



ORANGEBURG PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, INC.

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Spring 2024

Katherine Lambrecht has been nominated as OPS Class of 2024 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 25.
- 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 31 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 an eligible South Carolina institution.

Katherine is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sam (Karla) Lambrecht of Orangeburg, S.C.

"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."



Katherine Lambrecht

SOUTH CAROLINA
PALMETTO
FELLOWS
SCHOLARSHIP



Pictured left to right:

Front row: Thomas Gue, Michael Delaney, Jack Bryant, and Parker Dempsey.

Second row: Rebekkah Brailsford, Martha Burleson, Jim Holstein, Leroy Ravenell, and Tate Jameson.



Preparing Students for College Since 1986



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Student Enrollment Contract
2024-2025 School Year
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CURRENT STUDENTS: Deadline to return your contract is **Tuesday, April 9th.** Any contracts returned **after June 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 2024-2025 OPS re-enrollment campaign is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th, through Tuesday, April 9th. Student contracts will be sent home on March 19th on the Lower Campus. Upper Campus parents will receive their contract information through email. Contracts were emailed to all parents on March 13th. Parents who return their contracts for the 2024-2025 school year by April 9th 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 me with any questions. We pledge to continue to make OPS an optimal learning institution for the students of our community and surrounding areas.

Head of Schools

2024-2025
Opening School Date
August 15, 2024
Grades 4K –12



2024-2025
ACADEMIC CALENDAR IS
AVAILABLE
www.orangeburgprep.com

Christmas Holidays....December 19 through January 3
Spring Break.....April 18 through April 25

Last day for both campuses is May 23, 2025

The finalized calendar has been posted on the website.

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

Thursday, May 16 EXAM EXEMPTIONS ANNOUNCED

Friday, May 17 REVIEW DAY

Monday, May 20 REVIEW DAY
11:30 Dismissal Elective Exams

Tuesday, May 21
8:00-9:30 7th Period
10:00-11:30 6th Period

Wednesday, May 22
8:00-9:30 5th Period
10:00-11:30 4th Period

Thursday, May 23
8:00-9:30 3rd Period
10:00-11:30 2nd Period

Friday, May 24
8:00-9:30 1st Period
10:00-11:30 Make-up Exams

Final

Exam Week

Information

Student grade average for exempting second semester exams is based only on their second semester grades.

Class of 2024 Exam / Final Schedule

Date/Time	Room	Subject	Proctor
Thursday, May 2nd Review Day	Classrooms		
Friday, May 3rd 8:00 - 9:30 A.M. 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.	MPR MPR	English Math	Ms. Baskin Mrs. Cummings
Monday, May 6th 8:00 - 9:30 A.M. 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.	MPR MPR	Science Social Studies	Mrs. Dangerfield Mr. Shurtleff
Tuesday, May 7th 8:00-9:30 A.M. 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.	MPR	Elective	Individual Elective Subject Teachers

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

Teacher of the Year



Mrs. Libby Ray proudly announces the 2024 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. Donna Helms, Lower School
Ms. Jeanie Gasque, Middle School
Mrs. Lesley Cope, Upper School.

Congratulations to Mrs. Helms on being named the Rotary/ Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year!

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS



THE ANNUAL FUND

Memorials

Mr. Stephen Corey

By Lower Campus Faculty & Staff

Mr. Paul Stickland

By Mr. and Mrs. Curt Campbell

Mr. Ronaldo Victorero

By Lower Campus Faculty & Staff

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:

- Traffic Duty Coverage
- Christmas Gifts of Classroom Supplies
- Mexican Catered Lunch
- Oyster Roast for the OPS Parents, Faculty, & Staff

Thank you, ATP! You're the best!



Mrs. Tant won \$20.00 in the "Anything but a book-bag contest!"

OPS



Thursday, March 14

Students set up projects and judging takes place. Gym closed after 8:30 a.m. for judging.

Friday, March 15

Parents can view projects from 8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Students remove projects after school.



Senior Class Trip

The Class of 2024 enjoyed their senior class trip the week of March 4th-8th. 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 they 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 2024. A special thank you to the chaperones: Mrs. Karla Lambrecht, Mr. Jack Bryant, and Mrs. Megan Dangerfield.



Our fifth grade classes traveled to Claflin University on Friday, February 2nd, to attend the Orangeburg County fifth grade Character Recognition Program. Walker Ness (pictured left) was the OPS essay honoree. He represented Orangeburg Prep wonderfully! Special thanks to Mrs. Fleming, Ms. Hutto, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Porth, and Mrs. Riley who attended the event with the entire fifth grade class.

Orangeburg County Community of Character



Cam Jolley

The character trait for the month of January was **visionary**. Eighth grade students voted on a classmate and teacher who exemplify this trait. Coach Axson and Braelyn Knight were nominated.

The character trait for the month of February was **confident**. Seventh grade students voted on their classmate and teacher who most exemplify this trait. Coach Axson and Cam Jolley have been nominated.

The character trait for the month of March was **optimistic**. Sixth grade students voted on their classmate and teacher who exemplified this trait. Ms. Stephanie Tant and Charley Kinard were nominated.



