



ORANGEBURG PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, INC.

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Summer 2023

After 55 Years School is out for Mrs. Boland



1968-2023



Mrs. Boland graduated from Columbia College with a double major in English and Religion and minors in French and Philosophy. She began her teaching career at Wade Hampton in 1968 teaching fifth grade, and later taught sixth grade, Language Arts for fifth through eighth grades and different levels of English at

the upper level. She has taught World Religions, French I and computer. Mrs. Boland commented that she has worked under at least ten Heads of School.

A day of celebration was held on Thursday, May 18, in honor of Mrs. Nicki Boland's 55 years of service to our school. The day began with an assembly in which each grade level presented 55 of a variety of items. Mrs. Felsher's ninth graders created a memory book by searching through old yearbooks and newsletters for pictures of Mrs. Boland in various teaching positions at the upper and lower campus. The Snack Shack presented her with 55 one dollar bills. Mrs. Cope's butterfinger bouquet was a hit. There were many other heartfelt gifts. In the afternoon, a reception was held in the library. Some of Mrs. Boland's favorite finger foods were served. Board members, current teachers, former Heads of School, office staff, former teachers, former students, many friends, and family paid their respects. It was an unforgettable day in honor of an unforgettable lady.

*Enjoy this new journey of your life for a
Happy Retirement!*



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50/50 RAFFLE

Who is ready to win \$25,000+ dollars while earning great prizes along the way? Keep selling your 50/50 raffle tickets through the summer! You can win

prizes such as a door dash pass, excused homeroom tardy, off campus lunch, hat pass, no shave pass for 4 weeks and more! For every 10 tickets sold, you can choose another pass. Both main offices will have tickets available for pick up over the summer during office hours, or you can contact Lynn Whetsell (803.707.5903) or Katherine Smith (806.570.1662).

The money raised will benefit security at both campuses including securing the additional exterior doors, building improvements, and boosting technology. Many thanks from your ATP!



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Presented by
Williams and Williams
Attorneys at Law

August 26, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

Gathering at the Party Barn of
Jim & Karen Roquemore
4460 Five Chop Road
Cameron, SC 29030

For Casual Fun Including

Live Band, Food, Beverages & Silent Auction

Tickets are \$75 per person



Rebecca Ann Fairey Valedictorian, Class of 2023

This year's Class of 2023 valedictorian is Rebecca Ann Fairey. Rebecca Ann is a member of the National Honor Society and has served as Historian her junior and senior years. She was selected to be a Junior Graduation Marshal in the 2022 Orangeburg Preparatory School's Graduation Ceremony. She has received multiple academic achievement recognitions from South Carolina colleges and universities including Coker College Scholar, Converse College Scholar, Presbyterian College Fellows, and The University of South Carolina Upstate Junior Scholar. Rebecca Ann was named a South Carolina Independent School Association Scholar Athlete. This distinction resulted from the receiving of two Varsity letters while maintaining and adhering to exceptional academic standards. She was also awarded the Angie Rae Wannamaker Scholarship and the Tommy Wannamaker Scholarship. These awards are selected by the faculty and are presented annually.

These are partial tuition scholarships. Students who receive these awards demonstrate the following characteristics: scholarship, citizenship, service to school, dependability, and cooperation. As a senior, she is Student Body Secretary and has contributed to many hands-on projects to help raise money for the senior class. Over the summer of 2022, she was chosen to serve as a delegate for Palmetto Girls State where she received the highly regarded Palmetto Girls State Presbyterian College Scholarship. She is a member of the Debate Team, Key Club, Interact Club, Bowling Team, Track and Field Team, and Volleyball Team. She has been acknowledged as achieving the Highest GPA for the Volleyball, Track and Field, and Bowling Teams. She recently received the Brent Lukens Scholarship. Rebecca Ann will attend Wofford College in the fall.

Rebecca Ann is also the recipient of the Tommy Wannamaker Award: This award is the highest award any student can attain at Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Inc. The award is given in memory of Thomas Elliot Wannamaker, Jr. who was born November 3, 1933, the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Elliot Wannamaker and the brother of the late Lyall Wannamaker Plumb, the late Robert Boyd Wannamaker, and Dr. Braxton Bryant Wannamaker. Tommy died at the age of 31 in November of 1964. Mr. Wannamaker's profound interest and personal assistance during the early days of Wade Hampton Academy, one of our parent schools, is commemorated by the annual presentation of the award to a member of the senior class. This award is based on scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Part of the criteria for the Tommy Wannamaker Award is one's contribution to the school. Each year a plaque symbolizing this award is presented at graduation to a student in the senior class nominated by the faculty.

