs. Davis said, "No one asked them; they volunteered on their own. They deserve a little recognition themselves." Pictured above are Bryson Williams, James Smith, and Jacob Smith.



Superman, Captain America, and Batman are among the best known superheroes, but Orangeburg County has found its own in a brave eight-year-old cancer survivor. Dax Reed, a third-grader at Orangeburg Preparatory School, was the featured speaker at the 2017 Relay for Life kickoff ceremony held at Orangeburg Lutheran Church. The theme of the program was "Heroes of Hope."





The picture shown above left is the AP Biology class conducting an experiment to measure the rate of respiration in germinating and dormant pea seeds. The picture on the right shows the respirometers students assembled for their respiration lab. AP Biology instructor is Mrs. Libby Ray.



Orangeburg Prep has four classrooms led by Mrs. Dena Gleaton, partnering with Healing Species, to help a family in need while rescuing their dog. These Orangeburg Prep classes have outdone themselves and received everything on the need list. Thanks to Marcy Hunter who spearheaded the project.



*Orangeburg Prep ATP presents  
the 1<sup>st</sup> annual 4k-12<sup>th</sup> grade*

*Ties & Tiaras  
Daddy-Daughter  
Dance*

Join us for a night of fun, dancing, and light refreshments at Orangeburg Prep.

March 31, 2017 from 6:30-8:30

in the Upper Campus Gym

\$20 per couple (\$5 per extra daughter)

\$7.50 per corsage (optional)



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**Please return the permission slip and money to your daughter's homeroom teacher by March 10. Checks may be made payable to OPS.**

Daughter(s)' Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of girls attending: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 per couple, \$5 per extra daughter)

Total number of corsages: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$7.50 per corsage)



# Grandfriends' Day



**Student, Carley Walling**



**Student, Ashby Garrick**



**Student, Paige Hewitt**



**Student, Brison Ardis**



**Student, Reese Patterson**

Orangeburg Prep Upper Campus was blessed on the morning of December 2, 2016, by such special "grand" people in the lives of our students. Thank you to our Junior Student Council and Mrs. Gladd, along with Middle School parents, who helped make the annual Grand-Friends day a success!



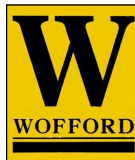
# Grandfriends' Day Lower Campus



The Lower Campus and Child Development Center held a special Grand-Friends Day Breakfast on Friday, February 10th. Students were proud to show off our wonderful school and all their hard work to these very important people in their lives. The event was a huge success with so many proud Grand-Friends coming to share breakfast with our little ones. A special thanks to all the teachers who worked hard to prepare their classrooms for this special event. It was a fun morning for all!





**IT'S  
ABOUT  
THAT TIME***The Guidance Office  
Taylor Riley & Sandy Reed***COLLEGE AWARENESS DAY 2017**

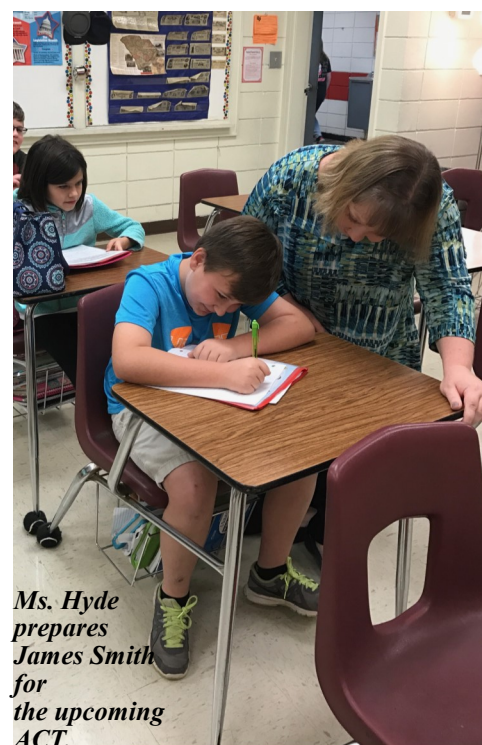
Our 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will attend OPS' sixth College Awareness Day on Wednesday, March 15th. Several college/university admissions representatives will inform the students of their particular school's entrance requirements, majors and activities offered, and anything else unique about their campus. This year, we are expecting reps from Charleston Southern, Clemson University, College of Charleston, Lander, Newberry, O-C Technical College, Presbyterian College, University of South Carolina, USC-Aiken, Winthrop, Furman, South Carolina State University, Wofford, Columbia College, The Citadel, Anderson University, and Erskine College. The reps will speak ten to fifteen minutes each, and questions will be fielded from our student audience. This will also allow the students to visit them following the formal presentations at individual tables set up in the gymnasium to further showcase their schools.

