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Winter 2022



Administrative Committee

We are excited to announce our Administrative Committee for the 2022 Spring semester. Pictured above left to right are Mrs. Libby Ray (Lead Administrator), Mrs. Nicki Boland (High School Administrator), and Mrs. Barbara Askins (Middle School Administrator.) These three were appointed on December 29, 2021.



Mrs. Leslie Whitlock, pictured far right, is our Lower Campus Administrator and has been serving in her role since June 2019.



Paige Bordenkecher



Paige Bordenkecher and **Nidhi Patel** have been nominated as OPS Class of 2022 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Early Awards. The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship is the state of South Carolina's highest academic scholarship.

A student may initially qualify for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship by meeting the following criteria:

- The student ranks in the top 6% of his/her class at the end of the sophomore, junior, or senior year.
- The student has a minimum SAT of 1200 or a minimum ACT of 27.
- The student earns a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.



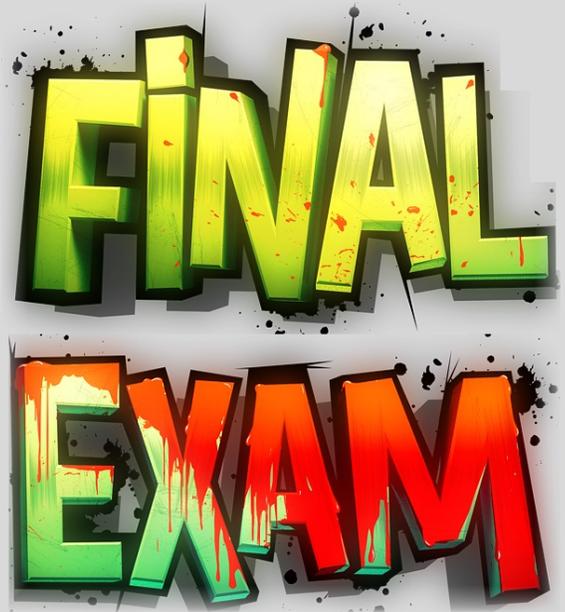
Nidhi Patel

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. 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 (plus at least an average of 30 credit hours per 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."

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

Thursday, May 19	EXAM EXEMPTIONS ANNOUNCED
Friday, May 20	REVIEW DAY
Monday, May 23	REVIEW DAY
11:30 Dismissal	Elective Exams
Tuesday, May 24	
8:00-9:30	7th Period
10:00-11:30	6th Period
Wednesday, May 25	
8:00-9:30	5th Period
10:00-11:30	4th Period
Thursday, May 26	
8:00-9:30	3rd Period
10:00-11:30	2nd Period
Friday, May 27	
8:00-9:30	1st Period
10:00-11:30	Make-up Exams



Student grade average for exempting second semester exams will now be based only on their second semester grades, not the entire year's average.

Class of 2022 Exam / Final Schedule

Date/Time	Room	Subject	Proctor
Tuesday, May 3rd Review Day	Classrooms		
Wednesday, May 4th 8:00 - 9:30 A.M. 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.	MPR MPR	English Math	Mrs. Boland Mr. Altman
Thursday, May 5th 8:00 - 9:30 A.M. 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.	MPR MPR	Science Social Studies	Mrs. Ray Mrs. Askins
Friday, May 6th 8:00-9:30 A.M. 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.	MPR	Elective	Mrs. Boland

**Dual Credit Exams will be administered by the subject instructor.
Specific dates will be announced by the instructor.**



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Teacher of the YEAR

Mrs. Libby Ray proudly announces the 2022 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 the classroom, skills in communication, listening, collaboration, adaptability, empathy, and patience.

OPS Teachers of the Year pictured above (left to right): Mrs. Shannon McAlister, Middle School; Mrs. Stephanie Knight, Lower School; and Mrs. Rebecca Felsher, Upper School. Congratulations to these three for their hard work and lifelong love of learning.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cleveland Brickle
Mr. and Mrs. Curt Campbell

Reverend Marvin Britt Clark
Mr. and Mrs. Curt Campbell

Mrs. Lynn Garrick
The Burleson Family
Mr. and Mrs. Curt Campbell

Mrs. Jean Gasque
Mr. and Mrs. Curt Campbell

Mr. John Hiott
The Burleson Family

Mr. Freddy Riley
The Burleson Family
Mr. and Mrs. Curt Campbell

In Honor of:
My Grandchildren
Mrs. Gaye Lanier

Honors and Memorials received benefit the OPS Annual Fund. If you would be interested in making a donation in honor or memory of a loved one, please email Ali Weathers at aweathers@orangeburgprep.com.

Orangeburg Prep Pride Cup

The 2021 Pride Cup Golf tournament was held at the Orangeburg Country Club on November 16th, 2021. Twenty-two teams participated and all proceeds benefited the OPS Annual Fund. A special thank you to the following tournament sponsors:

Lunch Sponsor Level Groucho's of Orangeburg

Orangeburg Prep Coaches Team Sponsor Dempsey Wood Products

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Grand South
O-C Tech
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This honor is voted on by the faculty based on academics, character, and contribution to the greater good of the school.

Our 2021-2022 Mr. Indian is a positive role model in the classroom and on the field as an integral member of our Orangeburg Prep varsity baseball team. He has earned the distinguished title of Eagle Scout. To attain the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. He is a member of the Interact Club and The First Presbyterian Youth Group. Our 2021-2022 Mr. Indian is Nic Rivas.

