



ORANGEBURG PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, INC.

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Winter 2022



Membership in the National Honor Society is by invitation only and is open to juniors and seniors with a 4.0 or higher GPA who also meet the requirements of character, leadership, and service. On October 20th, eighteen members of the junior and senior classes were inducted into the National Honor Society. Mr. Kinard is our NHS sponsor. Pictured left to right are:
Front Row: Ramsey Albergotti, Hallie Fanning, Carrie Ann Martin, Katherine Lambrecht, Payton Schurlknight, Sellars Bryant, Micki Brown, Kylee Bonnett, and Anna Katherine Evatt.
Second Row: Kush Patel, Jacob Smith, Abraham Santos, Davis Turner, John Colston Strickland, Harris Holstein
Back Row: Brij Patel, Colston Thomas, and Bradin Williams.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

The newest members of the Ann Glover Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society were inducted in a ceremony held October 27, 2022, in the Upper Campus gym. Students are selected based on scholarship, character, service, leadership, and citizenship. Mrs. Felkel is our NJHS sponsor. Congratulations to these students on a job well done! Pictured left to right are:

Front row: Beth Nexsen, Madison Damron, Marshall Livingston, and Reagan Ridley.
Second row: Ivanah-Love Hourizene, Maahi Pandya, Logan Jackson, Thomas Fanning, and James Nguyen.
Third row: Owen Lovingood, Blake Inabinet, Emma Cuttino.
Fourth row: Morgan Gue, Mary Legare Delaney, and Emmaline Dangerfield.



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Miss Indian
Hallie Fanning

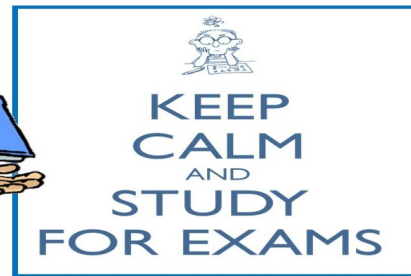


Mr.
Corey
Indian
Reynolds

Our 2022-2023 Miss Indian is a member of the National Honor Society. She currently serves as the Student Body president. She has been awarded the Angie Rae Bryant and Tommy Wannamaker Scholarships. These awards are given to students who demonstrate scholarship, character, citizenship, service to school, dependability, and cooperation. She was a Palmetto Girls delegate and has been academically recognized by several South Carolina colleges and universities. She is also a USC Upstate Scholar and a Converse Scholar recipient. She is a member of the varsity tennis team and the Interact Club, as well as the Junior Cotillion. She is an integral part of our Student Body. Our 2022-2023 Miss Indian is **Hallie Fanning**.

Our 2022-2023 Mr. Indian is a member of the National Honor Society and currently serves as the Student Body Treasurer. He served as a graduation marshal in Orangeburg Preparatory School's 2022 Graduation Ceremony. The summer before his senior year, he served as a Palmetto Boys delegate. As a sophomore, he was the recipient of Orangeburg Preparatory School's Robert Boyd Wannamaker Scholarship for displaying scholarship, character, citizenship, service to school, dependability, and cooperation. He also received the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Award. This award is given to a sophomore who has been identified by the faculty as a leader within his/her class. He has been academically recognized by several South Carolina colleges and universities. He was also named a USC Upstate Junior Scholar and a Converse Scholar. The idea of giving back is not lost on our Mr. Indian. He has shared his time and talents with the SPCA, Into the Mouths of Babes, and Day of Kids. He is a beloved employee of Orangeburg Preparatory Child Development Center. Our 2022-2023 Mr. Indian is **Corey Reynolds**.

Orangeburg Prep was proud to announce the prestigious awards of Mr. and Miss Indian on Tuesday, November 22nd, prior to the Thanksgiving assembly. This honor was voted on by the faculty based on academics, character, and contribution to the greater good of the school.



FIRST SEMESTER EXAM DATES

Friday, December 9	REVIEW DAY
Monday, December 12	REVIEW DAY (11:30 Dismissal)
Tuesday, December 13	First Period exams (8-9:30 A.M.) Second Period exams (10-11:30 A.M.)
Wednesday, December 14	Third Period exams (8-9:30 A.M.) Fourth Period exams (10-11:30 A.M.)
Thursday, December 15	Fifth Period exams (8-9:30 A.M.) Sixth Period exams (10-11:30 A.M.)
Friday, December 16	Seventh Period exams (8-9:30 A.M.) Makeup Exams (10-11:30 A.M.)

