



On Campus

A quarterly newsletter for parents & guardians of OBI students

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Congratulations Class of 2024



From the School Counselor . . .

Returning Students for 2024-25
Re-enrollment is due by May 31st.

Upcoming Grades 6-12
Get your KHSAA sports physicals this summer! Forms available on the school website.

- K-8 Summer Suggestions**
- Try to read everyday or have someone read to you.
 - Don't stay indoors all the time!
 - Watch the OBI Facebook group and your OBI email for announcements about summer athletic opportunities!

Front Row (L-R)—Kylie Rogers, Mahala Hall, Fenet Gameda, Hermela Andualem, Sirikan Auttarat, Fenet Merdassa

Back Row (L-R)—Kenechukwu Obiora, Alex Gritton, Alazar Silla, Shiloh Tive, Savannah Young, Destiny Shepherd, Kayyo Negisho

The Class of 2024 included four day students and 10 dormitory residents hailing from two U.S. states (GA, WA) plus Ethiopia, Nigeria, Thailand and United Arab Emirates.

The 2023-24 Oneidian Yearbook Awards

"Yearbook Awards" are selected by a committee of faculty and administrators and are so named because they are included in the OBI yearbook. The yearbook staff presented the Yearbook Awards in chapel on May 1st. Another OBI yearbook tradition is to dedicate the yearbook to a faculty/staff member or couple. This year, the yearbook staff honored Allen and Becky Kendrick.



The 2023-24 Yearbook Staff

Senior Mahala Hall
Sophomore Olivia Adams
Senior Editor Savannah Young
Junior Layla Sims
Freshman Jateana Cox
Senior Destiny Shepherd
Senior Kylie Rogers

Most Outstanding

Juniors

Layla Sims, Nathan Dourng

Sophomores

Eden Conder, Amadeus Martin

Freshmen

Jackaylah Lewis, Joshua Okoro

8th Grade

Elyssia Peters, Jacob Rogers

7th Grade

Gracie Salmons, Ryan Noble

6th Grade

Trinity Shepherd, Hunter Maxey

Mountaineer Award

Senior: Kylie Rogers

Junior: Akawaq Bekele

Sophomore: Hallie Scott

Freshman: Kiera Amerman

8th Grade: Hayley Davidson,

Skyler Roberts

7th Grade: Bryn-lee Grubb

6th Grade: Ashlyn Shipman

Most Studious

Senior: Mahala Hall

Junior: Rachel Monday

Sophomore: Andre Collett

Freshman: Payton Hargis

8th Grade: Josiah Williams

7th Grade: Wyatt Appleby

Most Likely To Succeed

Senior who is most likely to find success in life through a personal commitment to Christ.

Kayyo Negisho

Mr. & Miss Oneida

Seniors who have attended OBI for two years and are outstanding in character, academics, citizenship.

Mr. Oneida: Alex Gritton

Miss Oneida: Nadia Auttarat

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER THE 2023-2024 OBI YEARBOOK!

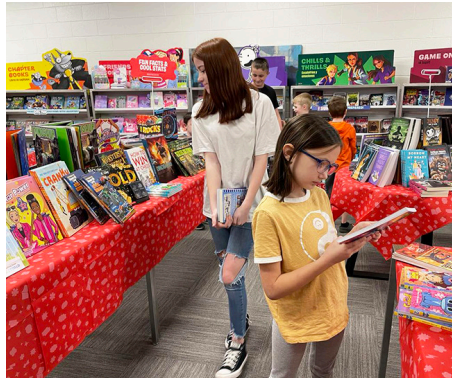
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Around Campus

Scholastic Book Fair

Over \$1200 was raised for the lower school at the Scholastic Book Fair in March. OBI Kindergarten teacher Sara Sumrell contacted Scholastic and organized the book fair on campus to help encourage and promote childhood literacy plus raise funds for K-5 upgrades like new headphones and class reading books.



