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Winter 2023

Miss Indian



**CarrieAnn
Martin**

Our 2023-2024 Miss Indian is CarrieAnn Martin. She is a member of the National Honor Society and The Fellowship of Christian Athletes where she has served as President for her tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade years. CarrieAnn has served as class secretary since ninth grade.

She has been

academically recognized by several state colleges and universities including Converse University Scholar, Presbyterian College Fellows, University of South Carolina Upstate Junior Scholar. CarrieAnn served as a graduation marshal in Orangeburg Preparatory School's 2023 graduation ceremony. She shares her talents by volunteering, singing, and playing instruments at her church. CarrieAnn is the daughter of David and LeeAnn Martin of Swansea, South Carolina.

Orangeburg Prep was proud to announce the prestigious awards of our 2023 Mr. and Miss Indian on Tuesday, November 21st, 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.

Our 2023-2024 Mr. Indian is Jacob Smith. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has been recognized as a SCISA Scholar Athlete, a Converse Scholar, and received the Angie Rae Wannamaker Scholarship award. Students who receive this award demonstrate the following characteristics: scholarship, character, citizenship, service to school, dependability, and cooperation.

Jacob was also selected as a Palmetto Boys State delegate. He has been a member of the Orangeburg Prep Track and Cross Country Teams every year since ninth grade. Jacob has been named SCISA 2A All Region 1 in ninth and tenth grades for Cross Country, as well as SCISA 2A All State Cross Country in 10th grade. In his junior and senior years, he was named SCISA 3A All Region 4 and SCISA 3A All State for Cross Country. As a junior, he was named SCISA 3A All Region 4 for Track. Jacob holds the school record for the 5K and 3200. He most recently signed to run Cross Country/Track & Field for Presbyterian College. He is also active in his church through the youth ministry by sponsoring needy families at Christmas and also the youth ministry's ongoing animal rescue project. Jacob is the son of Philip and Robin Smith of Cope, South Carolina.

Mr. Indian



**Jacob
Smith**



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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 18th, 2023, eighteen members of the junior and senior classes were inducted into the National Honor Society. Mrs. Vandekerkhove is our NHS sponsor. Pictured left to right are:

Front row: Sydney Hydrick, Lily-Katherine Felkel, Emma Doremus, Annabelle Hunter, Layla Garrick, Hailey Etheridge, Jenna Blume, and Lily Osborn

Second row: Rheney Bates, Ella Evans, Kaileigh Wise, Morgan Sharpe, Izzy Exum, Payton Bordenkecher, and Caitlyn Hyde

Third row: Sarah Tomson, Elizabeth Allen Brailsford, Jack McConnell, Aniyah Greene, Abby Seaton, Jackson Fleming

Back row: Adi St. John, Elishia Keyter, Kenlee Kinsey, Charlie McCutchen, Tadd Jameson, John Inabinet, Trace Sanders, and James Smith

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

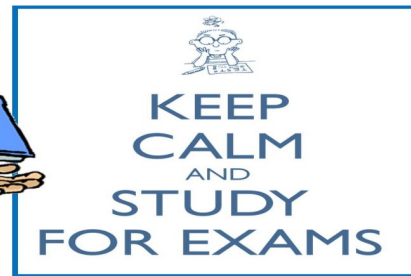
The newest members of the Ann Glover Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society were inducted in a ceremony held October 26, 2023, in the Upper Campus gym. Students are selected based on scholarship, character, service, leadership, and citizenship. Mrs. Felkel is our NJHS sponsor. Congratulations to these students on a job well done! Pictured left to right are:

Front row: Ria Patel, Layne Oswald, Diana McConnell, and Manav Pandya.

Second row: Braelyn Knight, Gee Gee Riley, Sally Fitzhugh, Ryan Zheng, Brent Cruz, and Jason Cheng.

Third Row: Robbie Bates, Naomi McCutchen, Ren Albergotti, Justin Zheng, and Aarav Patel.





FIRST SEMESTER EXAM DATES

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

11:30 dismissal for Upper Campus December 11th-December 15th
Lower Campus dismisses at 11:30 on December 15th

Information for Parents and Students:

- Students do not report to homeroom ON THE LAST REVIEW DAY OR EXAM DAYS. 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, Art, History of Sports, Creative Writing, Public Speaking, Life Skills, Weightlifting, Drama)
 - 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 (Mrs. Vandekerkhove).
- 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 period 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!*

SEASON TICKETS

WINTER SEASON PASSES for all winter sports are now for sale in the Upper Campus' office and at all home basketball games. The pass is valid for all home B-Team, JV, and Varsity basketball games. Price: \$35 per person.



Our Child Development Center will be closed December 22, 25, 26 for Christmas holidays. The CDC will also be closed January 1 and January 2 for New Year's holidays.



