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Fall 2023



Homecoming #2023

FINAL SCORE
Go Indians!

OPS: 33
Spartanburg Christian: 4

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Our Homecoming Queen and her court were crowned on October 6, 2023, at the OPS Athletic Complex. Pictured left to right are Payton Schurlknight (First Attendant), Katherine Lambrecht (Homecoming Queen), and Kylee Bonnett (Maid of Honor).

Pictured in the right photo at the field are (left to right) Anna Katerine Evatt, Payton Schurlknight, Katherine Lambrecht, Kylee Bonnett, Sellars Bryant, and JuliAnn Griffith.

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HOMEcoming ATTENDANTS AND SPONSORS

(Girl attendants are listed first, then sponsors are noted in parentheses.)

Pictured left to right are: Anna Katherine Evatt (Thomas Kemp), Kylee Bonnett (Davis Turner and Jahmari Locke), Payton Schurlknight (Ethan Williams and Austin Hall), Katherine Lambrecht (Jay Plummer), JuliAnn Griffith (Emory Myers and John Colston Strickland), CarrieAnn Martin (Daytron and Latron Moorer), Sellars Bryant (Colston Thomas and Timothy Alexis). Homecoming sponsor is Mrs. Kristi Vandekerkhove.

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Our 2023-2024 new faculty members are already settled in their classrooms. Pictured left to right are Grant Axson (Middle School Math); Josh Shurtleff (Government, Econ, Public Speaking); Chase Moore (Middle School Reading, English I, Creative Writing); Austin Reynolds (Middle School History); Madison Baskin (English III, IV, H. English III, IV); Melissa Harmon (First Grade Teacher); and Allie Ness (First Grade Teacher).

Mrs. Marjorie Cantley
October 23, 1937-March 18, 2023

*in
Loving
Memory*

Ms. Joy Pilkington
December 3, 1952-August 31, 2023



Mrs. Margie Cantley's teaching career spanned more than 25 years at Wade Hampton Academy, Willington Academy, and after the merger, Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Inc. She especially enjoyed her Spanish classes. Her love of learning could only be outmatched by her determination to see her students succeed. A memorial donation to Edisto Home Care & Hospice was made by Orangeburg Prep faculty and staff in Mrs. Cantley's memory.



Ms. Joy Pilkington taught English and AP English, at Orangeburg Preparatory Schools for over 20 years. She was named SCISA's South Carolina State Teacher of the Year. For over 40 years, she was as an outstanding educator who impacted the lives of many students and colleagues alike. Orangeburg Prep placed a memorial donation in her memory to Pawmetto Lifeline.

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Nicholas Pascoe

On May 12, 2023, Lt. Nicholas Pascoe (Class of 2019) graduated Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Clemson University with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. He is also commissioned as a Logistics Readiness Officer in the United States Air Force. Lt. Pascoe is currently stationed at Eglin AFB in Florida.



John Pascoe

John Pascoe (Class of 2019) graduated Cum Laude from Clemson University on May 12, 2023, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and a minor in Cybersecurity. He is currently working on his Master's degree in Computer Science at Clemson University and should graduate May 2024.

THE OPS PRIDE CUP

ORANGEBURG COUNTRY CLUB

golf *Tournament*

November 15, 2023

11:00 Registration, Rules & Announcements

12:00 pm Shotgun Start



**Friday, December 15th
Lower Campus Gymnasium**

8:30 A.M. - 4K and 5K Christmas program

9:30 A.M. - 1st and 2nd grades perform: *The Lights of Jingle Bell Hill*

10:15 A.M. - 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades perform: *North Pole Musical*



LOCATION: ORANGEBURG PREP UPPER CAMPUS
TICKETS: 4 FOR \$1.00

ORANGEBURG PREP

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 24
5:30-7:00

*Games and
Prizes!*

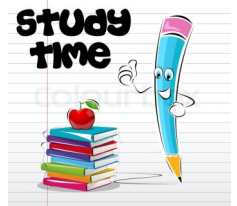
DUNKING BOOTH • PELICANS SNOWBALLS • HAUNTED HOUSE • BOUNCE HOUSE • TRUNK OR TREAT • & MORE

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FIRST SEMESTER EXAM DETAILS

Friday, December 8	REVIEW DAY
Monday, December 11	REVIEW DAY (11:30 Dismissal)
Tuesday, December 12	First Period exams (8-9:30 A.M.) Second Period exams (10-11:30 A.M.)
Wednesday, December 13	Third Period exams (8-9:30 A.M.) Fourth Period exams (10-11:30 A.M.)
Thursday, December 14	Fifth Period exams (8-9:30 A.M.) Sixth Period exams (10-11:30 A.M.)
Friday, December 15	Seventh Period exams (8-9:30 A.M.) Makeup Exams (10-11:30 A.M.)