Our 2021-2022 Miss Indian 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 School's 2021 graduation ceremony. She was the recipient of Orangeburg Preparatory School's Robert Boyd Wannamaker Scholarship for displaying scholarship, character, citizenship, service to school, dependability, and cooperation. Our 2021-2022 Miss Indian is Nidhi Patel.



Homecoming

On Friday, October 1, we celebrated our Homecoming, "You Will Always Find Your Way Back Home." Pictured right in the middle, is our 2021 Orangeburg Prep Homecoming Queen Sarah Tant, sponsored by Scott Cooper. Her court consists of Maid of Honor Cate Fogle (left), sponsored by Andrew Hunter, and First Attendant Anna Beth Lambrecht (right), sponsored by Reese Brown. These winners were announced at the half-time of our game with Greenwood Christian Academy. Our OPS football team completed the night with an impressive 28-20 victory.



Best Participates in Clemson Creative Inquiry Magazine

This past summer, alumnus Guy Watkins Best, Jr., Class of 2019, participated in a Creative Inquiry project: The Living Waters Foundation Project, Prosperity, South Carolina. The project is led by Dr. Kirby Player, Coordinator of the Palmetto LEAF (Leadership for Environment, Agriculture, and Forestry) program and lectures in the Department of Agricultural Sciences. Guy Watkins joined this Creative Inquiry project to experience a unique research opportunity before applying to medical school. This project, which also allows for interaction with Dr. Oscar Lovelace, a 1982 Clemson alumnus, provides interest in the medical professions.

hello world

Elsie Clark Lukens
August 12, 2021
Daughter of Molly and
Brandon Lukens, Class of 2004
Welcomed home by brothers
Davis (8) and Jack (4) and sister
Chamberlain (2).



The Lukens live in
Orangeburg, S.C.



Jack Griffith Williams
April 5, 2021
Son of Rachel and
Ryan Williams, Class of 2005
Welcomed home by
big brother Gray 2 years old.

The Williams' live in
James Island, S.C.



Bowen Wolfe
October 27, 2021
Son of Erin and
Michael Wolfe, Class of 2005
Welcomed home by
brother Mac, 5
and sister Rhett, 3

The Wolfes live in
Columbia, South Carolina.



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SCIENCE FAIR

**Thursday,
February 24th**

Students set up projects and
judging takes place. Gym
closed after 8:30 a.m.
for judging.

**Friday,
February 25th**

Parents can view projects from
8:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. Students
remove projects after school.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Prom @ McAlister Gymnasium	March 25
ACT Testing	April 5th
Academic Signing for Class of 2022	April 28
Eighth Grade to Atlanta	April 28, 29
Baccalaureate @ Columbia Road Church of God	May 15
Graduation @ McAlister Gymnasium	May 20
Last Day of School for Students / 11:30 Dismissal	May 27

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Congratulations to senior Cade Wiles on signing a football letter of intent with Newberry College. Wiles is pictured left to right (front row): Hart Wiles, Jill Wiles, Cade Wiles, and Lee Wiles. Back row: Head Football Coach Andy Palmer, Athletic Director Jan Stoudenmire, and Greg Fanning.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Achievement Testing Dates	March 28th through April 1st
Athletic Awards Night	TBA / Awards only, no meal
May Day	TBA
Academic Awards	May 2nd



2022-2023 will be posted on our website the end of February.

Lower School End-of-Year Dates

- May 24th: 8:30 4K Program
- May 25th: 8:30 5K Graduation
- May 26th: 8:30 1st-4th Awards
- May 27th: 8:30 5th Grade Graduation

Details will follow



For the Record

School was closed January 13 and January 14 due to the spike of Covid cases. These two days were virtual learning days. On January 21, we experienced an inclement weather day.



OPS Board of Directors

- Michael Delaney, *Chairman of the Board*
- Jack Bryant, *Vice Chairman of the Board*
- Martha Burselson, *Secretary of the Board*
- Rebekkah Brailsford, *Treasurer of the Board / ATP Rep.*
- Angela Burroughs, *Director*
- Parker Dempsey, *Director*
- Dr. Thomas Gue, *Director*
- Jim Holstein, *Director*
- Tate Jameson, *Director*
- Leroy Ravenell, *Director*

Did You Know?

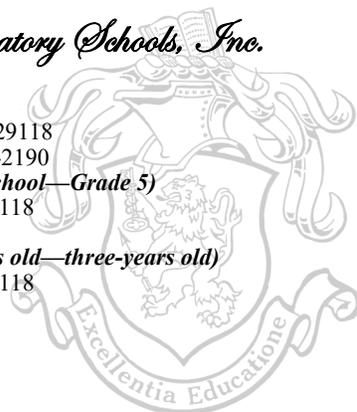
- The Child Development Center will be closed for Easter on April 15th.
- OPS Spring sports athletic passes are now on sale at the Upper Campus Business Office, or you may purchase one at the admission gate of a spring sport. Cost is \$30. Regular admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. OPS students are admitted free!
- Final report cards will be available online June 2nd for grades third through eleventh. Final report cards will be printed for kindergarten through second grades.

Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Inc.

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Lower Campus (Four year old Preschool—Grade 5)
168 Prep Street, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118
Phone: 803/536-3000

Child Development Center (six weeks old—three-years old)
168 Prep Street, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118
Phone: 803/536-0490



- Mrs. Libby Ray, *Lead Administrator*
- 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*

This newsletter serves to inform parents, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of Orangeburg Prep. Suggestions for articles, stories, etc. may be submitted by contacting Sandy Reed at 803.534.7970 or sreed@orangeburgprep.com.