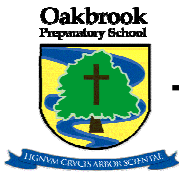




Knightly News

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

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3: 5,6



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School Calendar

- May 21 (Thursday)**
Senior Exams
Baccalaureate Service 7:00 P.M. gym
- May 22 (Friday)**
Honor's Day (grades 6-12) 8:30 A.M. gym
Official uniform
- May 23 (Saturday)**
Graduation 2:00 P.M. gym
- May 25 (Monday)**
Memorial Day Holiday
- May 27 (Wednesday)**
Last day for Knight Shift
- May 27, 28, 29 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)**
Exams Grades 8-11
- May 28 (Thursday) NO KNIGHT SHIFT**
K4-K5 Recognition 8:30A.M.
dismissal following program
1st/2nd Grade Dismissal 10:30 A.M.
3rd—5th Grade Dismissal 10:45 A.M.
6th—11th Grades Dismissal 11:00 A.M.
- May 29 (Friday) NO KNIGHT SHIFT**
Recognition Services, grades 1-2 and 3-5
1st and 2nd grades 8:30 A.M.
Dismissal following program
3rd-5th grades 9:30 A.M.
Dismissal following program
6th Grade through 11th Grades—Dismissal 11:00 A.M.
End of Term 4, last day of school grades 1-11
- August 17 (Monday)**
Orientation for students
Drop-In Grades K4-5th 9:00-11:00 A.M.
Drop-In Grades 6-12 1:00 - 3:00 P.M
- August 18 (Tuesday)**
First Full Day of School

Teen Summer Reading '09 at the Spartanburg County Library

For ages 12-18 or entering grades 7-12

June 4-July 31

Earn points by any combination of **reading**, **reviewing** what you've read, and **attending teen events** at the library!

Earn 10 points to complete a game card and receive your choice of a **book light** or an **aluminum water bottle!**

After completing your first game card, you'll be entered into a drawing for a **\$100 Visa gift card** and into grand prize drawings for an **iPod Touch and mini-laptop!**

Keep earning points and completing additional game cards to earn more entries in all drawings!

Reminder: The last day for Knight Shift will be Wednesday, May 27th.



“Character is the result not merely of the great ideas which are given to us, but of the habits which we labour to form upon those ideas.”

Charlotte Mason and Her Philosophy

The Cultural Corner

Where Oakbrook meets the world!!!!

Congratulations

Upper School Language Students!!!!!!

This year, after taking the National Standard tests in Spanish and German, fourteen of our students were awarded performance merit certificates. **Nick Dawson** won a medal for the highest score nationwide and the Citadel's National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society is recognizing six others.. In addition, one of our seniors **Michael Mannion** successfully tested out of all college language courses. **WAY TO GO MICHAEL!!!!!!**

HS- Honors Day

Citadel - National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society Merit Certificates:- (student with "A" for 3 or 4 yrs of Spanish)

Nicolas Seth Dawson
Blas Antonio Miyares
Heather Knighton
Nicole Renee Halla
Rebecca Stanley
Sharbel Elhage

Standard/National Language tests:

HS- German Awards- Certif. of Merit AATG National German Exam (70% or higher)

German II : Chelsea Chao

HS- Spanish Awards- Spanish II

Abbie Arvanites
Abbi Webb
Emily Whitworth
Natalie Gallagher
Courtney Pfeiffer

HS- Spanish Awards- Spanish III

Nicolas Dawson
Nicole Halla
Danny Seyffer
Brad Thorne
Rebecca Stanley

HS- Spanish Awards- AP

Robert Cook
Heather Knighton
Jacob Webb

Summer Art Camp

Would you like to experience some art over your summer break? Now is the time! Mrs. Biggar is going to have a mini art camp, the week of June 8-11 or June 15-19 from 9am to 12 noon. There are still spots open for both weeks. The cost will be \$120 and it is open to the first 15 people (a minimum of 5). This camp will be for grades K5-4th. Some materials being used will be charcoal, oil pastels, chalk pastels, water colors, and paint. A deposit of \$50 (non-refundable) is due by May 22. You can email me for the supply list. You may bring a snack to eat during camp. The camp will be located in the Primary Building art room. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions please email me at:

Biggar.Erin@oakbrookprep.org Choose one or both of the following and return by May 22nd, with a \$50 nonrefundable deposit.

