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SCHOOL YEAR REVIEW

## Class of 2008 sets new record for scholarship offers!

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### Upcoming Events

◆ Registration for 2008 -09 School Year (Based on Last Name)

**A - D** Thursday, July 10  
Noon to 6 PM

**E - J** Friday, July 11  
8 AM to 3 PM

**K - P** Monday, July 14  
8 AM to 3 PM

**Q - Z** Tuesday, July 15  
Noon to 6 PM

If you cannot make any of the assigned days, call Nina Giger and make an appt. (318-325-6000 ext. 252. Please do this by **July 10**.

Forty-two members of the Class of 2008 received their diplomas from Ouachita Christian School on Thursday, May 15. Class Valedictorian Zach Wilkes addressed his fellow graduates while Coach Steven Fitzhugh delivered the commencement address.

Congratulations to the Class of 2008 upon their graduation from Ouachita Christian School: Michael Anders (Co-Salutatorian), Shaina Ballance, Sam Barr, Matthew Benson, Cade Bowen, Haley Byars, Greg Cox, Shelbee Craft, Alisa Daniels, Ashley Downhour, Leia Golden, Vick Green, Drew Harrison, Priscilla Hawthorne (Co-Salutatorian), Natolie Herold, Landon Hill, David Hinds (Co-Salutatorian), Erin Hollis, Melinda Humble, Brooke Humphries (Co-Salutatorian), Hogan Hunter, James Hurst, Chad Johnson, Natalia Krier, Zoe Leary, Morgan Livingston, Lauren McCurry, Charles McIntosh (Co-Salutatorian), Colby Mike, Stephanie Miller (Co-Salutatorian), Kylie O'Connor, Wes Pierce, Drew Register (Co-Salutatorian), Taylor Reppond, Cody Sisson, Jacob Slade, Anna Smith, Joey Smith, Ashley Tippit, Erin Tyler (Co-Salutatorian), Maggie White (Co-Salutatorian) and Zach Wilkes (Valedictorian).

OCS graduates in the class of 2008 will be attending twelve different colleges and universities in the fall. They had an average ACT of 23.8, with the top five averaging 32.0 and the top ten students averaging 30.2. 57% of these students received LA Board of Regents Honors (completing TOPS core curriculum and a minimum 3.5 GPA) and have collectively garnered over \$5.2 million in scholarship offers. Congratulations to the Class of 2008.



**Fourth Annual  
W.L. Jack Howard  
Memorial  
OCS Golf Tournament**

Thursday, July 24, 2008  
Frenchman's Bend Golf and Country Club  
8:00 AM & 1:00 PM Shotgun Starts

**Four-man Scramble**

\$100 per player or \$400 per team  
Hole sponsorships are available for \$300

Lunch will be provided between  
morning and afternoon flights

**Registration Deadline is July 15, 2008**

For more information contact:  
Craig Gregory @ 699-0600  
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**Proceeds from this event will be  
equally divided between the OCS  
Teacher Endowment Fund and the OCS  
Athletic Fund.**



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**OCS takes 1A LHSAA  
All-Sports Award**



The Southern Quality Ford Cup is the Louisiana High School Athletic Association's All-Sports Award, which recognizes the most outstanding overall athletic program among member schools in each of the seven classes including this year's winner in Class 1A – **Ouachita Christian School**.

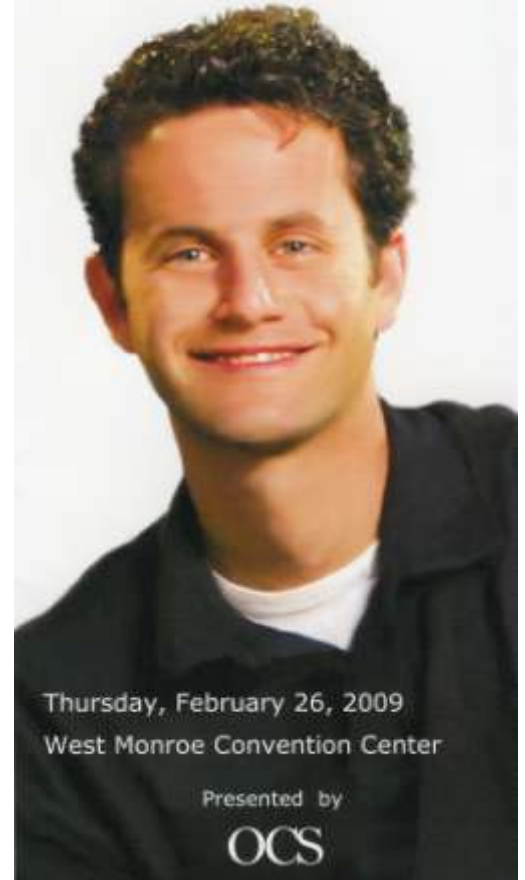
Kenny Henderson, Commissioner of the LHSAA, has stressed that time and again, statistics have shown that students involved in extracurricular activities while in high school normally perform better academically, have better attendance records, have fewer disciplinary problems, are more likely to finish school, and are better prepared to cope with postsecondary education. The Southern Quality Ford Cup's purpose is to encourage our schools to develop a variety of sports programs that increase student participation and expose them to the many "positives" that high school athletic participation offers.

