



ORANGEBURG PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, INC.

tribal TALK

Winter 2016



The fifth grade attended Camp St. Christopher November 7th through November 9th. A total of 41 students and 14 chaperones made the trip to Seabrook Island. The students had a great time learning about coastal ecosystems and diving into the famous mud pit! Fifth grader Carrie Ann Martin submerged her entire body in the mud pit. When asked about her experience, Carrie Ann replied, "The mud pit was really big. The good mud was right beside the marsh grass. If you got there, you could spread it all over you. It felt like cream rinse in the shower."

A typical day at camp includes three hot meals, four class sessions, and recreational time. College graduates, known as camp counselors, teach each class session. Classes are taught using a hands-on approach coupled with inquiry skills. Students end each day with a recreational activity. Several recreations include singing around a bonfire, enjoying a dance party, and participating in a talent show. Nights are spent in cabins located along the beach. Each cabin is equipped with five bunk beds and two bathrooms.



Jacob Smith



Dev Patel

Fifth grader Payton Schurlknight loved Camp St. Christopher. When asked what her favorite part about camp was, she responded, "I liked the herpetarium because we got to hold snakes and learn about different reptiles." Brij Patel said his favorite part was the bonfire because he liked the singing and dancing. Fifth grade teachers Pam Hiers, Caitlin O'Donnell, and Whitney Sanders agree that Camp St. Christopher is a wonderful educational experience for all young people!

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Holocaust Horror

Holocaust survivor Marion Blumenthal Lazan shared her experiences with students at Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Felton Laboratory Charter School, and Calhoun Academy in an assembly on November 2nd at Orangeburg Prep. Lazan is a Jew and a Holocaust survivor. Only a part of her experience is explained in the following paragraphs.

She was constantly cold and hungry, living in a barrack with her mother and 600 other women and girls. The building had one tiny heater, but it was never lit. One day, the 9-year-old saw a wagon loaded with wood coming toward her and thought that at last they'd have a fire and she'd get warm.

"But I soon realized what I thought was firewood was dead, naked bodies piled one on top of the other," Marion Blumenthal Lazan said. The fear and horror of those days was indescribable, she said.

Six million Jews, one-third of the world's entire Jewish population, were killed, she said. The population of South Carolina is just under 5 million. "Can you possibly imagine the entire population of South Carolina plus another million people wiped out?" she asked the group.

"As difficult as it is, the horror of the Holocaust must be taught, must be studied and kept alive," Lazan said. "Only then can we guard it from ever happening again."

Lazan speaks to schools and church groups about her experiences and the lessons she learned.

The 82-year-old urged students to help ensure that the world never sees another Holocaust.

"Be kind and good and respectful and tolerant towards one another. That is the basis for peace," she said.

In 1944, Lazan knew little of a normal life. She'd been in concentration camps from the age of four, initially at Westerbork in Holland. Lazan and her family were later sent to Bergen-Belsen in Germany.

"It was a very cold, pitch-black and rainy night when we reached our destination," she said. "We were pulled and dragged from the cattle cars by the German guards who were shouting at us and threatening us with their rifles." Lazan and her family were liberated by Russian soldiers in April 1945. You can read more about her experiences in her book, "Four Perfect Pebbles." You can purchase this locally at Swift Books or online at www.amazon.com.

A special thanks to Mrs. Barbara Askins, Mrs. Rose Marie Craft, and Mrs. Rosemary McGee for arranging this special program.





First Semester Exams

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FIRST SEMESTER EXAM DATES

11:30 dismissal for gr. 6th-12th only: December 13th-December 16th

Friday, December 9	REVIEW DAY
Monday, December 12	REVIEW DAY
Tuesday, December 13	First Period exams (8-9:30 AM) Second Period exams (10-11:30 AM)
Wednesday, December 14	Third Period exams (8-9:30 AM) Fourth period exams (10-11:30 AM)
Thursday, December 15	Fifth period exams (8-9:30 AM) Sixth period exams (10-11:30 AM)
Friday, December 16	Seventh period exams (8-9:30 AM) Make-up exams (10-11:30 AM)

11:30 dismissal for ALL students : Friday, December 16th

Information for Parents and Students:

- Students do not report to homeroom. They should report directly to their exam period.
- Students may exempt the first semester under the following conditions:
 - A. Seniors—(1) with at least a 90 average in year-long classes and in compliance with the OPS policies, (2) with an 85 average in an Honors course and in compliance with the OPS policies, or (3) with an 80 average in an AP course and in compliance with the OPS policies or (4) attend the minimally required sessions of the senior seminar.
 - B. Students (6th-11th) may not exempt the first semester exam unless the course is a semester course.
 - C. Students taking a semester course may exempt the first semester exam with an average of a 90 (seniors with an 87) and in compliance with OPS policies.
- Students need only to be here based on time period of testing. Sixth graders (5th period) and seventh graders (4th period) do not have to report for their rotation classes. Eighth graders do not have to report for their physical education class. If these students report to school, they must report to the library during their rotation or physical education class periods.
- Students having two exams on the same day may *not* leave the campus between exams.
- Students having to arrive at school for one test only (8-9:30 AM) but having to stay afterwards will go to the library for supervision (Mrs. Garrick.)
- Students having personal vehicles can arrive and depart based on the time period of testing. Once students leave the campus, they may not return unless they have to pick up other students for a ride home.
- Students who have an exam at 8:00 AM but do not have an exam at 10:00 AM may leave school at the end of the exam so that they may go home and study. If they have to wait for a ride, they must go to the library. No one should be in the halls or outside the buildings.
- Students who do not have an exam at 8:00 AM but have an exam at 10:00 AM do not have to arrive at school until 9:50 AM for their 10:00 AM exam. If a student arrives for a second exam before 9:30 AM, he/she must report to the library.
- Students who have no exams on a given day do not have to report to school.
- All rules, **including the dress code**, will be in effect during exam days. *A Level-1 detention will be awarded for non-compliance!*



Your ATP

IMPORTANT DATES FROM YOUR ATP!

Saturday, January 28th: Oyster Roast, Free Event! (You must RSVP.)

Saturday, March 18th: 5K Color Run

Saturday, April 22nd: Yard Sale (Earth Day) / Reduce→Reuse→Recycle→Resale



2016-2017 season basketball tickets are available to purchase at the Upper Campus Business Office for all home games. Tickets are \$30 for adults. OPS students are admitted free with OPS Student IDs.

The Child Development Center will be closed for the Christmas holidays on December 23rd and December 26th. New Year's closings are December 30th and January 2nd.

Grandfriends' Day

Upper Campus



There will be a Grandfriends' Drop-In on December 2nd prior to the Middle School Christmas Program. We welcome all Grandfriends to join us in the canteen from 7:30 to 8:10 AM for refreshments and fellowship.



Principal of the Day!

On November 17 OPS fourth grader Ashlee Weeks shadowed and assisted Mrs. McGee and Ms. Hughes as Principal for the Day. Ashlee's parents, Jennifer and Jesse, purchased the Principal for the Day privilege in the OPS Gala Auction last spring. To add to her excitement, the 17th was also Ashlee's 10th birthday. She was able to choose two friends for an off-campus lunch, and lots of fun was had by all! Pictured left from left to right are Ms. Hughes, Ashlee Weeks, and Mrs. McGee.

RENOVATION

The library renovation project is beginning to shape up. It has been a long process, but the carpet has been installed and twenty-five new computers will be installed shortly. We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of new furniture. Thank you to all who donated to the Annual Fund and made this much needed update possible.



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2016 And the **Winners** are...



Seth Baldwin
\$75



Eric Williams
\$50



Charlie McCutchen
\$25



Bay Blume
Stuffed Animal



Kyle Cooper
Swurfer



Natalie Hall
Swurfer

Our 2016 wrapping paper fundraiser winners are listed above. Ice cream parties were awarded to Mrs. Pace's first grade class and Mrs. Watts' fourth grade class. A Zaxby's lunch was also enjoyed by Rebecca Ann Fairey, Jack Hunter, Corey Reynolds, Lane Inabinet, Lauren Linder, Paige Hewitt, Erin Holliday, Jace Shuler, Preston Ray, and Dylan Wilson. Profit from this fundraiser was approximately \$18,000.

NO SHAVE
NOVEMBER
#LETITGROW

The OPS senior class participated in a community service project to benefit Healing Species. Young men in grades 9th-12th participated in "No Shave November." These students paid \$10 to participate by not shaving for the month of November. An ID was provided for each participant and was to be kept with them at all times during the school day. Failure to provide the ID resulted in having to shave. The young man with the most facial hair coverage and neatest beard on November 30th was the winner. This student was allowed to keep his beard until January 3, 2017, and also was refunded his \$10. This year's winner is Patrick Watford.