By hosting these colleges at our school, we hope that our students will begin seriously thinking about where to attend college and searching the many majors that are available to them today. There are many fields of study that we as adults have never heard of, much less our students! Parents, please encourage your child to begin looking at the various college websites. Each college lists all majors offered with descriptions of what each is, what possible careers are associated with each, and even the specific courses a student would be required to take upon declaring a certain major. It is urgent that your 11<sup>th</sup> grader begin inquiring about these items NOW; your 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders may also begin doing the same now. This is a fine stage for them to start their research. Since it can be done at a fairly leisurely pace at this point in the high school career. If your 8<sup>th</sup> grader currently expresses an interest, the process can never start too early! As you know, there is a massive amount of information available currently. The sooner a student gets started with this investigatory process, the better! Please advise the student to keep a log/journal with notes on each school such as average accepted GPA, SAT/ACT, and majors that interest them.

Parents are invited to attend our College Awareness Day.

**ASPIRE & ACT TESTING  
GRADES 3<sup>rd</sup>—9<sup>th</sup>**

Testing dates are April 24, 25, 26, and 27. Third through ninth graders will be taking the test. Parents should make sure their children get a good night's rest before each test day and have a healthy breakfast. Every student should arrive at school on time and with several #2 pencils with erasers in hand. A late student will not be admitted to the testing room until there is a normal breaking point in the testing for that class. The tests will last through a good portion of each morning. Please try NOT to schedule any appointments for your child during the school testing days. We have received the best results from testing when students are relaxed and are not stressed over the tests. Happy testing!



*Ms. Hyde  
prepares  
James Smith  
for  
the upcoming  
ACT.*





## CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

The 2016 Christmas Program, *Christmas Traditions*, was a re-

sounding success. All seventh grade students participated and had help from a number of their high school friends. Sofia Andre, Turner Jones, and Zealie Kimzey did fantastic jobs with their solos, "O Holy Night", "Ave Maria", and "I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas," respectively. The High School and Middle School Choral Ensemble entertained the crowd in a joint number, "Oh, Santa." The program was a great experience for all involved.





## **Lower Campus Christmas 2016**











Taylor Williamson, Carley Walling, Skyler Stillinger, Seth Robinson, Bailey Craven, Cate Fogle, and Delaney Ridley.

Kelcey Lake, Harper Sanders, Emma Fogle, Jackson Childers, Jace Shuler, Lara Pugh, Elizabeth Williams, and Lydia Riley.

The seventh grade literature classes dressed up as Greasers and Socs as a culminating activity for their study of SE Hinton's classic novel *The Outsiders*. They also enjoyed coke in glass bottles, popcorn, and chocolate cake as they compared the movie with the novel.



The Middle School Battle of the Books Team celebrated their hard work and success with lunch out and a limo ride. These students read twenty books over the summer and fall in order to participate in this SCISA event. We are very proud of these Indians! Pictured above left are Zach Fisher, Yogi Parmar, Nidhi Patel, Paige Bodenkecher, Cate Williams, Sydney Adicks, Lara Pugh, and Cora Robb.

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Lower Campus students enjoyed a trip on the Polar Express during the 2016 holiday season.



# SCISA Literary Meet

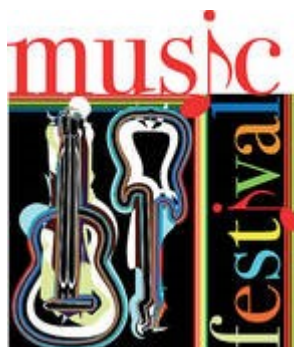
Students from both the Lower and Upper campuses participated in the SCISA Literary Meet on February 1, 2017, at Faith Christian School in Summerville. They were chosen to participate in several categories including storytelling, poetry, oral interpretation, extemporaneous speaking, and essay. Ramsey Albergotti in fifth grade and John Inabinet in fourth grade won second place in poetry recitation. We are proud of how well Orangeburg Prep was represented at this event.



