



Knighly News

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The Weekly Newsletter of
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School Calendar

- October 30** K4 Noah's Ark
K5 Field Trip to
Strawberry Hill
Talent Show
Fall Fun Day (1st grade
12:30-2:15)
- November 2** Annemarie Cronin visit
- November 6** Greek Agora, 2nd grade
- November 9** Celebrating Nov. 9th: The
Day the Wall Fell... "Movie
in the Afternoon" we will
be watching The Boy In the
Striped Pajamas from 3:15
to 5:15 in the crossway in the
main building. Cost is .50 and
snacks will be available. For
Middle and Upper School only
(rated PG-13)
- November 9-10** Usborne Book Fair,
Primary School Lobby
- November 10** Third Grade trip to Walnut
Grove
- November 18** Literary Meet, Lower
School
- November 19** Literary Meet, Upper
School
- November 24** Grandparent's Day, 1st grade

Sports Calendar

- October 31** Cross Country State Meet
SCISA Varsity Volleyball
All-State

Built on a foundation of Chris-
tian faith, Oakbrook educates
students to be independent
learners in a changing world.



Congratulations, Volleyball Team

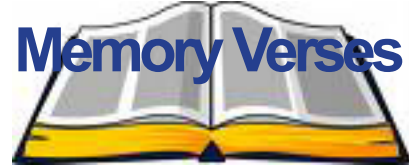
Going into the SCISAAA State Volleyball Tournament last weekend, the Lady Knights squeaked into the tournament with an end of the season third place tie in the region and drew a #6 seed in the lower state section of the tournament. The tournament was held at the Sumter Exhibition Center Friday and Saturday, and on our "day off" from school, the team headed down to Sumter excited but not knowing what to expect. First round Friday afternoon, Oakbrook's varsity volleyball team played Trinity Collegiate, the third seeded team, and came away victorious in our first-ever appearance in the state tournament. The next game put the Lady Knights against First Baptist, seeded #2, and again, the Knights came away with a win. Round three Saturday put the Knights against Holly Hill, not only seeded #1 but also last year's State Champions. Again the Knights played great and defeated the #1 seed. Oakbrook then defeated Dillon Christian School, and was then faced with the challenge of defeating Richard Winn for a spot in the State Championship Game. Being extremely tired, the girls put up a hard fight but came up short. Their season ended with a third place rank in the state behind two other teams in the region! Congratulations Coach Biggar and the Lady Knights Volleyball team for a great season and great showing in their first trip to the State Tournament. Also, congratulations to Skylar Gillespie for being selected to the SCISA Volleyball A-AA All Star South Team. The North-South All Star game will be this weekend at Heathwood Hall in Columbia.

Cultural Corner

The Cultural Corner
Where Oakbrook meets the world!!!!

Christmas Around the World

The Language teachers have started to plan the K4->2nd annual "Christmas Around The World" event, which will take place Thursday, Dec.10, 9:00 – 11:00 am. This cultural event involves the Language teachers explaining how Christmas is celebrated in different parts of the world through music, stories, cultural exhibits, and treats. If you know of Christmas traditions from other countries, come share them on this day. Just email Mrs. Ceballos at Ceballos.Maira@oakbrookprep.org and we will contact you with more information about this exciting event..



K4 and K5 Knowing God

November 2-6

Psalm 63:4

"I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands."

Lower School "God's Word is Alive and Active"

November 2-6

John 8:12

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Powder Puff Football 2009

Mark your calendars!!! The 2009 Powder Puff game will be Nov. 24. Come cheer for your team and enjoy a hot, juicy Bratwurst or hot and steamy homemade soup. Hot chocolate will be available as well. Proceeds to benefit the German club. Guaranteed to warm your soul. OPS blankets will also be available.

THANK YOU TO THE HOSTESS COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS!

