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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Soccer @ Home vs. Bolton – 1/16/09
- ◆ HS Basketball @ Arcadia – 1/16/09
- ◆ HS Basketball @ Home vs. Cedar Creek – 1/20/09
- ◆ Soccer @ Calvary – 1/20/09
- ◆ CASH FOR COLLEGE @ 6 PM in OCS Chapel – 1/22/09
- ◆ HS Basketball @ Home vs. Grambling – 1/23/09
- ◆ Soccer @ Menard – 1/24/09
- ◆ HS Basketball @ St Fred's – 1/27/09
- ◆ Girls Soccer @ OPHS – 1/27/09
- ◆ Boys Soccer @ Home vs. Buckeye – 1/29/09
- ◆ HS Basketball @ Bernice – 1/30/09
- ◆ Soccer @ Calvary – 1/31/09
- ◆ Soccer @ Home v. WOHS – 2/2/09
- ◆ HS Basketball @ Home vs. Arcadia – 2/3/09

It's Academic!

Congratulations to **Matt Kennedy** for making the Academic All-State Composite team – Running Back.

Additional congratulations go out to the following players who made the 1A Academic All-State Team: **Blake Wooten** – Center; **Micah Shackelford** – Offensive Tackle; **Matt Kennedy** – Running Back; **Tim Neathery** – Defensive Line; **James Laird** – Defensive Line and **Sam Wade** – Defensive End

The following players were named as Honorable Mention 1A Academic All-State: **Taylor Downhour** – Offensive Tackle; **Glenn Marshall** – Wide Receiver; **Jacob Davis** – Quarterback and **Blake Gillikin** – Defensive Back.

Award-winning Art

Congratulations to the following art students for artwork that won in the Regional National Scholastic Art Competition. Students with a portfolio of 8 artworks were **Hallie Evans, Ben Kay, Hillary Sawyer and Ginnie Wang**. **Madeline Joyner** had a portfolio of 5 artworks while **Kristyn Stinson** had a portfolio of 2 artworks. The following students had 1 artwork each – **Meghan Austin, Logan Knight, Hope Cook, Caroline Anders, Cammie Green, Kelley Davis, Mark Laird and Carly Thaxton**.

OCS had a total of 47 artworks win regional this year. These artworks will be shipped to the National Finals in New York City. The National Scholastic Arts Competition Reception will be Feb. 5 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm in the library.



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**. The ticket deadline is **February 6, 2009**, so please get your tickets today.

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.

Helping to end hunger



OCS families have once again displayed their giving spirit through their participation in the Christmas Cheer Food Drive. Mrs. Dorsey wanted to thank all those who supported the food drive.

As a result of the efforts of our school families, the high school students claimed first place with an average of 32 pounds donated per student. The \$1,200 prize money won was given to the Food Bank and will sponsor 12 senior adults to receive food for one year! Middle School and Elementary School Students placed 3rd in their categories by donating an average of 18 pounds and 11 pounds per student, respectively. The prize monies received were used to purchase additional bikes for CASA children and for other charitable efforts. Through the Christmas Cheer Food Drive the Food Bank received over 109,000 pounds of food to be used to feed people throughout northeast Louisiana.



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Masters at their craft

Mrs. Angie Tolbert, recently received her Masters of Education in Educational Technology while Coach Joy Thomas also recently received her Master's degree. Her degree was a Master's of Science in Health and Exercise Science with an emphasis in Adapted Physical Education. Congratulations on your accomplishments!!



A little clip turns into cash.

You can make a difference for OCS every time you shop for groceries! Just clip the Box Tops coupons from hundreds of your favorite products and send them to Mrs. Nina Giger at OCS.

We also want to say thank you to everyone who has been clipping and sending in their box tops, we just recently received a check for \$1,225 from those efforts. THANKS!!!

The next deadline is in February, so please keep clipping and collecting those box tops and send them in. For more details about Box Tops for Education, please contact Mrs. Giger at ngiger@ocs.org or 325-6000 ext. 252.

Teacher salary fundraising still needs some support.

For years, teacher pay has been an issue for OCS. Although this year (2008 – 09) we made a budgeted commitment to bring our salaries for new teachers, as well as, those with more experience, much more in line with teachers in the parish system. To do this, we set a goal of raising additional funds to go directly towards teacher's salaries. We are getting closer to that overall goal, but still need to raise about \$20,000 to meet it. Our teachers are impacting lives every day and your support will help them continue to meet those everyday demands they face.

For more information, please contact Development Director, Bruce Deaton, at 318-325-6000 ext. 225 or at: bdeaton@ocs.org.

Please Mark Your Calendars

**Thursday, January 22,
2009**

“Cash for College” Senior Parent Meeting

6 PM in the OCS Chapel

All senior parents are invited to attend and hear a presentation from the LOSFA office about the required FAFSA application which is used for scholarships, student loans, and grant. Local university admissions representatives will also be available to answer questions.

**SENIOR GRAD NIGHT INFORMATION
WILL BE DISCUSSED THIS NIGHT ALSO!!**

NELSA holding registration for spring soccer season



Soccer parents, it's that time again to enroll your child for soccer. NELSA is registering for its spring 2009 season for boys and girls ages 4 to 18 (age determined as of December 31, 2008). The cost for registration will be \$42.50, for ages 8 and younger, and \$55 for ages 9 and older. There will be a \$10 discount for each additional child registered in your household. Please visit www.nelsa.org or any H. Mickel location to obtain a registration form. Please call 361-0103 with any questions. **Coach Deaton**, OCS soccer coach, is one of the coaching directors for NELSA.