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The newest members of the Ann Glover Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society were inducted in a ceremony held November 4, 2020, in the Upper Campus Gym. Students are selected based on scholarship, character, service, leadership. and citizenship. Mrs. Felkel is our NJHS sponsor. Congratulations to these students on a job well done!

Front Row: Bari Cuttino, Annabelle Hunter, Ella Evans, Lily-Katherine Felkel, Layla Garrick, Keya Patel, Emma Doremus. **Second row**: Elizabeth Allen Brailsford, Leigha Maier, Graysen Garrick, Payton Bordenkecher, Ally Brynn Westbury, Izzy Exum, Lauren Ballew, Aniyah Greene, Brynley Pantaleon.

Third row: Adi St. John, Caitlyn Hyde, Jenna Blume, Lily Osborne, Jack McConnell, Hailey Etheridge, Morgan Sharpe. Back row: John Inabinet, Jacob Smith, Makenna Christopher, Chandler Gillam, James Smith, Sarah Tomson, Charlie McCutchen, Tadd Jameson, Walt Mims, Morrison Burroughs, and Trace Sanders.

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Membership in the National Honor Society is by invitation only and is open to juniors and seniors with a 4.0 or higher GPA who also meet the requirements of character, leadership, and service. On December 9th, thirty-three members of the junior and senior classes were inducted into the National Honor Society.







Evelynn Myers ——

Tanner Garrick-

Our 2020-2021 Miss Indian is Evelynn Myers. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She has cheered on the Orangeburg Prep Indians for the last four years. Evelynn was awarded the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Award, as well as the Robert Boyd Wannamaker Scholarship. She was academically recognized as a Converse College Scholar. Evelynn is a faithful member of The First Presbyterian Youth Group, through which she has volunteered her time and efforts. She currently serves as the Senior Class Secretary and was crowned Homecoming Queen 2020. She plans to major in biology. Evelynn is the daughter of Robbie and Tracy Myers.

Our 2020-2021 Mr. Indian is Tanner Garrick. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club, and Environthon Team. He served as a graduation marshal in the Orangeburg Preparatory 2020 graduation ceremony. Tanner was recognized as a South Carolina Independent School Association Scholar Athlete for his excellent athletic and academic performance. He is an integral member of both the Cross Country and Track Teams. Tanner serves as the National Honor Society Secretary, the Senior Class Vice-President, and was recently voted the SCISA State Chaplain. He has volunteered for several local initiatives including The Healing Species and SPCA. He plans to become a veterinarian. Tanner is the son of Daniel and Amanda Garrick.

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Exam Information for Upper Campus



Friday, December 11 Monday, December 14 Tuesday, December 15

Wednesday, December 16

Thursday, December 17

Friday, December 18

REVIEW DAY

REVIEW DAY (11:30 Dismissal)

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

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

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

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

11:30 dismissal for Upper Campus December 14th-December 18th Lower Campus dismisses at 11:30 on December 18th

Information for Parents and Students:

- Students do not report to homeroom. They should report directly to their exam period.
- Students may exempt the first semester under the following conditions:
 - A. Seniors—(1) with at least a 90 average in year-long classes and in compliance with the OPS policies, (2) with an 85 average in an Honors course and in compliance with the OPS policies, or (3) with an 80 average in an AP course and in compliance with the OPS policies or (4) attend the minimally required sessions of the senior seminar.

B. Students (6th-11th) may not exempt the first semester exam unless the course is a semester course (such as marine biology, forensics, robotics, philosophy, music.)

C. Students taking a semester course may exempt the first semester exam with an average of a 90 (seniors with an 87) and in compliance with OPS policies.

