



# Knighly News

September 3, 2009

The Weekly Newsletter of  
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## School Calendar

- September 7** Labor Day  
Holiday
- September 9** School Pictures  
(official uniform)
- September 10** Open House for  
K4-2 grades, 7 p.m.
- September 18** Open House for  
3-12 grades, 6 p.m.  
Family Social, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 25 - Oct. 2** Scholastic Book Fair in  
LS and PS libraries

## Sports Calendar

- September 3**  
Varsity Boys Soccer v. Covenant  
Classical, home, 5 p.m.  
MS boys soccer v. MRCA, away, 4 p.m.  
Girls Volleyball v. Veritas, away  
(Varsity) 5:30 p.m.  
(MS) 4:30 p.m.
- September 8**  
Varsity Boys Soccer at SCA, 5:30 p.m.  
Girls Volleyball v. Veritas (home)  
(Varsity) 5:30 p.m.  
(MS) 4:30 p.m.  
Cross Country at St. Joseph, 4:30 p.m.
- September 10**  
Varsity Boys Soccer v Greenwood  
Christian (home), 5:30 p.m.  
MS boys soccer v. SDS (home), 4 p.m.  
Girls Volleyball v. WW King (home)  
(Varsity) 5:30 p.m.  
(MS) 4:30 p.m.



## Establishing Good Habits

*by Lower School  
Director Debbie Locke*

**W**e all love summer vacation! Sleeping late, relaxed schedules and NO homework! Every August, however, all that must come to an end as we begin “falling back” into our daily school routines. This year our school beginning has been exceptionally smooth and much of that can be attributed to the attention that our staff has given to the establishment of daily routines and the development of positive intellectual, social, physical and spiritual habits.

Charlotte Mason states that “the habit of routine breeds security and should provide time for work balanced by breaks. Hard work’s reward is time for free play. Parents and teachers should train a child in habits of good living.” Preschool and Lower school students are working hard on the “habit of attention” as they learn to listen to their teachers and follow through with instructions. They are also learning the “habit of responsibility” as they keep up with their belongings and daily homework assignments. Middle and Upper school students are forming the “habit of neatness and cleanliness” through their careful attention to their appearance by following the dress code regulations and keeping their locker areas neat and organized. Self – discipline is also a habit emphasized for the older students as they are given more freedom to manage their time and their behavior. The entire school has embraced the “habit of neatness” with the implementation of our new procedure for emptying class trash cans into designated cans in our hallways. It has been very rewarding to see our school look so neat, especially when visitors enter our hallways!

Yes, we do miss the “foot-loose and fancy free” days of summer, but I think we all must admit that routines and habits help us grow intellectually and foster a positive self-image!

What routines and habits are you establishing in your household?

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

# Cultural Corner

## SPANISH & GERMAN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

### 2009-2010

Due to the success of the Spanish After School K5 Language Program at the Primary Building, we are adding a German After School K5-1st grades. The class schedules and calendar will be as follows:

Spanish beginner level with Mrs. E. Thalassenos  
(Mondays, 3:15pm- 4:45 pm (90 min/session))

- 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

German beginner level with Mrs. Gabi Seyffer  
Spanish intermediate level Mrs. Evelyn Thalassenos  
(Tuesdays, 3:30pm- 5:00 pm (90 min/session))

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

German K5-1st with Mrs. Gabi Seyffer  
(Thursdays 2:30 – 4:00pm (90 min/session))

- Semester I 9/3/09– 12/17/09 (off 11/26)
- Semester II 1/7/10 – 5/20/10 (off 3/25, 4/1)
- Snow-makeup day 5/25/10

Spanish K5-1st with Mrs. Evelyn Thalassenos  
(Fridays 2:30—4:00pm (90 min/session))

- Semester I 9/4/09– 12/18/09 (10/23, 11/27)
- Semester II 1/8/10 – 5/21/10 (off 3/26, 4/2)
- Snow-makeup day 5/25/10

*Registration Form for German/Spanish program is attached to email*

## Memory Verses



### K4 and K5

Establishing Good Habits  
(Oakbrook's 5 Commandments)

**Aug. 31-Sept. 4**

Romans 13:1

“Everyone must submit himself to the authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.”  
(Respect those in authority)

**September 8-11**

Philippians 2:4

“Each of you should look . . . . to the interests of others.”  
(Honor others above yourself)

### Lower School

“God's Word is Alive and Active”

**Aug. 31-Sept. 4**

Matthew 7:24

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

**Sept. 8-11**

John 14:6

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

## 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.

## Auditions

**What: Auditions for  
The Diary of Anne Frank**  
**When: September 8 & 9 – 3:15-4:30**  
**Where: Drama Room**  
**Open to Middle School and High  
School Students**



**Sign up for Audition Day outside of Drama Room.**  
**Perusal scripts may be checked out by students from  
Mr. Tinkler.**

## Uniform Shirts for Sale

Two new red and two new white short sleeve  
Land's End Polo's kids size 4. Asking \$9.00 for  
each. Call Alicia Womick at 814-1929.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Lower School and  
Primary School libraries  
September 25 - October 2



## Donate your Laptop



The German Department is looking for any laptops that are need of a new home. If you are upgrading, we'd gladly take your old one. Just needs to have a CD-Rom drive. Internet access would be great as well. Contact Kathryn MacDonald.

## Fall Festival 2009

### 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, face painting, and apple bobbing. 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

### Pine Street YMCA Kids Tri Athalon

**When: September 12th**

**Where: Pine Street YMCA Pool  
Soccer fields and RR trail**

**Time: 9:00 am**

**\*This is a non competitive event. Place awards will not be given.**

Contact Heather Rivers for a Registration Form at [rivers.heather@oakbrookprep.org](mailto:rivers.heather@oakbrookprep.org)

**Running Club will begin September 15 and will be each Tuesday from 3:05-3:35.**

## PRIMARY BUILDING REMINDER



3:00 is the latest time for pick up at the Primary Building. Students who have not been picked up by 3:00 will be with Knight Shift. Dismissal times for the Primary Building are 2:20 for Lunch Bunch and Kindergarten and 2:30 for First and Second Grades.

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

Thank you!

