



ORANGEBURG PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, INC.

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Summer 2022



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We congratulate our 42 seniors on their accomplishments.

Fifteen students are being recognized by the South Carolina Independent School Association as SCISA Honor Graduates for having scored at least 1100 on the SAT or 24 on the ACT while obtaining a 3.5 grade point average or higher for each of seven semesters. **Thirty-three** students are graduating with high honors which means they have a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or higher.

Furthermore, Orangeburg Prep has **three** students receiving the Palmetto Fellows Award. To receive the Palmetto Fellows Award, a student must score at least 1200 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT, earn a cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher, and rank in the top six percent of their class. A student who is not in the top six percent of his/her class may earn the Palmetto Fellows Award by scoring either 1400 on the SAT or 32 on the ACT and earn a cumulative 4.0 GPA or higher.

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The Valedictorian for the Class of 2022 is Nidhi Bipinchandra Patel. Nidhi is the daughter of Bipin and Jigna Patel. She is a member of the National Honor Society where she served as President. Nidhi served as a Junior Graduation Marshal, and she was named a SCISA Scholar Athlete. She is a recipient of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Nidhi will attend the University of South Carolina Honors College in the fall.



The Salutatorian for the Class of 2022 is Paige Ashlyn Bordenkecher. Paige Bordenkecher is the daughter of Mr. Greg and Dr. Courtney Bordenkecher. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Cheerleading Team, Bowling Team, and Track Team. Paige served as a Home-room Senator and a Junior Graduation Marshall. She has been named a SCISA Scholar Athlete and is a recipient of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Paige will attend the University of South Carolina Honors College in the fall.



Class of 2022 Final Senior Class Picnic



Saturday, May 14, 2022
McMillan River House

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Anderson University
Brevard College
Charleston Southern University
The Citadel

Anna Beth Lambrecht
Seth Robinson
Conner Brandon
Reese Browne
Andrew Hunter
Cate Fogle
Patricia Ryn Grubbs
Erin Holliday
Natalia Judge
Harper Sanders
Sarah Tant
Madison (Blakely) Valentine
Elizabeth Williams
Anna Brake Plummer
Elaine (Laine) Grubbs
Delaney Ridley
Isabelle Wassell
Michael Templeton
Presley Collins
Skylar Stillinger
Christian Rutland
Nathan Bair
Amir Tyler
Carley Walling
John Mack
Cade Wiles
Katie Causey
Bailey Craven
Emma Fogle
Mikayla Rider
Ayden Westbury
Scott Cooper
McCullough Mims
Lara Pugh
Preston Ray
Chayse Altman
Prusher Bair
Lydia Riley
Paige Bordenkecher
Nidhi Patel
Nic Rivas
Kelsey Lake

Clemson University

Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston

Columbia International University
Erskine College
Lander University

Limestone College
Midlands Technical College

Newberry College

Orangeburg Calhoun Tech College

USC

USC Gateway

USC Honors College

USC Palmetto Pathway
Wofford College





2022 Senior Class Trip

The Class of 2022 enjoyed their senior class trip the week of March 7th -11th. Places visited were St. Augustine, Sea World, Universal Studios, Islands of Adventure, and Kennedy Space Center. One of the highlights of the tour were the alligators we saw along the roadway.

There was plenty of sunshine, and although we did have a few heavy showers on a few of the days, everyone had a great time. It was a memorable trip for the Class of 2022. A special thank you to the chaperones: Mrs. Libby Ray, Mr. Justin Ray, Mrs. Megan Dangerfield, and Mrs. Barbara Askins.

the PROM

On March 25, 2022, OPS held their junior/senior prom in the McAlister Building of the Upper Campus. After several years of the prom being off campus, we were able to bring it back to OPS. This year's theme was pink, blue, and purple iridescence. The music was provided by DJ T-mobile. The junior class provided fruit and vegetable trays as well as an assortment of sweets. The flowers were graciously donated by Corbett's Flowers. Keeping with tradition, ten sophomores performed a cute dance for the juniors and seniors. As the prom was winding down, Cate Fogle and McCullough Mims (pictured right) were crowned our 2022 Prom King and Queen. Special thanks to all those who helped make this event happen!





