



### Good News

- Jared Vanderford (Burns Flat) has been admitted to the Illinois Institute of Technology;
- Amber Shipman (Glenpool) has been accepted by Baylor University;
- Patrick VerSteeg has received an acceptance letter from the University of Missouri, Rolla.

**Reminder:** college admission notifications and scholarship offers will begin arriving in greater numbers now and even more so after the first of December. Please be sure you or your student notifies Gary Salwierak or Donna Roberts when *your* good news arrives. Also, be sure to advise Donna if you *do not* want news about scholarship awards publicized.

### F.Y.I.

Claes Nobel, a member of the famed Nobel Prize family, is speaking to students today, Friday, November 4, at a special assembly. After speaking to students Mr. Nobel will address members of the Awesome Men, an organization of gentlemen who have pledged their support for OSSM's efforts to fund a \$6.6 million endowed Faculty Awards Program.

Look for more information about Mr. Nobel and about the talk given by OSU President Dr. Schmidly, in next Friday's newsletter. They're topics were similar and students enjoyed hearing both messages.

### Youth Leadership Oklahoma

by Nancy Chen (Tulsa, '06)

I will admit that when I signed up for Youth Leadership Oklahoma (YLOK), I had no idea what I was in for. All I knew was that we would spend five days traveling around the state, meeting business and political leaders and also spending a few hours at the state prison in McAlester. It would just be a road trip with good food, I thought. I was pleasantly surprised. We traveled to Ponca City, Tulsa, Fort Sill, McAlester, and Oklahoma City and met people that I never imagined meeting, like Eskimo Joe's founder Stan Clark, and an Oklahoma Supreme Court justice. I learned about how to be a leader not only from lectures, but also through examples. All of the people that I met there, both fellow students and community leaders, were truly inspiring. I would not exchange my five days for anything. It was one of the best things that I have ever done. If anyone has any questions about the program, I will be more than happy to answer them.



Luke Nowlin (Grove, '06) and Brett Taylor (Tishomingo, '06) also attended last summer's YLOK. Ms. Donnolo has applications for next summer's program. A sign up sheet is posted in the Student Lounge and interested students should sign up to receive an application. Please note that students who are accepted to the program are bound to attend. The 2006 program runs from June 12 - June 17. Our in-house deadline for completed applications is Thursday, January 19, 2006.

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

Enjoy your weekend with your daughter or son. Also, remember to drop off your son or daughter ten minutes before 6:00 p.m. to attend our monthly PAOSSM meeting in the auditorium of Lincoln School.

The guest speaker for the meeting is Mr. Salwierak. He will be talking about college admission. This is a must meeting for the senior parents and junior parents can learn what's ahead for them.

We will see you on Monday, November 7, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. Have a great weekend.

Bina & Gopal Ranebenur  
Co-presidents

### Happy Birthday to:

Katie Weston	November 8
Dr. Ann Dell	November 9
Tajjen Ledbetter	November 10
Isaac Smith	November 11
Mrs. Sharon Jorski	November 12
Jennifer Li	November 12
Leah Weyand	November 12
Jenny Rooth	November 13



## Counselor's Corner

A representative from Northwestern University will visit to meet with interested students (parents are welcomed to attend) on Monday, November 14, from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the Great Hall.

## Thank you to . . .

. . . Michael Cobbs (Midwest City, '07), Philip Danser (Edmond, '07), Jared Gipson (Blanchard, '07), Toby McConnell (Wellston, '07), Katie Maurer (Enid, '07), and Megan Richerson (Ardmore, '07) for helping Ms. Donnolo host a group of 8th graders from St. John's Episcopal School this week.

### Coming Up

**Awesome Wednesday  
November 9, 12:40-1:10 p.m.  
Three members of the  
Marine Corps Band  
Parents Welcomed**

**Oops!** Apologies to the parents who are volunteering in the library. Their names were mixed-up in last week's newsletter. Grace Chen will be working on Thursdays to replace Connie Pruitt. Cindy Geletzke will continue her volunteer work on Tuesdays. Sorry for the confusion!

## Students Enjoy Cookie Day

Thanks to the PAOSSM, especially to Mary Ann Boes and Linda Lomheim for providing a snack break for students on Thursday afternoon. There's nothing better than cookies and milk to relieve a little stress!

## Eye on Sports

by Coach Denny Armstrong

This was a big week for the Physical Education Department. Last Friday, the seniors soundly defeated the juniors in the annual junior/senior flag football game by a score of 59-0. Touchdowns were made by Joy Lomheim (Newalla), Jonathan Francis (Pocola), Nathan Crain (Helena), Daniel Graham (Oklahoma City), Luke Nowlin (Grove), and Mike Ding (Edmond). Joy and Mike each had an interception as did David Walker (Duncan), and Carolyn Maher (Moore).

Also, Coach has announced the winners of the flag football class championships:

**Monday/Wednesday Champs:** Nathan Crain's team of Alfred Chen (Shawnee, '06), Justin Buchanan (Norman, '06), Timothy Thomas (Enid, '07), and Bevon Rogers (Hugo, '07).

**Tuesday/Thursday Champs:** Mike Ding's team of Ed Shalda (Yukon, '07), Brandon Barnes (Lawton, '06), Alex Perry (Durant, '07), Joshua Choi (Tulsa, '07), Punil Patel (Tulsa, '07), and Jonathan Xia (Edmond, '06).

## World Renown Opera Star to Perform

Students and faculty are in for a huge treat next Thursday morning. Members of the OSSM Foundation Board of Trustees have arranged for Ms. Leona Mitchell to perform a private recital in the Lincoln School Kirkpatrick Auditorium. The performance will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Ms. Mitchell has appeared with the most prestigious opera companies around the world, ranging from Chicago and San Francisco, to London, Paris, Rome, Vienna, Berlin, Buenos Aires, and Sydney, among others. She has portrayed some of the world's most famous characters of opera from Carmen and Aida to the title character in Gershwin's Porgy & Bess.

Parents are welcomed to attend what will be one of the highlights of the OSSM '05-'06 school year.

## Health Center Ignites Beacon of Hope

Oklahoma City has a new landmark, and it is just across the street from OSSM, on Stiles Boulevard, just south of 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The next time you visit the campus after sunset, you will notice a bright green beam shooting a mile up into the night sky. The beam was lit on Wednesday evening for the first time.

The *Beacon of Hope* is a 100-foot tall, monolithic sculpture that symbolizes a "sense of energy" as it "lights the way to an ever-brighter future" for Oklahoma City, said architect Rand Elliott, the beacon's designer. The statue stands in Stiles Park which has been renovated to hold Founders Plaza as a tribute to the five founders of the Oklahoma Health Center: Harvey P. Everest, E.K. Gaylord, Dean A. McGee, Dr. Don O'Donoghue, and Stanton L. Young. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Health Center.