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Spring 2023

Rebecca Ann Fairey and **James Williams** have been nominated as OPS Class of 2023 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Early Awards. The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship is the state of South Carolina's highest academic scholarship.

A student may initially qualify for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship by meeting the following criteria:

- The student ranks in the top 6% of his/her class at the end of the sophomore, junior, or senior year.
- The student has a minimum SAT of 1200 or a minimum ACT of 27.
- The student earns a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.



A student may be exempt from ranking in the top 6% and still qualify if he/she reaches a minimum SAT of 1400 or an ACT of 32 and has a minimum cumulative GPA of 4.0 upon graduation. Students who have accomplished the above will receive between \$6,700—\$10,000 per year for college, depending on the student's major, and assuming the student maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA each academic year (plus at least an average of 30 credit hours per academic year) while in college. Students must attend a four-year institution in South Carolina.

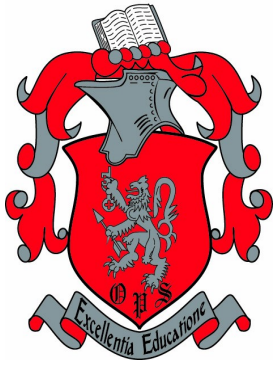
"The designation of scholarship recipients on this program or in any media is preliminary, based on information provided by the high schools and students at the time of this printing, and is subject to final confirmation and approval by the eligible higher education institution and/or the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education."



Rebecca Ann Fairey

James Williams

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Student Enrollment Contract
2023-2024 School Year
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CURRENT STUDENTS: Deadline to return your contract is **Tuesday, March 28.**
Any contracts returned **after May 1** will be subject to a **\$150 re-enrollment fee.**

As we continue to prosper as a school, your investment in OPS continues to yield a tremendous return. OPS is privileged to announce that the 2023-2024 OPS re-enrollment campaign is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7th, through Tuesday, March 28th. Student contracts will be sent home on March 7th on the Lower Campus. Upper Campus parents will receive their contract information through email. Parents who return their contracts for the 2023-2024 school year by March 28th will be entered into a drawing to win one of two prizes. The prizes are one \$500 tuition credit and one \$250 tuition credit.

Our school strives to provide an outstanding educational experience while keeping the costs to our families as low as possible. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education, and please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions. We pledge to continue to make OPS an optimal learning institution for the students of our community and surrounding areas.

Interim Head of Schools

2023-2024
Opening School Date
August 17, 2023
Grades 4K –12



2023-2024
ACADEMIC CALENDAR IS
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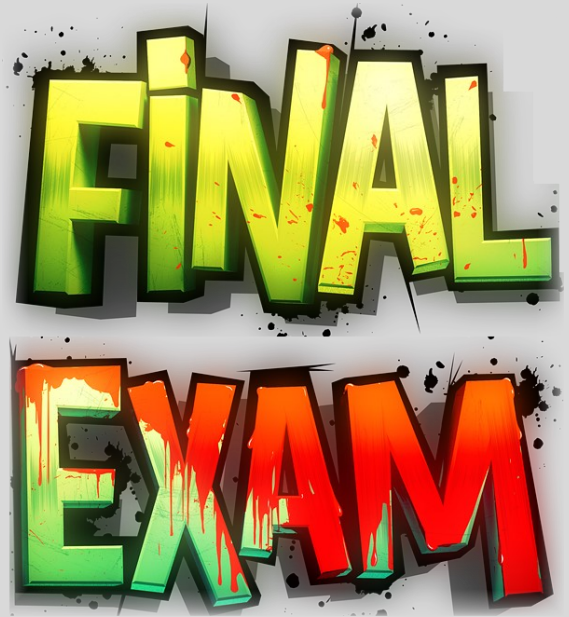
Christmas Holidays....December 18 through January 2
Spring Break.....March 29 through April 5

Last day for both campuses is May 24, 2024

The finalized calendar has been posted on the website and the link was sent in the Tuesday email blast.

Grades 6th-11th...SECOND SEMESTER REVIEW & EXAM SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 18	EXAM EXEMPTIONS ANNOUNCED
Friday, May 19	REVIEW DAY
Monday, May 22	REVIEW DAY
11:30 Dismissal	Elective Exams
Tuesday, May 23	
8:00-9:30	7th Period
10:00-11:30	6th Period
Wednesday, May 24	
8:00-9:30	5th Period
10:00-11:30	4th Period
Thursday, May 25	
8:00-9:30	3rd Period
10:00-11:30	2nd Period
Friday, May 26	
8:00-9:30	1st Period
10:00-11:30	Make-up Exams



Student grade average for exempting second semester exams is based only on their second semester grades, not the entire year's average.