Coach Axson



Braelyn Knight



Charley Kinard



Ms. Tant



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!

Happy 100th Day of School! On February 1st, the Lower Campus celebrated this special day with a parade through the halls featuring our 4K and 5K students. First graders sported shirts made out of 100 items! What a wonderful 100 days of school we've had so far!



Battle of the BOOKS

After reading a total of twenty books, the team was ready for the SCISA Battle of the Books. The battle was held January 16, 2024, as a

Zoom Meet. We placed fifth in our Battle Room. We are very proud of all the students and their reading! Mrs. Helms is the sponsor of the Battle of the Books.

Front: Feyshanna Wan, Ella Bea Austin, Carsen Kinard, Kennedy Johnson, Louis Hua, and Wyatt Hayson

Middle: Easton Reynolds, Sawyer Phillips, Carson Gue, and Campbell Kinard
Back: Sarah Grace Williams, Olivia Williams, Reagan Boan, Mary Kate Ruff, and Walker Ness (Not pictured: Quocviet Truong)



Marlon Rayborn Penick III (Trayce)

February 23, 2024
11:20 p.m.
8 lbs. 7 oz.
20 inches long
Lexington Medical Center

Son of *Allison and Rayce Penick
*(Allison Bird, Class of 2010)

Allison is employed at Phoenix Specialty Manufacturing Company in Bamberg, South Carolina.

The couple resides in Orangeburg, South Carolina.



Guy Watkins Best, Jr., alumni class of 2019, (pictured third from left) and 2022 graduate of Clemson University (Summa Cum Laude) with a Bachelor of Biological Science, is now pursuing his Doctorate Degree at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, School of Dentistry. Guy Watkins has been blessed with the opportunity to travel with the CMMA (Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama) in March for a week-long dental and medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Guy Watkins' goals for the trip are to incorporate God into his daily practice as a dentist and spread the light of Jesus Christ.

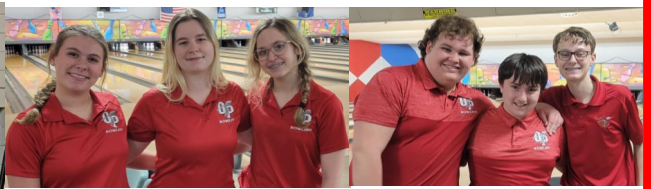


Fall Sports Four-Year Senior Awards

Members of the Class of 2024 were recognized on December 7, 2023, in lettering for four consecutive years in a fall sport.

Pictured left to right:

First row: JuliAnn Griffith, Payton Schurlknight, Katherine Lambrecht
Second row: Jacob Smith, Emory Myers, John Colston Strickland, Austin Hall, Jay Plummer, and Colston Thomas.



Pictured above left to right: Ella Evans, Payton Bordenkecher, and Ashlee Weeks (all juniors).

Pictured above are freshmen Carter Fersner, Addison Mitchum, and Davis Stillinger.

The bowling team wrapped up the 23-24 season Monday, February 12th competing in the SCISA Individual Bowling Championships held at Gamecock Lanes in Sumter, South Carolina. Payton Bordenkecher finished as the state runner up in the tournament and was named all state for her efforts. The bowling team was coached by Brooks and Olivia Smith.



Sports Scholarships



Anna Katherine Evatt signed a Letter of Intent to continue her Track & Field at Converse University on January 25, 2024.

Pictured above left to right are:

Front row: Brett Evatt, Stephen Evatt, Anna Katherine Evatt, Melissa Shealy, and Rusty Shealy.
Back row: Merle and Lucky Buck.



Payton Schurlknight committed to Lander University for softball on February 22, 2024.

Pictured above left to right are: Prestan Schurlknight, Lauren Schurlknight, Payton Schurlknight, Dain Schurlknight, and Parker Schurlknight. **Back row:** Head Coach Marty Kinard, Assistant Coach Shaniya Thomas, and Coach Jan Stoudenmire, Athletic Director.



SCISA All Region Teams

The following basketball players were chosen by the region coaches to the Region IV-AAA All Region Team. Congratulations on this honor!

GIRLS ALL-REGION TEAMS



Pictured left to right are:

- Izzy Exum
- Annabelle Hunter
- Katherine Lambrecht
- Jane Walker Yonce

Varsity basketball coaches are Jan Stoudenmire (head coach), Barkley McNair (varsity assistant), and Angie Patterson (varsity assistant).

BOYS ALL-REGION TEAMS

Pictured left to right are:

- Austin Hall
- Avery Ravenell
- T Riley

Not pictured:
Honorable Mention:
Harris Holstein

Varsity basketball coach is
Al Hay, head coach.



Tribe Tribute

Congratulations to Scott Chandler for being named the February winner of our Tribal Tribute. Mr. Chandler goes out of his way to help children in the classroom and make learning fun. He aids teachers and students with computer issues. Mr. Chandler and Mr. Tommy Fogle are working hard together to upgrade our security at Upper Campus to keep our students safe.