Above pictured right to left are:  
Front row: Forrest Sutcliffe, Emma Fogle, Ryn Grubbs, and Sofia Andre.  
Back row: Yogi Parmar, Frank McConnell, and Ward Jolles.  
*Not pictured are Zealie Kimzey, Nhi Ngo, and Kaitlyn Robinson.*

Ward Jolles (pictured right) won second place in extemporaneous speaking.

Pictured left from left to right:  
Front row: John Inabinet, Kailey Malatesta, and Grey Sanders.  
Back row: Ramsey Albergotti, John Colston Strickland, and Elizabeth Allen Brailsford.



The Lower and Upper Campuses will be taking twenty-five students to the SCISA Music Festival to be held at the University of South Carolina School of Music on Thursday, March 9. Students will be participating in choral ensembles, vocal, piano and instrumental solos, as well as a performance by our OPS Band. Please wish these students luck in this endeavor!



## 2017 SCISA High School Math Meet



The Orangeburg Preparatory High School Math Team attended the SCISA High School Math Meet in Sumter on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. The Team, consisting of Seniors Annika Gupta and Ward Jolles, Juniors Bill Metts and Shrey Patel, Sophomore Shivani Patel, and Freshman Carter Chandler, were accompanied by Mrs. Waters. Ward Jolles repeated as the team high scorer; however, competition for that honor was fierce since the top four scores on the team were within three points of each other. We are very proud of our High School Math Team and look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence next year.

### Congratulations to the following students for winning the Middle School "Geography Bee."

These eleven students competed in the school "Geography Bee" on January 20, 2017, in the library with Mrs. Terry Sue Moore, Mrs. Barbara Askins as the moderator, and Mrs. Lynn Garrick as the judge/score keeper. The students' knowledge of geography was very evident, and after many rounds of questions, Orangeburg Prep's winners were as follows:

**School Champion  
Sam Brenn**

**Runner Up  
Tanner Garrick**

**Third Place  
McCullough Mims**



Eighth Grade Winners: Sam Brenn, Tanner Garrick, Emily Kruger, and Evelyn Myers.  
Seventh Grade Winners: Prusher Bair, Landon Fogle, Ryn Grubbs, and McCullough Mims.  
Sixth Grade Winners: John Wren Best, Thomas Gladd, and Addison O'Cain.

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## LOWER SCHOOL SPELLING TEAM



Front row: Grey Sanders, Dax Reed, and Zoe Wingard.  
Back row: John Colston Strickland, Maurice Washington, Walt Mims, Gavin Smith, Adi St. John, and Lily Felkel.  
*Lower School Spelling Bee sponsor is Mrs. Donna Helms.*

No placements for State, but OPS was incredibly proud of the participants. They spelled their hearts out and were a joy to spend the day with!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE TEAM

Pictured above left to right: Skyler Jeffcoat, Erin Holliday, Blakely Valentine, Brady Crider, Evelyn Myers, Bailee Garrick, and James Williams.  
Not pictured are alternates Abby Lynn Pantaleon and Cade Wiles.

*Middle School Spelling Bee sponsor is Mrs. Erin Axson.*

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## SCISA Regional Middle School



On February 8th, the Middle School Quiz Bowl Team hosted the Regional Quiz Bowl Competition at Orangeburg Preparatory School. Students were asked questions regarding literature, current events, math and science among other topics. While our team did not bring home a win, each participant represented our school with intelligence and hospitality. Mrs. Dangerfield is very proud of each one of you!

Left picture left to right:

First row: Cate Williams, Paige Bordenkecker, and Elizabeth Williams.

Second row: Peyton Inabinet, Brady Crider, Garrett Shelton, Sam Brenn, and Tanner Garrick.



## Kiwanis®

*February  
Student of the Month*  
(Pictured left)

7th Grade: Sarah Tant  
8th Grade: Cora Robb



## Kiwanis®

*January  
Student of the Month*  
(Pictured left)

7th Grade: Blakely Valentine  
6th Grade: Reese Patterson





Each year the Junior Service League of Orangeburg presents Distinguished Youth Awards to deserving area seniors. This selection is based on the student's outstanding accomplishments, scholarships, and service to their school and community. Pictured left is this year's recipient, Kathryn Felkel.