Class of 2023 Exam / Final Schedule

Date/Time	Room	Subject	Proctor
Tuesday, May 2nd Review Day	Classrooms		
Wednesday, May 3rd 8:00 - 9:30 A.M. 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.	MPR MPR	English Math	Mrs. Boland Mr. Altman
Thursday, May 4th 8:00 - 9:30 A.M. 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.	MPR MPR	Science Social Studies	Mrs. Dangerfield Mrs. Askins
Friday, May 5th 8:00-9:30 A.M. 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.	MPR	Elective	Mrs. Boland

**Dual Credit Exams will be administered by the subject instructor.
Specific dates will be announced by the instructor.**



Mrs. Libby Ray proudly announces the 2023 Orangeburg Prep Teachers of the Year. These nominees have met all the criteria and have demonstrated a willingness to devote time and energy to activities which result in improved instruction for children. Each nominee has at least five years teaching experience and has shown innovative practices in the classroom, skills in communication, listening, collaboration, adaptability, empathy, and patience.

OPS Teachers of the Year pictured above (left to right): Mrs. Megan Dangerfield, High School Teacher of the Year; Ms. Patty Clements, Lower School Teacher of the Year; and Ms. Jeanie Gasque, Middle School Teacher of the Year.



Don Shelley is returning to Orangeburg Prep as Head Varsity Football Coach where he won six state championships in SCISA football. Shelley spent 20 years at Orangeburg Prep, beginning in 1986. Welcome back Coach Shelley!

MRS. MEGAN DANGERFIELD
2023 ORANGEBURG COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

MS. PATTY CLEMENTS
2023 SCISA LOWER SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALIST



Orangeburg Prep Pride Cup

The annual OPS Pride Cup golf tournament was held on November 16, 2022. Nineteen teams braved the unseasonably cold weather for a day of golf and fun at the Orangeburg Country Club. Congratulations to the First Citizens Bank team who were the winners of this year's tournament. The OPS Pride Cup golf tournament benefits the Annual Fund. Thank you to all our teams and sponsors who made the 2022 event a success.

2022 OPS Pride Cup Golf Tournament Sponsors

Lunch Sponsor Level

Carolina Towing
Jennings Air & Mechanical

Orangeburg Prep Coaches Team Sponsor

Dempsey Wood Products

Driving Range Level

Mixon Seed Service, Inc.
NetSource Enterprise Technologies
NCW/Katherine Smith
Pioneer Farm Equipment, Inc.
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
Smith Trucking Inc.

Hole Sponsor Level

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Matt Fogle, Edwards Jones
First Citizens Bank
Major Graphics
Metalube
Murdaugh & Associates, CPA
South State Bank

Putting Green Level

Metalube
Orangeburg County Development Commission
South State Bank



Our fifth grade classes traveled to Claflin University on Thursday, February 2nd, to attend the Orangeburg County fifth grade Character Recognition Program. Leela Reed

was the OPS essay honoree and Gus Burroughs presented the invocation. These fifth grade students represented Orangeburg Prep wonderfully! Special thanks to Lori Hutto, Racheale Fleming, Taylor Riley, and Connie Porth who attended the event with the students and a special shout out to our faithful bus driver, Angie Patterson.

Our Clubs Wrapping Up Christmas



Pictured left to right in the right photo are Coach Kinard, Thomas Gladd, Forrest Sutcliffe, Corey Reynolds, and Hallie Fanning (members of our NHS and Student Council) heading to the Samaritan House to drop off Christmas gifts in December, 2022.



The Interact Club wrapped up their Christmas project before our Christmas break. These students chose to help out Healing Species, a local animal rescue this year. They donated money, toys, food, dog beds, leashes, and so much more to help out the sweet dogs at Healing Species! Pictured left are Mrs. Felsher and Brayden dropping off all the donations after their exams.



Senior Student Council will be hosting a powderpuff football game on April 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at the Orangeburg Prep Athletic Complex (football field) located at the Lower Campus. All proceeds will be given to help with Kristen Bizzell's medical expenses. The match-up will feature our senior girls vs. the underclassman (grades 9-11). Our varsity football players will show their school spirit as our cheerleaders, and we will have cake raffles. The Student Council has decided that admission is a donation at the gate. Please come out and support this great cause.



Bennie Yang



Noah Clark



Denym Dickson



Cindy Berry



Kim Green



Jeanie Gasque

The character trait for the month of January was fairness. Eighth grade students voted on a classmate and teacher who exemplify this trait. Ms. Berry and Bennie Yang were nominated.

The character trait for the month of February was perseverance. Seventh grade students voted on their classmate and teacher who most exemplify this trait. Ms. Green and Noah Clark have been nominated.

The character trait for the month of March was integrity. Sixth grade students voted on their classmate and teacher who exemplified this trait. Ms. Gasque and Denym Dickson were nominated.



