



On Campus

A quarterly newsletter for parents & guardians of OBI students

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Thanks to these and other students who helped with chapel decorations and assisted teachers with door decorations.



Mrs. Kemp's door won first prize in our door decorating contest judged by the Student Council!



Brandi Wells (pictured left) along with OBI art students **Lucia Marcos** and **Gracie Salmons** plus art teacher Mr. Kendrick and 6th grade teacher Mrs. Johnson painted (in the cold!) Christmas murals on business windows in downtown Manchester. Way to share Christmas spirit and represent OBI!



Merry Christmas from OBI!



John 1:4-5

From the School Counselor

- Seniors: The FAFSA form is now open! Get started at: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- If you or your parents have trouble with the FAFSA or creating a FAFSA ID, Mrs. Monday will be having a FAFSA help workshop on January 15th during class meeting time.
- Dual Credit students: You should be checking your college emails daily.
- Seniors: Check for admission or scholarship deadlines and applications at your colleges' websites.

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The Upper School Choir and Lower School presented the annual Chapel Christmas Program on December 13th. The groups combined for the final song.



The 4th and 5th graders played the new Orff instruments plus several percussion instruments. Photo above right: 4th graders **Jeremiah Williams, Pierson Sawyers, Cassie Campbell, John Landrum** (at the mic) and **Libby Stratton** read the Christmas story from Luke 2.



Sophia Silva (8th grade) and **Yuna Seo** (9th grade) sang a duet.



Upper School Choir Front Row (L-R): Olivia Adams, Layla Sims, Sophia Silva, Hailey Rogers, Yoanna Wongphatharanan, Hallie Scott, Tessa Allen; **Middle Row (L-R):** Rutvi Patel, Yuna Seo, Gladys Liu, Grace Sugplang, Rachel Monday, Zoe Fang, Ruby Svay, Sonita Choeun, Kimberley Shepherd; **Top Row (L-R):** Nathan Dourng, Pitu Yean, Dalton Gibson, Jason Fan, Sonny Jeon, Amadeus Martin, Jesse Dare-Kuforiji, Mo Olayinka, Jonathan Fan, Yoseph Asrat, Jackson Chinn, Bruce Couch, Aki Bekele



Spreading Christmas Cheer!

The Smile Club's project for December was a visit to the Laurel Creek Nursing Home. L-R: **Emma Ohe, Kimberley Shepherd, Millie Simpson, Tessa Allen, Hallie Scott, Layla Sims, Olivia Adams, Paige Stratton.**



More Fall News



The Lower School celebrated Thanksgiving with their very own "Macy's Day Parade" presented by the K, 1st & 2nd grade classes.



On October 8th, our 4th and 5th graders had a fun day of learning at the 4H Environmental Field Day held at the Big Double Creek Campground near Peabody, Ky. Topics included renewable and non renewable resources, animals native to our area and wildlife management, wetland ecology, birds of prey, the function and importance of trees and much more! Thanks to the 4-H Youth Development and the Clay County Cooperative Extension Service for hosting this event!



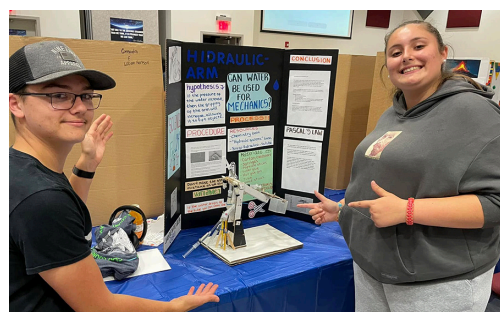
OBI senior **Samuel Cho** is the recipient of the 2024 Presidential Service Award. A minimum of 250 volunteer community service hours is required to apply for this recognition.



The Upper School Choir sang at the November 20th chapel service at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College.

Science Wins

CONGRATS to OBI science students sophomore **Lucia Marcos** (right in photo) and freshman **Jaden Spurlock** who won first place with their working hydrolic arm entry in the high school division of the Clay Community STEM Fair on October 23rd at ECU in Manchester. Eighth graders **Estella Perez**, pictured speaking to visitor, and **Sophia Silva** won first place for the middle school division with their recycling project. OBI was represented by 8 students and 5 entries in the county-wide fair!



Spiritual Emphasis Week



We had a special week of spiritual emphasis in October. Our guest speaker was **Pastor Donovan Stewart** (photo bottom left) with The Mission Church of Lexington. A group of our talented dormitory students led the worship time at one of the chapel services. Photos left: **Jesse Dare-Ku-foriji** on piano, **Jason Erhunmwunse** playing a drum, **Sunhwi Jeon** playing guitar. Group above L-R: **Ruby Svay**, **Sonita Choeun**, **Gladys Liu**, **Grace Sugplang**, **Mo Olayinka**, **Aki Bekele**, **Nathan Dourng**.



OBI Athletics News

The OBI Boys' Soccer team had a record-breaking 19-5 season winning the KHSAA 13th Region championship and advancing to the state tournament and "Final Four" of high school soccer. This is the first time in school history that an OBI soccer team has won a KHSAA regional championship.



The entire school lined Mulberry Street for the soccer team's State Send-Off.



Front Row L-R: Jacob Landfield, Aki Bekele, Noah Jeon, Jonathan Fan, Jason Fan, Nathan Dourng, Amadeus Martin, Hero Khajohnsupawatchara, Skyler Roberts
Back Row L-R: Sam Malone, Mason Lockhart, Tommy Branstutter, Henrique Gabardo, Jason Erhunmwunse, Sam Cho, Mike Dawit, Jesse Dare-Kuforiji, Jacob Rogers, Dennis Esemuede, Caleb Djomou

OBI senior and goalie **Jason Fan** (pictured holding the trophy), junior **Hero Khajohnsupawatchara** and junior **Amadeus Martin** were named to the regional All Tournament Team, and senior **Noah Jeon** was named the tournament MVP. OBI Coach **Cory Steltenpohl** was named the 13th Region Coach of the Year.

After winning the first round game of the state tournament on October 21st, OBI moved on to the state quarterfinal to face Powell County. Their 5-0 win included a "Hat Trick" by junior **Henrique Gabardo**. In a 4-0 defeat to the eventual state champion, Henry Clay High School, OBI became state semi finalists. Coach Steltenpohl reflected, "I believe what made this team special was that they put God first. He took a bunch of boys, some of whom had never played together before and he did something amazing with them. I am so proud of all of these boys."

Tennis Clinic

2024 OBI Hall of Fame inductee **Kai-kai Suvimolstean** (OBI Class of 2017) conducted a two-day tennis clinic in October for beginners and the OBI tennis team.



Lower School Basketball—K-5 enjoyed basketball and cheerleading opportunities on several Saturdays this fall. OBI basketball players assisted in coaching.



Cedar Tive and Grace Sugplang pose for a picture during Spirit Week, OBI's annual kick off to basketball season. Each day was a different dress up theme. The week concluded with Blue & White Night and scrimmages by the boys' and girls' teams.