



Good News

- Christian Clanton (Moore), Raquel Phillips (Wagoner), and Charles Hartman (Sallisaw) have been admitted to the Illinois Institute of Technology;
- Charles has also been accepted by Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology;
- Amber Loftis (Bartlesville) has been admitted to the Colorado School of Mines;
- Sarah Copley (Marlow) has received a letter of acceptance from the University of Tulsa;
- Jenny Rooth (Shawnee) has been admitted to Oklahoma City University.

Math Competition Begins

The Oklahoma Mathematics League competition is a contest in which students compete for the highest scores, while schools compete for the highest team score (the total of the top 5 scores in each school). Problems draw from a wide range of high school topics: geometry, algebra, trigonometry, logarithms, series, sequences, exponents, roots, integers, real numbers, combinations, probability, coordinate geometry, and more. There are 6 exams each year, with 6 questions per exam. There is a 30 minute time limit for each exam, and the last two questions are generally more difficult than the first four. The final question on each contest is intended to challenge the very best mathematics students. The problems require no knowledge beyond secondary school mathematics. No knowledge of calculus is required to solve any of these problems. Two to four of the questions on each contest only require knowledge of elementary algebra. Students are permitted to use a calculator on any of the contests.

After the first exam for the 2005-2006 school year, OSSM is in second place, just one point behind Jenks High School and one point ahead of Norman North High School. Otis Chodosh (Edmond, '06), Sarah Howell (Oklahoma City, '07), and Haofei Wei (Broken Arrow, '07) had perfect scores in contest #1. The OSSM team is coached by Professors Yunhua and Chengde Feng.

Happy Birthday to:

Mrs. Sharron Smoot	December 5
Alesia Hallmark	December 5
Zak Hoskins	December 6
Mr. Al Shelton	December 8
Samia Afreen	December 8
Jared Vanderford	December 9

PAOSSM

(www.paossm.org)

Dear Parents:

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. You must have received and read the pledge letter. Your pledge will support the following major events planned for your students in the spring of 2006:

- Will Rogers Follies in January
- Oklahoma City Hornets Basketball Game
- Gen. Collin Powell's speech (March)
- Spring Party (February)
- Prom (May)

Thank you all for supporting PAOSSM. If you have not pledged yet, now is the best time to pledge and mail your check. Your contribution is tax deductible.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Bina and Gopal Ranebenur
Co-Presidents

Senior Parents: To clarify the information about the Senior Video/DVD: Dawn and Brad Hemphill are putting the video together. You and your family will view the film at the Senior Party the night before graduation and will receive your own copy to keep. Please send three-or-four pictures of your senior from infancy through now. Also being collected are pictures you and your family have taken during your time at OSSM that show current seniors involved in activities from both years. These could include photos of Convocation, the prom, Parents Day/Family Picnic, sporting events, faculty and staff, outings (performances at the Civic Center, for example), dorm life, etc. Every attempt will be made to ensure that all seniors are equally represented in the video.

You can mail your photos to:

Dawn and Brad Hemphill
Rt. 1, Box 106
Forgan, OK 73938
(or)

Email: bradly@ptsi.net (be sure to put "OSSM Sr. Video" in the subject line)

We can scan photos or negatives and return them to you. CDs would be the easiest format for us to work with if you have that option.

Thank you,
Dawn Hemphill



UP COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

On Monday afternoon, December 19, at 4:15 in the Lincoln School Kirkpatrick Auditorium there will be a special event. A panel of midshipmen, cadets, and junior officers, who are graduates of OSSM, will discuss and take questions about attending college in the various reserve officer training programs of the Armed Forces, the service academies, and other scholarship opportunities through federal agency service. The following OSSM alumni will make up the panel:

- Ensign Sean Jones (OSSM, '01), US Navy, Naval Academy, '05
- 2nd Lt. Michelle Pinson (OSSM, '01), Medical Corps, US Army, Vanderbilt University, '05
- Mr. Christopher Swenson (OSSM, '01), Defense Cyber Corps, University of Tulsa, '03, '05
- Cadet 1/c Andrew Goodwin (OSSM, '02) Air Force ROTC, University of Oklahoma
- Midshipman 1/c Patrick Harbert (OSSM, '02), Navy ROTC, University of Washington
- Cadet 1/c Christiana Geletzke (OSSM sibling), Coast Guard Academy
- Midshipman 3/c Stephen Hilliard (OSSM, '04), Navy ROTC, University of Oklahoma
- Midshipman 3/c Ashley Rushing (OSSM, '04), Naval Academy
- Cadet 4/c Chris Nettles (OSSM, '05), Air Force Academy

Student/Faculty Art Exhibit

December 5, 2005, through the month of December in the Senator Bernice Shedrick Library
Beginning with an opening reception
Monday evening, December 5, 6:30 - 7:30
An opportunity to view student and faculty creations
from the Fall Semester, 2005
Sponsored by the OSSM Fine Arts Program

Thanks to the PAOSSM, students will be attending a performance of the **Will Rogers Follies** at the Civic Center Music Hall on Wednesday evening, January 18, 2006.

“This winner of six Tony Awards stars Larry Gatlin in one of the most dazzling, endearing, and heartwarming musicals of all time. The charismatic Will Rogers returns from the hereafter to guide the audience through the story of his career . . .”

More information about these and other upcoming events can be found on Jack Gleason's home page on the OSSM website.

4th Annual Math Contest Planned

Dr. Manning and Dr. Lease have announced that OSSM will hold the 4th Annual OSSM Middle School Mathematics Contest on April 1, 2006, with the first round being held at local schools throughout the state during the last two weeks in February.

Letters have been mailed to middle school principals announcing the competition. Packets, including copies of the 45-minute, paper-pencil test, and answer key and solution sheet will be mail before February 15, 2006, to all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade mathematics teachers in the state. Teachers will be asked to administer the test at the local level to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders, sometime during the last two weeks in February, grade their students' work, and send us the names of their top three scorers.

The top scorers will be invited to participate in the final round to be held here on the Oklahoma City campus. They and their parents or other chaperones will be guests of OSSM for lunch in the Great Hall after the one-hour morning exam, and will be given tours of the campus by OSSM students before an early afternoon awards ceremony. All semi-finalists will receive certificates of recognition. The top performers and their teachers will receive trophies to acknowledge their achievements.

We would appreciate the help of OSSM parents who can encourage participation in their communities.

TEAM OKLAHOMA Forming

Gail Bliss, director of the Oklahoma Association for Academic Competitions, has announced the names of approximately 35 students who have qualified for the second round of the competition (the buzzer round) to become members of the Oklahoma Team that will compete in June, in Orlando, Florida, at the Panasonic Academic Challenge. Seven OSSM students will be vying for a spot on the team. The tryouts will be held here on the OSSM campus on Sunday afternoon.

Good luck to Haofei Wei (Broken Arrow, '07) who was the highest scoring junior in the first round of the competition, Joshua Choi (Tulsa, '07), Ryan Fowler (Glenpool, '06), Geraint Harris (Burns Flat, '06), Philip Harris (Oklahoma City, '07), Zach Ishikawa (Oklahoma City, '07), and Nathan Crain (Helena, '06).

Thank you to . . .

. . . Maggie Qi (Tulsa, '07), Leah Weyand (Noble, '07), and Lauren White (Idabel, '07) for taking on perspective students as shadows this week.