



ORANGEBURG PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, INC.

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Spring 2018

Lexi Crider, Bill Metts, and Shrey Patel have been nominated as OPS Class of 2018 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.

SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

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.



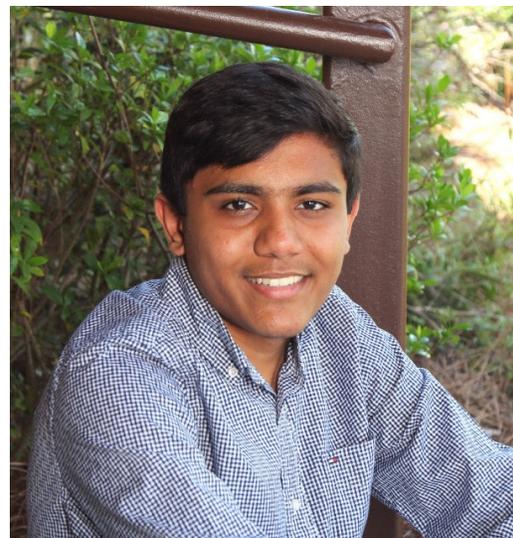
"The designation of scholarship recipients on this program or in any media is preliminary, based on information provided by the high schools and students at the time of this printing, and is subject to final confirmation and approval by the eligible higher education institution and/or the South Carolina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



Lexi Crider
Daughter of
Mr. & Mrs. Corey Crider
Orangeburg, S.C.



Bill Metts
Son of
Mr. & Mrs. William Metts
Branchville, S.C.



Shrey Patel
Son of
Mr. and Mrs. Bipin Patel
Orangeburg, S.C.

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OPS Family:

As we enter the fourth quarter for the 2017 – 2018 school year, I cannot believe how quickly the school year has flown. I could not be more proud of both our students and faculty as we continue to excel both in the classroom and in the extra-curricular / athletic arena. From SCISA State Spelling Bee participants, SCISA State Champions, and Region Champions, our students are setting a precedent that is tradition filled creating an environment of pride and character.



Our students and faculty are more involved than ever, and the tone and learning atmosphere around both campuses is second to none. The enthusiasm being displayed by the faculty, staff, and students contributes to success in all facets.

In celebrating success, I would like to commend our students, faculty, and administration on their participation and cooperation during our recent safety drills regarding both lockdown and intruder protocol. Both campuses displayed poise, patience, and displayed a great deal of character as they practiced and executed each drill. Please note that the safety of everyone is **TOP** priority, and we will continue to review and practice in an effort to ensure the success of each situation.

Additionally, the initial implementation phase of upgrading our security will begin this spring. The first phase will involve replacing / installing electric key locks on exterior doors at the Lower Campus. This technology will involve the use of key fobs for entry into the buildings, as well as allowing for remote access to schedule security schedules for the facility. The timeline for completion is by the end of April/May 2018.

Please mark your calendars as the **OPS Spring 2018 Re-enrollment Campaign** is set to begin Monday, March 12, 2018. We are very excited as we prepare for the 2018 – 2019 school year and are eager to begin working on all facets of next school year. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Orangeburg Preparatory Schools and for allowing us the opportunity to educate your children!

Being a student in an independent school such as Orangeburg Preparatory Schools allows for an experience that is unparalleled. The goal is to create individuals who are “well-rounded” and to instill a life-long love for learning. Whether it is excelling on the bowling team, skeet and trap team, math team, literary meet, quiz bowl, or basketball team, the OPS culture is providing for an experience that is preparing our students for success in life.

Again, **CONGRATULATIONS** to all of our students, coaches, faculty, and administration for an outstanding school year thus far. I wish the best of luck to our **Class of 2018** as they are finalizing their college acceptances! These 46 individuals are truly setting precedent for our underclassmen and are reiterating tremendous the value of an Orangeburg Preparatory Schools education. We cannot wait to reveal and celebrate the final list of the colleges and universities that the Class of 2018 has selected!

Thank you again to an outstanding OPS Family. It is truly an honor being your Head of School.

GO INDIANS!

M. Evan Powell
Head of Schools

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



Thursday, May 17 EXAM EXEMPTIONS ANNOUNCED

Friday, May 18 REVIEW DAY

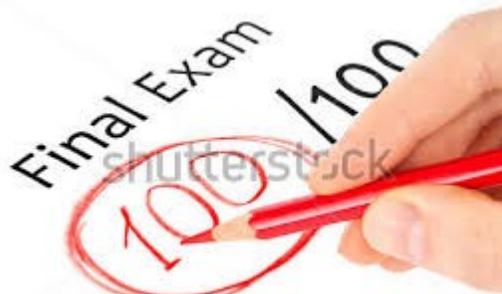
Monday, May 21 REVIEW DAY
Elective Exams

Tuesday, May 22
8:00-9:30 7th Period
10:00-11:30 6th Period

Wednesday, May 23
8:00-9:30 5th Period
10:00-11:30 4th Period

Thursday, May 24
8:00-9:30 3rd Period
10:00-11:30 2nd Period

Friday, May 25
8:00-9:30 1st Period
10:00-11:30 Make-up Exams



Class of 2018 Exam Schedule

Date/Time	Room	Subject
Wednesday, May 9th 8:00 - 9:30 A.M. 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.	MPR MPR	Math Elective
Thursday, May 10th 8:00 - 9:30 A.M. 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.	MPR MPR	Foreign Language Science
Friday, May 11th 8:00-9:30 A.M.	MPR	Make Up

2018 Teachers of the YEAR

Mr. Evan Powell proudly announces the 2018 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 her classroom.



