



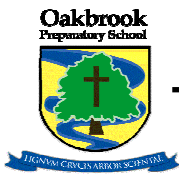
Knightly News

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

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.” Colossians 3:23, 24

K4-5

“...so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law.” Deuteronomy 32: 46b



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School Calendar

- May 7 (Thursday)**
AP Test—English
Yearbook Signing Party for 6-12 grades
- May 8 (Friday)**
Mother’s Day Program, grades 1-5
Band trip to Carowinds
Sadie Hawkins Dance (9-12) 8 P.M.—11:00 pm
In the Oakbrook Gym
- May 19, 20, 21 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)**
Senior Exams
- May 22 (Friday)**
Honor’s Day (grades 6-12) in gym 8:30am
- May 23 (Saturday)**
Graduation 2:00 pm
- May 25 (Monday)**
Memorial Day Holiday
- May 27, 28, 29 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)**
Exams Grades 8-11
- May 28 (Thursday) - NO KNIGHTSHIFT**
K4-K5 Recognition—dismissal following program
1st/2nd Grade Dismissal—10:30am
3rd through 5th Grade Dismissal—10:45am
6th through 12th Grade Dismissal—11:00am
- May 29 (Friday) - NO KNIGHTSHIFT**
Recognition Services, grades 1-2 and 3-5
1st and 2nd grades 8:30 am
Dismissal following program
3rd-5th grades 9:30 am
Dismissal following program
6th Grade through 12th Grades—Dismissal 11:00am
End of Term 4, last day of school grades 1-11

CALLING ALL LOWER SCHOOL MOMS!

Please join us on Friday, May 8 at 8:30 in the gym for brunch and a program honoring you! There will be music, singing and stories close to your heart. Our special speaker will be Mrs. Caroline Rogers, Abigail & Griffin’s mom, who will speak about the *Praying Parent*.

Spring “Arts” Concert

Band and Dance
Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 pm

6:00 arrival time for band students.
Grade 5: Official uniform for band students
Grades 6-12: Blue band shirt and khaki pants

6:15 arrival time for dance students
Details for costuming is class specific



Sports Calendar

- May 7–8 (Thursday-Friday)**
MS Girls Soccer CMSC Tournament
- May 11-12 (Monday-Tuesday)**
Varsity Cheerleading Tryout Practices
- May 12 (Tuesday)**
Spring Sports Pictures, Sports Physicals
- May 14 (Thursday)**
Varsity Cheerleading Tryouts

Charlotte Mason and Her Philosophy
Charlotte Mason emphasized the importance of training
Charlotte Mason believed a key component of a child’s education is the discipline of good habits, specifically habits of character. She said, “Sow an act, reap a habit, sow a habit, reap a character, sow a character, reap a destiny.”

Physicals for Athletes **Tuesday, May 12 3:30-5:00**

We will have at Oakbrook on Tuesday, May 12, a team of physicians who will perform the required medical review for students interested in playing sports at Oakbrook. We encourage all rising 6th through rising 12th grade student to take advantage of this opportunity.

Cost will be:

\$25 per student

\$40 for 2 students per family

\$50 maximum per family

Please pay in cash the day of the physical

You may download the Medical Form from the Oakbrook website or get a copy in the main office. Parents are asked to complete the back section and sign it. Bring the completed form that day. Parents do not need to be present the day of the doctor's examination, but the medical forms need to be completed for the doctors to review.

Please remember that student athletes are required to have a current physical before participating in any Oakbrook athletic activity. Fall sports will begin before school starts. Some students may be involved in summer conditioning sessions. A completed medical form is valid for one year.

Congratulations to Bethany Foil

Bethany received her Gold Award pin at a ceremony at Presbyterian College on Sunday, May 3, 2009. Bethany is a member of Troop 3061.

Bethany earned her Gold Award by completing a project at Oakbrook Preparatory School. The title of her project was "Let's Learn Ecology". Her goal was to create awareness of the environment and the earth's ecosystems. Bethany spent one week teaching ecology in Mrs. Lydia Patterson's 3rd grade classroom. To achieve her goal she wrote 5 daily lesson plans. She actively engaged the students in learning by using hands-on activities, educational videos, and children's books. She also developed educational games to make learning fun.

The Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting. Each Girl Scout creates and carries out a Gold Award leadership project, completes applications and interviews, and presents her work to advisors and peers. She works in excess of 150 hours, mostly service hours, to complete all of the requirements to earn the Gold Award. Only 6% of Girl Scouts earn the Gold Award. Over 100 colleges and universities in the US offer scholarships specifically for Gold Award recipients.

***In addition to receiving her Gold Award, Bethany was also presented with a Certificate of Recognition from The Military Order of the World Wars and a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the United States House of Representatives.

High School Sadie Hawkins Dance

Friday, May 8—8:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M. Oakbrook Gym
\$5 admission Proceeds will be donated to Mackenzie Mathis to assist with her medical expenses.



THANK YOU to all students, faculty and families that supported the 'Eat Mor Chik'n 4 OPS' Annual Fund Participation Drive by ordering over 400 biscuits the past two Fridays and raising over \$3,500.

