



### Good News

- Haofei Wei (Broken Arrow, '07) missed his own graduation ceremonies last May because he was at the training camp for the U.S. Physics Olympiad Team at College Park, MD. Haofei was selected to represent the United States (one of four team members) on the team that competed internationally in Iran in July. He won a gold medal for the United States. You can read more details about Haofei's gold medal on the OSSM website ([www.ossm.edu](http://www.ossm.edu)) under Latest News.
- After school was dismissed last May, we received notice that eight members of the Class of '07 had been named Robert C. Byrd Scholars. They are Joshua Choi (Tulsa), Philip Danser (Edmond), Phil Harris (Oklahoma City), Michael Henderson (Dale), Kevin Lewis (Yukon), Arib Rahman (Norman), Judy Wang (Ponca City), and Haofei Wei (Broken Arrow).

### From the Dean of Students

Labor Day Weekend will be our first extended weekend of the new school year. The dormitory will close and everyone must be checked out by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31. The dorm will reopen on Monday afternoon at 3:00 for students to begin checking in. Everyone should be checked in on time to begin study time at 8:00. Classes will resume on Tuesday morning.

Please make note of a minor error in the calendar of the Student Handbook: December 20 (the day students are dismissed for the holiday break) is a Thursday, not Wednesday.

Jack Gleason

### PAOSSM

Dear Parents:

We would like to welcome back returning seniors and new juniors to OSSM. It has been a great summer and it sounds like everyone was very busy. We hope move in day went well for everyone and that the parents are ready for a new year. We have lots of things planned and hope that we can involve many parents. On Monday, September 3, at 6:00 p.m., will be our first PAOSSM meeting. The meeting is a great way to stay connected to what your child is doing at OSSM. Junior parents we look forward to working with you and have many ways for you to be involved with activities. Senior parents, we know you will be busy but hope you continue on with the good things we started last year. See you soon.

Mike and Margo Connell

### Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year at OSSM. We are glad to see the returning seniors, and greet with enthusiasm the Class of 2009. Thank you to everyone who helped make move-in day run smoothly, and to the students who helped make Convocation such an enjoyable event by introducing some of our speakers and special awards: Chase Harris (Durant), Crystal Lamptey (Oklahoma City), Alyssa Sappenfield (Shidler), Tiffany Varughese (Oklahoma City), Kody Wilson (Harrah), and Jacob Cantu (Owasso). They did a great job!

This is the first installment of the *Parents Weekly* for this school year. The purpose of the newsletter is to remind you and keep you informed of important dates, to report student and faculty achievements, and to let you know about special events that take place here at OSSM.

*I can use your help.* Please let me know of any "good news" about your student that you would like to share with the rest of the OSSM community. Students themselves are often reluctant to boast to me about their accomplishments.

You can reach me by email ([droberts@ossm.edu](mailto:droberts@ossm.edu)) or by phone (405/522-7806).

Donna Roberts  
Dir., Public Information

**This letter will be published and mailed almost every Friday (except when school is not in session, i.e., Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, Spring Break), and will be posted to the OSSM web site on Friday afternoons. If you can forego receiving a hard copy in the U.S. Mail, and are willing to access the letter by viewing it on the OSSM website, it would save the school paper and postage. Please email me ([droberts@ossm.edu](mailto:droberts@ossm.edu)) if we can take your name off the mailing list to receive a printed copy. *This does not mean we will email the letter to you.* You will have to go to [www.ossm.edu](http://www.ossm.edu) to read the letter if you choose to read it online.**

### Happy Birthday to:

Dr. Ioan Sapariuc	August 24
Taylor Howard	August 24
Jennifer Melot	August 30
Michael Yang	August 31
Thalia Nguyen	September 1
Mrs. Daisy Hurte	September 2



## Counselor's Corner

Dear Parents: Admission representatives from colleges and universities across the country have been calling to arrange visits to OSSM this fall. Here is the list of scheduled visits which we will update weekly in this newsletter and on the OSSM website. All meetings will take place in the Great Hall of the Dan Little Residence Hall unless otherwise specified:

### **DePauw University**

Wed., Sept. 5; 7:15 a.m.

### **University of Southern California**

Thurs., Sept. 6, 11:20 a.m.