College Awareness Day was held Wednesday, March 9th, in the McAlister Gym. We were fortunate to have twenty different institutions present on our campus. This was an amazing opportunity for our students in eighth through eleventh grade to hear from College Admissions Counselors about the exciting things that are going on at each institution. Our students were able to get a glimpse of what each institution can offer as well as requirements to be accepted. Students heard presentations about entrance requirements, majors, tuition, special scholarships, athletics, and anything else that would promote each school and give guidance to students who may wish to attend. With admission processes ever-changing, it is essential to keep students informed. It is important that students hear it from the admissions counselors and how it uniquely affects each institution. Participating colleges and universities were Anderson University, Charleston Southern University, The Citadel, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, Columbia International University, Converse College, Erskine College, Francis Marion University, Furman University, Lander University, Newberry College, Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College, Presbyterian College, University of South Carolina, University of South Carolina Beaufort, University of South Carolina Upstate, Winthrop University, and Wofford College.



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2022 Graduation Marshals

Front row: Abby Lyn Pantaleon, Haven Walters, Rebecca Ann Fairey, Campbell Delaney, Joni Holstad, Lane Inabinet, and WeiMin Yang

Back row: Matthew Gleaton, Corey Reynolds, Forrest Sutcliffe, James Williams, and John Wren Best.

To be considered, the student must have attended Orangeburg Prep in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Eligibility is determined on the basis of a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 and being ranked in the top 12 of their class.

TOMMY WANNAMAKER AWARD: This award is the highest award any student can attain at Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Inc. The award is given in memory of Thomas Elliot Wannamaker, Jr. who was born November 3, 1933, the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Elliot Wannamaker and the brother of the late Lyall Wannamaker Plumb, the late Robert Boyd Wannamaker, and Dr. Braxton Bryant Wannamaker. Tommy died at the age of 31 in November of 1964. Mr. Wannamaker's profound interest and personal assistance during the early days of Wade Hampton Academy, one of our parent schools, is commemorated by the annual presentation of the award to a member of the senior class. This award is based on scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Part of the criteria for the Tommy Wannamaker Award is one's contribution to the school. Each year a plaque symbolizing this award is presented at graduation to a student in the senior class nominated by the faculty.



This year's recipient is **Nidhi Patel**. Nidhi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bipin Patel. She is the President of The National Honor Society. She has been academically recognized by several state colleges and universities including Coker College Scholar, Converse University Scholar, Lander University Junior Fellows, University of South Carolina Upstate Junior Scholar, and Presbyterian College Fellows. She served as a Graduation Marshal in Orangeburg Preparatory Schools 2021 Graduation Ceremony. She was the recipient of Orangeburg Preparatory Schools Robert Boyd Wannamaker Scholarship for displaying scholarship, character, citizenship, service to school, dependability and cooperation. Nidhi was also voted by the faculty as Miss Indian 2021-2022.



FIELD TRIP TO ATLANTA

The eighth grade class visited Atlanta in late April. They toured the Atlanta Aquarium, the World of Coke, Atlanta History Center, and the Atlanta Zoo. The students also cheered on the Atlanta Braves to victory over the Chicago Cubs. While visiting various places, students experienced interactive educational tours in both history and marine biology.

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Our 2022 May Queens (pictured left to right)
Hannah Lambrecht (Junior May Queen)
Skyler Stillinger (May Queen Runner-up)
Cate Fogle (May Queen)
Natalia Judge (Maid of Honor)



2022 May Day Court



May Day Photos Compliments of Keagan Riser James Photography



Scott Cooper, Class of 2022, was the highlight with his rendition of "Through the Years" by Kenny Rogers.



Pictured above left to right: Elizabeth Allen Brailsford, Abigail Seaton, Aniyah Greene, Lily-Katherine Felkel, Zoe Wingard, Maahi Pandya, Blake Inabinet, and Owen Lovingood



Congratulations to our students who represented OPS in the SCISA State Science Fair on March 22, 2022, at the Sumter Civic Center.