OPS Teachers of the Year pictured above (left to right): Mrs. Kelley Wannamaker, Middle School Teacher of the Year; Mrs. Nicki Boland, Upper School Teacher of the Year; and Mrs. Whitney Sanders, Lower School Teacher of the Year.

Outstanding Educator



Mrs. Nicki Boland, OPS High School English teacher, has been presented the 2018 Educator of the Year by the Orangeburg Chamber of Commerce. As a graduate of Columbia College with a BA in English and Religious Education, Mrs. Boland never thought about teaching school until Dr. T. E. Wannamaker called and asked if she would take a class at Wade Hampton Academy for a year until she decided what she wanted to do with her life. She had just graduated from college, so she reluctantly agreed, and has been teaching ever since - 44 years to be exact. She has taught at Wade Hampton Academy, Orangeburg Prep, and Calhoun Academy. She doesn't have many hobbies but likes to read, to paint, and to travel. Mrs. Boland has two children - Christi Boland, and Trip Boland (Leigh), and 3 grandchildren (Mac, Kate, and Ben).



To qualify for Life Changer of the Year, nominees must be a K-12 educator, teacher, administrator, or any member of a school's staff who makes a positive difference in the lives of students.

Each Life Changer will have a unique profile built on their website so their story can be shared. Colleagues, students, friends, and family - anyone who supports the nominee - can visit their Life Changer's profile and leave a comment. Life Changers share profiles and stories on social media. Life Changers send congratulatory posters to school administrators to help them celebrate the Life Changers in their district. Each Life Changer also receives a personalized certificate. The local press is notified about the amazing Life Changers in their area. Most importantly, each Life Changer has a shot of being selected as one of our Life Changer of the Year winners - which means a chance for them and their schools or districts to win cash prizes.

Jill Hinds was nominated by a parent and fellow Life Changer nominee, Aymer Rojas. Mrs. Hinds grew up in Orangeburg and graduated from Winthrop University. After serving as the Service Learning Coordinator at Orangeburg School District Five, she began her teaching career at Brookdale Middle School, where she taught fifth and sixth grades. She has been a middle school teacher at Orangeburg Preparatory School for twelve years, where she was awarded the South Carolina Independent School Association Middle School Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Hinds teaches prep classes at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, volunteers for the Orangeburg Preparatory's Sporting Clays team and Orangeburg Civic Ballet, and was a member of the Junior Service League for five years. In 2015 and 2016, Mrs. Hinds hosted Battle of the Books and won first place.



A First Impression Makes a Lasting Impression

The Upper Campus Main Office, as well as the Head of School and Assistant Head of School, began a much needed renovation this past June. Minor upgrades to furniture, carpet, and paint were completed in the fall.



Pictured left are two donated prints displayed in the Upper Campus main office. The Julia Wolfe Culler painting of "Gentle Morning" was donated by Macon Ray and Lynn Garrick in honor of their daughter and son-in-law,

Jennifer and Russell Blanchard. The picture on the right is the painting "A Stately Trio" of our state flag, bird, and flower by William Carl Bell. This was donated by Frank and Coach Jan Stoudenmire in honor of their children, Barkley and Chase. These two prints have added the final touches to our renovation.



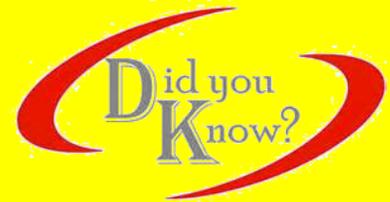
Check out our Senior Bulletins page at orangeburgprep.com!

May 9th, 10th, 11th:	Senior Exams
May 11th:	Baccalaureate Practice / 1:00 P.M. / St. Andrews
May 13th:	Baccalaureate / 7:00 P.M. / St. Andrews
May 16th:	Graduation Practice / 9:00 A.M. / Upper Campus Gym
May 18th:	Commencement / 7:00 P.M. / Upper Campus Gym

Colleges where our seniors have been accepted: USC, Charleston Southern, Anderson University, Newberry College, Presbyterian College, USC Aiken, University of Tennessee, College of Charleston, Wofford College, Furman College, Erskine College, The Citadel, Clemson University, University of South Carolina Aiken, Georgia State University, The University of Alabama, The University of South Carolina Honors College, Wingate, Winthrop University, Francis Marion, Savannah College of Art and Design, and O-C Technical College.