Summer Art Camp 1: June 8-11 (9am-12pm)
Summer Art Camp 2: June 15-19 (9am-12pm)



Your (Part)icipation is the key!

Participation by Grade

K4	65%	Third	86%
K5	97%	Fourth	88%
First	74%	Fifth	91%
Second	88%		
Sixth	80%	Tenth	79%
Seventh	83%	Eleventh	72%
Eighth	84%	Twelfth	47%
Ninth	83%		
Total Dollars	\$107,432.		
Total	79%		

Questions? Contact Becky Berube, Development Director, x102

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Sports Physicals on May 12.

The following physicians donated their time in order for our Oakbrook athletes to receive a low cost physical to participate in Oakbrook sports: Dr. Richard Lucarelli, Dr. Marc Bingham, and Dr. Greg Gibson. 100% of the money collected has been donated to the Athletic Department. Also thank you to the following parents who assisted with the vision screenings and BP checks: Regina Schulte, Joie Kountz, Linda Stanley. LindaCarol Nail, RN, Robyn Blake, RN, Karen Huminski, RN, Diane Dew, RN, and Carol Foil, RN assisted the physicians. Between 3:30pm and 5:00pm sixty-nine athletes were checked. We are looking forward to a great year in sports in 2009-2010!

Corporate Sponsors Needed

For Camp Invention at Oakbrook. Can you support and encourage a future scientist? Contact Mrs. Stanley for information: Stanley.linda@oakbrookprep.org

Congratulations

To **Caroline Bales** who is going to Duke University for the Grand Recognition ceremony for national Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) participants. She scored in the top 2.5% of the 7th grade students who participated in the ACT/SAT testing and will be recognized at this event. On Wednesday, May 27, she will attend the South Carolina TIP recognition ceremony at Furman University.

Successful Senior Project

A sincere thanks to everyone who donated for my senior project. I received many more items than I was expecting, and it helped tremendously with my project. I even had some items left over so I am able to give them to another organization called the Haven. If you would still like to donate to the homeless, you can contact the director of S.P.I.H.N., Beth Rutherford at 864-597-0899. Again, I just want to thank everyone for your help.

Celena Courchaine

Summer Reading Kick Off at Barnes & Noble

**Wednesday, May 27 and Thursday, May 28
Online Fair – May 27- June 2**

Join us at Barnes & Noble for our summer reading book fair. Drawing for B&N gift certificates will begin on Wednesday at 3:30 and on Thursday at 11:30.

Can't make it in to the store? Shop online until June 2.

Shop at www.bn.com/mybookfair. Place your order between May 27 and June 2. Add our Bookfair I.D. Number 552133 at check out and Oakbrook receives credit for the sale.

Required Summer Reading

Required reading begins this summer in all MS and HS English classes. A list of required books and assignments will be sent home with students and emailed to parents. Reading lists will be posted at the Spartanburg public library and will be at B&N during the fair. Watch for more information.

Band Instruments Needed

Do you have a used band instrument that you would like to sell?

Please email Mrs. Atherton at

Atherton.sharon@oakbrookprep.org

or call her cell

864-590-5382.

Antiphony—The OPS Literary Journal

A collection of writing and art from Oakbrook Preparatory School is now on sale for \$5.00. Order your copy now turn in the form below to the front office or Contact Carol Price at

Price.Carol@Oakbrookprep.org

Name: _____

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A Letter from the School Director

Dear Oakbrook families,

We've had another wonderful school year, and each one of you have contributed to the success Oakbrook has achieved this year. Whether it was by volunteering your time and energy at Field Day or the International Festival, contributing your feedback during our Strategic Planning process or praying for our school and extended family during this transitional year, everyone – especially the children – has played a role.

Each of your children has brought such joy and happiness to our school this year. They have touched my life and this school year in very positive and rewarding ways. I hope you had the opportunity to see them in the plays we've had such as this week's performance of Julius Caesar, or to cheer for them at a sporting event, or attend the Spring Concert or the always-amazing fourth grade Wax Museum.

2008-2009 was a year full of many, many memories and we are so thankful to each of you for being a part of them. It has been my pleasure getting to know not only your child, but you as well. Having parental support and open lines of communication is an essential part of any successful school year. We continue to ask for your prayers as the board continues its search for our next school director.

Again, thank you for a wonderful year. Have a safe and fantastic summer. I look so forward to seeing you all again next year!

Sincerely,
Nancy Seay