20 Junior Service League  
17 Distinguished Youth

## AWARD

Fourteen-year-old Olivia Strickland of Orangeburg held several bake sales in October, raising \$1,500 for the Mabry Center for Cancer Care at the Regional Medical Center. "Every year the RMC Foundation looks forward to celebrating Olivia's efforts in helping our breast cancer patients at the Mabry Center," RMC Foundation Director Margaret Frierson said. "It's amazing what one young person can do for others when they lead with dedication and compassion."

"The RMC Foundation's Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Fund supports RMC patients newly diagnosed with breast cancer through their fight against the disease," Frierson said. "Olivia's donation helps patients in our community who are in need of assistance with transportation, medication and other critical medical needs."

For the fourth year in a row, Strickland has called on the community to help raise funds in memory of her grandmother, Carol Ware, to support the Mabry Center that treated Ware as she battled breast cancer. Strickland began holding small bake sales in 2013 at the age of 10 and raised \$1,000 at her first bake sale alone.



The duck art work on the left was drawn by Kathryn Felkel (pictured top left.) She won second place in the 2017 South Carolina Junior Duck Stamp Contest.

Orangeburg Prep is extremely proud of Kathryn!



## McKenzie Brown Recognized by Chamber of Commerce

Each year, all fifth graders from Orangeburg County travel to Claflin University to a Community of Character program provided by the Chamber of Commerce. During this event, one student from each school is recognized for his or her outstanding demonstration of the Chamber character traits. This year, **McKenzie Brown** was nominated by her teachers to represent Orangeburg Prep. **McKenzie** wrote a paper on **obedience** and took part in the event **by giving the invocation at the beginning of the program**. We are proud of **McKenzie** for representing Orangeburg Prep and for her excellent character traits!



Pictured below on February 3rd is Mrs. Nicole Ballew (Jackson Ballew's mom) talking to the Pre-K classes about dental hygiene.



The three Pre-K classes at Orangeburg Prep would like to thank South State Bank for coming to our school to teach us about money.

A special thanks to Ms. Barkley Stoudenmire for submitting these pictures!



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## — SUCCESS STORIES —



Hunter Shaw, an Orangeburg native, has been named the 2016 Agent of the Year for the S.C. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. Shaw is one of more than 400 field agents with the department, which supervises more than 28,000 criminal offenders in South Carolina. A graduate of the University of South Carolina and Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Shaw has been an agent in the Richland County office for three years. He is the son of Steve Shaw and Amie Dyches, both of Orangeburg.

An additional honor was awarded to Shaw by the Alston Wilkes Society, which presented him with the Mark Hart Probation & Parole Agent of the Year Award at its annual Criminal Justice Awards luncheon. The award is named in honor of the late Mark Hart, an agent in the Spartanburg County office who died of cancer.

S.C. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services Agent of the Year Hunter Shaw of Orangeburg, second from left. Presenting the award are Richland County Assistant Agent-in-Charge Stacy Bartkovich, left; Agent-in-charge Stephanie Garrick, second from right, and Director for Field Operations Mike Nichols.

*Tradition Never Graduates  
It Only Gets Separated*

## Blast from the Past

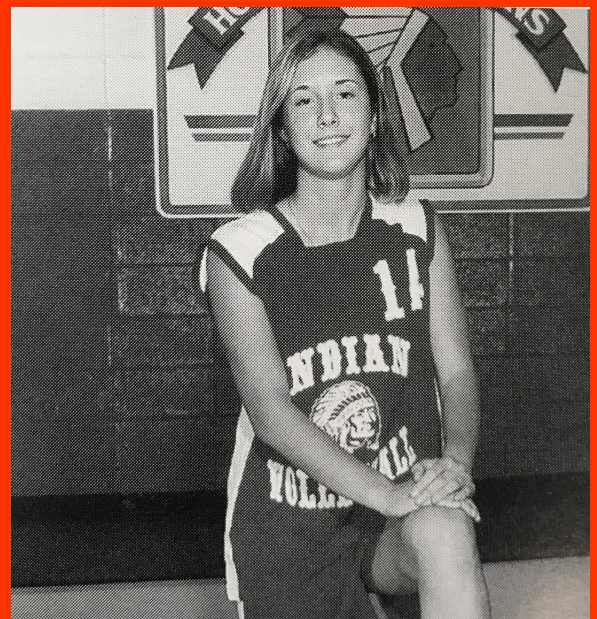


Remember these good times?  
Guess who they are!  
The answer is on the last page.