Winners are listed below.

Senior Physical Science

Elizabeth Allen Brailsford

Junior Computer Math - 1st place

Owen Lovingood

Junior Environmental - 1st place

Maahi Pandya

Senior Team - 1st place

Lily-Katherine Felkel & Aniyah Greene



OPS Science Fair

MIDDLE SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL

Junior Division Computer Science
1st Owen Lovingood (SCISA STATE)

Senior Division General & Physical Science
1st Elizabeth Allen Brailsford (SCISA STATE)
2nd Kenlee Kinsey
3rd James Smith

Junior Biological /Behavioral/ Environmental Category
1st Maahi Pandya (SCISA STATE)
2nd Thomas Fanning
3rd Arden Craig

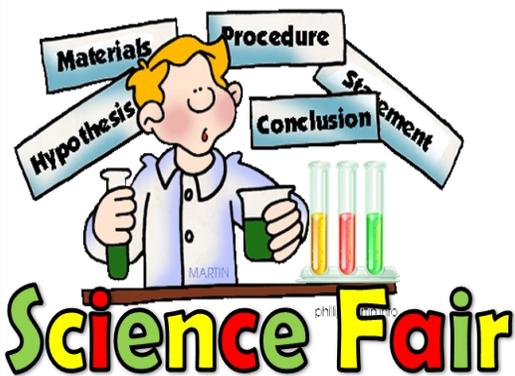
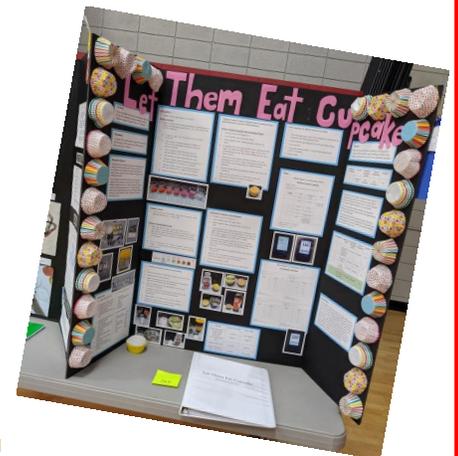
Senior Biological Category
1st Abigail Seaton (SCISA STATE)
2nd Leigha Maier
3rd Ally Brynn Westbury

Junior Physical Science
1st Blake Inabinet (SCISA STATE)
2nd Riley Brown
3rd Bianca Patel

Senior Team Category
1st Lily-Katherine Felkel & Aniyah Greene (SCISA STATE)
2nd Lauren Ballew & Kristin Bizzell
3rd Graysen Garrick & Emma Doremus

Junior General Science
1st Zoe Wingard (SCISA STATE)
2nd Carley Fairey
3rd Parker Gray

Junior Team Category
1st Emmaline Dangerfield & Morgan Gue
2nd Samantha Tomson & Cammie Adickes
3rd Jayme Culler & Preston Schurlknight



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She Said Yes



Tori Smith, Class of 2019
Bill Metts, Class of 2018

The wedding is planned for June 3, 2023, at Summerall Chapel in Charleston, South Carolina.

Are you an alumni who has recently graduated from college, received a job promotion, or would like to share an engagement, wedding, or birth? Please let us know by emailing sreed@orangeburgprep.com.



Mr. & Mrs. James Rush Jaynes III
Lauren Alexandria Hughes, Class of 2004, married Trey Jaynes on April 9, 2022, at The Glassy Chapel at The Cliffs. Lauren is a Pediatric Occupational Therapist. They reside in Greenville, S.C.



Baxley McLaurin Swearingen "Baxie"
Daughter of Alexandria Booth, Class of 2014, and Alexander Swearingen February 28, 2022
7 lbs 4 oz, 20 in,
Born at Prisma Health Richland
The couple resides in Swansea, S.C.