OCS has received this wonderful award by earning one state championship in baseball, a girl's doubles tennis state title and several other runners up and semifinalist spots as well. "It is a big compliment to us," Coach Micah Harper said. "It is really what a school is after. We've been very successful academically and to do it athletically as well, we have a good balance here. Our kids are talented in a lot of different areas."

These on-field accomplishments as well as those in the classroom highlighted earlier in this newsletter would not be possible without your support.

Thank you for being there to cheer on our victories, pick us up in defeat, celebrate with us and always encourage us to strive even harder. On the playing field and in the classroom, we have been successful because we know you are always there for us!! What a blessing.

AN EVENING WITH  
**Kirk Cameron**



Thursday, February 26, 2009  
West Monroe Convention Center

Presented by  
**OCS**

We are excited that **Kirk Cameron**, probably best known as "Mike Seaver" from TV's sitcom "Growing Pains" (1985 – 1992), will be our featured speaker at the annual benefit dinner. The dinner is scheduled for **Thursday, February 26, 2009** at the **West Monroe Convention Center**. Cameron is starring in a new movie from the maker of "Facing the Giants" called "Fireproof" coming out in the fall of 2008. He also played the lead role of "Buck" Williams in the Left Behind films. For more information about Kirk Cameron, go to his website at: [www.kirkcameron.com](http://www.kirkcameron.com).

For details on how you or your business can get involved in the OCS Benefit Dinner through table sponsorship or ticket purchases, please contact the development office at [bdeaton@ocs.org](mailto:bdeaton@ocs.org).

## Softball team finishes as runner ups in state on longest game in LHSAA playoff history

The OCS Lady Eagles softball left the softball field in late April with their heads held high after playing in a grueling three hour plus, 13 inning softball game. It took the longest playoff game in LHSAA history to determine the 1A state championship, in which the Lady Eagles fell to Delcambre 5 – 4 to finish as state runners-up. The game was tied 4 – 4 for 8 innings before Delcambre would score in the top of the 13<sup>th</sup>. This was the Lady Eagles first trip to the state finals since 1997.

Sophomore **Gracie Thaxton** recorded 19 strike outs while pitching all 13 innings of the championship game. In fact, Thaxton (who was named to the LSWA 1A All-State Team) pitched every inning while the Lady Eagles were playing in Sulphur. Seniors **Haley Byars** and **Erin Tyler** joined Thaxton on the All-State Team. Tyler (a five-year starter who hit .580 with 54 RBIs) was named *Outstanding Player* in 1A Softball this year, while **Abby Kalil** and **Cassie Clark** joined the All-State team as Honorable Mentions.

The Lady Eagles finished their season with a record of 26-9-1 and a number of post season awards in addition to the ones listed above. The following players were recognized on the **All-District Team**:

**MVP - Erin Tyler**

**First Team (All-District) - Haley Byars, Cassie Clark, Nicole Crook, Brittany Gates, Abby Kalil and Gracie Thaxton**

**Second Team (All-District) - Abby Chowns, Katie Hogan, Kacie Linzay, Kayla Smith and Katelyn Tolbert**

The following players were recognized on The News-Star's **All-Northeast Louisiana Softball Team**:

**First Team (All-Northeast) – Pitcher – Gracie Thaxton, Catcher – Erin Tyler, SS - Haley Byars, OF – Abby Kalil and OF - Cassie Clark,**

**Honorable Mention (All-Northeast) – Nicole Crook and Brittany Gates**

The following players were recognized on the **Softball Coaches All-State Team**: Pitcher – **Gracie Thaxton**, Catcher – **Erin Tyler**, INF - **Haley Byars**, OF – **Abby Kalil**



## Baseball takes 1A state title on 5 - 4 win over Northlake Christian.



Eleven years. That is the span of time since the Eagles had claimed a 1A state title in baseball. During that time, the Eagles had competed at the 2A level in baseball and with that had garnered the state title in 2005 along with a few additional visits to the finals during their time in 2A.

This year's edition of the OCS baseball team compiled a 31 – 7 record on their way to claiming the 1A title with a 5 – 4 win over Northlake Christian at Bringhurst Field in Alexandria. Senior pitcher Cade Bowen (11 – 1) went the entire game for the Eagles to claim the win. In fact, after allowing a home run in the fifth, Bowen retired seven of the last nine batters he faced.

In addition to claiming the state's top prize in 1A baseball, a number of Eagles were named to post season awards.

The following players were recognized on the **LSWA All-State Team**:

**Outstanding Player – Cade Bowen**

**First Team (LSWA All-State) – James Laird and Matt Kennedy**

The following players were recognized on the **All-District Team**:

**Co-MVPs – Cade Bowen and James Laird**

**First Team (All-District) – Pitcher – Cade Bowen, IF – Cody Sisson, OF – Jacob Slade, DH – James Laird, UT – Blake Gillikin and UT – Matt Kennedy**

**Second Team (All-District) – Pitcher – Hunter Breed, Catcher – John Clay Reeves, IF – Hayden Robinson, OF – Taylor Dawson and UT – Cade Lawhon**