11:30 dismissal for Upper Campus December 12th-December 16th
Lower Campus dismisses at 11:30 on December 16th

Information for Parents and Students:

- Students do not report to homeroom. They should report directly to their exam period.
- *Students may exempt the first semester under the following conditions:*
 - A. Seniors—(1) with at least a 90 average in year-long classes and in compliance with the OPS policies, (2) with an 85 average in an Honors course and in compliance with the OPS policies, or (3) with an 80 average in an AP course and in compliance with the OPS policies or (4) attend the minimally required sessions of the senior seminar.
 - B. Students (6th-11th) may not exempt the first semester exam unless the course is a semester course (such as marine biology, health, forensics, robotics, philosophy, music).
 - C. Students taking a semester course may exempt the first semester exam with an average of a 90 (seniors with an 87) and in compliance with OPS policies.
- Students in grades 6th-11th must stay for the entire exam period. *Only seniors may leave after exam completion.*
- Students need only to be here based on time period of testing. Sixth graders and seventh graders do not have to report for their art, music, computer, drama, or physical education classes. Eighth graders do not have to report for their physical education class. If these students report to school, they must report to the library during their rotation or physical education class periods.
- Students having two exams on the same day may *not* leave the campus between exams.
- Students having to arrive at school for one test only (8-9:30 AM) but having to stay afterwards will go to the library for supervision (Mr. Kinard).
- Students having personal vehicles can arrive and depart based on the time period of testing. Once students leave the campus, they may not return unless they have to pick up other students for a ride home.
- Students who have an exam at 8:00 A.M. but do not have an exam at 10:00 A.M. may leave school at the end of the exam so that they may go home and study. If they have to wait for a ride, they must go to the library. No one should be in the halls or outside the buildings.
- Students who do not have an exam at 8:00 A.M. but have an exam at 10:00 A.M. do not have to arrive at school until 9:50 A.M. for their 10:00 A.M. exam. If a student arrives for a second exam before 9:30 A.M., he/she must report to the library.
- Students who have no exams on a given day do not have to report to school.
- All rules, **including the dress code**, will be in effect during exam days. *A Level-1 detention will be awarded for non-compliance!*



Orangeburg Prep Teacher Publishes Fourth Novel

Lawrence Thackston, former student (Wade Hampton Academy 1982) and present English teacher for Orangeburg Prep, has published his fourth novel, the mystery-thriller *Spearfinger* (Rivers Turn Press 2022).

In the Smoky Mountains of Western North Carolina, there exists a legend like no other. The Spearfinger Witch, who haunted the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation with her stone-like skin and deadly nine-inch finger, robbed many of the tribe of their livers and ultimately their lives. Though thought to have vanished ages ago, a series of brutal murders in the same corner of the world in present times lead the tribal police on a fast-paced collision with the witch's possible return. Based on fact and legend, the down-to-the-wire mystery weaves through the abandoned trails of the forest, the black smoke of the dying fire, and the dark corners of the human mind.

Spearfinger is available at Amazon, the publisher's website at riversturnpress.com, or wherever books are sold.



Awesome Words Shared by:
David Leperi
 Teaching Associate
 Coastal Carolina University



As I have always done in the past, I would like to once again acknowledge Mrs. Wingard and her daughter, Zoe (OPS Class of 2026). Suzanne and Zoe traveled over three hours on Monday, November 14th, to Coastal Carolina University to speak to our students about Family Connections of South Carolina. This is the sixth year in a row, except for the COVID year, that they have treated our class to fun, purposeful, and resourceful information.

Zoe even made thirteen bracelets for our education-major students. We have always appreciated their presentations and look forward to continued visits from Suzanne and Zoe. Thank you.

(Pictured far left are Zoe Wingard, seated, and Mrs. Suzanne Wingard, standing.)



