



Knightly News

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

“Store up for yourselves treasure in heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:20-21

K4-5

“It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation.” Romans 15: 20



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School Calendar

- February 2-6 (Monday-Friday)**
Pennies for Patients Fundraiser (see page 2)
- February 4 (Wednesday)**
State Literary Meet at Holly Hill Academy
- February 5 (Thursday)**
SCISA Middle School Quiz Bowl
- February 13 (Friday)**
Father/Child Luncheon & Variety Show Grades 1-5
11:30 OPS gym

Sports Calendar

- January 30 (Friday)**
 - MS Girls Basketball WW King 4:00 home
 - MS Boys Basketball WW King 5:00 home
 - V Girls Basketball WW King 6:00 home
 - V Boys Basketball WW King 7:30 home
- February 3 (Tuesday)**
 - MS Girls Basketball Richard Winn 4:00 home
 - MS Boys Basketball Richard Winn 5:00 home
 - V Girls Basketball Richard Winn 6:00 home
 - V Boys Basketball Richard Winn 7:30 home
- February 5 (Thursday)**
 - MS Girls Basketball Greenwood Christian 4:00 away
 - MS Boys Basketball Greenwood Christian 5:00 away
 - V Girls Basketball Greenwood Christian 6:00 away
 - V Boys Basketball Greenwood Christian 7:30 away
- February 6 & 7 (Friday & Saturday)**
MS Basketball Tournament @ WW King

Please bring in coupons from HOBBY LOBBY from the Sunday Paper and give them to Mr. Tinkler. These are being used for things for Beauty and the Beast.

Science Fair

Science Fair which is required of 5th and 7th graders is coming up the week

Region and All-state Band Results

The following students will participate in the Junior and Clinic Region Bands held at Furman University on Feb. 27-28:
Caroline Bales, Matthew Baghdady, Murphy Wildeman, Caroline Hinds, Grey Kountz, and Thomas Wildeman

Also, two of our students will participate in the All-state bands also at Furman on March 12-14:
Adam Rollins and Stephanie Simon

Congratulations to our band students who worked hard to become some of the best players in South Carolina.

Oakbrook Attends Inauguration

Long before the election took place, we were busy at work planning a trip to the Inauguration for our high school students. The running mates have just been selected, and we knew that, one way or another, this Inauguration was going to be unlike any other in recent history.

We requested our tickets very early; we booked our rooms, and made plans for a few extra activities to take part in while we were there. We very quickly began to hear the stories of how many millions were going to attend and how getting tickets was going to be impossible. We were told repeatedly by Senator DeMint’s office that we were “in a good spot” in the list, so we felt hopeful that we would get our tickets...eventually.

Due to a mix-up, we lost our hotel rooms in Alexandria, VA, but we found a block of rooms in Luray, VA for the same cost, so we booked them. Finding rooms anywhere by that time was difficult, especially rooms that were affordable. So we booked them even though they were two hours away!

We finally got the word in early December that we had gotten tickets...TWO of them. So, we decided to give them back and go anyway - ignoring the advice from our naysayers.

On Sunday, January 18, 2009, 54 of us loaded the bus and took off, bound for Washington, DC. We made a stop at internationally known Madame Tussaud’s Wax Museum that evening. Monday we toured the Holocaust Museum and some of the monuments and had our dinner at the Kennedy Center, after taking in the breath-taking view from the roof.

Tuesday, we left our hotel at 4:30 am and headed into Washington. The traffic getting to our Metro exit was pretty fierce. We spent an hour-and-a-half traveling six miles, but once on the subway, we were good to go.

From the Metro, we walked down 23rd Street with thousands of other people, headed for National Mall. It was a sea of people all going the same direction. Whether you were an Obama supporter or not, there was no way that you could be in that place without being excited and filled with energy! Yes, there was traffic; yes, there were millions of people; yes, it was cold, but it was an awesome experience! Dawn Rollins

(Comments from students on page 2)

The Cultural Corner

Where Oakbrook meets the world!!!!

OPS International Festival 2009

Once again, its is time to get ready for the International Festival to be held on Friday, April 17, 2009. Below are many different opportunities to help, including smaller jobs for those with less time to volunteer. If you see something with which you can help, reply to this email (Ceballos.Maira@ oakbrookprep.org); we will contact you with more information.