Anyone willing to help with the graduation breakfast on the morning of May 16th, please contact Paula Edwards, pedwards@orangeburgprep.com.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES for June, July, and August at our Child Development Center have already been planned. There are many fun activities our center already has on the agenda! If you register by May 4th, you will be entered in a drawing for 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 March 30th.
- 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 \$25. Regular admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 for students. OPS students are admitted free!
- Final report cards will be available online May 31st for grades 3rd-11th. Final report cards will be printed for Kindergarten through second grades.
- The OPS Athletic Banquet (recognizing ALL sports) is Monday, May 14th.



LOWER CAMPUS CELEBRATED

Read Across America Day Dr. Seuss Day

February 27th

Green Eggs and Ham (Wore Green)

February 28th

Wacky Wednesday

(Wore Silly Mismatched Clothes)

March 1st

The Cat in the Hat (Wore Favorite Hat)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!



May Day
Sunday, April 29th
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 8th • Upper Campus Gym
 A complete schedule with full details will be emailed to Upper Campus families the end of April.

The Lower Campus Sock Hop on February 14th was a huge success. Approximately 180 students attended. Thanks from Coach Jan to all the Lower Campus parents who supported this fundraiser for the Lady Indians!



OPS

Friday, March 9th
 Students set up projects and judging takes place. Gym closed 8:30 a.m. for judging.

Monday, March 12th
 Parents can view projects from 8:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. Students remove projects after school.

SCIENCE FAIR

2018-2019 Opening School Date
August 16th

First Day of School!

Christmas Holidays..... December 19-January 2
 Spring Break.....April 15-19
 Last day for both campuses....May 24

The finalized calendar will be posted on the website and the link will be sent in the Tuesday email blast.

A Salute to the Class of 2018
 Valedictorian & Salutatorian Spotlight
 Academic Awards
 May Queen & Court
 Summer Information
 Tommy Wannamaker Spotlight



CLASS OF 2019 RING CEREMONY APRIL 20, 2018 8:15 A.M. UPPER CAMPUS GYM



February 9th, Orangeburg Prep celebrated National No One Eats Alone, a program created by the non-profit Beyond Differences with a pledge to end social isolation. National No One Eats Alone Day encourages students not only to sit with classmates they don't know but also to spot others who might feel left out and include them. Over one hundred Middle School students participated in this great event where they signed their own pledges to be kind and include all.



For the Record:

- January 3, 2018 Snow Day
- January 4, 2018 Snow Day
- January 18, 2018 Delay 2 hours (Ice on Road)

Some parents of the senior class (those whose last child will be graduating in May from OPS) prepared a wonderful lunch for the faculty and staff on Wednesday, January 17th. The parents included Stefanie O'Cain, Reggie Metts, Misti Wannamaker, Linda Holley, Sandy Price, Jean Self, Laura Bright, Theresa Mills, Heidi Wannamaker, Scarlet Geddings, Connie Garner, Alex Sanders, Cat Lovern, Connie Terry, and Donna Irick. Our menu consisted of chicken and broccoli casserole, garden salad, bread, and an array of desserts including apple cake, red velvet cake, chocolate cake, various brownies, cookies, and bars. Many thanks for their time and the compassion, not only on this date, but through all the years their children attended OPS.



With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

The entire OPS family is saddened by the loss of one of our employees, Mrs. Barbara Rice. She had been employed at the Orangeburg Child Development Center since 2001. Mrs. Barbara was such a special lady, a quiet soul with plenty of love to shower our CDC babies and toddlers. She was a gift to all the OPS family and especially to the Child Development Center families. She touched so many lives, not just babies, but parents and grandparents. Her work was so important! She was one of the best caregivers for our children. Mrs. Rice will truly be missed.



Orangeburg Prep

celebrates

GRAND FRIENDS DAY

Tuesday, March 13

7:30 – 9:00am

OPS Lower Campus

168 Prep Street

Grandparents or a special aunt, uncle or older friend
are invited to drop in at Lower Campus.

- *Enjoy a Snack with Your Student*
- *Visit the Classroom*
- *Check Out the Book Fair in the Library*

This is an opportunity for our children to show off OPS to these special people in their lives. Please let your teacher know how many Grand Friends plan to attend by Monday, March 5th.

Orangeburg Preparatory, Inc. ATP presents 2nd Annual

*Daddy - Daughter
Dance*

Friday, March 23rd, 2018

Orangeburg Country Club, 7pm – 10pm

Donut bar, refreshments, dancing, professional DJ, and professional photo booth with pictures to take home

Girls from 4^k to 12th grade are invited to a fun filled evening of dancing. Girls may be escorted by Dad, Grandfather, Uncle, or another special adult.

Dress attire – coat and tie for men, Easter / Sunday dress for girls

Please return the below to school by March 16th, 2018

Daughter (s') Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Cost is \$40.00 per couple. Each additional daughter is \$5.00.