Santiago Stribling
Son of Wofford (Class of 2003) and Fiorella Stribling
Born March 9, 2022
Roper Berkeley Hospital
5 pounds 11 ounces
The Striblings reside in North Charleston, S.C. Santiago was delivered by OPS graduate, Dr. Louise Wannamaker, Class of 2007.



Brody Thomas Way
Son of Dakota, Class of 2013, Claire Wannamaker Way, Class of 2014, born at Lexington Medical Center, February 28th, 2022 / 7lbs 7oz / 18.5 inches long
Dakota is working for CF Evans.
Claire is a hairstylist at Glamour Girl in Orangeburg, S.C. Fun fact: Brody shares a birthday with his dad. Dakota was also born on February 28th. They reside in Cameron, S.C.

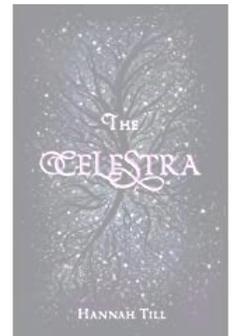


Kathryn Zeigler Gramling, Class of 1994, has accepted the position of Director of Nursing for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Kathryn has been with the agency for twenty plus years and has worked in positions ranging from front-line services, middle management, and most recently at the state level as the Assistant Director of Nursing. Kathryn officially stepped into this role on April 17th. She graduated from Lander University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and later attended the University of Phoenix and obtained her Master of Science in Nursing. Kathryn's vast knowledge, experience, and passion for public health will serve her and DHEC well in this new role. She is married to Lawrence Gramling, Class of 1984, and has two daughters, Lauren (10) and Paxton (7). They reside in Cameron, S.C.

Ben Ridgeway, Class of 2015, graduated Cum Laude from Wake Forest University with a degree in Psychology while working with Wake Forest University Emergency Medical Services and serving as a Student Conduct Peer Leader. He attended Furman University and earned a Master of Science in community engaged medicine and worked as a contact tracer for the University COVID-19 Response Team. Ben is now working to publish parts of his thesis which examines how systemic racism in our society and the social determinants of health can affect overall mental health of Black Americans. Ben began St. George's University last fall after receiving the Equity in Medicine Scholarship which is awarded to students who grew up in medically underserved areas, like Orangeburg. He is currently finishing term two of his first year of medical school at St. George's University in Grenada where he has been able to volunteer for community health drives.



Congratulations to OPS alumna Hannah Kitchens Till, Class of 2008, on becoming a published author! Check out Hannah's book, "The Celestra" out on Amazon.



Welcome to the Tribe!

Mrs. Connie Porth has been selected to be Orangeburg Prep's Lower Campus Administrator and will be starting in June! She has been an educator for over twenty-one years. During that time, she has taught at Edisto Elementary School for 2.5 years, Orangeburg Preparatory Schools for 12 years, and most recently at Richard Carroll Elementary School in Bamberg for the past 7 years. Mrs. Porth has taught many grade levels ranging from kindergarten to ninth grade. She has served on numerous committees including the School Improvement Council and School Leadership Team. She was awarded the Outstanding Educator of the Year (2009-2010) from the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Orangeburg-Morning. Mrs. Porth has a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from South Carolina State University. She also has a Master of Education degree in Teaching and Learning with a concentration in Instructional Coaching from Clemson University. She and her husband, Jim, have been married for



twenty-nine years. They have two children, Jacob and Reagan. In her spare time, Mrs. Porth loves reading, shopping, and spending time with family. Mrs. Porth is very excited and honored to, once again, be a part of the OPS family. Her focus as a school leader will be to establish positive and trusting relationships with all stakeholders to ensure the success of every student.

Mrs. Ray Appointed Interim Head

Mrs. Elizabeth "Libby" Ray has been named the Interim Head of Schools for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mrs. Ray has been an integral part of the Orangeburg Prep staff since May of 2002. Before her time at OPS, Mrs. Ray received a Bachelor of Science in Marine Science from the University of South Carolina, served as a field assistant at the Savannah River Site, Lab Assistant at USC, worked in animal husbandry at the Tennessee Aquarium, was an Aquarist at Ocean Journey in Denver, and taught science at Littleton Prep in Littleton, Colorado. Over the past twenty years she has used her education and real-life experience to teach and inspire hundreds of OPS students in the area of science.