JACOB SMITH



ABBY SEATON

2022 OPS 5K Color Fun Run

- First Place Overall Male – Jacob Smith
- First Place Overall Female – Abby Seaton
- First Place Age 2-35 Division Winner Male – Britt Clark
- First Place Age 2-35 Division Winner Female – Jillian West
- First Place Age 36 + Division Winner Male – Steve Damron
- First Place Age 36 + Division Winner Female – Pamela Smoak



Thank You

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- Price Saw Specialties



SEASON TICKETS

2022-2023 season basketball tickets are available to purchase at the Upper Campus Business Office and at all home games. Tickets are \$30 for adults. OPS students are admitted free with OPS Student IDs.



Our Child Development Center will be closed December 22, 23, 26 for Christmas holidays. The CDC will also be closed December 30 and January 2 for New Year's holidays.



December 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third deposit for Senior Class Trip: \$350
January 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00 P.M. Senior graduation accessory order (caps, gowns, invitations)--Everyone must order a cap/gown!
February 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final senior class trip payment Amount TBD
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 P.M. / Library, Senior Class Parent Meeting
March 6-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Class Trip to Florida. • Click to View the Class of 2023 Trip Itinerary • Click for suggestions/rules/medical form on the senior class trip (TBA)



Mrs. Boland's British Literature Students Become Creative

Mrs. Boland's British Literature classes learned why and how coats of arms were created. The students created their own coats of arms as though they were the first knights in their families to have one. They learned about the colors that could be used, and the French terms for colors and stances of animals. They all did a great job.



ORANGEBURG PREPARATORY SCHOOLS FALL ATHLETICS

AWARDS CEREMONY

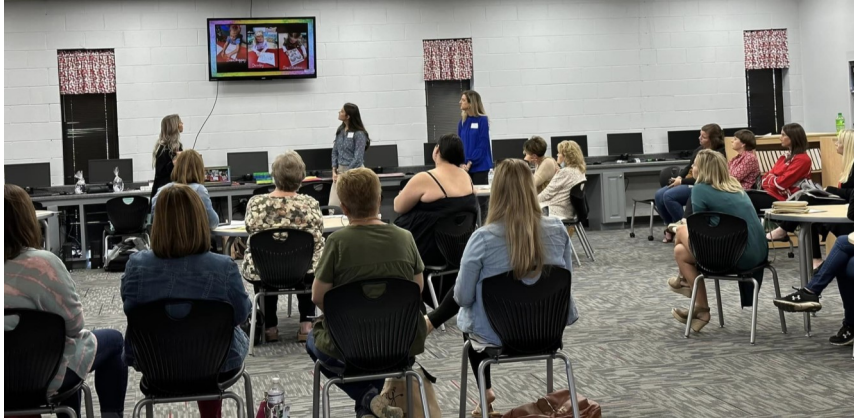
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DECEMBER 4, 2022

Athletic Banquet Attire

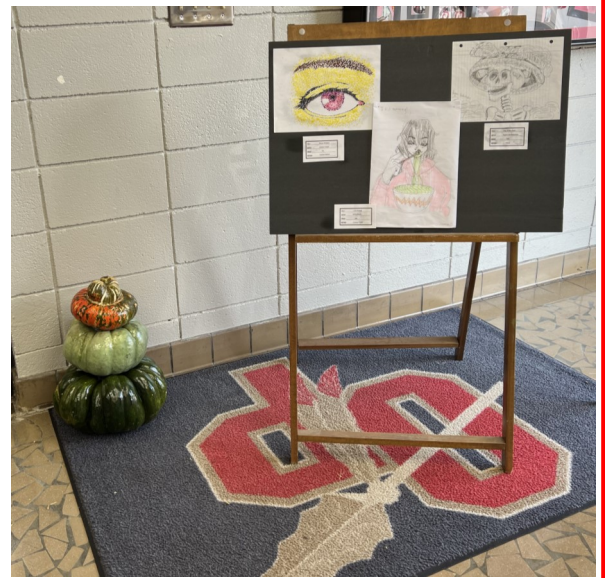
(Shorts are not allowed.)

- 1) Boy must wear long pants, collared shirts, and dress shoes.
- 2) No jeans, flip-flops, shorts, t-shirts, or tennis shoes.
- 3) Girls must wear: dresses or skirts of appropriate length, dress pants and blouses, and dress shoes. (Sweaters, shrugs or jackets must be worn over all sun-dresses.)