**11:30 dismissal for Upper Campus December 11th-December 15th
Lower Campus dismisses at 11:30 on December 15th**



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



BBQ pork, hash, rice, slaw, pickles



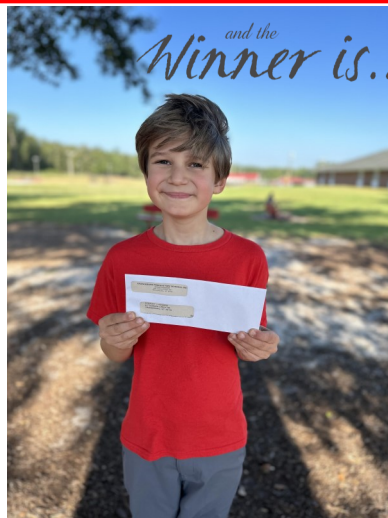
Tuesday, November 7, 2023
4:30-6:30 P.M.

Sponsored by the OPS Senior Class

Price: \$14;00 Take-out only

Dukes on Whitman Street

Proceeds to benefit the Senior Class trip to Florida.



and the Winner is..



Leyton Hendrix, second grade, won \$500 for selling the winning ticket for the 50/50 raffle! He is the son of Thomas and Stewart Hendrix. Congratulations, Leyton!



Spirit Week
October 2-6, 2023

Monday: Pajama Day

Tuesday: Western Day

Wednesday: America Day

Thursday: Jersey Day

Friday: Crazy OPS Spirit Day!



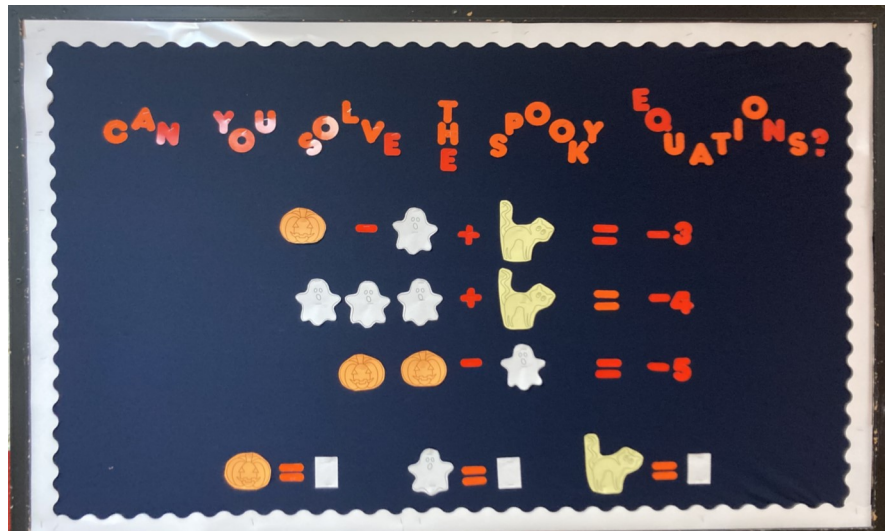
WE'VE GOT SPIRIT
Yes We Do!



Veterans DAY PROGRAM

Orangeburg Prep Lower Campus
November 10, 2023
1:00 p.m.

The Lower Campus has planned a very special program including a guest speaker and the ROTC Color Guard. First through fifth grades will be presenting a branch of the military. Veterans, friends, and family are invited to attend. Veterans in attendance will be recognized.



Each day, we pass *bulletin boards* several times and think who maybe was the mastermind who created it? The one above was produced by Mrs. Cindy Cummings, our high school math and dual credit teacher. Thanks to all our teachers who diligently keep our bulletin boards spruced up instead of having a dull and bare wall. Bulletin boards act as a colorful wall decoration and display student work, reinforce lessons, or provide information to students. Take time every day to look at Orangeburg Prep's bulletin boards. They will put a smile on your face!

SCISA Master Teacher



Stephanie Knight was officially recognized for being named a SCISA Master Teacher. Master Teachers must currently be a full-time teacher at a SCISA school with a master's degree or doctorate degree in area of teaching, and five or more years of experience OR a bachelor's degree with a least ten years' experience. The Master Teacher must also have completed at least one year of teaching at the nominating school prior to nomination. Pictured above left to right are Mrs. Libby Ray (Head of School), Mrs. Stephanie Knight, and Mrs. Connie Porth (Lower Campus Administrator).

SCISSA Fall Conference



Four OPS students, John Colston Strickland, Davis Turner, Jay Plummer, and Thomas Kemp had the pleasure of attending the SCISSA Fall Conference on September 19, 2023. During their time at the conference, students engaged in meaningful debates on various bills and immersed themselves in a model legislation activity. Mrs. Vandekerkhove is the Senior Student Council sponsor.



Give Gather Grow was held August 26, 2023, and what a wonderful event it was! Thank you to everyone who attended. Curriculum Development, updating security for Upper and Lower Campuses, Lower Campus building improvements, and new technology for Upper and Lower Campuses. A special thank you to the following sponsors without whom this event would not have been possible.