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The third grade enjoyed their field trip to Charles Towne Landing on October 27th. They explored the site of the first permanent English settlement colony, which included a history trail and animal forest. Pictured left to



Top left: Maddie Jordan, Ansley Newsome, Emma Grace Burleson, Jayme Culler, and Kate Holstein.

Top right: Hannah Hoover, Mrs. Booth, Katie Daras, Mrs. Hutto, and Mrs. Bair.

Bottom left: T Riley, Dax Reed, Jonathan Marcellana, Grey Sanders, and Brian Doan.



The Freshman Class enjoyed a day of team building on their class field trip to Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton on October 28th. The class members were divided into groups and carried out various challenges that tested their abilities to lead and cooperate. The trip was a great opportunity for students to get outside their comfort zones and forge new friendships. Mrs. Ford is the grade level sponsor.



Mrs. Sullivan's second period art history class went to the Columbia Museum of Art on Tuesday, November 1st. They were able to hear about and observe the extensive collection of medieval and renaissance art. They also took part in a workshop on illuminated letters led by docents.



Check out our Senior Bulletins page at orangeburgprep.com!

December 6

Second deposit for Senior Class Trip: **\$100**

January 13

1:00 PM Senior graduation accessory order (*all graduates must have a cap and gown*)

February 9

Final senior class trip payment (*Amount TBD*)

March 13th-18th

Senior Class Trip



Participants of the Battle of the Books on November 9, 2016, from the Lower Campus were Anna Katherine Evatt, Jenna Blume, Elizabeth Allen Brailsford, Grayson Bowers, Ramsey Albergotti, Trace Sanders, Charlie McCutchen, Morgan Newsome, Averi Evans, Izzy Exum, Payton Bordenkecher, John Inabinet, Morgan Garrick, Jack Laird. Not pictured is Maddie Till.



Middle School Math Team: Our eighth grade team came in seventh place (out of twenty-nine teams)! This is the first time the sponsor, Karen Ford, can recall the team cracking the top ten! Brady Crider and Zack (Fish) Fisher were high points scorers for their teams. Pictured above left to right are:

First row: Zack Fisher, Nidhi Patel, Peyton Inabinet, Kelcey Lake, Elizabeth Williams.

Back row: Zack Felkel, Brady Crider, Yogi Parmar, Sam Brenn, Landon Toole.

All-State Honors Chorus



Pictured from left to right:
Sofia Andre, Turner Jones, Charlotte Palmer, Megan Adams, Kaitlyn Robinson and Shivani Patel.



Pictured above are the OPS participants in the 2016 SCISA All State Honors Chorus. It was held at the Weldon Auditorium in Manning, SC, as part of the Headmaster's Meeting.

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The OPS Chess Team finished sixth at the SCISA Chess Tournament on November 10th out of twenty-three teams. All team members finished in the top 50 %. Special recognition to Danny Fisher, who individually tied for third place. Bill Metts also finished individually in the top 25%. Congratulations to the OPS Chess Team! Pictured in the right top picture left to right are: Bill Metts, Carter Chandler, Danny Fisher, Hunter Shaffer, Nick Pascoe, and Shrey Patel.

Battle of the Books



Orangeburg Prep Middle School students participated in the SCISA Battle of the Books, a reading incentive program in which lower and middle school students read books and answer related questions in a game show type format, on November 9, 2016. They worked hard preparing for this event by attending weekly meetings during their lunch time and reading and studying twenty books from a preselected list. We are very proud of our Indians for taking on this challenge and representing the Middle School. Standing in the left picture are left to right: Yogi Parmar, Sidney Addicks, Cate Williams, Nidhi Pagtel, Paige Bordenkecher, Cora Robb, Laura Pugh, and Zachary Fisher.

SCISA High School Quiz Bowl

The SCISA Regional High School Quiz Bowl was held on Tuesday, November 29th, at Orangeburg Preparatory Schools. Orangeburg Prep placed second.

Pictured in the right photo left to right are:
Front row: Andy Walter, Mac Boland, Annika Gupta, and Ward Jolles.
Back row: Frank McConnell, Hunter Shafer, Carter Chandler, and Dr. Mark Van Gunten, sponsor.





Josh Hutto



Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership

The State Leadership Seminar is designed to empower high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, and community. Orangeburg Prep selected Josh Hutto and Nicholas Pascoe (alternate) to attend a three day seminar in June 2017 to participate in hands-on leadership activities, meet leaders in the state, and explore leadership skills while learning how to lead others and make a positive impact in the community.