OPS Hosts 2022 SCISA Teachers' Conference

OPS hosted the 2022 SCISA Teachers' Annual Fall Conference on Friday, November 4, 2022, with over 600 SCISA teachers in attendance! Faculty, staff, and Upper Campus students worked diligently to get our Upper Campus prepared. The SCISA All-State Chorus and the OPS SCISA Dance Team performed a stunning welcome. Refreshments were available in the library and canteen. The agenda included workshops, vendors, and Master Teacher pinning. A contest was held by OPS for the best fall decorations at the entrance of each building. See the details below. Thanks to all who contributed to our conference!



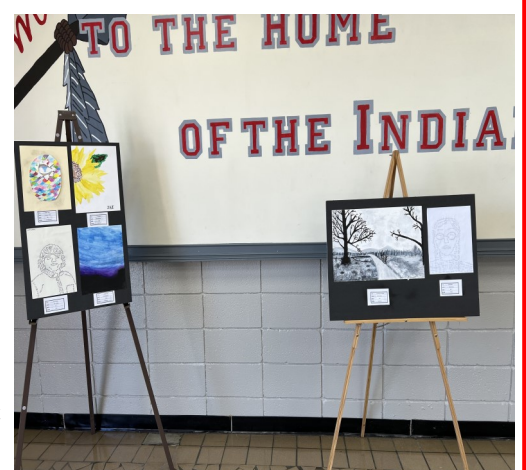
Pictured above are photos of first place door decoration contest winner, Mrs. Lisa Jumper, Art Teacher. Assisting Mrs. Jumper were Carrie Ann Martin and Katherine Lambrecht.



Mrs. Rebecca Felsher, OPS Upper School Spanish teacher, presented a workshop, "Using Cross-Curriculum with Art, Foreign Language, and Technology."

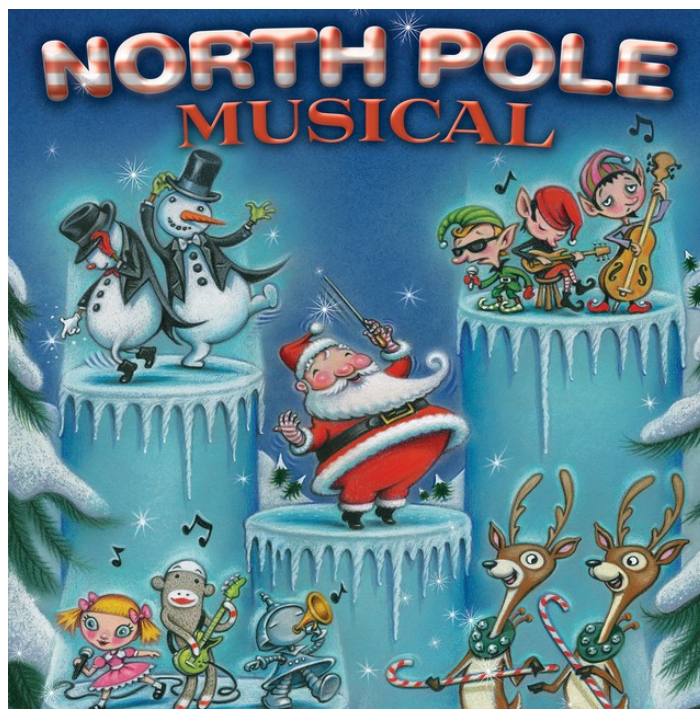


The Senior Student Council decorated the entrance of Building A. Hallie Fanning, Student Body President, decorated the entrance with fall wreaths, mums, and pumpkins!



**Coming
SOON!**

- January 16th: Martin Luther King Holiday
- February 10th: Student Holiday/OPS hosts SCISA Debate
- February 20th: Student & Faculty Holiday
- March 2nd, 3rd: OPS Science Fair
- March 6th-10th Senior Class Trip to Florida
- March 24th: Prom



Our sixth & seventh grade music rotation classes will present our Middle School Christmas Program on *Thursday, December 8th* immediately following homeroom.

Parents, grandparents, and family are invited!



Three OPS Faculty Members have been awarded \$500 (totaling \$1,500) for submitting their proposals. These grants are designed for educational purposes to promote and sponsor academic excellence through innovative instructional programs or creative classroom activities.