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## Meet the Clemson Student Who Took Over Instagram's Main Account at the College National Football Championship

Pictured left to right are: Max Huggins, Paul Trimmier, and Stephen Broome, all OPS Class of 2013.

As with many other social media services, Instagram is trying to work with teams and leagues to create compelling sports content. One of their initiatives this year has been a "Correspondents Program" in partnership with schools around the country, which led to a student being selected to take over that school's official Instagram account for select college football games and post behind-the-scenes looks using Instagram Stories.

The Instagram team then evaluated the different students involved and picked one to take over the main @instagram handle (with its 206 million followers) to post a story from Monday's Alabama-Clemson national championship game. The winner was Paul Trimmier, a senior at Clemson majoring in parks, recreation and tourism. Trimmier (seen at center above with his roommates, who also do social media work for Clemson Athletics) spoke with Awful Announcing this week, and said this all began thanks to his roommate's interests.

"It all started with my roommate, Max Huggins," Trimmier said. "He does videography for Clemson and just seeing his work firsthand was so cool. I liked the way he and the whole creative team portrayed Clemson Athletics through various media channels."

"I had no previous experience with any sort of digital content for anything other than myself," he said. "I like the creative, storytelling aspect of it. It's so cool when you watch a video or read something and it affects you in a certain way. Sometimes it gets you pumped for a big game, sometimes it makes you sentimental, or sometimes it brings you to tears. The possibilities are endless. I felt that I had the creative part and I just wanted to link that with sports. I really love sports. I always have. It also doesn't hurt that Clemson has been so successful in not just football, but numerous sports. I can't think of a better time to be at Clemson than now."

He said his key focus with Instagram stories is providing a behind-the-scenes look for fans, and doing so with a sense of humor.

Read more by copying/pasting the following link in your browser:

[http://awfulannouncing.com/2017/meet-the-clemson-student-taking-over-instagram-main-account-at-mondays-national-championship.html?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://awfulannouncing.com/2017/meet-the-clemson-student-taking-over-instagram-main-account-at-mondays-national-championship.html?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)

## Samuel H. Watford, III of Orangeburg graduates from Clemson University

Samuel H. Watford III of Orangeburg graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Watford was among more than 1,300 students who received degrees in the Dec. 15 graduation ceremony at Littlejohn Coliseum.

**William Henry (Will) Frierson (pictured right)** from Orangeburg, SC, has been named to Wake Forest University's Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester. Students who achieve a 3.4 and no grade below a C were named to the list. Will is a Wake Forest University Class of 2018 student majoring in politics and international affairs. He is a 2014 graduate of Orangeburg Preparatory School and is the son of Gregg and Margaret Frierson of Orangeburg.







**Mrs. Aaron B. Wood**

*Elizabeth Shuler, Class of 2005*  
Married December 10, 2005  
Couple resides in Columbia, S.C.



**Mr. & Mrs.\* Emory Justin Ray**

*Mary Grey Branan*  
\*Class of 2006  
Married October 22, 2016  
Couple resides in Denver, Colorado



**Mr.\* and Mrs. Jason Raines**

\*Class of 2005  
Married December 20, 2016  
Couple resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin



**Mrs. James Morgan Cooke**

*Frances Delaney, Class of 2001*  
Married January 28, 2017  
2015 Master of  
Anesthesia from USC  
She is a nurse anesthetist at  
Lexington Medical Center.  
The couple resides in Columbia, S.C.



**Natalee Claire Stover**

Born February 2, 2017  
Lexington Medical Center  
Natalee Claire Stover  
6lbs. 1.5 oz.  
19 in.  
Travis & Kaitlyn (Hodges)  
Stover  
Class of 2007



**Jeffrey Sawyer Knauff**

Born January 25, 2017  
7 lbs. 13 ozs.  
Justin & Amanda (Stillinger)  
Knauff  
Class of 2006







**William Wright Oakley**

Wright was born on

February 20, 2017

7 lbs. 2 oz.

Ross & Meg (Lanier) Oakley

Class of 2002

The couple resides in Columbia, S.C.



**Ruth Tedder Love**

Daughter of Tripp & Rebecca Love

Class of 2003

Born February 22, 2017

Ruthie weighed 4 lbs. 14 oz.

She was welcomed home by big sister, Lucy Cooper.

The couple resides in Orangeburg, S.C.