Nicholas Pascoe
Alternate



Orangeburg Preparatory School's Logan Robertson (pictured right) has received the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce R.H. Jennings Scholarship Award.



Catch-A-Kid

Tanner Garrick and James Thomas Robertson have both been nominated by their teachers for the 8th grade Catch-a-Kid program by the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce. The program seeks out 8th grade students who are "caught" displaying honorable character traits such as being encouraging to others and upholding a strong work ethic. We are very proud of them both! James Thomas was nominated for the month of September and Tanner for the month of October.



Voice of Democracy & Patriots Pen

Congratulations to (pictured left to right) Courtney Rich, Sam Brenn, and Noland for being selected to represent Orangeburg Prep in the Voice of Democracy Speech contest and Patriot's Pen Essay contest sponsored by the VFW. Courtney won for the Voice of Democracy and Noland Boney and Sam for the Patriot's Pen Essay contest.

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Fourteen new members of the National Honor Society were inducted on November 21, 2016. Mrs. Lynn Garrick is the advisor. Pictured above are:

Front row: Hardi Parmar, Emily Irick, Gabrielle Axson, Lexi Crider, Alexis Waystack, Sarah Paige Bozardt, and Katie Holley.

Back row: Jackson Smith, David Geddings, William Mills, Sam O'Cain, Bill Metts, Billy Garner, and Shrey Patel.

National Junior Honor Society



Congratulations to the following inductees into the National Junior Honor Society.

8th Grade: Sidney Margaret Adicks, Logan Elizabeth Anderson, Stephan Brison Ardis, Samuel C. Brenn, Brady Ashton Crider, Zachary Ryan Felkel, David Elliott Fogle, Kenneth Leroy Fogle III, Daniel Tanner Garrick, Edward Hammond Gladd, James Marion Hiers IV, Joanna Catherine Hinds, Peyton Carl Inabinet, Benjamin Rucker Journey, Amelia Kentlee Kneece, Emily Nicole Kruger, Gabrielle Mari-gold McCoskey, Matthew Clinton Murdaugh, Evelyn Lou Myers, Jay Patel, Swami Ketan Patel, James Thomas Robertson III, Nicholas Aaron Shafer, Garret T. Shelton, Ashlyn Grace Smith, Graham Thomas Smith, Olivia Belle Strickland, Abigail Lee Thackston, Noah Christopher Thoma, William Alexander Tolbert, Jr., Landon Alexander Toole, Madison Lee Weeks, Catherine E. Williams,

9th Grade: Cierra F. Banks, Cassidy Christine Craven, Emilee-Claire Fanning, Daniel Mark Fisher.

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Robinson, Bryce M. Shelton, William Douglas Workman V (not pictured). Mrs. Barbara Askins is the NJHS sponsor.

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Fischer Weeks, son of Shane & Kim Williams Weeks (Class of 2002) poses for Coach Jan at the OPS Halloween Carnival.



Harper and Mims Whetsell, daughters of Britton Whetsell, Class of 2004, & Lynn Felder Whetsell, Class of 2005, are all dressed up for the OPS Halloween Carnival! Harper and Mims attend the OPS Child Development Center. Coach Jan snapped this candid photo while the children were lining up for the costume contest.

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Halloween.



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Veteran's Day At OPS



On November 11th, Upper Campus students honored local veterans during a Veterans Day program in the gym. Josh Palmer presented the flags, and guest veterans in the audience were recognized. The Honors Chorus led the ceremony and all students performed patriotic songs. Thank you, Veterans, for your service to our country!



Hallie
Fanning



Matthew
Murdaugh



Kiwanis

**NOVEMBER
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

**Hallie Fanning, 6th grade
Matthew Murdaugh, 8th grade**

Athletics



Scoville Reynolds



Aaron Causey



Arjay Clarett



Andrew Brickle



Wesley Wells

Indian Football Players Receive Post Season Recognition

Senior Offensive Lineman Scoville Reynolds and Senior Linebacker Aaron Causey will represent the 2016 Orangeburg Prep Indian Football Team in the SCISA North/South All Star Football Game to be held December 3rd at Northwood Academy in Charleston. Also, the 3A Football Coaches All State Team has been released. The following Indian Football players were named:

Scoville Reynolds: Senior Offensive Lineman; 1st Team

Aaron Causey: Senior Linebacker; 2nd Team

Arjay Clarett: Senior Offensive Lineman; Honorable Mention

Andrew Brickle: Junior Running Back; Honorable Mention

Wesley Wells: Sophomore Linebacker; Honorable Mention

The Orangeburg Prep Indians ended the 2016 football season with an overall record of 6-4.