Thank you so much for all you do, and have done, to bring this special day to our children.

Sincerely,

OPS International Festival Committee 2009

Countries

Argentina	Germany`	Peru
Austriaa	Greece	Philippines
Barbados	Guatemala	Poland
Brazil	Holland	Puerto Rico
Canada	Honduras	Russia
China	India	Scotland
Cuba	Ireland	South Africa
Dominican Republic	Italy	Spain
El Salvador	Japan	Switzerland
England	Lebanon	United States
France	Mexico	Other country

Other Interests

Culture Exhibit	Games	Beverage stand
Photos/Video	Promotion	Sound System
Floor Coordinator	Trash Control	Master of Ceremony
Food Preparation	Crafts	Set-up/Decorating
Ticket Table	Raffle Table Prep	Clean-up
T-shirt/Cap	T-shirt/Cap/	Entertainment
Distribution	Cookbook Table	Coordinator
Booth Coordinator	Educational Facts	Parade of Flags line
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Passport Prep & Distribution	Coordinate Student Volunteers	
Other Suggestions		

Please send your name, your child's name, grade and teacher, your telephone number and the best time to reach you, and your email address to Ceballos.Maira@oakbrookprep.org

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

Short sleeve T-shirt - \$11 - 1 youth small

New sewn letter Sweatshirts:

2 adult small hoodies - \$45

1 adult large crewneck - \$40

1 adult medium crewneck - \$40

1 adult small crewneck - \$40

Attention Grades 1-12:

Students and parents, please come and join us for our annual "Walk for your heart" day on Friday, Feb. 6th, 7:15-7:45. We will open up the hallway around the gym around 7:15 and "walk for our heart" until around 7:45. Light refreshments will be served and a fun time will be had by all. The walk is free - students can pay \$1 to wear jeans on that day. All money collected will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of SC. Hope to see you there!

Cheer at one of Oakbrook's basketball games!



Cheerleader Clinic

For girls K5 - 5th grade

Saturday, January 31

9:00-12:00

Bring your child to the Oakbrook gym for three hours of great fun! The Oakbrook cheerleaders will lead the camp with age-appropriate cheers, chants, dancing and games. Your child will cheer and dance at halftime at one of Oakbrook's basketball games on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. Your child will receive a t-shirt to wear to the game, which is also appropriate to wear to school on Fridays. The cost is \$30, payable by check or invoice. Please contact Susan Hollingsworth at Hollingsworth.Susan@Oakbrookprep.org with any questions.



Your (Part)icipation is the key!

What a wonderful beginning to our Annual Fund - where every gift impacts every child every day.

Participation by Grade

K4	12%	Third	20%
K5	22%	Fourth	24%
First	9%	Fifth	6%
Second	15%		
Sixth	37%	Tenth	17%
Seventh	17%	Eleventh	19%
Eighth	23%	Twelfth	11%
Ninth	19%		
Total Dollars	\$54,558.00		

Questions? Contact Becky Berube, Development Director, x102

Pennies for Patients

Oakbrook is again honored to participate in the *Pennies for Patients* Program through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Last year South Carolina was able to raise \$537,000 to advance the mission to cure blood cancers and to improve the lives of patients and their families. Due to your generous donations, Oakbrook raised \$1,654,231! Our collection week will be the week of February 2-6.

We will observe the following collection schedule: (we will accept any money on any day)

Monday - pennies

Tuesday - nickels

Wednesday - dimes

Thursday - quarters

Friday - Dollar to wear jeans (Heart Walk at School Day)

Thank you for your participation in this worthwhile project!

Words from a few of our students about the inauguration:

"To say that the trip was mind-blowing is an understatement. There are no words in the English language that can describe the amazing experience."

-- Connor Cox, grade 11

"I was glad I was there to witness history."

--Anna Bentley, grade 10

"What stood out most was the ability of 2.5 million people to be excited enough to overcome their impatience and frustration enough to enjoy the moment and see it as a historic and momentous thing."

--Charlotte Holbein, grade 10

"Brrrrrr" -- Meghan Carey, grade 11

"...but it was worth the cold." -- Kallye Hammond