- Students in grades 6th-11th must stay for the entire exam period. Only seniors may leave after exam completion.
- Students need only to be here based on time period of testing. Sixth graders and seventh graders do not have to report for their art, music, computer, drama, or physical education classes. Eighth graders do not have to report for their physical education class. If these students report to school, they must report to the library during their rotation or physical education class periods.
- Students having two exams on the same day may *not* leave the campus between exams.
- Students having to arrive at school for one test only (8-9:30 AM) but having to stay afterwards will go to the library for supervision (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 A.M. but do not have an exam at 10:00 A.M. may leave school at the end of the exam so that they may go home and study. If they have to wait for a ride, they must go to the library. No one should be in the halls or outside the buildings.
- Students who do not have an exam at 8:00 A.M. but have an exam at 10:00 A.M. do not have to arrive at school until 9:50 A.M. for their 10:00 A.M. exam. If a student arrives for a second exam before 9:30 A.M., he/she must report to the library.
- Students who have no exams on a given day do not have to report to school.
- All rules, *including the dress code,* will be in effect during exam days. A Level-1 detention will be awarded for non-compliance!

Information for You



2020-2021 season basketball tickets are available to purchase at the Upper Campus Business Office and at all home games. Tickets are \$30 for adults. OPS students are admitted free with OPS Student IDs.



Our Child Development Center will be closed December 23, 24, 25 for Christmas holidays. The CDC will also be closed December 31 and January 1 for New Year's holidays.



Mrs. Trish Carn joined our faculty on December 7, 2020, as an English teacher. She grew up in North Augusta, South Carolina, and graduated from North Augusta Senior High School. Growing up, she enjoyed horseback riding, tennis, swimming, writing, and reading. Mrs. Carn loved her English classes, and this led her to pursue English as her major. She attended the University of South Carolina and graduated in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in English. While at Carolina, Mrs. Carn met her husband, Tim, who grew up in St. Matthews. They lived in Lexington for ten years where she

worked as a customer service representative and did technical writing for PMSC, Palmetto GBA, and NCR. They have two children, Megan and Travis, and reside in St. Matthews.



Ms. Cindy Berry joined our faculty on November 16, 2020, as our Middle School history teacher. She has been teaching for eight years and earned a Bachelor's of Science and Education from the University of Phoenix. Ms. Berry has also worked three years with autistic students and helping them transition to the classroom setting. She has taught math, science, and history. Ms. Berry lives in Orangeburg and has three children, Alex (21), Luke (18), and Lena (15.) She grew up near Dayton, Ohio. Her hobbies include anything outdoors. She is a certified kettlebell instructor and loves weight lifting.



The Class of 2023 is selling World's Finest Chocolate. Please let

us know if you or your company would like to help with this fundraiser. Contact Mrs. McAlister, smcalister@orangeburgprep.com for more details.



CLOSED **DUE TO** WEATHER

SCHOOL WAS CLOSED on Thursday, November 12th, due to weather conditions. A record amount of rain and flash flooding were experienced entering and exit-

ing both the Upper and Lower Campuses. Out of an abundance of caution for our families, students, and staff, school was deemed a virtual school day by the administration and board of directors. The safety of all of those who enter our halls will always be of utmost importance.



Check out our Senior Bulletins page at orangeburgprep.com!

January 15 Third deposit for Senior Class Trip: \$200

January 15 1:00 P.M. Senior graduation accessory order (all graduates must *have a cap and gown.)*

February Final senior class trip payment (Amount TBD)

March 8-12 Senior Class Trip

Weddings



Coach & Mrs. At (Karen) Hay

Married November 22, 2020 Coach Hay teaches History 6, World History 9, Geography. He also serves as the B-Team Head Football Coach, Head Golf Coach, JV & Varsity Head Basketball Coach, and High School Chess Sponsor. Karen has been an avid supporter and volunteer for many years at Orangeburg Prep.



Mr. & Mrs. Dennis, James Keagan Riser, Class of 2017 Married August 22, 2020 Keagan is pursuing her medical degree. She graduated from Clemson University this past August. The couple resides in Bowman.



Mr. & Mrs. Trey Watford Trey Watford, Class of 2010 Married August 1, 2020



Mr. & Mrs. Dakota Way Clare Wannamaker, Class of 2014 Dakota Way, Class of 2013 Married October 3, 2020



Mr. & Mrs. Nick Zeigler Nick Zeigler, Class of 2005 Married November 28, 2020





Ava Lee Cope Born November 29, 2020 6 lbs. 11oz. 19 inches long MUSC Children's Hospital The Copes reside in St. Matthews, S.C. Daughter of Austin Cope (Class of 2013) & Alexis Baltzegar Cope (Class of 2015)



Richard Dagnall Palmer "Dag"

Born October 28, 2020 10 lbs. 10 ozs. Lexington Medical Center Dag is the son of Coach Andy & Heather Palmer.