Number of guests attending: _____

IT'S ABOUT THAT TIME

*The Guidance Office
Taylor Riley & Sandy Reed*

COLLEGE AWARENESS DAY 2018



Our 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will attend OPS' sixth College Awareness Day on Thursday, March 8th. 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 University, Clemson, College of Charleston, Francis Marion, Lander, Newberry, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, Presbyterian College, University of South Carolina, USC Aiken, Columbia College, Coastal, USC Beaufort, Winthrop, USC Salk, Converse, and Wofford. 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 that 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 11th grader begin inquiring about these items NOW; your 9th and 10th 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 8th 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 3rd—9th

Testing dates are April 23, 24, 25, and 26. 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!



The Fellowship of Christian Students would like to thank the teachers, staff, students, and especially the OPS Child Development Center for donating socks for the homeless at (IHOP), International House of Prayer. Together OPS collected close to 1,000 pairs of socks to give to Northside Baptist Church. Mrs. Moore, one of the FCS advisors and Dr. Shane Stutzman, pastor of Northside as well as the FCS and FCA monthly speaker, are featured in the picture below.



**VFW Post
Wimmer**

**Third Place
Nic Rivas**



VEX IQ robots have arrived at Orangeburg Prep! Fifth graders in STEM classes assembled and programmed the robots to go forward, reverse, 360 turn, pick up, and place items using the clawbot. Thank you to Ms. Creech, our STEM teacher, and her 5th grade students for all of their hard work! Pictured left to right are Walt Mims, Tadd Jameson, Eli Pantaleon, Ms. Creech, Jack Laird, Jack McConnell, Charlie McCutchen, and Kyle Cooper.

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The 2017 Christmas Program, *A Christmas Musical Review*, was well attended and a resounding success. All seventh grade students participated and had help from a number of their high school friends. Sofia Andre and Emily Irick did fantastic jobs with their solos, "Breath of Heaven" and "Mary, Did You Know," respectively. The High School and Middle School Choral Ensembles led the program in the very moving joint number, "Go Light Your World." The program was a great experience for all involved. Another highlight of the program was the High School Percussion Ensemble. These students practiced during their lunch period over many weeks to prepare for the program. This group played a very nice percussion rendition of "African Noel." Ensemble participants included: Guy Watkins Best, Mason Boney, Josh Hutto, Nhi Ngo, John Pascoe, Nick Pascoe, Shivani Patel, John Martin Reed, Jessica Weeks, and Amber White. The attire or "uniform" for this crew was "Ugly Sweater". Pictured left is the winner of our "Ugly Sweater Contest", Nick Pascoe. It was a very memorable occasion, and Mrs. Sullivan looks for more fun like this at the 2018 program.