December 10	• Third deposit for Senior Class Trip: \$350
January 19	• 1:00 P.M. Senior graduation accessory order (caps, gowns, invitations)--Everyone must order a cap/gown!
February 15	• Final senior class trip payment Amount TBD
February 21	• 5:30 P.M. / Library, Senior Class Parent Meeting
March 4-8	• Senior Class Trip to Florida. http://orangeburgprep.com/PDFs/ClassTripInformation_23.pdf • Click for suggestions/rules/medical form on the senior class trip (TBA)
May 10	• 1:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Practice @ First Presbyterian
May 12	• 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate @ First Presbyterian



- January 15th: Martin Luther King Holiday
- February 9th: Student Holiday/OPS hosts SCISA Debate
- February 16th: Student Holiday
- February 17th: Student & Faculty Holiday
- March 4th-8th: Senior Class Trip to Florida
- March 14th, 15th: OPS Science Fair
- April 12th: Prom

Thanks to our ATP for providing the following to the faculty and staff this year!

- Coffee, hot chocolate, tea
- Soup and salad lunch

WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO!



December 15th

- 8:30 AM - 4K and 5K
- 9:30 AM - 1st and 2nd grades
- 10:15 AM - 3rd, 4th & 5th
- 11:30 a.m. **Early Dismissal**



OPS Hosts 2023 SCISA Teachers' Conference



OPS hosted the 2023 SCISA Teachers' Annual Fall Conference on Friday, November 3, 2023, with over 700 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. Winner was Mrs. Tant. Thanks to all who contributed to our conference!



High School Chess Team



Jason Cheng (pictured left) finished second overall in a field of over 200 players! Our team finished tied for 12th place out of 28 schools. Pictured above are Owen Lovingood, Anderson Fogle, Marshall Livingston, Blake Inabinet and Jason Cheng. The high school Chess Team sponsor is Coach Al Hay.



High School Quiz Bowl

On October 19, 2023, the OPS High School Quiz Bowl Team competed in the SCISA High School Quiz Bowl which was held at New Hope Baptist Church in Orangeburg. 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! Mrs. Megan Dangerfield is the sponsor. Pictured in the left photo (left to right) are Brij Patel, Kylee Bonnett, Payton Schurlknight, Katherine Lambrecht, and Bradin Williams.



At OPS,
we LOVE
Halloween.





October 2023 Tribal Tribute Winner, Coach Jan Stoudenmire!

Coach Jan's nomination can be found below.

"I would like to nominate Coach Jan Stoudenmire for our Tribal Tribute. She goes above and beyond her role as Athletic Director for sure. She wears many hats and deals with a wide range of opportunities and problems. Coach Jan is not simply the head of OPS athletics. She coordinates travel, manages budgets, provides first aid, washes buses, sweeps buses, mows grass, weed-eats, gasses buses, schedules all our athletic games/events, secures referees, while being visible at most all our athletic events. She shows integrity, leadership, humility, passion, innovation, perseverance, unity, and responsibility while being thankful! Coach Jan is an excellent communicator, understands with empathy, has a servant mindset, and does not take things personally while building meaningful relationships. She is a strong decision maker, fair, organized, and supportive of academics first, then athletics. I have seen her support and encourage students, even if she is not his/her coach. She makes sure that her family is first, too.

Above all, Coach Jan not only loves sports, she loves each and every student. We are so blessed to have Coach Jan Stoudenmire, our Energizer Bunny, as the Athletic Director of Orangeburg Prep!"

November 2023 Tribal Tribute Winner Mr. Austin Reynolds!

Mr. Reynolds' nomination can be found below.

Students praised Mr. Reynolds for his desire for his students to succeed, being kind and relatable, fun while teaching and having wonderful relationships with his students.

Mr. Reynolds is pictured in the photo at the right.

Way to go Mr. Reynolds!



The character trait for the month of November is courage. Tenth grade students voted on a classmate and teacher who exemplify this trait. Miss Crider and Avery Ravenell were nominated.

The character trait for the month of December is gratitude. Ninth grade students voted on their classmate and teacher who most exemplify this trait. Mr. Chandler and Logan Jackson have been nominated.



Miss Crider



Avery Ravenell



Mr. Chandler



Logan Jackson

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We welcome general comments, mailing address information, class notes, wedding announcements, job promotions, birth announcements, and passing announcements. Send your news to sreed@orangeburgprep.com. Please include your name (and maiden name) and year of graduation,



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 in the left photo is Colston Thomas, Class of 2024. He will be allowed to wear his beard and return to school clean shaven on January 3, 2024. Thanks to Mrs. Vandekerkhove for sponsoring this event. Proceeds will be donated to "Into the Mouths of Babes."



Some of the "No Shave November" participants above are (left to right): Bradin Williams, Jacob Smith, John Colston Strickland, Jay Plummer, Davis Turner, and Colston Thomas.



Charleston Wrap®

2023 was another successful Charleston Wrap fundraiser for the books. With sales of \$34,000, Orangeburg Prep received \$13,600 in profits. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this such a successful fundraiser!