## Class

of '92

Save-the-Date for your **OPS Class of '92 Twenty-fifth HS Reunion on July 15, 2017**. in Orangeburg. Your reunion committee is planning a weekend full of fun activities for you and your family. Please spread the word with classmates that you stay in touch with.

We encourage you to become a member of the **OPS Class of '92 Facebook** page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/26586426894>) since we will provide updates and information about the reunion there. We also have an event page for the reunion at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1819554658317592/>

### **Your Reunion Planning Committee,**

Robin Burns Blackwood, Jason Chatraw, Andrea Williamson Darsey, Laura Bolen-Fogle, Leigh Johnson Hawn, Katie Dennis Hall, Jim Johnson, Marti McElhone Hanson, Harriet Shuler Kinsey, Susan Bates McClure.



Thank you to all who have donated to the 2016-17 Annual Fund Campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. There is still time to donate! Follow the link below to make your tax deductible donation.

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**ENTHUSIASM— January Character Trait**  
**Ms. Kathy Creech, STEM Teacher**  
**Robert Alamorian, Third Grade**

Lower Campus



**ENTHUSIASM — January Character Trait**  
**Mrs. Karen Davis, Middle School Reading & Writing**  
**Copeland Furtick, Eighth Grade**



**GRIT — February Character Trait**  
**Coach Jan Stoudenmire, Athletic Director**  
**Scott Cooper, Seventh Grade**



**GRIT — February Character Trait**  
**Mrs. Vancie Patterson, Kindergarten Assistant**  
**Chandler Gilliam, Fourth Grade**

Lower Campus



**INITIATIVE — March Character Trait**

**Coach Al Hay**  
**Paige Hewitt**





The Orangeburg Civic Ballet performed their annual full production of The Nutcracker on December 9-11 at the Martin Luther King Auditorium on the campus of S.C. State University. Pictured below are talented students and from both the Upper and Lower campuses. Also pictured in the middle is Mrs. Felkel, Middle School Science teacher, who also performed.



Pictured first left in the picture on the right is Nicole Ayer, along with Mid-Carolina teammates, who won first place at SCDNR Skeet qualifier on December 10, 2016.

*Congratulations, Nicole!*







On February 11th, the OP Indians sent seven warriors on a war path to Columbia to finish the season out at the SCISA Varsity State Individual Championships! Every wrestler fought hard and battled in every match. OP brought home some solid wins and place winners. Andy Walter, Will Connor, and Preston Ray had tough matches all day and fought hard! Congratulations to Wesley Wells, Tanner Aimar, and Gavin Drake for bringing home third place medals. Great job, Logan Holmes, for getting second place! A big thank you to Coach Ray and Coach

Strickland. Josh Chen wrestled at Orangeburg Prep last year. Currently, he is the team wrestling manager at Newberry College.

On January 28<sup>th</sup>, three of our JV Indian wrestlers competed in a tournament at Heathwood Hall in Columbia. Gavin Drake, John Colston Strickland, and Preston Wells competed and wrestled hard in every match. Preston Wells, pictured right with Coach Ray, won each of his five matches to seize the gold medal in his weight division.







On January 19th, the Orangeburg Prep Bowling Team participated in the SCISA State Championships at Gamecock Lanes in Sumter, SC. The members of the Co-Ed team are pictured above: Savannah Shannon, Ward, Jolles, Ariel Lofton, Andrew Felkel, and Graham Journey. On January 26th, Ariel, Savannah, Ward, and Andrew (bottom left) competed in the SCISA Individual Tournament, also held at Gamecock Lanes in Sumter. Freshman Savannah Shannon placed 5th overall in the girls' division and received All-State honors for her efforts (bottom right, pictured with Coach Cote).





## Another State Championship Win



**Squad Finished 3rd place in JV Division**  
Pictured below left to right:  
Zach Causey, Billy Workman and Harry Miller



**The OP Shotgun Team** participated in the DNR/SCISA STATE TRAP CHAMPIONSHIP on Friday, February 10th, and the DNR/SCISA STATE SKEET CHAMPIONSHIP on Saturday, February 11th. This event was held in Edgefield, SC. We want to congratulate to OP Shotgun Team for winning the SCISA TRAP STATE CHAMPIONSHIP and first place High School Division with a score of 129. This was the highest score of the day out of the gun clubs and high schools. Wesley Watford was the HOA (High over all) of the whole tournament, winning a \$1500 scholarship AND an over/under shotgun.