CHRISTMAS
MUSICAL
REVIEW

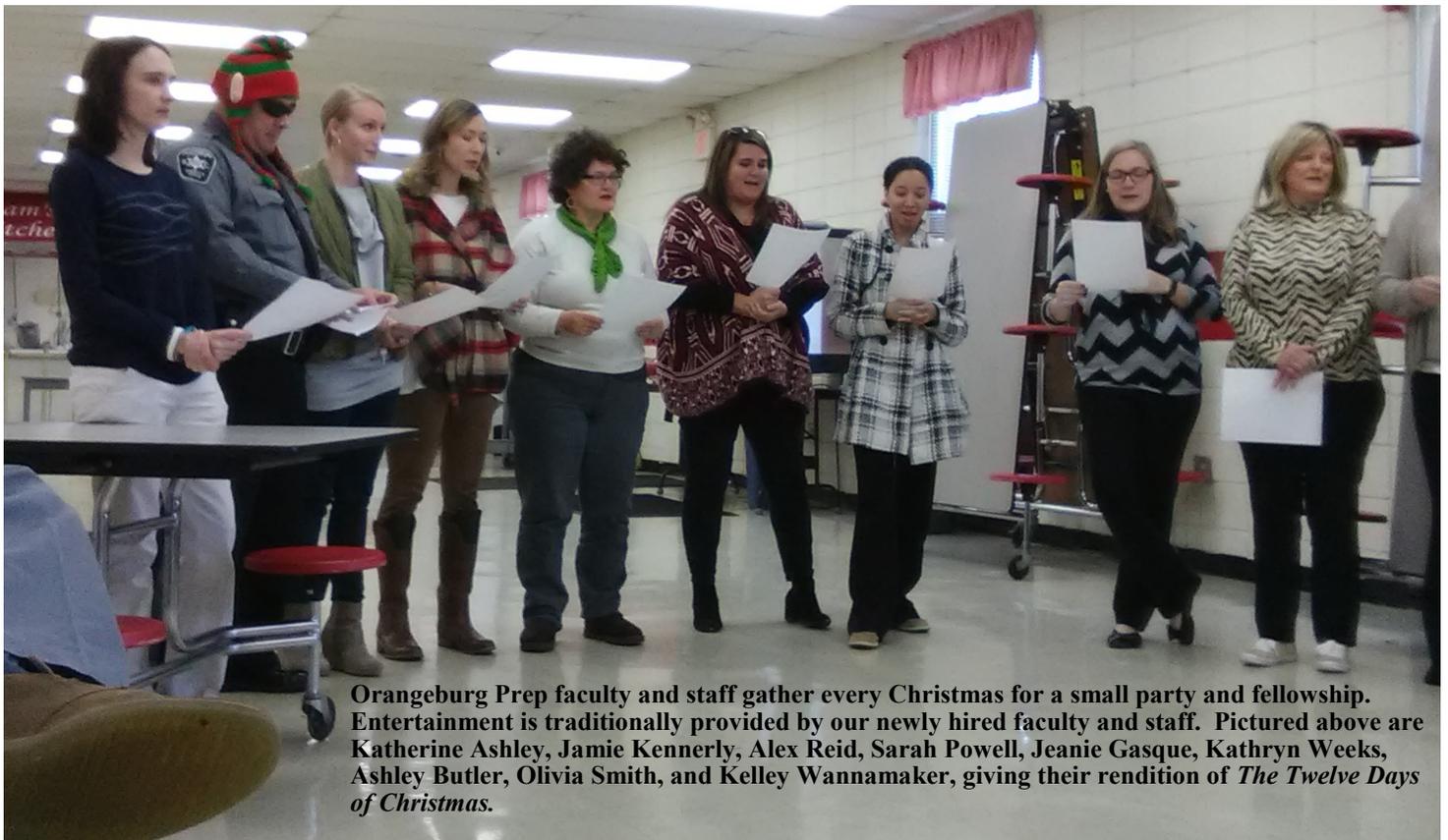


Lower Campus Christmas 2017



The Lower Campus Performing Arts classes presented "Let's Take a Christmas Trip Through South Carolina" on December 14th and 15th. Lower Campus students, as well as students from the CDC, entertained the audience with songs, dances, and interesting facts about South Carolina. Thanks to Mrs. Jean Reid, who spent many hours preparing the program.





Orangeburg Prep faculty and staff gather every Christmas for a small party and fellowship. Entertainment is traditionally provided by our newly hired faculty and staff. Pictured above are Katherine Ashley, Jamie Kennerly, Alex Reid, Sarah Powell, Jeanie Gasque, Kathryn Weeks, Ashley Butler, Olivia Smith, and Kelley Wannamaker, giving their rendition of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*.

Christmas Celebration



Pictured above are High School students who participated in the Christmas program as singers or as contestants in the "Ugly Sweater Contest." Pictured above left are Jackson Smith, Cole Price, and Billy Garner. Pictured above right are Kaitlyn Robinson and Megan Adams.



The Polar Express arrived at Lower Campus, giving our students the RIDE of their life. We enjoyed hot (cold) chocolate, Hershey kisses, and wearing our comfy pajamas! The Polar Express is a fun tradition for our Lower Campus library. Now, we look forward to next Christmas Season and another TRAIN ride. A special thank you to Mrs. Donna Helms who oversees this event each year.

Catch-A-Kid is a program that highlights and honors students who go above and beyond in the qualities of an exceptional student and are "caught" projecting honorable displays of character.

December- Preston Ray (pictured middle)
January - Blakely Valentine (pictured left in photo)
February - Paige Bordenkecher (pictured right in photo)



Orangeburg County Community of Character held its 17th Annual Fifth Grade Outstanding Character Recognition Program on Friday, January 26. This event brings together fifth graders from all across Orangeburg County and recognizes those who have exemplified outstanding character. Adi St. John was OPS' honoree from the fifth grade. She was chosen because she embodies excellence in character. More than 1,300 students attended. Participating schools included Felton Laboratory Charter School, Orangeburg Consolidated School District 3, Orangeburg Consolidated School District 4, Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5, and Orangeburg Preparatory Schools. Claflin University was the host sponsor. Students, faculty, administrators, public officials, and special guests shared and heard messages promoting good character while enjoying great music and entertainment. Each school selected an honoree who embodies excellence in character and has also written an essay on what character trait they feel is most important in today's world. Adi was recognized among their parents, peers, and other distinguished guests during the program.



2018 SCISA High School Math Meet



The following students competed at the SCISA Division I High School Math Meet on January 31st.

Seniors: Bill Metts and Shrey Patel
Junior: Shivani Patel
Sophomore: Nhi Ngo
Freshmen: Brady Crider and Sam Brenn

Bill Metts was the high scorer for Orangeburg Prep.

Mrs. Waters is the Math Team sponsor. A special thanks to Coach Smith for stepping up and helping during the math meet.

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

These eleven students competed in the school "Geography Bee" on January 19, 2018, in the library with Mrs. Terry Sue Moore, Mrs. Rosemary McGee 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
James Wiliams**

**Runner Up
John Inabinet, 5th Grade**

**Third Place
John Wren Best**



Eighth Grade Winners: Gavin Drake, McCullough Mims, Blakely Valentine
Seventh Grade Winners: John Wren Best, Campbell Delaney, James Williams
Sixth Grade Winners: Harris Holstein, Maurice Washington

LOWER SCHOOL SPELLING TEAM



Front row-left to right Yusef Sheta, Grey Sanders, Eli Pantaleon, Luke Davis .
Back row-left to right , Payton Bordenkecher, Dax Reed, Carson Barry, Reese Caddell, and Izzy Exum.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING TEAM

Front right: Blake Croft (6th), Front left: Yogi Parmar (8th), Back from right to left: Hallie Fanning (7th), Kelcey Lake (8th), Emma Fogle (8th), Campbell Delaney (7th), Becky Zheng (6th), and Anna Katherine Evatt (6th).