Lower Campus: Kathy Creech

Upper Campus: Barbara Askins, Shannon McAlister

We are extremely proud of each of you, and thank you for going above and beyond for your students and OPS! Congratulations for a job well done!



Lana Rae Vandekerkhove
Saturday, October 29, 2022
6lbs. 7oz.

Born at Baptist Parkridge

She was welcomed home by her big sister, Mila, who is five years old.

Lana Rae is the daughter of Devan and Kristi Vandekerkhove of Swansea, SC. Mrs. Vandekerkhove is a first grade teacher at Orangeburg Prep.

LOWER



December 16th

Christmas Programs

8:15 a.m.: K4 and K5

9:00 a.m.: 1st and 2nd grades

10:00 a.m.: 3rd-5th grades

11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal

Charleston Wrap®



Erika Martin
5th Grade



Harrison Fogle
2nd Grade



Elliott Crider
5K

A big THANK YOU to all who participated in our annual Charleston Wrap fundraiser.

Our Lower Campus winners were:

High sales and winner of \$100 was Erika Martin, fifth grade.

We had a tie for second place, and winners of \$50 each were Harrison Fogle (second grade) and Elliott Crider (5K).

Highest classroom sales and winners of an ice cream party are:

4K-2nd: Mrs. Gleaton's 4K class

3rd-5th: Mrs. Bolin's 4th grade

Mrs. Gleaton won a gift bag for having highest classroom sales for Lower Campus.

Upper Campus winners were:

6th & 7th grade: Chick-fil-A lunch winners were Harper Christopher, Marissa Griffith, Ella Claire Poole, Ella Sarvis, Cam Jolley, Naomi McCutchen, GeeGee Riley and Robbie Bates

8th, 9th & 10th grade \$50 drawing winner was Zoe Hutto

Class of 2023 and Class of 2024 had profits added to their class accounts.

Mrs. McAlister won a gift bag for having the highest classroom sales for Upper Campus.



Mrs. McAlister, Upper Campus
Highest Classroom Sales



Zoe Hutto
Drawing Winner
8th, 9th, 10th Grades



Mrs. Gleaton, Lower Campus
Highest Classroom Sales



**At OPS,
we LOVE
Halloween.**

QUIZ BOWL Results for Middle and High School Teams



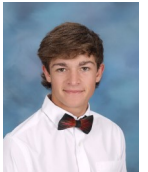
MIDDLE SCHOOL: On Tuesday, October 18th, Orangeburg Preparatory School's Middle School Quiz Bowl Team competed against Cardinal Newman School and Richard Winn Academy in SCISA's Middle School Quiz Bowl Competition. Our Team placed second in the Regional Tournament and is looking forward to demonstrating their knowledge and skills in future competitions! Ms. Green is the sponsor.

Pictured (left to right) are Manav Pandya, Ren Albertgotti, Justin Zheng, Aarav Patel (team captain) Brent Cruz, and Dak Weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL: On Wednesday, October 19th, the OPS High School Quiz Bowl Team competed in the SCISA High School Quiz Bowl which was held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Columbia. Questions ranged from math computation and music composition to science and current events. Orangeburg Prep was the runner up in our division, and the team represented OPS very well! Pictured left to right in the photo to the right are: WeiMin Yang, Rebecca Ann Fairey, Hallie Fanning, James Williams, Forrest Sutcliffe, and Corey Reynolds. Mrs. Dangerfield is the sponsor.



HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP: The State Leadership Seminar is designed to empower high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, and community. Orangeburg Prep elected Lily-Katherine Felkel (pictured left) and Charlie McCutchen (pictured right) to attend a seminar in 2023 to participate in hands-on leadership activities, meet leaders in the state, and explore leadership skills while learning how to lead others and make a positive impact in the community.



Mrs. Riley



Kristen Bizzell



Mrs. Cope



Carley Fairey

The character trait for the month of November is courage. Tenth grade students voted on a classmate and teacher who exemplify this trait. Mrs. Riley and Kristen Bizzell were nominated.

The character trait for the month of December is respect is caring. Ninth grade students voted on their classmate and teacher who most exemplify this trait. Mrs. Cope and Carley Fairey have been nominated.