Mrs. Ray has received countless honors and accolades during her tenure at Orangeburg Prep including: Orangeburg Prep Upper School Teacher of the Year 2009-2010, 2015-2016, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, SCISA High school Teacher of the Year Finalist 2015-2016, 2019-2020 and was awarded Educator of the Year by the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce in 2013, 2016, and 2019.

Since taking on her new role as Lead Administrator in December of 2021, Mrs. Ray has gone above and beyond to serve and lead Orangeburg Prep, and there is no doubt she will continue to excel as she leads OPS as the Interim Head of School.



2022-2023 Officers

President: Hallie Fanning
Vice President: Campbell Delaney
Secretary: Rebecca Ann Fairey
Treasurer: Corey Reynolds

Hours are 8:30-1:00
Monday through Thursday



The office will be closed June 2nd through June 7th and the week of July 4th.

President: Blake Inabinet
Vice President: Emma Grace Cuttino
Secretary: Regan Ridley
Treasurer: Calee Hartzog



Open House

August 16, 2022/6-7:00 p.m.

Important School Opening Information

Thursday, August 18
Wednesday, August 24
Wednesday, August 31
Thursday, September 1

School Opens (4K-12th) 11:30 Dismissal
Pictures for Grades 6th through 11th
Pictures for Grades 1st through 5th
Pictures for 4K, 5K,
Child Development Center



Orangeburg Prep girls basketball coach Jan Stoudenmire joined the “700 Club” this past season after her Lady Indians defeated John Paul II in the quarterfinals of the SCISA Class AA State Tournament.

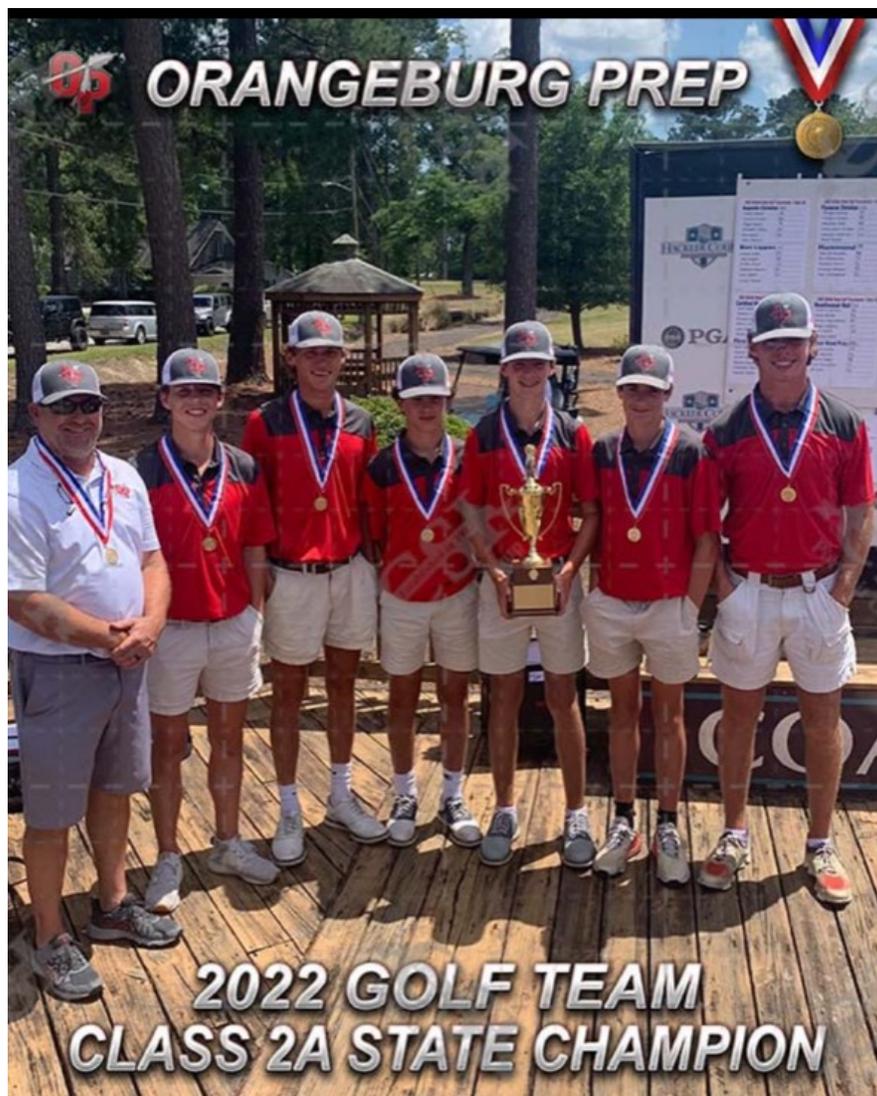
“It’s a prestigious thing to be in a club with coaches that have 700 career varsity games,” said Stoudenmire. She began her career at Hudgens Academy in Lynchburg, where she won three straight state championships (1986-88). She coached at Calhoun Academy in St. Matthews, winning a state title in 1992 before making her way to Orangeburg Prep, where she has spent the last twenty-five seasons.