James Williams Salutatorian, Class of 2023

James Williams is the son of Daniel and Branna Williams. He is a member of the National Honor Society and served as a Junior Graduation Marshal in Orangeburg Preparatory School's 2022 Graduation Ceremony. He has received multiple academic achievement recognitions from South Carolina colleges and universities including Coker College Scholar, Converse College Scholar, Lander University Junior Fellows, Presbyterian College Fellows, and The University of South Carolina Upstate Juniors Scholar. He is also the recipient of the South Carolina Independent School Association Scholar Athlete. This distinction resulted from the receiving of two Varsity letters while maintaining and adhering to exceptional academic standards.

James served as a delegate for Palmetto Boys State over the summer of 2022. He participates with High School Chess Team, Varsity Football Team, Varsity Golf Team, and the Varsity Bowling Team. James will attend Clemson University in the Fall.





John Wren	Best	University of South Carolina
Sky	Chavis	Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College
Campbell	Delaney	Clemson University
Rebecca Ann	Fairey	Wofford College
Hallie	Fanning	Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College
Luis	Fernandez	Newberry College
Ashby	Garrick	Clemson University Bridge Program
Thomas	Gladd	The Citadel
Matthew	Gleaton	Clemson University Bridge Program
Joni	Holstad	University of South Carolina
Jack	Hunter	University of South Carolina
Lane	Inabinet	University of South Carolina
Drew	Joye	Workforce
Lauren	Linder	Lander University
Timmy	McCoskey	Trident Technical College
Addison	O'Cain	Newberry College
Abby Lyn	Pantaleon	Wofford College
Devin	Patel	The Citadel
Joe	Randolph	The Citadel
Xavier	Ravenell	Clafin University
Corey	Reynolds	Presbyterian College
Abraham	Santos	The Citadel
Forrest	Sutcliffe	Francis Marion University
Haven	Walters	Lander University
Preston	Wells	Workforce
David	Whisenhunt	Midlands Technical College
James	Williams	Clemson University
WeiMin	Yang	University of South Carolina



Senior Class Trip

The Class of 2023 enjoyed their senior class trip the week of March 6th-10th. Places visited were St. Augustine, Sea World, Universal Studios, Magic Kingdom, and the Kennedy Space Center. Some of the highlights of the tour were the stop at Buc-ee's and the alligators we saw on the way to the Kennedy Space Center.

There was great weather with plenty of sunshine and everyone had a great time. It was a memorable trip for the Class of 2023. A special thank you to the chaperones: Mrs. Julie Gladd, Mr. Ed Gladd, and Mrs. Megan Dangerfield.



the PROM

On March 24, 2023, OPS held their junior/senior prom at the Orangeburg Fine Arts Center. The OP Prom was held March 24, 2023 at Orangeburg Fine Arts Center. The theme for the night was Met Gala. The space was decorated with navy and gold as well as a balloon wall for photo ops. The flowers were donated by Corbett's Flowers. Special thank you to all those who helped and went above and beyond to make this year's prom a special night and success. Crowned Prom Queen was Hallie Fanning with Prom King Forrest Sutcliffe (pictured right).



Class of 2023 Senior Class Picnic

The Class of 2023 celebrated the end of their senior year with a picnic on Saturday, May 13. They enjoyed good company and great food from the Kuckery. Congratulations, seniors!

Class of 2023

We congratulate our 28 seniors on their accomplishments.

Six students are being recognized by the South Carolina Independent School Association as SCISA Honor Graduates for having scored at least 1100 on the SAT or 24 on the ACT while obtaining a 3.5 grade point average or higher for each of seven semesters. **Eighteen** students are graduating with high honors which means they have a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or higher.

Furthermore, Orangeburg Prep has **two** students receiving the Palmetto Fellows Award. To receive the Palmetto Fellows Award, a student must score at least 1200 on the SAT or 25 on the ACT, earn a cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher, and rank in the top six percent of their class. A student who is not in the top six percent of his/her class may earn the Palmetto Fellows Award by scoring either 1400 on the SAT or 31 on the ACT and earn a cumulative 4.0 GPA or higher.

