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Jim Boothe named National Merit Semifinalist



Officials from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation recently announced that **Jim Boothe**, a senior at OCS, was among the nine Northeast Louisiana students named as a National Merit Semifinalists. Jim is among the 16,000 semifinalists named nationwide in the 54th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. He will continue in the competition for some 8,200 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$35 million, that will be offered next spring. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. Congratulations Jim!



Additionally, **Morgan Anthony**, a senior at OCS, was named a Commended Student in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation were recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2009 competition. Congratulations Morgan!

Praying around the pole



On Wed. September 24, approximately 150 students gathered around the flagpole to participate in "See You at the Pole", an event begun by a small group of teenagers in Burleson, Texas in 1990. The OCS High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes organized the event. The Middle School FCA distributed "SYATP" bracelets.

The morning began with "The Pledge of Allegiance", followed by students, faculty and parents singing "The Star Spangled Banner", "America, the Beautiful" and "God Bless America". They were accompanied on the violin by Mrs. **Hallie Yarbrough**, an OCS parent. Mrs. Yarbrough was recently crowned Grand Champion fiddler at the Natchitoches – Northwestern State University Folk Festival.

The scripture chosen for this year's "SYATP" was 1 Samuel 3:9b, "*Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.*" The High School FCA officers encouraged the students to connect with God daily at an early age, like Samuel did, and to stand strong together throughout the year. Students then broke into small groups to pray for their school, administration, city, state, and nation.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ MS Football @ Calhoun – 10/2
- ◆ HS Football @ Sterlington – 10/3
- ◆ MS Football @ Home vs. Caldwell – 10/9
- ◆ Eagle PepRally (Blackout) @ 6:30 PM – 10/9
- ◆ HS Football @ Home vs. Bernice – 10/10
- ◆ MS Football @ Home vs. Woodlawn – 10/16
- ◆ HS Football @ Arcadia – 10/17
- ◆ FALL DRAMA - HAMALOT – 10/18 & 10/19



- ◆ MS Football @ Sterlington – 10/21

Cheerleaders host largest clinic ever



Last week, the OCS varsity cheerleaders hosted their Little Cheer Clinic. This clinic, open to all girls from K- 5th, attracted 88 participants, the largest group ever. During the clinic they learned a cheer-dance routine, several cheers and chants and the OCS fight song dance. The participants joined the varsity cheerleaders for performances at an afternoon pep rally on Friday, Sept. 26 and a pregame show before the OCS v. Madison football game. The Little Cheer clinic participants shared the sideline with the varsity cheerleaders through the first quarter of the game.

The cheerleaders have a great time working with the participants and were encouraged by their talent, spirit and their eagerness to learn.



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Let their voices be heard..

After years of musical silence, dusty trophies and lonely, unused risers, the choral program has been officially started once again at OCS. This vocal ministry had been missed over the recent years and left a void where once was an award-winning program.

It's been quite a while since the school had an organized choral curriculum, and although we are starting fresh, we anticipate this program has the potential to grow into something OCS can be proud of. The OCS high school choir, aka, "Eagleaires", used to be a highly successful program, winning many awards as a group and on an individual basis.

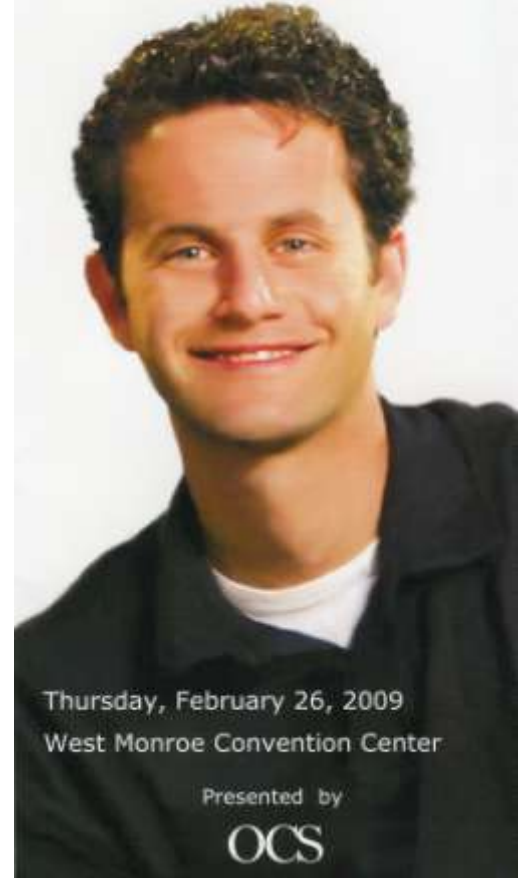
Currently, there are approximately 70 students involved in four different choirs: two elementary, one middle school girls' ensemble and one high school. Plans for the elementary will be to encourage citizens in the community with visits, gifts and lively songs of encouragement. Our middle school girls' ensemble will participate in solo/ensemble festivals as well as be involved in some community service projects. The Eagleaires will begin touring churches on Wednesday nights starting in late October as well as enter local solo/ensemble festivals in the spring.

Sporting Clays Tournament.

Come join us for the first OCS Alumni Sporting Clays Tournament sponsored by Duck Commander on Saturday November 1, 2008 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Wild Wings Sporting Club in Downsville. All proceeds from this event will go to the [OCS Teacher Endowment](#) fund and the [OCS Choral program](#). Individual and team entries are available as well as station sponsorships.

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AN EVENING WITH Kirk Cameron



Thursday, February 26, 2009
West Monroe Convention Center

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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" which was released nationwide on Friday, September 26. 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.

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.