Two Orangeburg Prep students earned a spot in the SCISA State Spelling Bee. Pictured top right is Yusef Sheta and pictured bottom right is Anna Katherine Evatt. A special congratulations to these two students!



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SCISA Regional Middle School



Pictured left to right:
Front row: Laura Pugh, Elizabeth Williams, and Paige Bordenkecker.
Back row: James Williams, John Wren Best, and Yogi Parmar.

On February 2, 2018, OPS hosted the SCISA Middle School Quiz Bowl. OPS placed second against Augusta Christian, South Aiken Baptist, and Patrick Henry Academy. Middle School sponsor is Mrs. Megan Dangerfield.



Kiwanis®

January Student of the Month

Wei Min Yang (pictured left)
Taylor Williamson (pictured right)



POST WINNERS



Dylan Snelgrove
First Place



Maurice Wright
Second Place



On Wednesday, February 22, Student Council and NHS hosted 12 students from First Baptist Church School in Charleston. They were given a tour of our campus, visited classes, and enjoyed lunch. Many ideas were exchanged. A group of OPS students visited their school in November. This was part of the SCISA Student Exchange Program.



Miss Stoudenmire's kindergarten class dressed as 100-year-olds for the 100th day of school on February 5, 2018.

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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, Logan Teague.

20 Junior Service League
18 Distinguished Youth

AWARD



Denym Dickson
First Grade

COSMOPOLITAN

TOP MODEL



NATIONAL RUNWAY 7 YEARS

Denym Dickson

Matthew Zeigler qualified to play in the Carolina PGA Charles Tilghman CPGA Junior Championship at Surf Golf and Beach Club December 9th and 10th. Only 36 boys age 13 to 14 from North Carolina and South Carolina can qualify to be able to participate in this golf tournament. Congratulations, Matthew! OPS is proud of your accomplishment.



CAROLINA JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

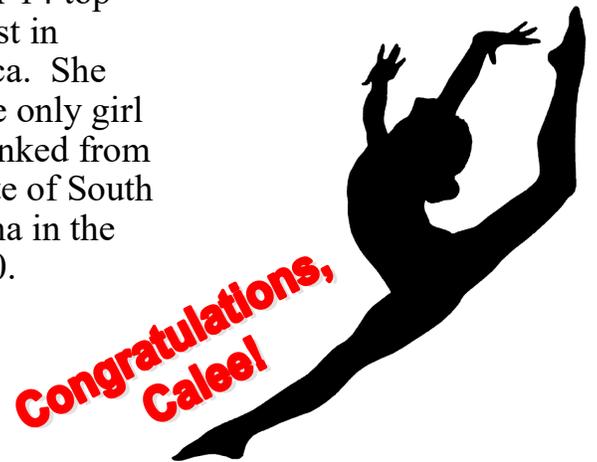
Tribal Talk is the best way to have an ongoing communication with our alumni and OPS family. The idea of a newsletter is to provide you with information of what's happening at your Alma Mater, as well as to give you the opportunity to send us some information about what's happening with you. In closing, I would welcome any comments regarding this newsletter. Your input will make our newsletter functional for all of us. I appreciate your support of Tribal Talk.

Sandy Reed, Tribal Talk Editor
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OPS THIRD GRADER CALEE HARTZOG TOP-RANKED GYMNAST

Third grader Calee Hartzog has been taking gymnastics since she was four years old. She started competing at five years old. Last year she won state, regional, and national titles. Recently, she was awarded number 14 top gymnast in America. She was the only girl who ranked from the state of South Carolina in the top 100.



Orangeburg Prep's Amir Tyler Selected to Youth Shrine Bowl



On December 30, 2017, Amir Tyler had a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Amir attended many football camps last summer. He was selected to participate in the Youth Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas that was played in Matthews, N.C. Thirty-two of the best student-athletes in North Carolina and South Carolina were selected. Amir was the first ever selected from Orangeburg County to participate in this division. Amir played a great game, and South Carolina won 24-6 against North Carolina. Amir Tyler is an eighth grader at Orangeburg Prep. He is the son of Luis Tyler and Cissy Gleaton of Orangeburg S.C. When not playing football, basketball, or baseball, Amir enjoys spending time fishing and time on the lake. Not only did he meet many new athletes, he also had the chance to visit the Shriners Hospital in Greenville S.C. All proceeds of this event goes to the Shriners Hospital. Funds help with the research to discover new knowledge that improves the quality of care and quality of life for children and families with neuro-muscular/skeletal conditions, burns, and many other medical conditions. Orangeburg Prep is very proud of Amir's accomplishments.

The 3rd Annual OPS Pride Cup Golf Tournament was a success! 22 teams battled it out at the Orangeburg Country Club in a Four Person Captain's Choice tournament to benefit the 2017-18 Annual Fund that will be used to improve classroom environment by adding new curriculum and updated technology.