Among colleges and universities that our graduates were accepted are Alabama State University, Arizona Christian University, Augusta University, Baylor University, Charleston Southern University, Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Clemson University Honors College, Clemson University, Clemson University Bridge, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston Honors College, Columbia College, Converse College, Culver-Stockton College, Francis Marion University, Furman University, Lander University, Limestone University, Louisiana State University Honors College, Newberry College, North Carolina Central University, Norwich University, Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College, Presbyterian College, Sewanee, Texas Christian University, The Citadel, Trident Technical College, University of Alabama, University of South Carolina, University of South Carolina Pathway, University of Miami, University of Mississippi, Valdosta State University, Voorhees College, and Wofford College.



Preparing Students for College Since 1986

College Awareness Day was held Thursday, March 9th, in the McAlister Gym. We were fortunate to have twenty different institutions present on our campus. This was an amazing opportunity for our students in eighth through eleventh grade to hear from College Admissions Counselors about the exciting things that are going on at each institution. Our students were able to get a glimpse of what each institution can offer as well as requirements to be accepted. Students heard presentations about entrance requirements, majors, tuition, special scholarships, athletics, and anything else that would promote each school and give guidance to students who may wish to attend. With admission processes ever-changing, it is essential to keep students informed. It is important that students hear it from the admissions counselors and how it uniquely affects each institution. Participating colleges and universities were Anderson University, Charleston Southern University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, Columbia College, Columbia International University, Francis Marion University, Lander University, Newberry College, North Greenville University, Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College, Presbyterian College, South Carolina State University, University of South Carolina, University of South Carolina Aiken, University of South Carolina Beaufort, University of South Carolina Upstate, Winthrop University, and Wofford College.



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2023 Graduation Marshals

Front row: Katherine Lambrecht, Payton Schurlknight, Sellars Bryant, Anna Katherine Evatt, Kylee Bonnett, and CarrieAnn Martin

Back row: Brij Patel, Bradin Williams, Colston Thomas, Kush Patel, Davis Turner, and John Colston Strickland

To be considered, the student must have attended Orangeburg Prep in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Eligibility is determined on the basis of a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 and being ranked in the top 12 of their class.

Photo compliments of Cecil Williams Photography



This award is sponsored by the American Legion Posts from towns throughout Orangeburg County and presented to boys in their junior year who demonstrate the following nine characteristics: leadership ability, interest in government, character, maturity, honesty, scholarship, cooperativeness, and desire to participate. Boys State will take place at Anderson University June 11th-17th.

This year's delegates are:

Pictured left to right:

First row: Jacob Smith, Emory Myers

Back row: John Colston Strickland, Bradin Williams

Orangeburg Prep is pleased to announce their 2023 Girls State Delegates. Girls are chosen in their junior year who demonstrate the following characteristics: leadership ability, interest in government, character, maturity, honesty, scholarship, cooperativeness, and desire to participate. These girls will be going to Presbyterian College the week of June 11th -17th.

Pictured above left to right are:

Katherine Lambrecht and Anna Katherine Evatt

2023 May Queens

Left picture (left to right):
 Junior May Queen: Brooke Fogle, escorted by Riley Brown
 May Queen: Rebecca Ann Fairey, escorted by Matthew Gleaton
 May Queen Runner up: Abby Lyn Pantaleon,
 escorted by David Whisenhunt



Senior Surprise Entertainment, Led by Robin Smith

2023 May Day Court

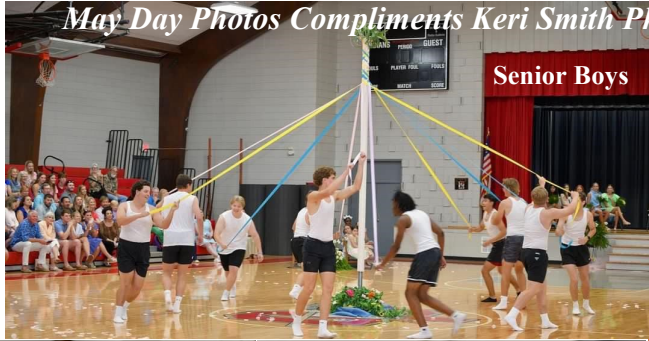


May Day Photos Compliments Keri Smith Photography

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Kinsey Ruff
5K



Senior Boys



Gee Gee Riley
Council Burroughs
(7th Grade)