The OP Shotgun Team finished up the tournament with SCISA Runner-Up in Skeet. The JV Squad finished with a 3rd place in the JV Division. Congratulations to Zach Causey for tying for HOA in the JV Division. We are proud of all of our shooters and all of their hard work and dedication. Congratulations for bringing another State Championship to OP in Trap and a Runner-Up in Skeet.



Pictured above left to right: Coach Tommy Watford, Head Coach Boo Gray, Wesley Watford, Cooper Gleaton, Frank McConnell, David Geddings, and Coach Justin Gleaton.

Pictured below is Wesley Watford with his over/under shotgun presented by the DNR.







The OP Shotgun Team had another great weekend of shooting. On Saturday, February 18th, the team competed at Hermitage Farm in Camden, S.C. in the South Carolina Youth Shooting Foundation (SCYSF) tournament. Our Senior Varsity squad won 1st place in SCISA division and 1st place in the SCYSF High School Senior Advance Division. This squad consisted of (pictured top) Cooper Gleaton, Frank McConnell, and Wesley Watford. Cooper Gleaton (pictured bottom right) won HOA (high over all) in this division with the score of 98/100!

Congratulations also go to one of our JV squads for third place in the JV Division. That squad (pictured bottom left) consisted of Zach Causey, Billy Workman, and Harry Miller. We are so proud of all of our shooters.

We also want to wish the team well as they prepare for the SCISA State Sporting Clays Championship. This event will be in Edgefield [on March 4th](#). Good Luck and keep up the great shooting!







## ORANGEBURG PREP SHOTGUN TEAM 2017 SCISA STATE TRAP CHAMPIONS



### OPS Volleyball Recognition

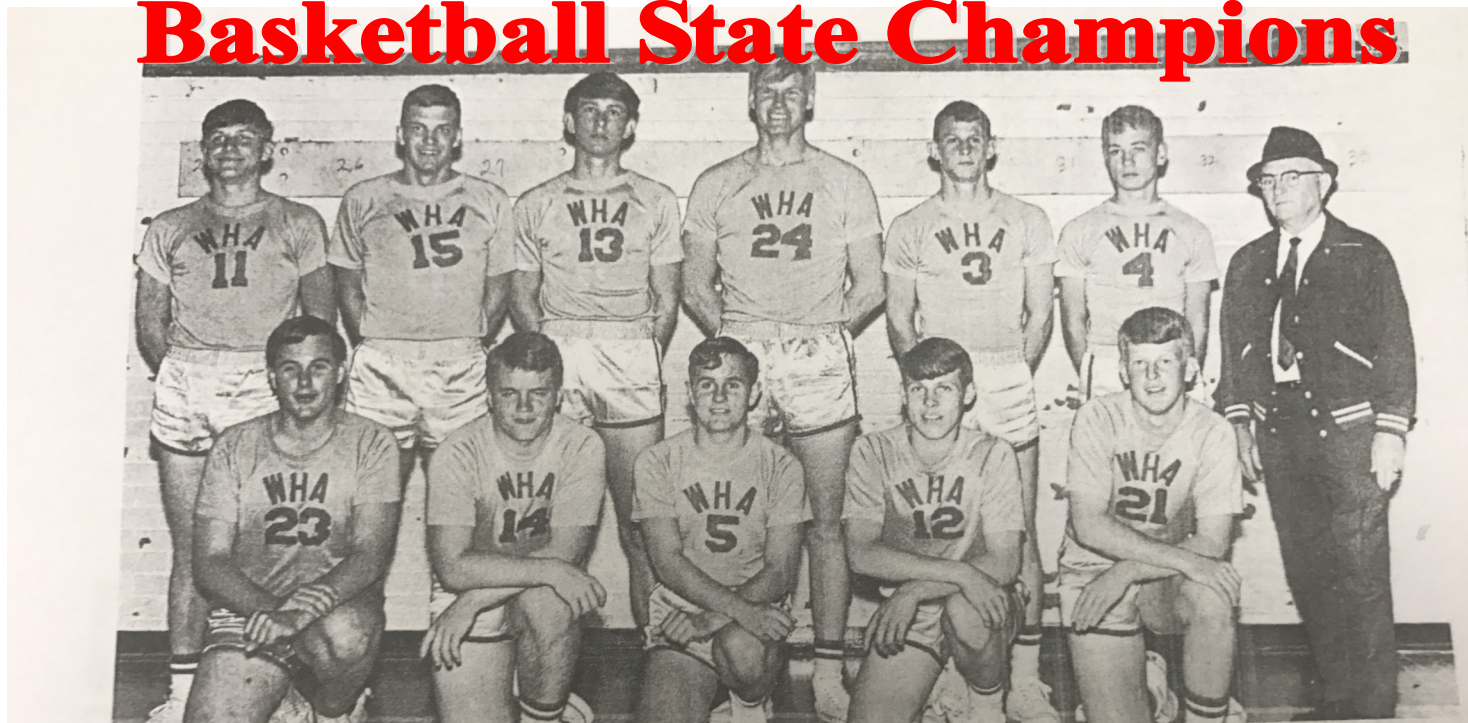
Pictured in the left photo (left to right)