Dance Team 2024: The Orangeburg Prep Dance Team competed in the SCISA dance competition on Thursday, February 15, at Weldon Auditorium in Manning, S.C. The team showcased four routines including contemporary, ballet and jazz, and two ballet solos. The high school Jazz routine won first place and Aniyah Greene won first place for her ballet/pointe solo. The team also performs at other SCISA events, and other events within the community.

Front Row Middle School Competitors:

Elli Rogers, Amiyah Sonny, Audrey Whisenhunt, Aliyah Harmon, Kaeghan Greene, and Charleston Burton.

Back row High School Competitors: Kearsen West, Makenna Christopher, Sarah Tomson, Cammy Adickes, Aniyah Greene, Samantha Tomson, Lily-Katherine Felkel, and Beth Nexsen.



Tribe Tribute

Congratulations to Ms. Kristen Pascoe for winning January's Tribal Tribute award. Nurse Beth Kuck nominated Ms. Pascoe for always going above and beyond for everyone at OPS. "From answering the phones, to fixing the copier, helping co-workers, and students, etc. You name it, she has done it!" Congratulations, Ms. Pascoe! Pictured above left to right are Mrs. Kuck, Ms. Pascoe, and Mrs. Porth.

Father/Daughter & Mother/Son or special guest

BOOTS & Beauties

DANCE

April 14, 2024

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.*

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 for adults and \$25 for senior adults. Regular admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students or senior adults. OPS students are admitted free.
- The Child Development Center will be closed for Easter on Good Friday, March 29.
- Final report cards will be available online May 30 for grades third through eleventh. Final report cards will be printed for kindergarten through second grades.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

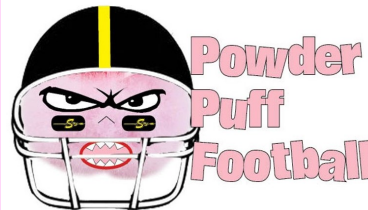
MAP Testing Date Window	March 18-28
Prom @ Orangeburg Fine Arts Center	April 12
ACT Testing	April 23
SAT Testing	April 18
Academic Signing for Class of 2024	April 19
Eighth Grade to Atlanta	April 24,25
Upper Campus Academic Awards	May 1
Baccalaureate @ First Presbyterian Church	May 12
Athletic Awards Presentations	May 16
Graduation @ McAlister Gymnasium	May 17
Last Day of School for Students / 11:30 Dismissal	May 24



Join us!
6:00 p.m.

May Pole Dance (4th grade)
Senior Boys Dance
Crowning of Queens
Special Entertainment
1st & 2nd Grades Perform

May Day is May 5, 2024



April 21, 2024
4:00 p.m.

OPS Football Field
The varsity boys football team will cheer on the female football players!

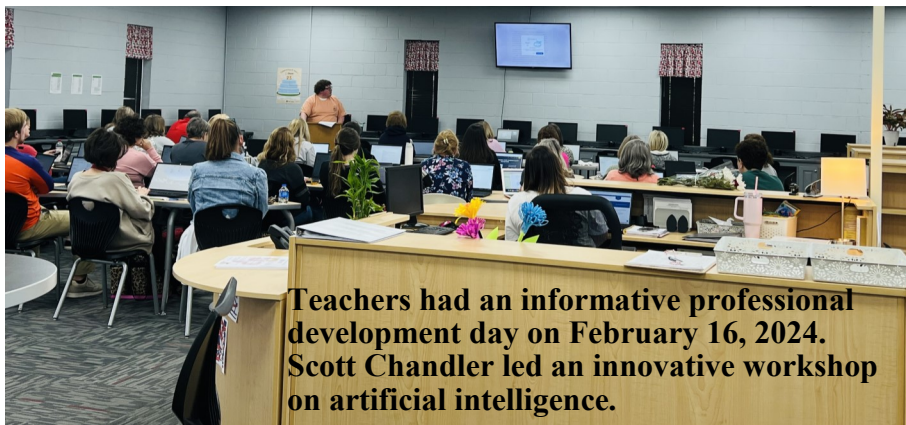
Lower School End-of-Year Dates

May 21: 8:30 4K Program
May 22: 8:30 5K Graduation
May 23: 8:30 1st-4th Awards
May 24: 8:30 5th Grade Graduation

Details will follow



March 29-
April 5



Teachers had an informative professional development day on February 16, 2024. Scott Chandler led an innovative workshop on artificial intelligence.

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Upper Campus (Grades 6-12)

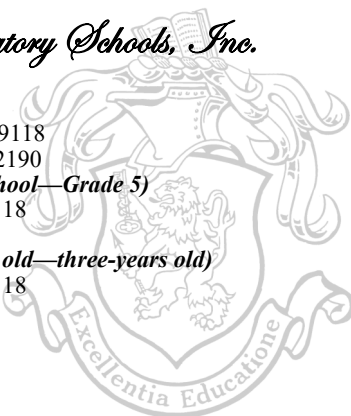
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Lower Campus (Four year old Preschool—Grade 5)

168 Prep Street, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118
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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, 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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