All in Builders

- Bare Essentials Medical Spa
- B&B Porta-Jons
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- Carolina Fresh Farms
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- Williams, Charlie and Blake
- Williams and Williams Attorneys At Law
- Williams Brothers Site Prep
- YC Holdings

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS



Thanksgiving
November
23, 24



Christmas
December
22, 25, 26



New Year
January
1, 2

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The Orangeburg Touchdown Club Defensive Player of the Week on September 8, 2023 was Brayden Gramling. Pictured above left to right are Brayden Gramling and Coach Willie Jefferies.

A graphic featuring a young man in a red tank top with 'ORANGEBURG PREP' on it. The background is dark with red and white geometric shapes. Text on the graphic reads: 'PLAYER-OF-WEEK JACOB SMITH ORANGEBURG PREP'. Below that, it says: 'THE INDIAN SENIOR RECORDED A TIME OF 17:20 AT THE LAKE MURRAY INVITATIONAL & WON THE COUGAR CHASE IN WALTERBORO WITH A 17:10'. There is a small logo for 'SCJSA XC' in the bottom right corner.



The Orangeburg Touchdown Club recognized Jay Plummer as Offensive Player of the Week on Thursday, September 28, 2023. Pictured above left to right are Coach Don Shelley (Head Football Coach) Mrs. Plummer, Jay Plummer, and Richard Phillips, (Offensive Coach).



Athletic Awards Night
Football, Cross Country,
Volleyball, Cheerleading, and Tennis

Thursday, December 7th
6:00 p.m.
Upper Campus Gym



The character trait for the month of September was responsibility. Twelfth grade students voted on a classmate and teacher who exemplifies this trait. Payton Schurlknight and Coach Brooks were nominated. The character trait for the month of October is kindness. Eleventh grade students voted on their classmate and teacher who most exemplifies this trait. Adi St. John and Miss Baskin have been nominated.

BONUS Holiday

You earned it! We made our 50/50 Raffle goal by selling over \$50,000 in ticket sales. Monday, October 23, will be faculty/student holiday. Thanks to the OPS families for a successful fundraiser!

Upper Campus

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 3rd Student Holiday/OPS Hosts SCISA State Teachers Conference
- November 20th: Clemson/Carolina Day
- November 21st: Thanksgiving Assembly
- November 22nd, 23rd, 24th: Thanksgiving Holidays
- December 8th, 11th (Exam Review Days, 11:30 dismissal for Upper School on December 11th)
- December 12th-15th: Exams for Grades 6th-12th
- December 18th-January 2nd



The Class of 2024 enjoyed their opening school traditional class picnic. An interesting fact about this class is there are 19 boys and 7 girls. In a blink of an eye, the class will celebrate their final picnic together in May 2024. This will be featured in our Summer 2024 Tribal Talk!



CLASS OF
2024

Check out our
Senior Bulletins page at orangeburgprep.com!

October 16th: Second payment for Senior Class Trip: \$400

November 7th: Senior Class BBQ Fundraiser / Dukes on Whitman

November 15th: Third payment for Senior Class Trip: \$400

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FOR THE RECORD INCLEMENT WEATHER

Hurricane Idalia brought heavy rains late afternoon to the midlands on August 30th. Due to this weather, OPS dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on August 30th and operated on a two-hour delay August 31st. The safety of our students always come first!



Tribute

Congratulations to Mr. Willie Howard who has been named September's Tribal Tribute winner. Mr. Willie received numerous nominations recognizing him for all he does to make OPS great. Way to go! Our Tribal Tribute program helps deserving OPS staff members be recognized for their hard work and dedication each month. Has someone at OP gone above and beyond for your student or family? Please take a moment to drop a note in the red tribal tribute buckets stationed at the entrance of each campus OR email a nomination to aweathers@orangeburgprep.com. Each month a winner is drawn at random and is given a prize. Please help us recognize our staff!



Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Inc.

Upper Campus (Grades 6-12)

2651 North Road, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118

Phone: 803/534-7970 Fax: 803/535-2190

Email: office@orangeburgprep.com

Lower Campus (Four year old Preschool—Grade 5)

168 Prep Street, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118

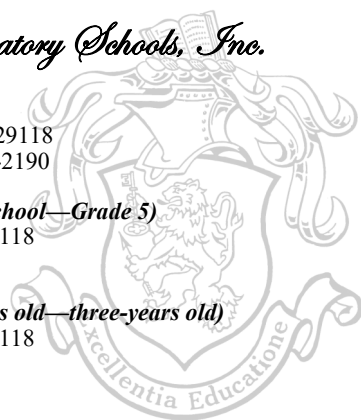
Phone: 803/536-3000

Fax: 803/535-2191

Child Development Center (Six weeks old—three-years old)

168 Prep Street, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118

Phone: 803/536-0490



Mrs. Libby Ray, Head of School
Mrs. Connie Porth, Lower Campus Administrator
Coach Jan Stoudenmire, Athletic Director
Mrs. Taylor Riley, Guidance Counselor
Mrs. June Kemp, Child Development Director
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.

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