This past Friday, the cafeteria workroom and primary building teachers' lounge looked like old fashioned candy shops! Thank you to all the parent volunteers who donated their time, energy, and creativity to help make it happen. I heard only great praises from the teachers, faculty, and staff. Thanks again to all who helped make conference day a little "sweeter" for our fabulous OPS faculty and staff. Take care.
Jennifer Esce, Hostess, Parents' Club

Local Author to Visit OPS

Annemarie Struwe Cronin will be at OPS on Monday, November 2nd from 10-11:30.

Parents are invited to attend.

Her book *Escape From East Berlin: An American Tale* is available locally and will be the subject of her presentation.

(An autobiography of growing up in East Berlin, surviving WWII, finding love, and making a new life in the US.)

She is a resident of Spartanburg.

Other Guests include:

Kathryn Macdonald "retelling
Brigitta Yelman's story"

Cathy Zion: "Before the Wall fell"

Birgit McKenna : "New Year's Eve at the Brandenburg Gate 1989"

Reception will follow. Parents are invited.

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser

Do your Christmas shopping at Barnes & Noble and help the Oakbrook libraries. Teacher Wish Lists will be available.

Thursday, December 10-Saturday, December 12, 2009, shop at B&N to benefit Oakbrook. Online shopping is available too.

Entertainment by OPS Jazz Band on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 3:45 and Christmas songs by OPS Kindergarten students 10:30 on Saturday Dec. 12. Also, K4 and K5 will sing on Saturday, December 12.



2009-2010 Running Club News

Footsteps to Fitness
Schedule 09 – 10

Nov. 17, 2009	Turkey Day Fun Run Wofford
Dec. 15, 2009	Jingle Bell Fun Run USCUpstate
January	None
Feb. 16, 2010	Healthy Heart Fun Run Barnett Park
Mar. 18, 2010	Track and Field Fun Events Dorman High
Apr. 20, 2010	Run Rabbit Fun Run Milliken Park

Oakbrook Boys Basketball Skills Academy

Saturday, November 14

\$15 each

12:00-2:00 – Grades 1-4

2:00-4:00 – Grades 5-7

Coach Burgess, Oakbrook's varsity boys basketball coach, is organizing the first of several clinics for boys grades 1-7 interested in learning and improving their basketball skills. Please come with your basketball shoes, ready to play and learn, have fun, and get to know Coach Burgess' exciting way to play basketball.

Coach Burgess plans to have a second clinic in December and have an intramural program in January-February. Any parents interested in working with a Saturday afternoon intramural program, please contact Marie Tewkesbury.

Basketball tryouts begin Monday, November 2. Any student wanting to tryout for basketball must have a completed medical form on file in the Athletic Department.



Veteran's Day Service

Oakbrook Preparatory would like to recognize all of our U.S.A. Veterans on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2009 with a Flag Retirement Service, beginning at 10:00 am, with light refreshments to follow. All U.S. Veterans and family members are welcome to attend. If you would like to have a U.S. Veteran in your family recognized in the bulletin, please send Mrs. Coomes, coomes.christi@oakbrookprep.org, the following information: 1. Name, 2. Branch, 3. Rank, and 4. Wars or Conflicts served. Please give this information to Mrs. Coomes by Friday, November 6, 2009.

“Jazzy Christmas”

The Jazz Band students have been invited to play at the OPS school fundraiser at Barnes and Noble on Dec. 10-12. Please join us for that event and support our school while taking care of your Christmas list. Carol Price will have more information on this event in the coming weeks. Jazz Band students are reminded to bring their ideas for Christmas songs to the next club meeting.

Learn more about Charlotte Mason

A note about children and their habits: “A child should know that the duty of self-direction belongs to him and the powers for his direction are lodged in him as are intellect, imagination, hunger and thirst. A great inheritance is given to each of us, but we soon lose it because of a lack of discipline.” Last week we learned that: “It is as much the parent's duty to educate his child into moral strength and purpose and intellectual activity as it is to feed and clothe him, and that in spite of his nature; if it must be so.” Quotations are by Charlotte Mason from *School Education*.