OPS Debate Team at the Carolina Kickoff

Pictured left to right:

Jack McConnell, Ramsey Albergotti, Ryan Zheng, Ren Albergotti, Caitlyn Hyde, Dak Weeks, Hayden Felder, Madison Damron, and Ivanah Hourizene.

The Carolina Kickoff- NSDA tournament was held at Riverside High School in Greer, S.C., on September 24, 2022. Results were as follows:

Novice Public Forum Debate: Caitlyn Hyde and Hayden Felder (3rd place), Dak Weeks and Madison Damron (4th place), Ren Albergotti and Ryan Zheng (5th place).

Varsity Public Forum Debate: Ramsey Albergotti and Jack McConnell (4th place).



Young Men Grades 9th-12th Participate in "No Shave November"

The young men pictured below paid \$10 to participate in this fun event. The young man with the most facial hair coverage and neatest beard (not length of hair) on December 1st received his \$10 back. Our winner is Colston Thomas, (pictured left) Class of 2024. He will be allowed to wear his beard and return to school clean shaven on January 3, 2023. Thanks to Mr. Kinard (pictured right with Colston Thomas), for sponsoring this event. Proceeds will be donated to Kristen Bizzell for medical expenses.



Clemson-Carolina Rivalry Day

Clemson-Carolina Day was celebrated on Monday, November, 21. Students and teachers wore their favorite team's attire. Students could wear hats. The homerooms with the most participation received lunch from a local business. In addition, the teacher or staff member who wore the most outrageous fan outfit was awarded a cash prize. A special thanks to Ms. Gasque for organizing this event!

Teacher winner: Mrs. Cindy Berry

Homeroom winners: Mrs. Felsher (9th grade) and Ms. Gasque (6th grade)



STAY CONNECTED



Peyton Sandifer, Class of 2018, graduated from Midlands Tech May 2022. He is a registered respiratory therapist. Congratulations, Peyton!

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Athletes**

Region IV AAA



**JACOB SMITH
CROSS COUNTRY**



**IZZY EXUM
VOLLEYBALL**



**LAUREN BALLEW
VOLLEYBALL**



**KATHERINE LAMBRECHT
VOLLEYBALL**



**HALLIE FANNING
TENNIS**



**LANE INABINET
TENNIS**



Touchdown Player of the Week

Defensive Player of the Week:

Junior Defensive Back Latron Moorer (pictured left) was named the Orangeburg Touchdown Club Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in the Week 5 game against Calhoun Academy. In the game, Latron had 3.5 tackles and two interceptions. He and his parents were recognized on Thursday, October 6th, at the lunch time meeting of the Orangeburg Touchdown Club. Congratulations to Latron!

Offensive Player of the Week:

Junior Receiver/QB Austin Hall (pictured right) was named the Orangeburg Touchdown Club Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in the Week 10 game against Greenwood Christian School. In the game, Austin rushed for 152 yards with 1 touchdown and passed for another 48 yards and a touchdown. He and his parents were recognized on Thursday, November 3rd, at the lunch time meeting of the Orangeburg Touchdown Club. Congratulations to Austin!





Holiday Hours



The school offices will be closed December 17th through January 2nd for the Christmas holidays. Tuition payments may be placed in the tuition box located at the left of the glass entrance doors on both campuses.

STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023!

*Faith makes all things possible,
Hope makes all things work,
Love makes all things beautiful.*

*May you have all the three
for this Christmas!*

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Happy New Year

From
Your
OPS
Family

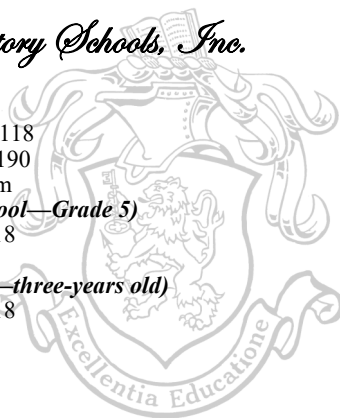


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Mrs. Libby Ray, Interim Head of School
Mrs. Connie Porth, Lower Campus Administrator
Coach Jan Stoudenmire, Athletic Director
Mrs. Taylor Riley, Guidance Counselor
Mrs. June Kemp, Child Development Center Director
Mrs. Sandy Reed, Tribal Talk Editor

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