We had a tie for the highest sales with Coker Dempsey and Annie J. Dempsey winning \$100 each.

In second place was Chayton Rhinehart who won \$50.

The highest selling classrooms that won an ice cream party are: 4k-second grades: Mrs. Still's 4K class, and third through fifth grades: Mr. Weeks' third grade class.

Teachers winning a special gift for having the highest selling class on each campus were Mrs. Still for Lower Campus and Mrs. Tant for Upper Campus.

Sixth and seventh graders who qualified for Chick fil A lunch by selling over \$150 were:

Erika Martin, Audri McKnight, Audrey Whisenhunt, Burns Williams, Delilah Howe, Denym Dickson and Ella Sarvis.

The \$50 drawing was held for eighth through tenth graders who sold over \$100. The winner was Mac Strickland.

The eleventh and twelfth grade classes had 50% of their profit added to their class account.

Two OPS Athletes Sign Letter of Intent

Jacob Smith

Orangeburg Prep's Jacob Smith signed to run cross country and track at Presbyterian College Thursday, November 16, 2023. Picture in the photo at right are (left to right): First row: James Smith, (brother) Philip Smith (father), Jacob Smith, Robin Smith (mother), and Tori Metts (sister). Second row: Coach Brooks Smith (Track & Field Coach) and Coach Jan Stoudenmire (Athletic Director/ Cross Country Coach).



Harris Holstein

Orangeburg Prep's Harris Holstein signed his national letter of intent to play golf at Winthrop University on November 13, 2023. Pictured in the left photo are Jim Holstein (father) and Harris Holstein, Candace Holstein (mother) and Kate Holstein (sister). Back row are OPS golf coach Al Hay and OPS Athletic Director Jan Stoudenmire.

All Region Athletes



Earning All Region Volleyball are top photo left to right: Katherine Lambrecht, Jane Walker Yonce, and Izzy Exum, Katherine Lambrecht and Izzy Exum also earned All Star.



All Region Football pictured above are left to right: Latron Moorer, Colston Thomas, Hart Wiles, Austin Hall, Jay Plummer, Ethan Williams, and T Riley. All Stars are Austin Hall, Jay Plummer, Latron Moorer, Ethan Williams, and Colston Thomas. Players who were recognized for "All Stars" participated in the "All Star Game" on Friday, December 1st.



**JACOB SMITH,
CROSS COUNTRY
Region IV AAA**



Brayden Gramling was recognized at the November 9, 2023, Touchdown Club as the Comeback Player. Pictured (top photo) left to right are Marlene Workman of The Works, Comeback Player Brayden Gramling, and physical therapist assistant, Steve Damron.

The girls' basketball team thanks you for supporting the Pajama Day fundraiser on November 14th. Sixty-one pairs of pajamas will be provided to a local nursing home for Christmas.



Athletic Awards Night
Football, Cross Country,
Volleyball, Cheerleading, and Tennis

Thursday, December 7th
6:00 p.m.
Upper Campus Gym

DRESS CODE FOR THE ATHLETIC AWARDS NIGHT

Boys must wear long dress pants, collared shirts, and dress shoes/dressy sneakers. Girls must wear skirts/pants with a blouse or a dress and dress shoes/dressy sneakers. Sweaters, shrugs, or jackets must be worn over all sundresses. Shorts, t-shirts, jeans/jean skirts, or flip flops are not allowed. No camouflage coats, shoes, etc. can be worn. (SHORTS ARE NOT ALLOWED.)

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Annual OPS Golf Tournament

The 2023 Annual Orangeburg Prep Pride Cup was held on Wednesday, November 15th at the Orangeburg Country Club. A total of 17 teams enjoyed a chilly afternoon of golf. Congratulations to Allen Fairey, Matt Bureson, Jeffrey Fender, and Eddie Adicks who played for First Bank for winning the tournament. Thank you to everyone who played and a special thank you to our sponsors!

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2023-2024

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Holiday Hours...



Upper Campus will close at noon December 11th-15th during exam week. Both campuses close at noon on December 15th. All school offices will be closed December 16th 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 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024!

From
Your
OPS
Family



*May the unity of our nation,
the closeness of friends,
and the comfort of your home,
renew your spirits this festive season*

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Happy New Year

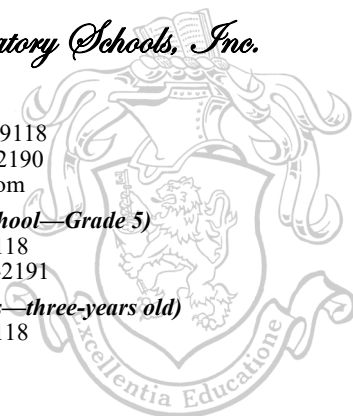


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Coach Jan Stoudenmire, Athletic Director
Mrs. Taylor Riley, Guidance Counselor
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Mrs. Sandy Reed, Tribal Talk Editor

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