On Sunday, September 25th, approximately twenty-five to thirty members of the Varsity and JV Football Teams and Coaching Staff assisted in unloading and assembling the pumpkins for St. Andrews United Methodist Church's Annual Pumpkin Patch. There were approximately 5,000 pumpkins that had to be unloaded and placed out for sale and distribution, no small task to say the least. This was the second of three community service projects the Varsity and JV Football Teams participated in

during the 2016 season. Back in August, both teams spent the first hour of practice by traveling to a distribution site in Orangeburg to help unload trailer truck loads of blankets that were headed to the needy in Central and Northern Africa as part of the GAIN and Global Aid Network. Then on Saturday, October 15, (the day after Homecoming), both teams were part of the Operation Clean Sweep event held across Orangeburg County. Congratulations on the outstanding community service efforts of the Varsity and JV Football Teams 2016.



On Friday, October 14th, the Varsity Football Team hosted Northwood Academy for Homecoming 2016 and came away with a 26-10 victory for the fifth win of the season. The offense rushed for a combined 336 yards on 62 carries. Leading the way was Junior RB/LB/Kicker Andrew Brickle. Andrew carried the ball twenty-eight times and came away with 178 yards, an average of 6.35 yards per carry. He also scored two touchdowns on runs of one and seven yards and contributed two PAT's from his placekicking position. For his efforts in this game, Andrew was selected as the Orangeburg Touchdown Club's Offensive Player of the Week. Andrew was joined by his father, Assistant Coach Andy Brickle, as he received his award during the Touchdown Club weekly luncheon on Thursday, October 20th.

Coach Palmer remarked, "Andrew has been a true workhorse for the team. He shoulders most of the load in the rushing game, plays linebacker on defense, and handles all of the placekicking duties. He has been one of the hardest workers on the team, and we are excited about his senior year coming up."






On October 21st, the varsity cheerleaders dedicated the pep rally for Breast Cancer Awareness in the memory of Mrs. Cathy Braxton, a former first grade teacher. Mrs. Braxton lost her battle with cancer on May 26, 2016.



The SCISA North South Volleyball Game was held Saturday, October 29th, at Wilson Hall. Morgan Baltzegar, Amber White, Dallas Stoller, and Mary Catherine Williams were selected as All Star players from Orangeburg Prep. Amber White was also selected co-region player of the year. These players, as well as players from Ashley Hall, Florence Christian, Laurence Manning, Wilson Hall, and Augusta Christian rounded out the South All-Star team. The girls worked extremely hard, but came up a little short in the end. The team played four sets, winning the third set. Congratulations to all the OP players. We are very proud of you.





the 25th
PRODUCTION
Nutcracker
ORANGEBURG CIVIC BALLET 2016
Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, SCSU Campus
December 10th @ 7:30 p.m.
December 11th @ 3:00 p.m.

Don't miss it! There is a cast of over one hundred, many of which are our Orangeburg Prep students. For details, please contact Michelle Felkel, mfelkel@orangeburgprep.com.

Congratulations to Mrs. Leigh Bolland, Ms. Creech, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Garrick, Mrs. Helms, Mrs. Kemp, Ms. Patterson, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Reid, and Mrs. Worrell for each receiving a \$500 grant from a local donor. The \$500 will be used to purchase grade level appropriate books and classroom resources that correspond with state standards. This grant will support OPS in efforts to prepare 21st Century Learners.





THE LOWER CAMPUS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, "The Twelve Days of Christmas in New York," will be **Thursday, December 15th, at 1:00 PM** and **Friday, December 16th, at 8:30 AM.** 4K - 5th grades will be performing on both days. The 3 year-old CDC classes will perform on Friday. If possible, we are asking 4K, 5K, 1st grade, and 2nd grade parents, guardians, family, and friends to come to the Thursday Christmas program. If possible, we are asking if the Child Development Center, 3rd grade, 4th grade, and 5th grade parents, guardians, family, and friends to come to the Friday Christmas program. If that particular day does not work for you, please feel free to come to the time that is best for you! Thank you!

Our 3-K will be participating in the Christmas program at 8:30 on Friday, December 16th, @ 8:30 AM. We will be having Christmas parties on December 22nd at 2:30 PM. Parents will be invited, and we will send notes out from the CDC. Santa will be stopping by for a visit!