Alumni News



Thomas Michael Cooke Born August 31, 2020 8 lbs. 1 oz. Lexington Medical Center Welcomed home by big brother Porter, $2\frac{1}{2}$ years old. Son of Morgan & Frances Delaney Cooke, Class of 2001 The Cookes reside in Columbia, S.C.





Engagements

Julia Bonnette, Class of 2013 Travis Tourville, Class of 2007

The wedding is planned for June 12, 2021.



Congratulations to Kayla Brunson Rutland, OPS Class of 2007, NP-C. She earned her Masters of Science in Nursing with specialization in Family Nurse Practitioner from South University. Kayla is PRACTITIONER currently an RN at Lexington Medical

Center in the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit.

Kayla is married to Tripp Rutland, Class of 2005. The Rutlands have a daughter, Harper, who will soon be three years old. They reside in Lexington, S.C.



Congratulations, Morgan! OPS Class of 2007



Becca Helms. Class of 2010, was recently named "Teacher of the Year" at Hand Middle School. She graduated from the University of South Carolina and has been teaching for eight years. Becca resides in Columbia, South Carolina. Congratulations, OPS is proud of you!



Morgan Houser Baumgartner **Doctor of Nursing Practice** Morgan resides in

Charleston, South Carolina, with her husband, Brian.



Citadel Ring Presentation

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Scoville Reynolds, OPS Class of 2017, joins the thousands of alumni who proudly wear The Citadel ring. The seniors of the Class of 2021 were celebrated with a traditional Ring Presentation Ceremony at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 25, in McAlister Field House, attended by the South Carolina Corps of Cadets, Veteran, and Active Duty students. Attendance at the ceremony was restricted to only ring-eligible seniors due to the need for social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but the event included the same rich traditions that recipients anticipated for this important milestone. Scoville is currently a senior and is majoring in biology.





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 elected Campbell Delaney and Corey Reynolds to attend a three day seminar in June 2021 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.



For Veteran's Day,

the seventh grade writing classes wrote letters of appreciation to the soldiers in Kuwait.

These classes also wrote Christmas cards to the soldiers to be part of a care package called Boodle Brigade sponsored by West Point Moms.



Seven OPS Faculty Members have been awarded \$500 (totaling \$3,800) for submitting their proposals to the Dick Horne Foundation. These grants are designed for educational purposes to promote and sponsor academic excellence through innovative instructional programs or creative classroom activities.

Lower Campus: Kathryn Creech, Debra Funderburk, Celeste Shelley, and Kathryn Weeks. Upper Campus: Barbara Askins, Shannon McAlister, and Joseph Pollock. We are extremely



proud of each of you, and thank you for going above and beyond for your students and OPS! Congratulations for a job well done!

Lower School

News



The 4K classes participated in collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. They collected a total of 27 shoeboxes to show God's love for children all over the world! A HUGE Thank You for those that participated!



We have another new learning resource on the lower campus. Mrs. Creech was awarded a Dick Horne grant to fund her A STEM "Evo"lution project. This will be a wonderful addition to the STEM curriculum. The project's purpose is to allow students on lower campus the opportunity for the hands-on, minds-on approach to learning. Lessons with Evo coding robots will allow students to engage in science in ways that are similar to those used by scientists and engineers. Students will be coding their robots to do things like snow ski or sled, travel a maze, cross a bridge, go on an egg hunt, and hike through a forest.

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Charleston Wrap

Our Charleston Wrap fundraiser was a big success because of the wonderful support of our students, staff, families, and friends. Thank you all!



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Lyon Smith (1st Grade)

Congratulations to our three students (pictured left and right) with the highest sales and the winners of \$100 each.

Maines Farmer (4K), and Allie Kate Polin (4K)



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Lower Campus winners of the Robo Racers were (left to right): Pable Sanchez, Keegan Felder, Hailey Williams, Colin Haig, Kennedy Lawton, Tanner Jones, Grayson Smith, Natalie Hall, Catherine Murphy, and Caleb Wilson.

