



Knightly News

September 17, 2009

The Weekly Newsletter of
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School Calendar

- September 18** Open House for
3-12 grades, 6 p.m.
Fall Festival, 7 p.m.
Doughnuts for Dads, K5
- Sept. 25 - Oct. 2** Scholastic Book Fair in
LS and PS libraries
- October 19** End of Term
- October 22** Famous American Day,
K5-5th grades
Half Day

Sports Calendar

- September 17**
Varsity Boys Soccer v SCA (home),
5:30 p.m.
MS boys soccer v. St. Joseph (home),
4 p.m.
Girls Volleyball v. SCA (away)
(Varsity) 5:30 p.m.
(MS) 4:30 p.m.
Cross Country SCA Invitational, 4:00
- September 22**
Varsity Boys Soccer v Westgate
Christian (away), 4 p.m.
- September 24**
MS boys soccer v MRCA (home),
4 p.m.
Girls Volleyball v. Richard Winn (away)
(Varsity) 5:30 p.m.
(MS) 4:30 p.m.
- September 26**
Cross Country Cavalier Classic at
Dorman, 9 am



The Oakbrook Atmosphere

by Primary School Director
Vickie Bolduc

Charlotte Mason viewed education as “an atmosphere, a discipline, a life”. Her ideas on atmosphere center on what is best for the student and also recognize that each child is an individual created in God’s image.

When my family first came to Oakbrook we were drawn **not** by the building, **not** by the small number of students in each classroom, **not** even by the great curriculum being offered, but we were drawn to the atmosphere that permeated each step of our tour. That first attraction to the “atmosphere of Oakbrook” is still present after 14 years.

The atmosphere at Oakbrook begins with an attitude toward learning that is established in the classrooms and continues into the hallways and extends to the athletic fields and playgrounds. We want our atmosphere to invite students to learn and grow in all those situations. We want to see dialogue and collaboration taking place from the playground filled with four year old students to the AP classes being taught in our high school. We want our atmosphere to be one of encouragement and love where individual differences are appreciated.

We are educating students “in a rapidly changing world” but our goal of producing a love of learning in a family atmosphere is not changing. When we collaborate, affirm, love and encourage one another we excel. Let’s continue to strive for excellence in all we do.

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

Cultural Corner

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

Around Town:

Spartanburg International Festival
at Barnet Park

On Saturday, October 3, 2009, the City of Spartanburg will host the 23rd annual International Festival at Barnet Park. Oakbrook has been invited to enjoy the festival throughout the day as well as participate in the parade (1:00 pm) carrying the Oakbrook banner. We are asking students and their family to please come help represent Oakbrook on a day when Spartanburg gets together to celebrate Cultures of the World.

The more, the merrier!!!

The Language teachers are organizing the sign-up for the parade; just email (Ceballos.Maira@oakbrookprep.org) and we will contact you with the exact meeting time/place and any further information you may need.

Students need to wear an Oakbrook t-shirt; we also encourage family members who have Oakbrook t-shirts to wear them as well.

Thank you for your support as we reach out to our community,
OPS World Language Department

Memory Verses



K4 and K5

Establishing Good Habits
(Oakbrook's 5 Commandments)

Sept. 14-18

Galatians 5:22-23

“But the fruit of the spirit is . . . self control”
(Practice self-control)

Sept. 21-25

1 Cor. 14:40

“But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.”
(Do all things in a properly and orderly manner)

Lower School

“God's Word is Alive and Active”

Sept. 14-18

Matthew 13:23

“But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it.”

Sept. 21-25

James 1:23, 24

“Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in the mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.”

Become a Muse Machine Member

What is it? The Muse Machine is a student art-appreciation club spearheaded by The Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg. For 14 years, it has provided a doorway to the arts to thousands of students in the Spartanburg community. Its mission is to provide young people with opportunities to experience and value the arts.

What does Oakbrook get out of being a member? Again this year as a MUSE Machine School, Oakbrook will have in-school performances by professional dancers, actors, musicians, and other artists.

What would I get out of being a member?

Middle & High School students who join the MUSE Machine, for a one-time \$5 fee, would have the following benefits:

*The lowest priced tickets to main stage plays and concerts in Spartanburg usually \$5-\$6 - *For members only.*

*Evening “field trips” to arts events in Spartanburg.

*Behind-the-scenes workshops and other activities open only to Muse Machine Members

How do I join? Fill out a membership application (see Mrs. Howard). Return it to Mrs. Howard with your \$5 (or check made payable to OPS)

Then what? Come to the Muse Machine Club

meetings to help plan events. Meetings will be called when needed. More details to come.

“How do I get the reduced priced tickets?”

Any time a student wishes to purchase reduced price tickets to any of the Spartanburg events, let Mrs. Howard know how many tickets are needed for your family, friends, etc. Members will only be charged the member price. Parents, siblings, etc. will be charged the regular price, but you will be able to get your tickets all at the same time & place.

NOTE: You cannot get the Muse Member price if you show up at the gate to purchase a ticket; you must purchase through the school.

Win a Free Yearbook

Reserve your 2009-2010 yearbook at the Fall Festival and you will be entered into the drawing for a Free Yearbook. We will draw a name at 8 p.m. Friday. All those who reserve a yearbook will receive \$5 off the price.

Attention Volleyball Parents



Change times for MS and Varsity on 10/2 (Fri.) OPS hosting Greenwood Christian - the varsity game will be at 4:30 and the middle school game will follow at 5:30 or 6:00.

Add for Varsity on 10/3 - Ashville Trailblazers Volleyball Tournament at the Xcel Sports Plex 9:00am-6:00pm

Fall Festival is TOMORROW

ATTENTION ALL OAKBROOK FAMILIES!

The Parents' Club is proud to sponsor Oakbrook's Annual Fall Festival! This year's festival will be September 18, 7-9pm, @ the Oakbrook Campus. There will be dinner (free of charge) provided by Blue Star BBQ, live music, rides, cotton candy, and face painting. Bring your own lawnchairs/blankets. The festival will be held rain or shine. Please come and join us for all the fall fun!



2009-2010 Running Club News

Red Ribbon Run October 20

Contact Heather Rivers for more information at rivers.heather@oakbrookprep.org

Running Club is each Tuesday from 3:05-3:35.

Please contact Ms. Rivers if you are interested in being a parent volunteer.

Scholastic Book Fair

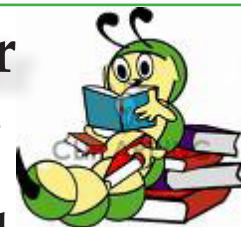
(hours are for LS and PS buildings)

Friday, Sept. 25 Early Bird

Shopping 1-3:30 (LS Building only)

Monday, Sept. 28- Thursday, Oct. 1-7:45-3:30

Friday, Oct 2-7:45-10:00



If you have an entry for the Knightly News, please email Amanda Ledbetter at ledbetter.amanda@oakbrookprep.org. All entries must be received by 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Thank you!



Donate your Laptop

The German Department is looking for any laptops that are in need of a new home. If you are upgrading, we'll gladly take your old one. We are looking for laptops with a CD-Rom drive. Internet access would be great as well. Thanks.

Contact Kathryn MacDonald at macdonald.kathryn@oakbrookprep.org.