On December 5, Diane Curlee with the Orangeburg County Conservation District came to OPS to help the seniors plant a tree for Arbor Day. The first Friday in December is chosen by the Forestry Commission to plant a tree in recognition of Arbor Day because they feel that's the best time of year to plant trees in our area. The seniors helped plant an Eastern Redbud tree near the library and have been watering it weekly. We are excited to watch it bloom in early spring for years to come!



The Lower Campus celebrated the 100th Day of School on Monday, January 30, 2023. The students had a fun-filled day of crafts, activities, and a parade of tiny “100-year-olds” (our 4K and 5K classes). Many students came to school in hand-crafted shirts to commemorate this special occasion.

Become a Substitute Teacher Today!

OPS is seeking additional substitute teachers. Being a substitute requires a high school diploma or equivalent. Apply by clicking the following link. Print and complete the application in full. This position is a good fit for retirees, college students, part-time workers, stay-at-home parents, and those with flexible schedules. The application should be mailed to OPS, Attention: Mrs. Libby Ray, 2651 North Road NW., Orangeburg, S.C. 29118, or dropped off in the office of either of the school's campuses.

http://www.orangeburgprep.com/PDFs/Substitute_Application.pdf

**OPS
Students
Need
You!**

We Love Our ATP!

Orangeburg Prep's Association of Teachers and Parents (ATP) works very hard throughout the year to make our faculty and staff feel appreciated. Some of their generous gifts included:

- Christmas treat bags and lunch at the Upper Campus
- Christmas Angel Tree at the Lower Campus
- Starbucks Coffee on both campuses
- Doughnuts & Hot Chocolate for Valentine's Day

Thank you, ATP! You're the best!

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Fall Sports Four-Year Senior Awards

Members of the Class of 2023 were recognized on December 4, 2022, in lettering for four consecutive years in a fall sport.

Pictured left to right:

First row: Lane Inabinet, Abby Lyn Pantaleon, and Rebecca Ann Fairey.
Second row: Ashby Garrick, Joni Holstad, Addison O’Cain, Preston Wells, and Matthew Gleaton.



Luis Fernandez signed a Letter of Intent to play football with Newberry on Thursday, February 9, 2023. Fernandez is joined by Raymond McKnight, Maria McKnight, Abraham Santos and Haven Walters.



The bowling team finished up a successful season with the Girls team consisting of Seniors - Sky Chavis, Lauren Linder, Rebecca Fairey, Hallie Fanning and Sophomore Jenna Blume finishing third place at the SCISA State Bowling Tournament held at Gamecock Lanes in Sumter. Bowling coaches were Brooks and Olivia Smith.



Congrats to our JV Basketball Teams



The JV Girls and JV Boys basketball Earned Region IV AAA Champions and Region Tournament Champs.

Pictured in the girls team picture left to right are: Tilly and Coach Barkley McNair, Jayme Culler, Mary Legare Delaney, Hannah Lambrecht, Kate Holstein, Prestan Schurlknight and Rivers McNair, Calee Hartzog, Morgan Newsome, Naomi McCutchen, Brooke Fogle, Emma Cuttino, Gee Gee Riley, and Ivanah Hourizene.

Pictured in the boys team picture left to right are: Emory Meyers, Coach Hay, Ger’Maury Robinson, Charlie McCutchen, Parker Gray, Walt Mims, Morrison Burroughs, Hart Wiles, Eli Pantaleon, Avery Ravenell, Jackson Strickland, Marshall Livingston, Chris Jackson, Justin Gillam, and Lee Allen.



Congratulations to Preston Wells for qualifying for the Prep National Wrestling tournament on February 18, 2023! Preston went 4-1 on the day and placed second at Southeastern Qualifying Tournament.

Preston is the first OP wrestler to ever qualify for the National Tournament in Maryland.



Dance Competition

A great day on February 16, 2023, to be an Indian at the SCISA dance competition! Our dancers all together brought home five

trophies at Weldon Auditorium in Manning. Our middle school group won first place in their division and they are also State Champions for Middle School: Kearsen West, Beth



Nexsen, Kaeghan Greene, and Elli Rogers

Our High School group won first place in their division and are also State Champions for High School: Cammie Adicks, Elizabeth Allen Brailsford, Lily Katherine Felkel, Aniyah Greene, Makenna Christopher, Samantha Tomson, Sarah Tomson, and Abby Seaton.

Lily Felkel and Aniyah Greene, pictured right, took home a first place win in their acrobatics routine.

We are thankful to have Sydney Hydrick as team manager making sure the day ran smoothly for us. Mrs. Michelle Felkel and Mrs. Lesley Cope are the OPS Dance Team sponsors.



