



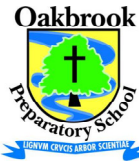
Knightly News

LIGNUM CRUCIS ARBOR SCIENTIAE
(The Wood of the Cross is the Tree of Knowledge)

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

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“being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6



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School Calendar

- December 12 (Friday)**
Knight's Row 4:00– 6:30 lower school halls
- December 15 (Monday)**
LS Christmas Chapel in the gym 8:30 A.M.
- December 16-19(Tuesday-Friday)**
Exams for Upper School
- December 22-January 2**
Christmas Holidays

Sports Calendar

- December 12 (Friday)**
 - V Girls Basketball SDS 4:30 home
 - V Boys Basketball SDS JV 6:00 home
- December 20 (Saturday)**
 - V Girls and Boys Basketball
 - Southside Invitational—Oakbrook, Tamasee Salem, St. Joseph, and Southside Christian
- January 6 (Tuesday)**
 - MS Girls Basketball Laurens Academy 4:00 away
 - MS Boys Basketball Laurens Academy 5:00 away
 - V Girls Basketball Laurens Academy 6:00 away
 - V Boys Basketball Laurens Academy 7:30 away

Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, please check with TV Channels 7 or 4 (or their websites) or radio stations WSPA(98.9), WORD(950AM), or WFBC(93.7). **If we have a two hour delay, bring a bag lunch from home because no lunch orders will be taken.**

Christmas 2008

Last week as I stood at the back of the gym observing the performances for the Winter Arts Program, I was overwhelmed by the talent of our students and teachers, but I was also caught up by the message that was being conveyed. I don't think that I have ever seen a high school performance that matched this one.

Many of the parents who have been around the school for a number of years came up to me after the evening to tell me how amazed they were. Several pointed out that the fifth grade band students were tremendously accomplished after only one semester in the band program. Others noted the quality of the performance by the older students and were praising Mrs. Atherton for the excellence they had witnessed. Many were still wiping the tears from their eyes from the immensely moving finale that Mrs. Howard's dance students had performed.

Mrs. Biggar and Mrs. Garrison had opened the evening with a spectacular art exhibit. Many of these pieces showed mastery far beyond the years of the individual artists. Then the band and dance programs followed.

In considering the event, I believe that it spoke volumes about Oakbrook. It is difficult sometimes for people who hear a description of our school to truly understand its uniqueness. What I saw resonated with the Charlotte Mason approach to education. The idea of lifting up students to develop their personal gifts, of encouraging cultural awareness, of offering a Christ-centered foundation: these are flourishing at this school.

Too often at Christmas we get caught up in Santa Claus and the hustle and bustle of shopping and gift giving. We will take a little time to remember the birth of Jesus, but we don't concentrate nearly enough on the gift of Christ, the life of love and sacrifice that has brought the opportunity for salvation and light to a sinful and dark world. The finale of the program presented this great message. I felt amazed and blessed to receive this remarkable Christmas gift.

If you missed the performance, a condensed version will be shared at 9:40 on December 19 during the Upper School Christmas Assembly.

Please accept my most sincere wishes for a wonderful Christmas season for you and your families. I pray that 2009 will be filled with God's blessings for you.

Steve

The Cultural Corner

Where Oakbrook meets the world!!!!

Congratulations to all winners in the World Language Literary meet held on November 21.

Upper School

Spanish

Beginner Level	Intermediate Level	Advanced
1. Maggie Macdonald	1. Nicolas Dawson	1. Robert Cook
2. Adam Rollins	2. Nicole Halla	
3. Haden Lucarelli	3. Rachel Ethridge	
Honorable Mention: Casey Johnson	Honorable Mention: Carrie Cogdell	

Extemporaneous Speaking: Jacob Webb

German

Beginner Level	Intermediate Level	
1. Dorie Scordilis	1. Charlotte Holbein	
2. Daniel Ceballos	2. Kevin Mittman	
3. Will Hollenbach	3. Emilio Cerra and Thomas Wildeman	

Honorable Mention: Murphy Wildeman

Lower School Chinese

3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
1. Jack Bingham	1. William Stephenson	1. Samantha Pressley
2. Ian Wells	2. Ally Rice	2. Susan Edwards
3. Adam Wyndham	3. Casidy Cornwell	3. Patrick Burton

Knights Clothing Sale

We have some extra clothing for sale in the main office. All items are Navy.