Mary Catherine Williams	All Star Team
Dallas Stoller	All Star Team
Amber White	All-State Volleyball Team
Morgan Baltzegar	All-State Volleyball Team

Volleyball Coach  
Michael Nelson



## **Recognizing the 1967 Rebels Basketball State Champions**



Kneeling left to right: Randy Campbell, Louis Utsey, Freddy Kemmerlin, Joey Shuler, Winton Hunter. Standing left to right: Sam Galphin, Pat Black, Freddy Riley, Kenny Sutcliffe, Roy Zeigler, Edward Rogers, Coach Joe Brandenburg. (Not pictured: Rodney Mitchum and Curt Campbell, Manager.)



Fifty years later, part of the team standing on the court again on February 3, 2017!

Pictured left to right:  
Curt Campbell, Winton Hunter, Rodney Mitchum, Freddy Riley, Roy Zeigler, Randy Campbell, and Louis Utsey.

On Friday, February 3, 2017, OPS recognized the 1967 Wade Hampton Rebels in honor of the 50th Anniversary of their State Championship win. This recognition took place at the basketball home game in McAlister Gymnasium. Players who were present for the celebration were Freddy Riley, Rodney Mitchum, Roy Zeigler, Winton Hunter, Curt Campbell, Randy Campbell, and Louis Utsey. This team was organized in 1967 and earned the title of "Undefeated" during their first year. In the final game of the tournament, the Rebels came from behind in the second half of a suspense-filled game.





The parents of the children enrolled in the OPS-CDC are feeling more secure than ever since the recent installation of a controlled access system. The CDC Director, Mrs. Kemp, along with the Lower Campus administrator, Ms. Hughes, have been researching controlled access systems for quite some time and are very grateful to the OPS Board for allowing us to get started with this first phase of added security. Every family who has a child enrolled in our CDC has been issued: Personal Identification Numbers for access to the CDC building during business hours, notifying us of exactly who is entering our building at all times. Our system has been extremely user-friendly and very well received. We would encourage everyone who has not already done so to contribute to our Annual Fund, c/o Monica McElhone, as the proceeds for this year's fund will be used to make much needed improvements to our school's security. As we all unfortunately

know, we must never assume or take for granted a child's safety. Although expensive, improved safety features are imperative to protect our children. Funds will be used to purchase enhancements such as controlled access systems, and a system that performs background checks on visitors.

## Safety in Schools

During two Professional Development Days in February, all of the faculty and staff of Orangeburg Prep and the CDC listened to a very informative presentation from Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office's Dannie Thomas, pictured right. Lieutenant Thomas taught everyone important statistics about school/workplace violence and trained personnel on what to do in the event of an intruder on campus. This is another layer of security measures OPS is in the process of implementing. Thanks to the OCSO and Lieutenant Thomas for the thought-provoking information!



## Blast From the Past



- ① *Daniel West, Class of 2004, is Doctor of Medical Dentistry at Orangeburg Dental Associates in Orangeburg, S.C.*
- ② *Kimberly Pluta, Class of 2004, is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at Edisto Pet Clinic in Orangeburg, S.C.*

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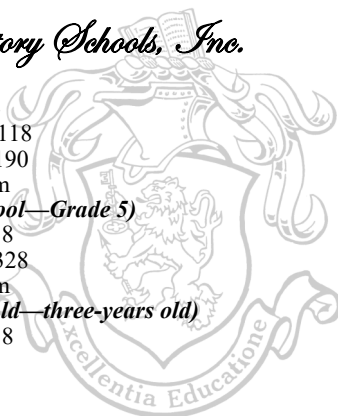
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