CONGRATULATIONS to our winners!

1st Place: **State Farm** - Russ Hewitt, Jason Hewitt, Kent Pfeifer, Todd Johnson

2nd Place: **Team Bob Jennings** – Bob Jennings, Kyle Crabb, Rocky Reed, Brian Mahoney

3rd Place: **First Citizens Bank** – Mike Wolfe, Tripp Kemp, Mark Trimmier, Matt Way

Closest to the Pin: Russell Blanchard Longest Drive: Charlie Williams

THANK YOU to our sponsors!

Team Sponsors *Hole Sponsors*

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State Farm – Keith Hewitt, Jr. Grove Park

State Farm – Russ Hewitt GSI

Superior Motors Jimmy Jones Toyota

Super-Sod Josten's

Dr. Sidney Thomas Lanier & Burroughs Trial Attorneys

Wannamaker Agency Major Graphics, LLC

Williams and Williams McDonald's

Okonite

OPS Booster Club

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

Orangeburg Family Dentistry –

Dr. Thomas B. Gue, Jr.

The Pediatric Clinic

Piggly Wiggly Columbia Road

Pioneer Farm Equipment, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Ridley

South State Bank

State Farm Insurance- Keith Hewitt, Jr.

Super-Sod

Williams Brothers Sitework, LLC

Williams and Williams





HUNTER MASON REED

Son of Rocky and Samantha Martin Reed
Rocky (Class of 2003) & Samantha (Class of 2004)
Born December 15, 2017 @ 6:05 A.M.
Lexington Medical Center
8 lbs. 2 oz.
20¼" long
He was welcomed home by big brother, Lawton.
The Reeds reside near Ballentine, S.C.



HARPER ELIZABETH RUTLAND

Daughter of Tripp and Kayla Brunson Rutland
Tripp (Class of 2005) & Kayla (Class of 2007)
Born February 15, 2018 @ 6:34 P.M.
Lexington Medical Center
7 lbs. 15 oz.
20" long
The Rutlands reside in Lexington, S.C.



OLIVIA DANIELLE HASTY

Daughter of Wade and
Sabrina Puckett Hasty Class of 2002
Born February 13, 2018
8 lbs. 7 oz.
21" long
The Hastys resides in Gilbert, S.C.



MADDEN McCORD NICKLES

Daughter of Matt and
Jessica Godwin Nickles Class of 2003
Born January 10, 2018 @ 2:09 P.M.
8 lbs. 5.6 oz.
21" long
The Nickles reside in
Columbia, S.C.



WAYLON EDWARDS HEWITT

Son of Jason and
Anna Sanders Hewitt Class of 2002
Born September 22, 2017 @ 2:38 P.M.
8 lbs. 8 oz.
20½" long
The Regional Medical Center
The Hewitts reside in Branchville, SC.

— SUCCESS STORIES —



Tradition Never Graduates
It Only Gets Separated

Lee Thompson (left photo), Class of 2012, has earned a master of science in electrical and computer engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. He has accepted a position at SpaceX in Los Angeles, California.

Thompson was among approximately 3,100 undergraduate and graduate students who received degrees during Georgia Tech's 254th commencement exercises on December 15-16, 2017, at McCamish Pavilion. Lee is the son of Gina Thompson Boland and the grandson of Mrs. Barbara Lou Graves.



12X12 presents North Carolina artists who were selected by jury to participate in the 12X12 pop-up artist salon series at SECC Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art during 2016-2017. The artists represent a diversity of artistic practices and cultural backgrounds. One of the artists selected was Katy Mixon, Class of 2002.



Nikki Haley (pictured right) Class of 1989, is featured in Clemson World's Winter 2018 edition. In the article, Haley mentions that she came to Orangeburg Prep in ninth grade. Read the article in its entirety *Lessons From Her Parents* by copying/pasting <https://clemson.world/haley>

Christi Boland Named Senior VP

South State Bank announced that Christi Boland (Class of 1998) has been named senior vice president, responsible for managing enterprise risk. In her role, she leverages her nine years of experience to design, execute, and maintain the enterprise risk management program for South State. Prior to this role, she served as the bank's compensation manager. A graduate of Converse College with a bachelor's degree in business administration, Boland holds professional designations as a certified professional in human resources and a certified professional in the Society of Human Resources Management SHRM-CP. A native of Orangeburg, Boland is based out of the South State Support Center in Columbia. She is the daughter of Mrs. Nicki Boland, Upper School English teacher.





CHEERFULNESS— January Character Trait

Upper Campus

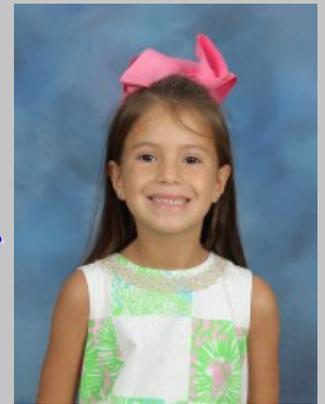
Mrs. Kelley Wannamaker, Middle & Upper School Math
Nathan Bair, Eighth Grade



CHEERFULNESS— January Character Trait

Lower Campus

Mrs. Kathryn Weeks, Third Grade Teacher
Blakely Garrick, First Grade



HONESTY— February Character Trait

Upper Campus

Mr. Willie Howard, Maintenance
Mallory Griffith, Seventh Grade



HONESTY— February Character Trait

Lower Campus

Ms. Lori Hutto, Third Grade Teacher
Charles Fender, Kindergarten





SPORTS UPDATE...

