

### Good News

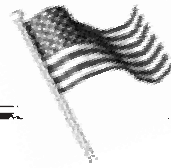
- Jordan Yozzo (Tulsa) has been admitted to Rice University;
- Otis Chodosh (Edmond) has been admitted to Stanford University;
- Adam Hemphill (Forgan) has been offered a Presidential Academic Success Scholarship in the amount of \$7,500 per year from Oklahoma Christian University and has been selected to receive a Math/Computer Science Department Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 per year with both scholarships renewable for up to 10 semesters; Abilene Christian University has offered Adam an Academic Scholarship in the amount of \$7,300 per year;
- Ilya Sluch (Stillwater) is a finalist for the McDermott Scholars Program at the University of Texas, Dallas. He will attend an all expense paid trip for the final interview process this weekend; Ilya has also been admitted to Rice University;
- David Walker (Duncan) has been admitted to Brigham Young University.

### Physics Students Hope for Place on US Team

Dr. Shayne Johnston administered the preliminary screening test for the Physics Olympiad last week and Otis Chodosh (Edmond, '06) and Haofei Wei (Broken Arrow, '07) have qualified to participate in the second round which will take place on March 2. These are the exams that lead to being chosen to become one of 24 students from across the country selected for the United States Physics Olympiad Team. After a nine-day training session, five team members will be selected for the "traveling team" which will compete in July with students from all around the world.

We will keep you informed about the progress of this year's OSSM candidates as the competition continues. The American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute of Physics sponsor this competition each year for high school students to represent the United States at the International Physics Olympiad.

**There are no birthdays in the upcoming week!**



#### PAOSSM

([www.paossm.org](http://www.paossm.org))

Dear Parents:

There will be a PAOSSM meeting next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Plan to drop off your student around 5:50 and come over to Lincoln School for the meeting.

To date, 71% of the senior parents have pledged with 68% of the pledges received, leaving \$4,345.00 left to collect; 68% of the junior parents have pledged, with 75% of the pledges received, leaving \$4,025.00 left to collect. This makes a total of \$8,370.00 that should come in from pledges. This still leaves a budget shortfall of \$7,748.00. There is still time to pledge and send your contribution which is tax deductible. We need your HELP!

Senior parents please collect four to six good photos of your student(s). If you can scan and copy the photos in JPEG format on a floppy disc or a CD, please do so. In the next newsletter we will tell you where to send the pictures.

Bina & Gopal Ranebenur  
Co-Presidents

**The OSSM family welcomes Mr. Dan Vossen** to the faculty in the position of Physical Education Instructor. Dan comes to us with a great understanding of the OSSM mission and philosophy. For 15 years he has represented the publishing companies that have published the OSSM yearbook. In that capacity (helping to edit, design, and perform much of the technological aspects of the yearbook) he became familiar with students, faculty, and administrators as well as with our academic expectations.

Dan has a degree in journalism education from the University of Central Oklahoma and has extensive experience teaching journalism and coaching football, basketball, softball, and baseball. During his years as a yearbook representative he established strong relationships with teachers and administrators in private and public schools throughout the state. He will also be assisting Suzanne Donnolo with outreach for the Admissions Department



## Counselor's Corner

- The Oklahoma City Community Foundation Scholarship is due Wednesday, February 22 (\$1,200 scholarship to an OSSM senior);
- Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship forms are available for three \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded by the Oklahoma City Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Recipients must attend an undergraduate institution with a Phi Beta Kappa chapter (in Oklahoma that would be only the University of Oklahoma or University of Tulsa) - applicants must reside in the Oklahoma City metro area;
- The KFC Colonel's Scholars Scholarship applications are now available online at [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org). Seniors planning to attend college in-state are eligible to apply;
- The J. Clarence Karcher Scholarship applications for students planning to attend OU and major in physics, astronomy, astrophysics, or engineering physics, are due on March 15.

The extended weekend is a perfect time for seniors to review the possibility of departmental scholarship opportunities at the institutions they might be consid-

*Gary Salwierak*

### **Reminders from Counselor Daisy Hurte: important deadlines for summer program applications:**

College Horizons; March 1  
Carnegie Mellon; March 1  
Mind, Matter & Medicine; March 1  
Smith College; March 1  
Clark Scholars-Texas Tech; March 3  
Baylor; March 10  
Wunders; March 11  
University of Texas UTMB; March 10  
Sewanee/University of the South; March 15  
STRIVES; March 24  
The Summer Science Program; March 24

## *Thank you to . . .*

. . . Suzanne Donnolo's helpers this week who took on prospective students as shadows: Jason Tolbert (Howe, '07), Axel Saenz (Tulsa, '07), Toby McConnell (Wellston, '07), Matt McDonald (Holdenville, '07), Philip Harris (Oklahoma City, '07), and Eric Hudgins (Pocola, '07).

## Math Competition Continues

Congratulations to Otis Chodosh (Edmond, '06), Zoheb Hajiyan (Anadarko, '06), Ilya Sluch (Stillwater, '06), Sarah Howell (Oklahoma City, '07), and Haofei Wei (Broken Arrow, '07). These students had perfect scores in the third contest of the Oklahoma Math League Competition.

*But we need to work harder!* Jenks High School is still in first place, four points ahead of OSSM. Please encourage your talented math students to participate and put OSSM at **#1** where we belong!

## *An Awesome Contest Underway*

Materials for the annual middle school math contest (*OSSM Middle School Math - An Awesome Contest*) have been mailed to middle school mathematics teachers across the state. First-round materials included a letter explaining the contest, the actual question sheet, and an answer sheet. The top three scorers from each school will be invited to come to campus on Saturday, April 1, 2006, to compete in the final round of the contest.

Please encourage the math teachers in your community to participate if you have the opportunity to do so.

## Seniors Honor Past/Favorite Teachers

Teacher Appreciation Day was a wonderful event, as always, and, as always, our OSSM parents made the afternoon especially enjoyable by preparing a delicious array of snacks for a reception honoring our guests.

Thank you to Linda Lomheim (Joy, '06), Kathy Morrison (Michael Cobbs, '07), Mary Ann Boes (Morgan, '06), Yvonne Harris (Geraint, '06), Debbie and David Graham (Daniel, '06), and Mack Harris (Philip, '07).

Jennifer Nguyen (Oklahoma City, '06) entertained with a beautifully played piano solo to open the ceremony. (Jennifer's guest for the afternoon just happened to be her long-time piano instructor Dr. Leon Whitesell.)

Tyler Suiters, news anchor for KOCO, Channel 5 in Oklahoma City, did his usual outstanding job of reading excerpts from essays seniors wrote about their favorite teachers, and Superintendent Sandy Garrett and OSSM Outreach Coordinator Dr. Jack Herron, joined students to present their guests with certificates and citations.

Fifty-five teachers from all across the state and from a wide range of disciplines were honored. Watch your local newspapers in the next few weeks for news releases about this very special event.