THE LOWER CAMPUS DRAMA CLUB

The
**Best Christmas
Pageant Ever**

presents

When: Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Where: OPS Lower Campus Gym

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: Any monetary donation and/
or canned goods donation is
appreciated!

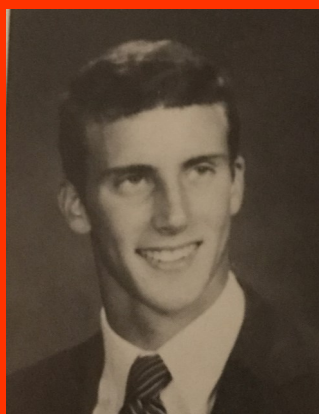


Christmas Through the Ages

The Upper Campus Music Department is getting ready for the Christmas Program that will be held on Friday, December 2nd, during a morning assembly (8:10, but please arrive a little early for a good seat), in the Upper Campus Gym. All sixth and seventh graders will be participating in the program. We will have many "guest" participants from the eighth through twelfth grades this year as well. All parents are encouraged and invited to attend. Student participants in the program should wear field trip attire or better. Tennis shoes and flip flops are not allowed. Festive Christmas clothing (Christmas sweaters, red, blue, green, bright blue, etc.) would look wonderful!

Blast from the Past

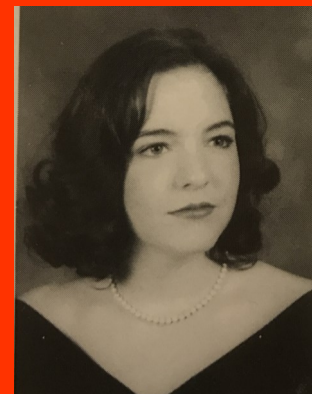
Remember these good times? Guess who they are! The answer is on the last page.



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Chase Garland

Son of Jamon and
Shea Phillips Garland
Class of 2005
Born November 2, 2016
9.4 pounds 21 inches long

He was welcomed home by big brothers Hunter (fifteen years old) and Mason (three years old). The Garlands reside near Cope, South Carolina.

Tradition Never Graduates It Only Gets Separated

Rebecca Strickland, Class of 2015, is among top students presented with a business scholarship from Lander University's School of Management. Rebecca will obtain the William K. and Lula L. Bosserman Business Scholarship, which helps with college expenses for the 2016-2017 school year.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We welcome general comments, mailing address information, class notes, wedding announcements, job promotions, birth announcements, and passing announcements. Send your news to sreed@orangeburgprep.com. Please include your name (and maiden name) and year of graduation,

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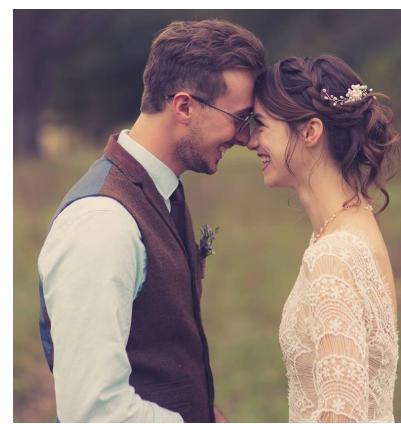
Mr. and Mrs.
Will Altman
Tiffany Cain
Class of 2003
November 19, 2016



Mr. and Mrs.
Justin William Martin
Elizabeth "Liz" Helms
Class of 2010
November 19, 2016
The couple resides in
Greenville, S.C.



Mr. & Mrs.
Hunter (Sammie) Shaw
Class of 2009
October 15, 2016
The couple resides in
Prosperity, S.C.



Mr. & Mrs.
Axton Crolley
Class of 2010
October 15, 2016
The couple resides in
Columbia, S.C.



Blake Bruner, Class of 2015, is featured on the Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Magazine Spring Guide 2017. Click on the following link and read pages 4 and 5 to learn about Blake as a young business entrepreneur.
<https://issuu.com/octechpublications.com/docs/collegemagspring17?e=5552903/41026962>



You've probably seen it around town – a little white bus emblazoned with the name "Mutt Kutz." Twenty-year-old Blake Bruner of Orangeburg owns the mobile dog-grooming business he started nearly six months ago.

After graduating from Orangeburg Preparatory Schools in 2015, Blake attended a 12-week course at Groomdog Academy in Blythe-wood. In January, he began the General Business program at OCTech.