Second Grade
Girls



Emeryson Knight
6th Grade



Kinsey Ruff, Anna Weathers,
Mila Vandekerhove



Second
Grade



Cheyenne Whetstone,
Yari Samuel,
Addy Phillips



Jacob Smith, Davis Turner, and Emory Myers



Second Grade in forefront
Third Grade in Background



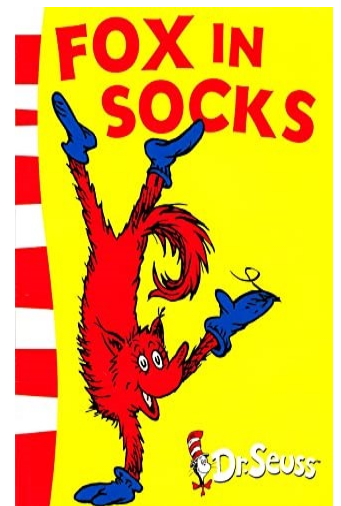
The Board of Directors has announced the promotion of Mrs. Libby Ray to “Head of School” for Orangeburg Preparatory Schools beginning May 9, 2023. Libby has boldly led the administrative team for the last 15 months as our interim head. Her dedication and commitment to the students, faculty, and parents has been impressive. She has a Bachelor of Science in Marine Science from USC, and a Master of Science in Management with a concentration in Leadership from Troy University. Libby has faced many challenges throughout the last year, and she has demonstrated courage, determination, and grit in finding solutions and overcoming obstacles. Her leadership skills, along with her track record in the classroom, will serve Orangeburg Prep well in the coming months and years.



Lower Campus Field Day 2023 was held on May 4, 2023. A huge thank you to the Ellore IGA for their generous donation of hamburgers and hotdogs (200 of each were cooked) for this event. Thank you also to our ATP, parents and student helpers who made this a day to remember! Most of all, thank you Coach Angie Paterson for organizing this event.



In honor of Dr. Seuss' FOX IN SOCKS, OP Lower School collected over 600 pairs of socks for the Samaritan House! Thank you students and parents.



OPS Science Fair

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Junior Team Category:

- 1st Place - Braelyn Knight and Sally Fitzhugh
- 2nd Place - Natalie Hall and Layne Oswald
- 3rd Place - Gee Gee Riley and Naomi McCutchen

Junior General Science:

- 1st Place – Aarav Patel
- 2nd Place – Calee Hartzog
- 3rd Place – Manav Pandya

Junior Physical Science/Computer and Math:

- 1st Place – Oorvi Patel
- 2nd Place – Blake Inabinet
- 3rd Place – Conner Temples

Junior Biological, Behavioral and Environmental

- 1st Place – Maahi Pandya
- 2nd Place – Addison Nivens
- 3rd Place – Walker Garrick

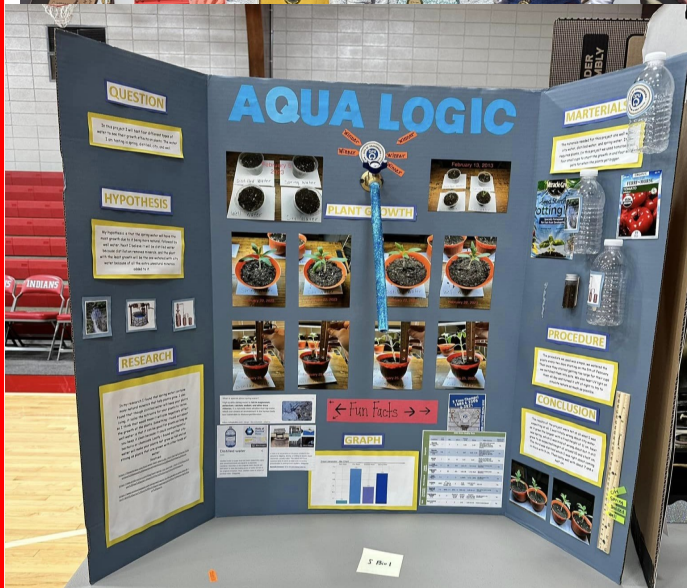
HIGH SCHOOL

Senior General, Physical, Behavioral, Biological and Invention/Engineering:

- 1st Place – Thomas Gladd
 - 2nd Place – Elli O’Cain
 - Tied for 3rd place: Carley Fairey , Avery Ravenell
- ### Senior Team:
- 1st Place – Zoe Wingard and T Riley
 - 2nd Place – Cammy Adickes and Samantha Tomson
 - 3rd Place – Paige Bonnette and Lauren Tant

Our SCISA STATE Representatives were:

- Blake Inabinet
- Thomas Gladd
- Maahi Pandya
- Oorvi Patel
- Layne Oswald and Natalie Hall – Team project
- Samantha Tomson and Cammy Adickes – Team Project
- T Riley and Zoe Wingard – Team project





Banks Arthur Rutland Palmer Ella Rutland

*"Twice the blessing, twice the fun.
Two miracles instead of one!"*

The twins were born on March 20, 2023. Banks Arthur Rutland was born @ 7:42 a.m., weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz, and was 19" long. Palmer Ella Rutland was born @ 7:44 a.m., weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz, and was 19-1/4" long. They were welcomed home by older sister Harper Elizabeth (pictured right), age 5. Parents are Tripp Rutland, Class of 2005, and Kayla Rutland, Class of 2007. The Rutlands reside in Chapin, South Carolina.



Cynthia Coryn (Ryn) Freeman

Born May 8, 2023,
4 lbs. 9oz.

Daughter of Davidson and
Estah Blanchard Freeman
(Class of 2006)

Estah works at Commonwealth
Financial in Charleston, SC
The Freemans reside in
Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

Emily (Emmy) Virginia Caughman

Born March 14, 2023
6 lbs. 1oz.

Prisma Health Baptist Medical Center
Daughter of Scott and
Mary Grace Edwards Caughman
(Class of 2002)

Mary Grace works at
The Moore Company in Columbia, SC.
The Caughmans reside in Columbia, SC.

Are you an alumni who has recently graduated from college, received a job promotion, or would like to share an engagement, wedding, or birth? Please let us know by emailing sreed@orangeburgprep.com.



Will Summers and Billy Workman (OPS Class of 2020) were chosen as Summerall Guards for the Class of 2024 at the Citadel Military College. The Summerall Guards are a silent precision drill platoon who are chosen for their physical stamina and drill proficiency after several weeks of intense physical training.



Mr. & Mrs. Bill Metts
 Bill Metts, Class of 2018
 Tori Smith Metts, Class of 2019
 Married Saturday, June 3, 2023
 Summerall Chapel, The Citadel

Bill graduated from The Citadel in 2022 with a major in Civil Engineering. He is currently employed by Southern Consulting and Engineering in Goose Creek. Bill is pursuing a Master in Structural Engineering from The Citadel.

Tori graduated from The College of Charleston in May 2023 with a major in marketing and a minor in real estate. She is employed by Rachel Urso Real Estate in Charleston.

The couple resides in North Charleston, S.C.

2023
 2024
 Student
 Council
 Officers

SENIOR STUDENT COUNCIL	
President	Davis Turner
Vice President	John Colston Strickland
Treasurer	Jay Plummer
Secretary	Thomas Kemp
JUNIOR STUDENT COUNCIL	
President	Naomi McCutchen
Vice President	Robbie Bates
Treasurer	Fernanda Cruz
Secretary	Gee Gee Riley

**Hours are 8:30-12:30
 Monday through Thursday**



The office will be closed the week of July 3rd.



Open House

August 15, 2023/6-7:00 p.m.

Important School Opening Information

Thursday, August 17
 Wednesday, August 23
 Tuesday, August 29
 Wednesday, August 30

School Opens (4K-12th) 11:30 Dismissal
 Pictures for Grades 6th through 11th
 Pictures for Grades 1st through 5th
 Pictures for 4K, 5K
 Child Development Center

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The Orangeburg Preparatory School girls track and field team won its third consecutive SCISA state championship at the OP athletic facility on Friday, May 5, 2023.



Four-Year Letter Award Winners

Pictured above left to right are: Forrest Sutcliffe, Preston Wells, David Whisenhunt, Abby Lyn Pantaleon, and Ashby Garrick.

Pictured above left to right are: Preston Wells, Campbell Delaney, Joni Holstad, and Ashby Garrick.