“700 wins for a coach is nothing but a tribute to the players I have had in the past, and the players I have now,” Stoudenmire said. “I have been blessed to be at Orangeburg Prep for twenty-five years. The people have been very good to me, and

the kids coming through work extra hard.” In those twenty-five years, Stoudenmire has coached four state championship teams. Stoudenmire is married to Frank Stoudenmire, has a daughter, Barkley Stoudenmire McNair, who also coaches at OPS, a son, Chase, and a granddaughter, Tilly McNair. The Stoudenmires live in Lone Star.

Congratulations, Coach Jan!

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The 2022 Indian golf team brought home to Orangeburg the SCISA AA State Championship. Harris Holstein (pictured above) was the Medalist for the event shooting a 68 on the first day and 75 on the second day to secure the honor.

This is the first state title in golf since 2007.

Team members are seniors McCullough Mims, Andrew Hunter, Ayden Westbury, juniors Jack Hunter, James Williams, Cory Renyolds, Lane Inabinet, and sophomore Harris Holstein. Freshman team members are Walt Mims and Jody Gillam. 7th grade players are Anderson Fogle, and 6th graders Dakota Boan and Caden Welch.

A special thanks to Coach Al Hay for his compassion and leadership to this championship team!





SETH ROBINSON SIGNS FOOTBALL LETTER OF INTENT WITH BREVARD COLLEGE

Orangeburg Prep senior linebacker Seth Robinson signed to play football at Brevard College on February 24, 2022. Joining Robinson (front, from left) are Allison Robinson (mother), Jared Robinson (father), (back from left) Alex Tolbert (assistant coach), Andy Palmer (head coach), Gregory Fanning (assistant coach), Jan Stoudenmire (athletics director) and John Strickland (assistant coach). Congratulations, Seth!



Girls Track & Field 2A State Champions

Porter Gaud
May 7, 2022

The Lady Indians repeated their state championship title again this year. They were led by Anna Katherine Evatt in field events. The relay teams took two Track and Field and are

Head Coach: Brooks Smith
Assistants: Olivia Smith,
Michael Delaney, and Ray
McKnight.



Templeton Inks with Erskine

Orangeburg Prep's Mikey Templeton, center, signed to play football with Erskine on March 3rd. Joining Templeton are (seated left to right) Makenna Templeton (sister), Sandi Templeton (mother), Michael Templeton (father), Brianna Templeton (sister), and Santanna Templeton (sister). Standing are grandparents Raymond and Shirley Hutto.



Pictured left to right are Dr. Tracy Macpherson, Jessica Headdan, FNP; Destiny Fanning, LPN; and Tina Pantaleon, LPN.