Congrats Varsity Girls Basketball Team

Congratulations to our Lady Indians on a great season. This team had an overall record of 24-4 with a region record of 6-0. They earned the "Colleton Prep Gold Bracket Tournament Champions" title. The varsity girls finished first in Region IV AAA and advanced to the AAA Final Four where they were defeated in the semi-finals with a final score of 33-31. A special thanks to Coach Jan, Coach Barkley, and Coach Angie along with the Lady Indians biggest fans, Tilly and Rivers McNair (pictured above right.) Coach Jan has encouraged the younger players to never give up on their dreams and to stay positive and always believe in yourself. She will never forget the times she has shared with her departing senior girls, Campbell Delaney, Ashby Garrick, Joni Holstad, and Abby Lyn Pantaleon. Seniors, we will remember the times shared together, and thanks for the memories! You can do anything you set your mind to.



T&D All-Region Football First-Team SCISA

The following Orangeburg Prep football players were selected to the T & D All-Region Football First-Team SCISA:

- Luiz Fernandez
- T Riley
- James Williams
- Austin Hall
- Ethan Williams
- Jay Plummer
- Latron Mooror



T Riley
Austin Hall
Campbell Delaney
Katherine Lambrecht
Joni Holstad



All Region Basketball Team

T Riley
Austin Hall
Jody Gillam

Co-Player of the Year

Campbell Delaney

All Region Basketball Team

Katherine Lambrecht
Joni Holstad

SCISA All-State Basketball Team

Campbell Delaney



Campbell Delaney

Bits & Pieces



* Mother-Son Dance



* or special guest

An Evening Filled with Magic & Memories

Date: April 2, 2023
Time: 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Attire: Put on your best dancing clothes!
Price: \$20/child
Place: OPS Fieldhouse
Music: DJ

Treats: Randolph's Italian Ice, Popcorn, Cotton Candy, and other sweet snacks

Photos: A backdrop will be provided so that you can take photos! Ms. Bobbie Felder will also be taking candid photos, and she will also be available at the backdrop for photos. These photos will be on her website and available for download. More details will be provided through the Tuesday e-blast.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lynn Whetsell, 803.707.5903.



Leroy Ravenell

Tate Jameson

Michael Delaney

Thomas Gue

Parker-Dempsey

Rebekkah Brailsford

Martha Burleson

Jack Bryant

Our 2023 Board of Directors



Michael Delaney, *Chairman of the Board*
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 Rebekkah Brailsford,
Treasurer of the Board / ATP Rep.
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 Dr. Thomas Gue, *Director*
 Jim Holstein, *Director (not pictured)*
 Tate Jameson, *Director*
 Leroy Ravenell, *Director*

Did You Know?

- OPS Spring sports athletic passes are now on sale at the Upper Campus Business Office, or you may purchase one at the admission gate of a spring sport. Cost is \$30. Regular admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. OPS students are admitted free.
- The Child Development Center will be closed for Easter on Good Friday, April 7th.
- Final report cards will be available online June 1st for grades third through eleventh. Final report cards will be printed for kindergarten through second grades.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Prom @ Orangeburg Fine Arts Center	March 24
ACT Testing	April 18
MAP Testing Date Window	April 18– May 2
SAT Testing	April 25
Academic Signing for Class of 2023	April 27
Upper Campus Academic Awards	May 1
Eighth Grade to Atlanta	May 9, 10
Baccalaureate @ St. Andrews United Methodist	May 14
Athletic Awards Presentations	May 15
Graduation @ McAlister Gymnasium	May 19
Last Day of School for Students / 11:30 Dismissal	May 26



Join us!

May Pole Dance (3rd grade)
 Senior Boys Dance
 Crowning of Queens
 Special Entertainment
 1st & 2nd Grades Perform

May Day is April 30,

Lower School End-of-Year Dates

May 23rd: 8:30 4K Program
 May 24th: 8:30 5K Graduation
 May 25th: 8:30 1st-4th Awards
 May 26th: 8:30 5th Grade Graduation

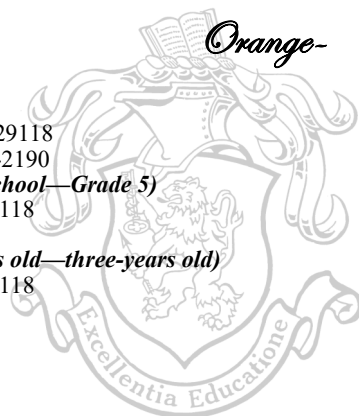
Details will follow



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Child Development Center (six weeks old—three-years old)
 168 Prep Street, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118
 Phone: 803/536-0490



Mrs. Libby Ray, *Interim Head of Schools*
 Mrs. Connie Porth, *Lower Campus Administrator*
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 Mrs. Taylor Riley, *Guidance Counselor*
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This newsletter serves to inform parents, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of Orangeburg Prep. Suggestions for articles, stories, etc. may be submitted by contacting Sandy Reed at 803.534.7970 or sreed@orangeburgprep.com.