Our athletic renovations are now complete. Check out our State-of-the-art athletic facilities near the Lower Campus.

- ❶ New eight lane rubberized track (newly built pavilion in background).
- ❷ Digital softball scoreboard.
- ❸ Covered and lighted batting cage.
- ❹ Dugout facilities (comparable to top college dugouts.)



We just want to celebrate! The OPS Varsity Boys' Basketball team are Region II and AAA Tournament runner-ups. Pictured with the team are loyal student supporters with Coach Nelson.



SHOTGUN TEAM

Our Orangeburg Prep Shotgun Team had an AMAZING weekend. Cooper Gleaton, David Geddings, and Daniel Robb, shot in Edgefield for the SCISA STATE TRAP CHAMPIONSHIP and the SCISA STATE SKEET CHAMPIONSHIP.

On Friday (February 9th), the team brought home the SCISA STATE TRAP CHAMPIONSHIP and first place in the Senior Varsity School Division!

On Saturday (February 10th), they placed Runner-up for the SCISA State Skeet Championship and placed second in the Senior Varsity Division. Congratulations on an OUTSTANDING job!

Shotgun Individual & Team Results



Cooper Gleaton won HOA (Highest over all) for the tournament with a PERFECT 50/50.

Cooper Gleaton won HOA again shooting a 48/50.



David Geddings won a \$1000 scholarship for shooting the 2nd highest score in the Senior Varsity School Division.



We Are The Champions



The Orangeburg Prep Bowling Team wrapped up its season, bringing home some hardware from Sumter. The Girls Bowling Team consisted of seniors Sofia Andre, Keri Kibodeaux, and Mary Catherine Williams, with Juniors Madison Jumper and Morgan Hewitt. The girls finished seventh in the SCISA State Championship standings. The Boys Bowling Team consisted of seniors Dillon Cope, Andrew Brickle, and Brett Lovern, with freshmen Jace Hiers and Zack Felkel, who finished fifth in the SCISA State Championship standings. The co-ed team consisted of seniors Sam O'Cain, Collin Bair, and junior Kennerly Ann Bair, with sophomores Savannah Shannon and Emilee-Clare Fanning. This group took home the first-ever SCISA CO-ED Bowling State Championship. The team finished with a championship round score of 419 to take a 39 pin victory over runner-up Porter Gaud from Charleston, S.C. Other contributing members of the bowling teams throughout the season were seniors Graham Journey and Isabella Rendon, juniors Nancy Stevenson, John Martin Reed, Mason Boney, and freshmen Noland Boney, Landon Toole, and Sam Brenn. The following members of the Orangeburg Prep Bowling team qualified for the SCISA Individual State Championship to be held at Gamecock Lanes in Sumter Thursday, January, 25th.

OPS Volleyball Recognition

2017 All-State Volleyball Team chose OPS' Amber White (pictured right.)
Congratulations, Amber!

Volleyball Coach
Michael Nelson





Are you Smarter Than a Fifth Grader? What's a Tableaux?

A tableaux is an old-fashioned form of entertainment in which characters re-enact a moment in time from history, art, music, etc. No words, movement, or acting are used. Pictured above are fifth graders reproducing moments from the Civil War and Civil War Reconstruction. This assignment was practiced in Ms. Gasque's fifth grade class.



Fifth Grade Field Trip December 4-5, 2017

Pictured right is
James Smith on his field
trip visit to
Camp St. Christopher.

What's Happening

April 19, 20
ATP Twice is Nice Consignment @
Lower Campus

April 23-27
ACT Aspire for grades 3rd-9th

April 24
ACT for Registered Juniors & Seniors

Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Inc.

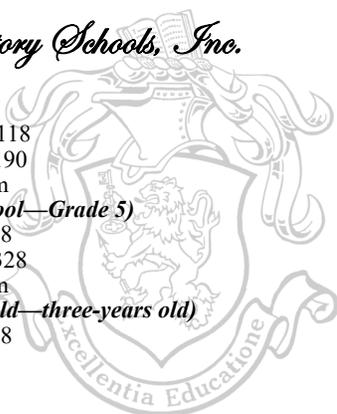
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Child Development Center (One-year old—three-years old)

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Mrs. LaDan Brown, Assistant Head of School
Mrs. Rosemary McGee, Lower Campus Administrator
Coach Jan Stoudenmire, Athletic Director
Mrs. Taylor Riley, Guidance Counselor
Mrs. June Kemp, Child Development Center Director
Mrs. Monica McElhone, Admissions & Marketing Director
Mrs. Sandy Reed, Tribal Talk Editor

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