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## Two OCS students named as National Merit Finalists



**David Hinds** and **Zach Wilkes**, both seniors at Ouachita Christian School, have been named as National Merit Finalists in the 2008 competition for National Merit Scholarships. These two academically talented seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards. Jayme Stokes, Curriculum Coordinator and Academic Advisor at OCS stated "Zach and David are two of the smartest students I have ever had the privilege of teaching, they also are two of the finest young men as well." Bobby Stokes, headmaster at OCS said, "We are proud of them and excited for them about the personal recognition they are receiving, we are also excited about the recognition for the school, congratulations guys!"

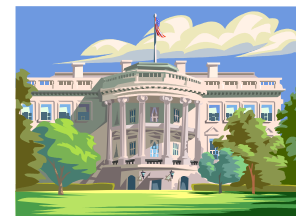
## Round Three of round ball



(Sophomore Kacie Linzay signs a banner in the high school hallway encouraging the Lady Eagles in their playoff run.)

Congratulations to the Lady Eagles Basketball team for making history on Monday night. They soared past Oberlin, 67 – 51, to capture a second round win and move them into a quarterfinal game at home on Thursday night against district rival Arcadia. The win on Monday night was a first-ever second round victory for a Lady Eagles Basketball team. Congratulations!

Tip off for this quarterfinal game against Arcadia is set for 7 PM, Thursday night (TONIGHT) in the OCS Gym. Listen to the game online at [www.ocsathletics.net](http://www.ocsathletics.net).



## Hail to the Chief

Travel to Washington, D.C. for the Presidential Inauguration in January 2009. We will leave on January 19, 2009; attend inauguration and tour in Washington, and return on Thursday, January 22, 2009. Please contact Pam Dorsey at [pdorsey@ocs.org](mailto:pdorsey@ocs.org) or call the school. The trip is open to high school students and their families.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ HS Girls Basketball @ Home vs. Arcadia- 2/21 (PLAYOFFS)
- ◆ HS Softball @ Marshall, TX tournament - 2/21 - 2/23
- ◆ HS Baseball vs. Teurlings Cath. (Cajun Classic) - 2/22
- ◆ HS Track @ LSU State Indoor - 2/23
- ◆ HS Baseball vs. Denham Springs (Cajun Classic) - 2/23
- ◆ HS Baseball vs. Episcopal (Cajun Classic) - 2/23
- ◆ HS Golf (Boys & Girls) @ Chennault - 2/25
- ◆ HS Softball @ Home vs. Delhi Charter - 2/25
- ◆ HS Baseball @ Lakeside - 2/26
- ◆ HS Softball @ Home vs. Forest - 2/26
- ◆ HS Baseball @ Home (Ryan Automotive Tournament) - 2/28
- ◆ HS Track @ Northwestern - 3/1
- ◆ HS Golf (Boys & Girls) @ Calvert Crossing - 3/3
- ◆ HS Softball @ Home vs. Bernice - 3/4
- ◆ HS Baseball @ Home vs. Sterlington - 3/4

## OCS soccer players earn all-district honors



The following OCS soccer players were named to their respective all-district teams: On the boy's side, **Tucker Deaton** (junior) and **Trevor Jones** (sophomore) were named first team All-District while **Tim Ernst** (junior) and **Patrick Laird** (sophomore) were named second team All-District. On the girls side, OCS soccer players **Abby Chowns** (sophomore), **Hope Cook** (junior), **Natolie Herold** (senior), **Kacie Linzay** (sophomore) and **Gracie Thaxton** (sophomore) were named first team All-District while **Katelyn Tolbert** (sophomore) and **Carly Thaxton** (8th Grade) were named second team All-District. Additionally, Abby Chowns was also named as Co-Offensive MVP for the district.



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## Students collect coins to find a cure



Now through February 29, Students at OCS are participating in the 2008 Pennies for Patients Campaign benefiting The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Students will bring their spare pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters to school and contribute them to their classroom's collection container. Their spare change will add up to save the lives of people touched by blood-related disorders.

Funds raised through these schools support the Society's mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Thanks to the fantastic efforts from last year, 81 Louisiana schools raised over \$85,000. This year, the goal is set at \$110,000.00 and OCS is helping the Louisiana Chapter reach that goal. In the past few years, OCS students have raised over \$15,000.00. The highest fundraising classroom in the school will receive a pizza party courtesy of Domino's Pizza.

School administrators find the program to be a valuable one that also teaches the significance of service learning. "At OCS, it has always been a priority for us to encourage our students to be compassionate and giving," said Bobby Stokes, OCS Headmaster. "This program is exactly the kind that we like our students to be involved in and the expected results of our students' efforts will benefit an outstanding organization."

For information on the OCS Pennies for Patients Program, contact Kay Culpepper at 325-6000 or [kculpepp@ocs.org](mailto:kculpepp@ocs.org).

## Household item purchase benefits OCS

To raise additional funds for our teachers, OCS has partnered with Packaging Solutions to raise funds through the sale of plastic bags. There are two bag sizes of available, a 55-gallon size for yard work, and a smaller bag for everyday household use (kitchen garbage, etc.). These bags are more than twice as thick (2 mils) as store-bought brands. The bags come in rolls of 50 for the smaller size and 30 for the large size. You can store the bags over time as they will not spoil, melt or deteriorate.

Rolls are just \$10 and of this amount, **\$4.50 goes directly to OCS.**

## A LIMITED SUPPLY OF BAGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL

So scratch garbage bags off your grocery list and let us fill that order, you will be helping yourself and the school at the same time.

For more information or to purchase your bags, contact the development office at: [bdeaton@ocs.org](mailto:bdeaton@ocs.org)

## LHSAA All-State Spirit Squad



Congratulations to the Varsity Cheerleading Squad for making the 2007 LHSAA All State Spirit Team!!!! They are invited to cheer in the LHSAA State Basketball Tournament in the Cajun Dome this year.