A special thanks to the following parents and Mrs. Kelly Kozlowski, our lunch program coordinator, for getting them out in less than 30 minutes:

Cathy Bader Susie Ericksen Genell Halla
Ashley & Bobby Hinds Chris Patterson Carol Price
Linda Stanley Cyndi Thorne Amy Wildeman
...and their children!

Look for a complete update next week.

Used Uniform Giveaway

The Parent's Club will be holding a Used Uniform Giveaway on Friday, May 8 after the Mother's Day Program. It will be in the Gym Building in front of the Lower School Library. Pre-school, lower and upper school parents are invited to come shop at any time Friday.

Varsity Cheerleading Try-outs

Practice: Monday, May 11 & Tuesday, May 12 (gym)
Try-out: Thursday, May 14 (Dance room)

Try-outs for the Varsity Cheerleading Squad will be held for girls entering 9th-12th grades on Thursday, May 14 at 3:30 in the Dance room. Girls entering 8th grade may try out for the Varsity squad if they have previously cheered for Oakbrook. Monday, May 11 & Tuesday, May 12 are practice days and girls must attend both practices in order to participate in the try-outs on Thursday. Please sign up in the Main Office.

Girls entering 6th-8th grades may cheer on the JV squad, which is an open squad with no try-outs. They will not meet until their season begins in the fall. Contact Susan Hollingsworth with any questions,
Hollingsworth.susan@oakbrookprep.org

Field Day

I want to give a huge THANK YOU to the parents and volunteers who came out to work on Field Day. Field Day 2009 was a great success due to the tremendous number of parents volunteering! Another huge THANK YOU to the Parents' Club for providing the inflatable rides and snow cones! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful day and look forward to Field Day 2010!

Coach Myers

The Cultural Corner

Where Oakbrook meets the world!!!!

German & Spanish After School Programs 2009-2010

The After School Language schedule is now as follows:

Mondays 3:15 P.M.—4:45 P.M.

German beginner level—Mrs. Gabi Seyffer

Spanish beginner level—Mrs. E. Thalassenos

- Semester I 8/31/09—12/14/09 (off 9/7)
 - Semester II 1/11/10 –5/17/10 (off 1/18, 2/15,3/22,3/29)
- Snow makeup day 5/25/10

Tuesdays 3:30 P.M.— 5:00 P.M.

Spanish intermediate level Mrs. Evelyn Thalassenos

- Semester I 9/1/09—12/15/09 (off 9/8)
- Semester II 1/12/10 –5/18/10 (off 1/19, 2/16, 3/23, 3/30)
- Snow makeup day 5/25/10

REGISTRATION FORM 2009-2010

- The class is divided into two semesters for a total of 30 sessions (90 minutes/session).
- Students will be evaluated and placed into beginner or intermediate level; the curriculum will be adjusted according to the needs of the group and the individual student.
- Periodically, we will send home progress reports during the school year.
- All materials are included in the tuition: - \$380/yr for first student, \$340/yr for every student after the first. If the tuition is paid in full by Sept. 2, 2009, the fee is reduced to \$370/yr for the first student, \$330/yr for every student after the First. Registration fee is \$30 per student. Fees may be invoiced in two parts if you wish.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the After School Language Program, please fill out the form you were emailed on Monday, May 4th.

Congratulations to Scholarship Winners

Mary Grace Nasim recently auditioned at Converse College for their scholarship competition. She placed 4th overall in vocals and will receive a \$300.00 scholarship from Converse College. Congratulations also to Brittany Jackson and Davis Wells for winning \$200 voice Scholarships to Converse. They will attend the college's "Shining Stars" program. Congratulations to our Shining Stars!



The Oakbrook Junior Girl Scout Troop 2625 earned their Bronze Award this year. It is the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can earn. The girls created, planned and organized activities for outings to the SCSSDB. The troop members are Sarah Bailey, Susan Edwards, Maya Elhage, Julia Ann Funk, Evans Hollingsworth, Kathryn Johnston, Mary Katherine Kellam, Christa Lawler, Rachel Moore, Samantha Pressley, Abigail Rogers, Maddie Settlemyre, and Savannah Simon.

Spring Sports Pictures

Tuesday, May 12

Spring Sports Pictures for the girls soccer teams and boys golf teams will be Tuesday, May 12, right after school. This is the same day as Athletic Physicals for next year's participation, so please plan to do both pictures and physicals! The coaches will tell players which uniform or golf shirts to wear for the picture. Soccer teams will turn in uniforms after the picture. We will send home an order form for ordering team and individual pictures.

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

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. 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)

Creative Summer Art Classes

With Susan Garrison

Are being planned now for 5th -12th grade students and separate classes for **adults**. Exciting projects are being planned, so don't miss your chance to **register before May 15th** to be sure we have enough students for the classes to meet. Then deposits will be due May 22nd. Spread the word and invite your friends from our community, too. For more info including dates, materials, & costs email Susan at paintingcoach@gmail.com & Garrison.Susan@oakbrookprep.org