



Good News

- Adam Mitchell (Oktaha/Muskogee) and Toni Li (Tulsa/Union) have been admitted to Tulane University;
- Toni Feng (Oklahoma City/Mount St. Mary) has been admitted to the University of Oklahoma.

Congratulations to Lauren Mathias (Midwest City/Casady, '08) for being named an *AP Scholar with Honor* by the College Board. Her name was not on the original list due to an I.D. number error.

COMING UP

Sophomore Preview Day

Saturday, November 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Potential OSSM students and their parents will be on campus next Saturday for *Sophomore Preview Day*. It is designed to give the participants an overview of what life is like at OSSM. If you know of interested students, please advise them to go to our website: www.ossm.edu, for registration details. The OSSM Admissions Department will accept late registrations.

Fall Breakers Visit in Record Numbers

During the recent public schools fall break, we had many prospective students visit to tour and shadow. Admissions Director Suzanne Donnolo thanks the many juniors who helped: Josiah Couch (Duncan/Empire), Taylor Howard (Pocola), Grady Heller (Blanchard), Emily Amundson (Garber) Elizabeth Hoang (Oklahoma City/Classen SAS), John Wood (Midwest City/ASTEC), Jason Stanton (Tulsa/Grace Christian), Bwei Han (Edmond/Sante Fe), Geoff Champlin (Enid), Jackson Autry (Tulsa/Union), Hans Cao (Edmond/Memorial), Gatlin Herbert (Pauls Valley), Truman Deeb (Duncan/home schooled), Juliet Farrell (Apache), Aaron Gong (Jenks), Darrell Potter (Tyron/Agra), Suong Nguyen (Oklahoma City/Westmoore), Paulinna Huynh (Yukon/Mustang), Christine Trahms (Harrah/Mount Saint Mary), Susan Kotey (Midwest City), and Shana Usiukiewicz (Oklahoma City/Bishop McGuinness).

Don't Forget -- Flu Shots Next Tuesday, November 6

The cost of the injection is \$22.00 and checks should be made payable to Integris Pacer Health Services.

First Math Contest of 08/09 Underway

Professor Daryl Schwertdfeger thanks the OSSM faculty for encouraging students to participate in the Oklahoma Math League, Contest I. In the first exam, 112 students participated. We're not sure, but this may be a record.

In the first contest, Amy Tai (Tulsa/Jenks, '09) was the only OSSM student with a perfect score, but eleven students performed as "high scorers" including juniors Frank Han (Edmond/North), Ran Li (Norman), and Alex Ruff (Lawton/McArthur). Senior high scorers were Gabrielle Chen (Edmond/Classen SAS), Sam Cook (Harrah), Jed Copley (Marlow), Yang Jiang (Stillwater), Lucas Rice (Fort Gibson), Evalynn Rosado (Stroud/Davenport), Abby Stickler (Oklahoma City/Classen SAS), and Tiffany Varughese (Oklahoma City/Putnam City North).

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 six exams each year, with six 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 any calculator on any of the contests.

Happy Birthday to:

Dr. Shayne Johnston	November 4
Dr. Edna Manning	November 4
Kelly Williams	November 6
Alice Jeng	November 7
Ian He	November 9
Gwen Eskridge	November 9
Dr. Ann Dell	November 9
Laura Powers	November 11



Governor George Nigh Day at OSSM

On Friday, November 2, 2007, students and faculty celebrated *Governor George Nigh Day at OSSM*. It was former governor Nigh who signed the legislation, House Bill 1286, that established the school in June of 1983, and for the past 24 years he has remained an outspoken and dedicated supporter for OSSM. Another long-time supporter of the school, Judge Robert H. Henry of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, introduced his friend Governor Nigh before he spoke to the OSSM community. Judge Henry was serving in the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 1983, and was one of the authors of the bill that created OSSM. Lucas Keyes (Tyrone/Liberal, '08) did a nice job of introducing Judge Henry.

"It seems very fitting," said Dr. Manning,, "That we honor our OSSM Governor, George Nigh, while all Oklahomans are in the midst of celebrating our state's Centennial."

Members of the OSSM Jazz Band* welcomed the governor when he arrived at 10:00 a.m. with their rendition of the tune, *Oklahoma Hills*.

Kelsey Brigrance (Poteau, '08) and Destry Elms (Boise City, '08), along with Dr. Chris Hamel, escorted Governor Nigh on a tour of the campus before delivering him to the Manning Academic Center for his speech. The OSSM choir welcomed him by performing *Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'*, after which the OSSM orchestra presented the title song from that Broadway musical and our state song, *Oklahoma*. The auditorium was packed with faculty, students, and visitors who all appeared to be greatly entertained by the governors wide array of "stories" about the history of our great state and anecdotes about his own life growing up in Oklahoma and his many years of service to the state.

He left with this advice to students. "Don't drive through life looking in the rear view mirror . . . be proud of the past, yours and our state's . . . study the past to apply it to the present, and to effect the future."

After his talk Governor Nigh and Judge Henry had lunch with students and the governor spent some time in Dr. Hamel's American History class.

THE JAZZ BAND

- *Clarinet
Matt Deng (Edmond, '08)
- *Trumpet
Jed Copley (Marlow, '08)
Zach Grimmett (Okmulgee, '08)
- *Saxophone
Ren Ding (Broken Arrow, '09)
Justin Cox (Wakita, '09)
- *Trombone
Matthew Donica (Noble, '08)
Sam Cook (Harrah, '08)
Josiah Couch (Duncan, '09)
- *Piano
Margaret Wang (Stillwater, '09)
David Hoang (Oklahoma City, '08)
Bowie Han (Edmond, '09)
- *Percussion and Drums
Tara Sarathi (Bartlesville, '08)
Sishir Mannava (Edmond, '08)
- *Guitar
Jay Kumar (Oklahoma City, '09)
Alim Ramji (Oklahoma City, '09)



Governor Nigh with Dr. Hamel's American History Class



Jazzing up *Oklahoma Hills*



Governor Nigh -- a very expressive (and impressive) speaker



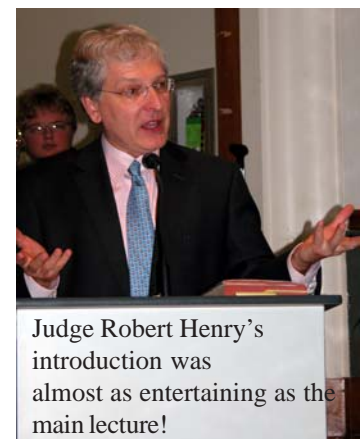
Kelsey and Destry prepare to take the governor on a campus tour.

THE CHOIR

- Weijia Zhou (Norman, '08)
- Kasandra Brabaw (Apache, '09)
- Crystal Lampzey (Oklahoma City, '08)
- Ashley Pinkston (Jones, '08)
- Noella Curiel (Hugo, '09)
- Laura Powers (Altus, '08)
- Heather Bornheim (Krebs, '08)
- Carter Connell (Duncan, '08)



Governor Nigh enjoys browsing the OSSM History, put together by librarian Sharon Jorski, while Dr. Hamel looks on.



Judge Robert Henry's introduction was almost as entertaining as the main lecture!