Faculty/Staff Winners

The homeroom teacher on each campus with the highest classroom sales each won the Midnight Blakely Tote Set. The teacher on each campus with the second highest sales each won the holiday apron.

Ms. Hutto, 1st Place Lower Campus (Picture not available)



Mrs. Porter, 2nd Place Lower Campus



Mrs. Felsher, 1st Place Upper Campus



Mrs. Garrick, 2nd Place Upper Campus

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QUIZ BOW

On Thursday, October 20, The OPS High School Quiz Bowl Team competed virtually against Cardinal Newman. Questions

ranged from math computation and music composition to science and current events We came up just a few points shy, but the team represented OPS very well. Pictured right (left to right) are Peyton Inabinet, Sam Brenn, Brady Crider, and Jace Hiers.

On Monday, October 26, Orangeburg Prep's Middle School Team competed against Augusta Christian, Patrick Henry, and St. Anthony Catholic School. While our team didn't bring home the Regional Title, we did our best and had a great time! Pictured bottom right (left to right) are Adi St. John, John Inabinet, Lily-Katherine Felkel, and Jack McConnell. Not pictured: Charlie McCutchen.

STUDENT COUNCIL

At its regular meeting on November 4, 2020, Student Council held the installation ceremony for the Student Body Officers. Mrs. Garrick, Student Council Sponsor, installed Noland Boney Student Council President. She also presented Noland with a 2020-2021 engraved gavel. Noland then installed the following officers for the 2020-2021 school year (left to right:) Treasurer, Landon Toole; Secretary, Cate Williams; Vice President, Peyton Inabinet; and President, Noland Boney. These officers were elected over the summer by electronic vote. They have proven to be talented leaders.







Honors Chemistry students Cade Wiles, Conner Brandon, Mikey Templeton, and Seth Robinson work diligently on their acid-base neutralization experiments. After preparing base solutions, they titrate an unknown concentration of acid using various chemical indicators. Then — off to the math as they apply stoichiometry to calculate the Molarity of their acid solution. Awesome job, guys!

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Our Debate Team appreciates you! Thank you for supporting our Coffee Cabana fundraiser! We hope you will enjoy your "cup for the win" during the holidays! Pictured: Mrs. McAlister with the Junior High Debate Team: Jenna Blume, Lilly Osborne, Jack McConnell and Caitlyn Hyde.



<u>Voice of Democracy</u>: The following students tried out and were chosen to participate in this year's oratorical competition that was hosted by the VFW: Cate Fogle, Laine Grubbs, Jace Heirs, Joanna Hinds, Lara Pugh, and Ayden Westbury. Their topic was "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"

Laine Grubbs came in second in this regional competition and Cate Fogle won first place and will move onto the state tournament. Both will receive plaques and a monetary prize.

Cate Fogle, Laine Grubbs, Jace Heirs, Joanna Hinds, Lara Pugh, and Ayden Westbury.

Patriot's Pen: Each year, the VFW hosts a writing competition for all eighth graders. OP won big this year, as Adi St. John placed 2nd in our region and Brayden Gramling won the competition. Brayden has been promoted to the state's level of the contest. Both will receive a plaque and a cash prize.

Congratulations to the others who were chosen to represent OP.

Rheney Bates, Jenna Blume, E.A. Brailsford, Morrison Burroughs, Emma Doremus, Grayson Garrick, Caityln Hyde, Leigha Maier, Jack McConnell, Kaydence McLendon, Morgan Sharpe, Sarah Tomson, Ashlee Weeks, Ally, and Brynn Westbury.



Young Men Grades 9th-12th Participate in "No Shave November"

Pictured above left to right are: John Mack, Amir Tyler, Nick Shafer, and Elliott Fogle. (Not pictured were Nick Rivas and Noah Thoma.) These young men paid \$10 to participate. These proceeds provided a Thanksgiving meal to a Hospice patient. The young man with the most facial hair coverage and neatest beard (not length of hair) on November 30th received his \$10 back. Winner was Nick Shafer with a tie awarded to John Mack and Nick Rivas. These three will be allowed to wear their beard through the Christmas holidays and returning to school clean shaven on January 4, 2021.