The Pediatric Clinic (pictured above) and OPS Athletic Director Jan Stoudenmire held a sports physical day on April 27, 2022. Forty student athletes were cleared to participate in sports for the 2022-2023 athletic year. A big thank you to Athletic Director Jan Stoudenmire for organizing this event!



2A SCISA All Region

Baseball:

John Mack, Forrest Sutcliffe

Softball:

Ryn Grubbs, Katherine Lambrecht, Payton Schurlknight, Prestan Schurlknight

Girls Track:

Mary Legare Delaney, Emma Doremus, Anna Katherine Evatt, Ashby Garrick, Joni Holstad, Alyssa Snyder

Boys Track:

Seth Robinson, Christian Rutland, Addison O'Cain, Abraham Santos,



Rutland Commits to Limestone

Orangeburg Prep's Christian Rutland signed on May 3, 2022, to attend Limestone University, where he will run cross country and track and field. Pictured left to right joining Rutland are Olivia Smith, Assistant Coach; and Missi Leviner, mother; Christian Rutland seated in the middle, and at left, Brooks Smith, Head Coach; and Michael Delaney, Assistant Coach. Standing are Jan Stoudenmire, Orangeburg Prep Athletic Director; and Andy Palmer, Head Football Coach.



On May 26, 2022, our seniors were recognized for their four-year awards in athletics. Athletes must play four consecutive years in a sport. Pictured above left to right are;

First row: Elizabeth Williams, Laine Grubbs, Anna Beth Lambrecht, Paige Bordenkecher, Emma Fogle, and Cate Fogle.

Second row: Natalia Judge, Skylar Stillinger, Erin Holliday, Ryn Grubbs, Anna Brake Plummer, Isabelle Wassell, Lydia Riley, and Sarah Tant.

Third row: Cade Wiles, Scott Cooper, Nic Rivas, Ayden Westbury, Seth Robinson, McCullough Mims, Andrew Hunter, and John Mack.



The 2022 Indian Basketball Camp for girls and boys in grades 2nd -6th was held May 24, 25, and 26 in the Upper Campus Gym. Almost seventy students attended! Coach Jan, Coach Hay, Coach Patterson, and Coach Barkley led the camp.



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Good Luck, Class of 2022!



OPS Teachers of the Year Recognized

Three of our very own teachers were recognized by the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce and The Rotary Club (Orangeburg-Morning) at their annual School Employees of the Year banquet. We cannot thank these organizations enough for recognizing Mrs. Felsher, Mrs. McAlister, and Mrs. Knight. Congratulations to these wonderful teachers!

CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE MAY TRIBAL
TRIBUTE WINNER
NURSE BETH KUCK

2021/2022 Tribal Tribute Recipients

August Mrs. Gleaton
September Mrs. Helms
October Mrs. Bates
November Mr. Thomas
December Mrs. Shelley
January Mr. Weeks and Mrs. Sarvis
February Mrs. Sherry Rutland
April Ms. Teri Hutto

Upper Campus Awards Day was held on May 2, 2022, in the gym. For a complete listing of award recipients, please copy/paste the link below in your browser.

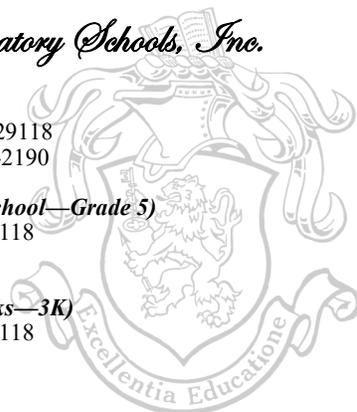
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Child Development Center (Six weeks—3K)
168 Prep Street, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118
Phone: 803/536-0490



Mrs. Libby Ray, Interim Head of School
Mrs. Nicki Boland, High School Administrator
Mrs. Barbara Askins, Middle School Administrator
Mrs. Leslie Whitlock, Lower Campus Administrator
Coach Jan Stoudenmire, Athletic Director
Mrs. Taylor Riley, Guidance Counselor
Mrs. June Kemp, Child Development Center Director
Mrs. Sandy Reed, Tribal Talk Editor

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