Polo shirt - \$25 - Men's XL, Large
Long sleeve T-shirt - \$12 - 1 youth large
Short sleeve T-shirt - \$11 - 1 youth small

Dismissal Schedule for Friday, Dec. 19th

10:20—K-4,K-5

10:30- 1st/2nd

10:45 - 3rd/5th

11:00 - 6-12th

Cheerleading Fundraiser - Knights T-shirts

Girls may order Knights T-shirts to wear on Fridays. Shirts are navy with "Knights" in white and pink polka dots and are \$12. Orders are due Thursday, December 18. Extra forms are in the main office.

School Picture Orders

The deadline to order school pictures, class or individual, is Friday, December 12. Extra class picture order forms are in the main office.

Mrs. Atherton would like to thank the band students and parents for their help in making the Fine Arts Concert and Christmas parade a success. The money raised from these two events will help pay for the new tuba that will be purchased soon. Many thanks to the anonymous donors who helped with the first 50% of this cost (approx. \$1,200). If anyone would like to make a year-end donation to the band to help cover the remaining cost of the tuba, please contact Jen Helke or Becky Berube. We need approximately \$1,000 to cover the total cost of the instrument.

KNIGHT'S ROW

Friday December 12, 4-6:30 pm in Gym Hallways

Join us for Holiday Shopping!!!!

List of participants: "Dog Gone Wild" dog treats, OPS "Spirit" shoes, Watercolor Portraits, Two Shallow Gals, faith inspired fun wear and items, Mary Kay, Artwork and Cards with Scripture, Plata Jewelry, Photographs, Note-cards, Calendars, Home and Garden Party, El Shadai Handmade Jewelry by Orphans in India, AKA Jewels, Pampered Chef, Costco, Homemade Jewelry by Lindsey Wyatt, Lucinda Pins, Lydia Beaded Designs, Jewels by Jan, Jewelry Shop, McRose Designs, Sandy Thompson Designs, and Stationary by Harrelson.

German Club will sell OPS/Knights Blankets, kids toys and novelties and do Gift wrapping to raise money for their trip to Germany.

Bring or buy your presents to have wrapped while you watch the games.
GO KNIGHTS!

Lower School Literary Meet

Congratulations to all the winners of the Literary Meet held on November 19th.

Lower School Written Winners

Third Grade Stories

1. Natalie Long
2. Mackenzie Clark
3. Abi Digby

Fourth/Fifth Grade Stories

1. Julia Ann Funk & Daniel Stephenson
2. Mary Katherine Kellam
3. Grace Batson & Rebecca Caldwell

Fourth/Fifth Grade Poetry

1. Jenny Hawkins
2. Sarah Bailey
3. Calli Cox & Slade Glenn

Oral Literary Meet

Third Grade
Nature/Science

1. Caroline Comer & Merrin Gilmer
2. Isabel Arvanites
3. Hadley Hudson

Fourth/Fifth Grade
Nature/Science

1. Mary Katherine Kellam
2. Will Evans
3. Rebecca Caldwell & Brock Jackson

Heroes/Patriotism

1. Jack Bingham
2. Ian Wells
3. Carolyn Ridlehuber

Heroes/Patriotism

1. Christopher Busch
2. Cole Berube & Sarah Keim
3. Maya Elhaga

Religion/Miscellaneous

1. Brianna Turner
2. Makenzie Blaakman
3. Katie Hay

Miscellaneous

1. Zoe Kushabar
2. Samantha Pressley
3. Katie Jankowski

Whimsical

1. Christopher Lohwasser
2. Asia Clark & Austin Evans

Whimsical

1. Justin Huefner
2. Sarah Bailey
3. Ashley Erwin

Monologues/Speeches

1. Julia Ann Funk
2. Kathryn Johnston
3. Kathleen Gibson

Storytelling

1. Ashton Stephens
2. Susan Edwards
3. Rachel Huddleston