"I'm excited to learn more about running a business," he said. "I go to school during the day and operate my business in the afternoons. My goal is to one day have a Mutt Kutz franchise."

On school days, Blake grooms about three dogs per day. When he's not in school, he can see up to five clients a day. He also stays busy with a pet-sitting business he started in 2010, when he was just 14 years old.

At times, he has so many pets to take care of that his parents, Cal and Julie Bruner, chip in to help.

"I've always liked pets," Blake said. "I don't look at this as a job. It's more like a hobby. I love doing it. And I get to pick my own hours, too."

It took nearly eight months for Blake and his dad to retrofit the former Pee Dee Academy bus with all of the necessary equipment for the grooming business. The bus was gutted before a pair of 50-gallon water tanks and pumps, a hot water heater, table, bathtub, clipper vacuum, two dryers and a generator were installed.

"I only groom dogs, but I take care of dogs, cats, chickens – whatever," he said. "My parents were happy when I got my driver's license because they didn't have to take me everywhere. I also work at Healing Species on the weekends, but I really



Nikki Randhawa Haley

Orangeburg Preparatory Schools Class of 1989

Accepts Cabinet-Level Position as Ambassador to the United Nations

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley has accepted President-elect Donald Trump's offer to be his ambassador to the United Nations. In a statement, Haley said "I always expected to finish the remaining two years of my second term as governor," but added she was "moved to accept this new assignment" out of a "sense of duty."

"When the President believes you have a major contribution to make to the welfare of our nation, and to our nation's standing in the world, that is a calling that is important to heed," Haley said, adding that she will "remain as governor until the United States Senate acts affirmatively on my nomination."

Haley, 44, is a two-term governor who initially backed Trump rivals Senator Marco Rubio and then Senator Ted Cruz during the GOP battle for a White House nominee.

She is the first woman in the state's history to hold the role and the first woman picked by the president-elect to serve in a cabinet-level position.

The daughter of immigrants from India, Haley served three terms in South Carolina's State House before winning the governorship in 2010 and again in 2014.

Haley's limited foreign policy experience is likely to draw scrutiny during her Senate confirmation hearings. If confirmed, Haley would succeed Samantha Power, who has served as President Barack Obama's U.N. ambassador since 2013.

Distinguished
Alumna

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The **2nd Annual OPS Pride Cup Golf Tournament** was a success! 15 teams battled it out at the Orangeburg Country Club in a Four Person Captain's Choice tournament to benefit the 2016-17 Annual Fund that will fund security improvements. Parents, Grandparents, Alumni and other supporters came out for lunch and a fabulous day on the course.

THANK YOU to all of our sponsors & CONGRATULATIONS to our winners!

1st Place: Pioneer Farm Equipment – Todd McElhone, Trippett Boineau, Michael Strong and Andy Delaney

2nd Place: Dr. Sidney Thomas – Sidney Thomas, Rusty Matthews, Leslie Holleman, Ronnie Richter

3rd Place: Groucho's – Thomas Gue, Fred Riley, Shane Burroughs and Michael Delaney

Longest Drive: Brad Yon & Closest to the Pin: Bruce Rhenev

Team Sponsors

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Pioneer Farm Equipment, Inc.
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Pioneer Farm Equipment, Inc.
South State Bank
State Farm Insurance- Keith Hewitt, Jr.
Superior Motors - Buick GMC, Honda & Kia
Super-Sod
Sweet Frog
Vallentines Cotton Gin
Williams and Williams



1st Place: Pioneer Farm Equipment



2nd Place: Dr. Sidney Thomas



3rd Place: Groucho's Deli



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RESPONSIBILITY — November Character Trait



