

## Parents

### Good News

- Sebastain Gould (Kingston) has been awarded the Distinguished Scholar Award of \$22,000 and an institutional merit scholarship for \$9,400 from Tulane University;
- Michael Henderson (Dale) and Nathan Roy (Choctaw) are recipients of the Elks Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship, a \$1,000 per year renewable award;
- Katie Maurer (Enid) has been admitted to the University of Rochester Early Medical Scholars Program (REMS). The program is an eight-year BA/BS-MD program for exceptionally talented undergraduates. They receive automatic admission to the University's School of Medicine and Dentistry upon successful completion of undergraduate degree programs and are not required to take the MCAT. Ten students were admitted after 40 of an estimated 600+ students initially applied.

### Students Seeking Finalist Status in Physics Olympiad

Dr. Shayne Johnston announced this week that seniors Joe Meyer (Edmond), Axel Saenz (Tulsa), Timothy Thomas (Enid), and Haofei Wei (Tulsa) were on the list of 200 semi-finalists for the 2007 United States Physics Team. Some 2,000 physics students (only the best physics students in each high school enter this competition) sat for the initial exam earlier this semester.

Joe, Timothy, and Haofei will continue in the competition by sitting for the exam (today, Friday, March 16). If they win a spot of the team of 24 finalists they will join other team members from high schools across the nation at a training camp at the University of Maryland in late May. After ten days of intensive training, which will include instruction in laboratory and problem solving skills and lectures by prominent physicists, five team members will be chosen to represent the United States at the 38<sup>th</sup> International Physics Olympiad in July. The Olympiad is an international competition among pre-university students from more than 60 nations.

You will be kept informed through this newsletter as the competition continues.

### Congratulations to Haofei Wei (Tulsa, '07)

for achieving a perfect score on contest #2 of the Continental Mathematics League. Students sat for exam #3 of the calculus contest this past Thursday. Good luck to all!

**SpringBreak would be a good time to talk to some of the merchants or others in your community to see if they would become sponsors for the 2007 LYCEUMI**

### PAOSSM

Judging by the singing on the way home, our students really enjoyed Man of La Mancha on Wednesday Night. Thank you to those parents who have paid their suggested pledge this year. You enabled all of our kids to see the show. If you haven't sent a contribution to PAOSSM, you're allowing other parents to have all the "feel good" moments!

Another reminder about officer nominations. If you're unsure, give us a call at (405) 721-6406 or send us an email at [mcharris011@cox.net](mailto:mcharris011@cox.net). We'll be happy to explain what the different offices entail. There are still several officer positions with no one nominated.

Our next meeting will be at the end of Spring Break, on Sunday, March 25 @ 6:00 in the auditorium. Don't miss it. Mr. Salwierak will have information important to all of us!

*Chris & Mack Harris*

**Lauren White (Idabel, '07)** added her thoughts to those of some of the other young women who attended the Oklahoma State University Women's Business Leadership Program last week:

"I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to attend . . . both my junior and senior years. I frequently recall life lessons that I have learned at these meetings and have used several of them at school and work. Thank you so much to Mrs. Kerr for giving us all this wonderful chance to meet strong and successful women, and to learn from them."

### Happy Birthday to:

Mrs. Johanna Lee	March 23
Matthew Lynch	March 23
Prunil Patel	March 23
Mrs. Liz Schwerdtfeger	March 24
Aneliese Apala	March 25
Sid Ballard	March 27
Yang Jiang	March 27
Dean Jack Gleason	March 28
Ms. Elizabeth Payne	March 30
Dr. Adrian Zimmer	March 30



On Tuesday of this past week 16 OSSM students sat for the **American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME)**. They qualified to take this test by achieving an AMC 12-A score of 97.5 or above, or an AMC 12-B score of 100.0 or above. The AIME was a three-hour examination and students were allowed no aids other than scratch paper, ruler, compass, and protractor . . . calculators and computers were not permitted.

Professors Chengde and Yunhua Feng will keep us informed about the results. The students who took the test were seniors Sarah Howell (Oklahoma City), Matthew Lynch (Collinsville), Axel Saenz (Tulsa), Jared Gipson (Blanchard), Haofei Wei (Tulsa), Asya Pritsker (Edmond), Joshua Choi (Tulsa), Kevin Lewis (Yukon), Steven Zhang (Oklahoma City), and Brooke Luo (Oklahoma City); and juniors Michael Osborn (Broken Arrow), Tony Feng (Oklahoma City), Zhaoyang Xu (Norman), Saifu Li (Norman), Michael Yang (Edmond), and Zachary Grimmett (Okmulgee).