ALL-REGION

Track All Region:

Boys:

Addison O'Cain
Jacob Smith
Colston Thomas

Girls:

Emmaline Dangerfield
Emma Doremus
Gee Gee Riley
Morgan Gue
Joni Holstad
Abby Lyn Pantaleon
Kate Holstein
Abby Seaton
Mary Legare Delaney
Anna Katherine Evatt

Track ALL STATE

Addison O'Cain
Emmaline Dangerfield
Emma Doremus
Gee Gee Riley
Morgan Gue
Joni Holstad
Annabelle Hunter
Mary Legare Delaney
Ashby Garrick
Abby Lyn Pantaleon
Anna Katherine Evatt

All Region Softball

Lauren Ballew
Hannah Lambrecht
Katherine Lambrecht
Payton Schurlknight
Prestan Schurlknight
Jane Walker Yonce

TRACK & FIELD



Emma Doremus
Morgan Gue
Gee Gee Riley
Joni Holstad
4 x 100 M Relay
52.86



Jacob Smith
5000M 17:20
3200 M 10:32



Morgan Newsome
Anna Katherine Evatt
Pole Vault: 8'0"



Abby Lyn Pantaleon
Mary Lagare Delaney
Annabelle Hunter
Ashby Garrick
4 x 800 M Relay
10:49



Anna Katherine Evatt
Shot Put 39'1.5"
Discus 124'2"
Javelin 82'10"



Colston Thomas
Javelin 115'08"





Warren Peay, Bamberg local and American Idol hopeful who recently wowed the judges and got a golden ticket to Hollywood, shared his talents during the

OPS vs Calhoun baseball/softball games. Pictured left with Warren is Coach Jan Stoudenmire. Warren finished his journey in American Idol's "Top Ten." Thank you, Warren!



Congratulations to Addison O'Cain on signing with the Newberry Men's Track and Field team on April 26, 2023. Pictured left to right are Watson O'Cain, Addison, Toni O'Cain, and Eli O'Cain.

We are so proud of you!



The Varsity softball finished the 2023 season as the SCISA AAA Runner-Up falling in the State Championship game to Pee Dee Academy. The Lady Indians finished the season 17-9 and were also Region IV champions.

The Lady Indians advanced to the State Championship series after defeating Greenwood Christian (12-0) and Williamsburg Academy (6-0) on Friday night on Day 1 of the State Tournament. Having to be beaten twice on Saturday, Williamsburg Academy defeated the Lady Indians in Game 1 (8-3), in Game 2 Orangeburg Prep came out swinging and gained the early 4-0 lead before eventually winning the game 10-1. In the game that sent the Lady Indians to the State Championship, Payton Schurlknight picked up the win in the circle allowing just 3 hits and striking out 7 batters. Prestan Schurlknight led the way offensively going 3-4 with a home run and 4 RBI's. Jane Walker Yonce and Hannah Lambrecht each added 2 hits, while JuliAnn Griffith, Katherine Lambrecht, Payton Schurlknight, Calee Hartzog, and Lauren Ballew each had a hit in the win.



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We proudly announce that Orangeburg Prep is fully accredited by Cognia.

Upper Campus Awards Day

was held on April 30th in the gym. For a complete listing of award recipients, please copy/paste the link below in your browser.

http://www.orangeburgprep.com/Academics/academic_awards.html



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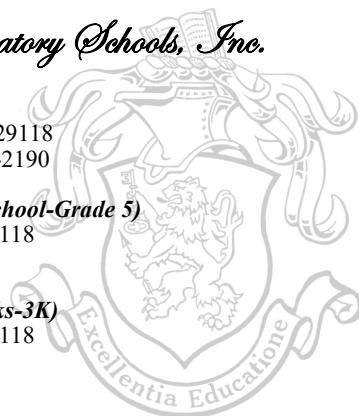
Have a Great Summer!

Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Inc.

Upper Campus (Grades 6-12)
2651 North Road, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118
Phone: 803/534-7970 Fax: 803/535-2190

Lower Campus (Four year old Preschool-Grade 5)
168 Prep Street, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118
Phone: 803/536-3000

Child Development Center (Six weeks-3K)
168 Prep Street, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118
Phone: 803/536-0490



- Mrs. Libby Ray, Head of Schools
- Mrs. Connie Porth, Lower Campus Administrator
- Coach Jan Stoudenmire, Athletic Director
- Mrs. Taylor Riley, Guidance Counselor
- Mrs. June Kemp, Child Development Center Director
- Mrs. Sandy Reed, Tribal Talk Editor

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.

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