**Amber White
Mr. Gregory**



**Sarah Beth Fogle
Mrs. Bozard**



COMPASSION — December Character Trait



**Josh Palmer
Coach Nelson**



**Maahi Pandya
Mrs. Helms**





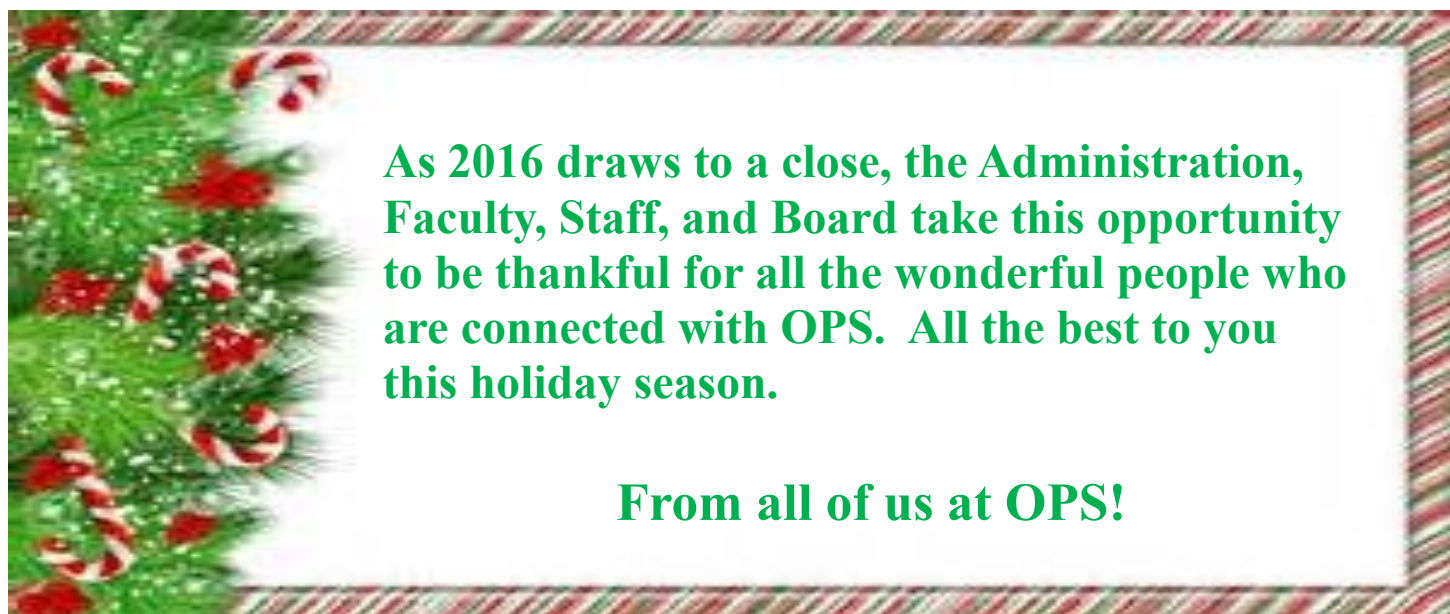
Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Fellowship of Christian Students sponsored a free Christian Camp for grades first through fifth at Lower Campus. During the week of October 31st -November 3rd, thirty-nine elementary students attended the camp for Bible Stories, art and craft activities, games, snacks, and music. The activities were directed by seventeen Upper School students in grades 7th-12th who were delightful and had a positive influence on the "Campers for Christ." The community got involved with the Christian camp when Mrs. Rosiland Carson, State Farm Bureau and former teacher at Orangeburg Prep, made butter with the children. The week of Christian learning and sharing was a true testament of God's word. A special thanks to Mrs. Terry Sue Moore and Mrs. Stefanie O'Cain for organizing this event.



Approximately 71 faculty, staff, and students were immunized at Orangeburg Prep's Upper and Lower Campus on Tuesday, October 25th. Students in grades Pre K through 12th were offered flu immunizations. A special thank you to Grove Park for providing the vaccines and Dr. Karen Connelly for administering them.

Upper Campus:	Shots	26
Lower Campus:	Shots	45

TOTAL IMMUNIZED: 71



As 2016 draws to a close, the Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Board take this opportunity to be thankful for all the wonderful people who are connected with OPS. All the best to you this holiday season.

From all of us at OPS!



- ① Walt Turner, WHA Class of 1984, OPS Board Director
- ② Martha Roquemore Burleson, Class of 1999, OPS Board Director

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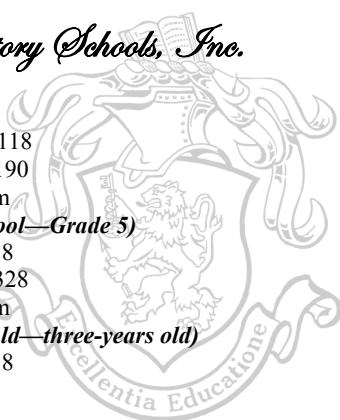
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Ms. Babs Hughes, Lower Campus Administrator
Coach Jan Stoudenmire, Athletic Director
Mrs. Taylor Riley, Guidance Counselor
Mrs. June Kemp, Child Development Center Director
Mrs. Monica McElhone, Admissions & Marketing Director
Sandy Reed, Tribal Talk Editor

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