## ***Man of LaMancha ~ Some Reviews***

“Having read the book, I think it is a beautiful complement. It also brings the book and the underlying themes out very well, to affect the modern reader. The universal relevance to different time periods and conditions gives it a plus, because one can relate to it, especially through the humor.”

**Sebastain Gould (Kingston, '07)**

“The production was very well done and I enjoyed it completely, with its well-written and well done plot and its great musical pieces.”

**Lucas Keyes (Tyrone, '08)**

“This was the first live musical production I have ever seen, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The actors were perfect in their performance. The music was beautifully performed by the theater orchestra. I would personally like to thank the Parents Association for paying for my ticket and allowing me the great pleasure of enjoying such a great classic.”

**Ashley Pinkston (Jones, '08)**

“The actors had beautiful voices and they made the set come alive. Exposure to culture is so important and it is great that OSSM students are encouraged to enjoy it. Thank you!”

**Abby Stickler (Oklahoma City, '08)**

“. . . an extraordinary musical that made me and my friends want to get up and dance along with the performing cast.”

**Bukola Jaji (Tulsa, '08)**

“The stage production was excellent and the acting was great. The play also had a very inspiring message about how one person can make a difference in other people’s lives, and how sometimes being idealistic isn’t a bad thing.”

**Tara Sarathi (Bartlesville, '08)**

“It greatly changed my view on my life.”

**Ian He (Norman, '08)**

## **Students Visit State Capitol**

We have written to every state senator and representative who has constituents enrolled at OSSM to encourage them to invite the students from their districts to the state capitol for a brief visit. Usually, about half of the legislators respond to our request.

We work carefully around student schedules to avoid interfering with important class or lab time.

This undertaking is very much a team effort. The OSSM support staff has worked diligently to find intervals when students from the same district have time away from class in common, (thanks to Sena Brothers and Peggy Anderson for keeping track of the schedule of appointments) and faculty members take time out of their days to transport students to the capitol. Donna Roberts accompanies the students to their visits, and takes a photo of each group to send, with a news release, to the newspapers in the legislators’ districts.

We will try to keep you informed on a weekly basis through this newsletter about upcoming visits. Please encourage your student to ask his or her legislator about current issues that may be of concern to you and your community.

The first visits for the 2007 legislative session took place this past week. Students met with Representatives Dale Turner, Marian Cooksey, Earl Sears, Jason Murphey, Mike Reynolds, and John Trebilcock, and with Senators John Ford and Judy Eason McIntyre.

The week after returning from spring break, visits are scheduled with Representatives R.C. Pruett, Terry Hyman, Jerry Shoemake, Gary Banz (Rep. Banz will come to OSSM to have lunch with his student constituents), Terry Ingmire, Shane Jett, Greg Piatt, Lucky Lamons, Charlie Joyner, and Wallace Collins; and with Senator Ron Justice. The schedule, of course, is subject to change as the legislative session goes forward.

Donna Roberts thanks Shannon Chasteen, Ann Dell, Shelley Rees, and Jay Rudra, for helping with transportation this past week. You are welcome to call Donna with questions or concerns about your student’s appointment at the state capitol.

## ***Thank you to . . .***

. . . the students who attended the OSSM Board of Trustees meeting and the OSSM Foundation Board Meeting at lunch this past week to visit with trustees and describe to them the OSSM experience. The ladies and gentlemen of the boards enjoyed visiting with seniors Timothy Thomas (Enid), Maggie Qi (Tulsa), Sebastain Gould (Kingston), Taj Ledbetter (Roland), and Toby McConnell (Glenpool);

. . . and to senior Melissa Koshy (Broken Arrow) for giving a campus tour; and to the juniors who allowed prospective students to shadow them this past week: Sishir Mannava (Edmond), Jennifer Melot (Oklahoma City), Abby Stickler (Oklahoma City), Adam Mitchell (Oktaha), Lucas Rice (Ft. Gibson), Destry Elms (Boise City), Amar Chakraborty (Oklahoma City), Luke Keyes (Tyrone), Curtis Doiron (Midwest City), Michael Osborn (Broken Arrow), Matt Deng (Edmond), and Ohm Devani (Tulsa).