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Hthletics Jan Stoudenmire, Athletic Director

All Region 2 A Athletes

Pictured left to right:

Cross Country: Jacob Smith

Volleyball: Isabelle Wassell and Ashlyn Smith

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Congratulations to Cameron Weeks and Josh Rider of the OP Bass Anglers Team with their JV first place winning in the Bass Master South Carolina High School Bass Challenge Bass Tournament held No-



vember 7th on Lake Wateree. On this magnificent day, their practice and hard work paid off claiming great accomplishments. OP Bass Anglers competed in the Bass Master S.C. High School Bass Challenge as a team. The Bass Challenge is the name the high school bass fishing tournament trail that consists an average of twelve tournaments throughout South Carolina annually. OP Bass Anglers learn and practice science, team work, and sportsmanship during pre-fishing and tournaments.

Last year being Cameron's 1st year, he finished ranked 8th with a third place finish on Lake Marion. This year is Josh's first year. After two tournaments they already had a victory. These two young men work and compete great together while being driven by a good friendship. Their future is bright in this sport. A special thanks to the sponsors who make this sport a fun, learning experience for these young men.

Congrats OPS North South Players



A.J. Tolbert

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A.J. Tolbert and Kenneth Fogle were named to the SCISA North/ South All Star Game played on December 4th at Heathwood Hall.

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Kenneth Fogle

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Touchdown Club Player of the Week

AJ Tolbert: Senior Tight End A.J. Tolbert was named the Orangeburg Touchdown Club Offensive Player of the Week in the Indians November 16th First Round playoff win over Florence Christian School. A.J. had 11 total offensive touches for 254 yards and 3 touch-downs. He rushed 4 times for 7 yards and a touch-down, caught 4 passes for 135 yards and 2 touchdowns, and returned 3 kicks for 109 yards. Congratulations to A.J. on this outstanding performance.

Peyton Inabinet: Senior Linebacker Peyton Inabinet was named the Orangeburg Touchdown Club Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in the Indians November 13th State Semi-final Game at Carolina Academy. Peyton led the defense with 14 total tackles. He had 10 solo tackles, 8 assists, and 1 tackle for loss. Congratulations to Peyton on this outstanding performance.

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Covid 19

OPS Guidelines for COVID 19



As we move closer to the Christmas holidays, we want to continue to be ever diligent in keeping everyone healthy and safe. Working together, we can ensure that everyone is able to have a very happy holiday. Please make sure you are following the guidelines below.

• If your child has been exposed to a person who has tested positive for COVID, they are required to quarantine for 14 days.

• If you or anyone in your household has been tested for COVID, we are requiring all members of the household to refrain from coming to

school until the results of the test have been received.

- If a negative result is given, students may return to school.
- If a positive result is given, all members of the household must quarantine.

Contact the school if you have been notified that you have been exposed, or if you or anyone in your household is being tested. While all information is kept confidential, it is extremely important for us to be able to track those who have been exposed and are being tested so that we can protect the other students.

COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Infected people have had a wide range of symptoms reported – from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- \Rightarrow Trouble breathing
- \Rightarrow Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- \Rightarrow New confusion
- \Rightarrow Inability to wake or stay awake
- \Rightarrow Bluish lips or face

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Apparel Pre-Order Forms

Order Deadline December 18th/Delivered to Students January 8th

Name/Grade:

Phone:



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GILDAN RED HOODED SWEATSHIRT \$30

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TODDLERS' RED HOODED SWEATSHIRT \$25

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GILDAN RED CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT \$30

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LADIES' ALTERNATIVE GREY SWEATPANTS \$45

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MEN'S FLEECE GREY JOGGER PANTS <u>\$40</u>

AS	AM	AL	AXL	A2XL + \$2	A3XL+\$2

TOTAL QUANTITY OF ITEMS ______ TOTAL \$_____

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO OPS

Return form to homeroom teacher or any school office

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The school offices will be closed December 19th through January 3rd for the Christmas holidays. Tuition payments may be placed in the tuition box located at the left of the glass entrance doors on both campuses.

This is a very appropriate time of the year to express sincere appreciation to you for your dedication to the students of our school. May the new year bring you happiness and good health. An "old-fashioned" wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From all of us at OPS!

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