### **Middlebury College**

Fri., Sept. 7, 11:20 a.m.

### **University of Missouri-Rolla**

Fril., Sept. 7, 11:20 a.m.

### **Colgate University**

Mon. Sept. 10, 7:20 a.m.

### **Loyola University New Orleans**

Mon., Sept. 10, 11:20 a.m.

### **Oklahoma State University**

Tues., Sept. 11, 11:20 a.m.

### **Tulane University**

Wed., Sept. 12, 7:20 a.m.

### **Bowdoin University**

Wed., Sept. 12, 3:30 p.m.

### **MIT**

Tues., Sept. 18, 3:30 p.m.

(MIT will hold a regional meeting in the OSSM auditorium at 7:00 p.m.)

### **Tufts University**

Fri., Sept. 21, 7:20 a.m.

### **Newman University**

Mon., Sept. 24, 11:30 a.m.

### **Austin College**

Wed., Oct. 3, 7:20 a.m.

### **Centenary College**

Mon., Oct. 8, 7:15 a.m.

### **Vanderbilt University**

Mon., Oct. 8, 5:30 p.m.

### **Yale University**

Mon., Oct. 15, 3:30 p.m.

(Yale will hold a regional meeting in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m.)

### **Regis College**

Wed., Oct. 31, 7:20 a.m.

### **Creighton University**

Wed., Oct. 31, 7:20 a.m.

### **Washington University St. Louis**

Thurs., Nov. 8, 7:30 a.m.

### **University of Rochester**

Thurs., Nov. 8, 3:30 p.m.

## Thank you to . . .

. . . Zoe Lee (Enid, '08), Won Hong (Stillwater, '08), and Sean Kim (Edmond, '09) for helping host a delegation of Korean educators who visited campus on Thursday;

. . . and to all the students who gave up a little of their "free" time to pose as extras for a film that is being produced for the Oklahoma Centennial that will feature OSSM as part of our state looking forward to the next 100 years: seniors Gabrielle Chen (Edmond), Carter Connell (Duncan), Sam Cook (Harrah), Ohm Devani (Tulsa), Destry Elms (Boise City), Sara Hart (Durant), David Hoang (Oklahoma City), Luke Keyes (Tyrone), Michelle Kramer (Muskogee), Crystal Lamptey (Oklahoma City), Zoe Lee (Enid), Adam Mitchell (Oktaha), Laura Powers (Altus), Amar Chakraborty (Oklahoma City), Yang Jiang (Stillwater), Sishir Mannava (Edmond), Jennifer Melot (Edmond) Tiffany Varughese (Oklahoma City), Tara Sarathi (Bartlesville), Toni Li (Tulsa), Connie Liu (Edmond), Zoraya Hightower (Ada), and Tori Reilly (Del City); and juniors Suong Nguyen (Oklahoma City), Christine Trahms (Harrah), Juliet Farrell (Apache), Paulinna Huynh (Yukon), and James Le (Oklahoma City);

. . . and to the seniors who helped Director of Admission Suzanne Donnolo during *OSSM Wednesday* (our weekly assembly) give tips on successful studying and time management: Jacob Cantu, Gabrielle Chen, Tara Sarathi, and Sishir Mannava.

**Note to new parents:** Students are selected to represent OSSM at various school and community events by virtue of their availability (no core classes or labs are missed for these activities) and by their willingness to participate.

## All Parents:

As you will recall, at Convocation seniors who participated in summer academic activities were recognized. We realize that many juniors from the Class of 2009 also attended various summer academies. We are asking *ALL* students to submit brief reports to Donna Roberts (droberts@ossm.edu) about their summer experiences. We will publish as many as possible in this newsletter.

Please encourage your student to send his or her synopsis to Donna for publication.

## New Faculty Welcomed

This semester three new professors join the OSSM faculty. They are Dr. William Underwood, who will be teaching physics and geosciences, Dr. Ioan Sapariuc, mathematics, and Professor Robert Gering, who joins the Humanities Faculty and will be teaching in the writing lab. In the coming weeks these gentlemen will be featured in this newsletter so you can learn more about their experience and interests.

You can read about all of the "old" faculty in last year's newsletters which are posted on the OSSM website.