Jr./Sr. Banquet 2024 — The annual Junior-Senior Banquet was held May 4th in Underwood Hall. Seniors moved to Finley's Fun Center in London, Ky. for their late-night after party. Visit the OBI Facebook page to view more prom photos.



NHS/NJHS — An induction ceremony for new members of National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society was held on April 2nd.



On Good Friday, the high school drama class performed skits and monologues in an Easter-themed program titled "The Beautiful Empty." Pictured above: **Roxy Sandlin** (left) and **Kiera Amerman**.



App. 80 teens from a boarding school in Denmark visited OBI on April 19th. They joined our students for chapel where they heard the OBI choir. After lunch, grades 6-12 along with our guests went to the field for an OBI v. Denmark soccer scrimmage.



Highest GPA Awards

These and other academic awards were presented in chapel on May 5th.

Grades 6, 7, and 8

Trey Weidemann, Mahdi Anani,

Skyler Roberts

Grades 9, 10, and 11

Cedar Tive, Joshua Okoro, Eden Conder,

Ester Sugplang

Class of 2024

Valedictorian Alex Gritton

Salutatorian Mahala Hall

Off Campus



Members of the Class of 2024 at Dollywood for the Senior Trip April 17-19.



The sophomore class visited the Laurel Creek nursing home in April as part of our effort to have each upper school grade plan and perform a community service project.



Grades 6-12 went to the Air Raid Trampoline Park in London, Ky., on May 1, 2024.



Spring Sports

TENNIS TEAM (below)

Front L-R: Grace Sugplang, Carly Roberts, Hayley Davidson, Jackaylah Lewis, Christiana Laud-Hammond, Nadia Auttarat

Back L-R: Tyler Wagers, Jesse Dare-Kuforiji, Sam Cho, Hero Khajohnsupawatchara, Alex Gritton, Jason Fan



Season Highlights—Tennis

- Senior **Alex Gritton** advanced to the quarter finals of the 13th Region Tennis Tournament
- Junior **Sam Cho**, a 13th Region Boys' Singles tennis semifinalist, advanced to state!

Season Highlights—Track & Field

- On May 3, OBI hosted its first track and field meet in 30 years!
- Junior **Jason Erhunmwunse** made it to state in high jump and placed 4th in the region in long jump!
- 7th grader **Mimi Olayinka** will compete at both the high school and middle school state track meets in the Girls' 400 Meter Dash!

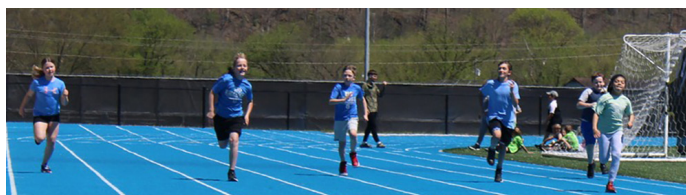
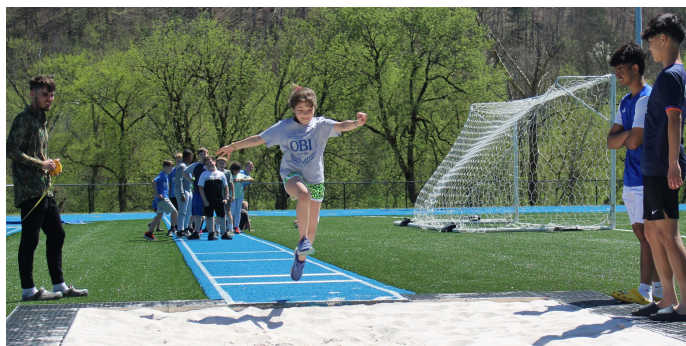


TRACK & FIELD TEAM (above)

Front L-R: Lynniah Dickens, Sierra Davidson, Bailey Bristow, Jackaylah Lewis, Hayley Davidson, Jateana Cox, Mimi Olayinka, Zuzu Olayinka

Middle L-R: Asst. Coach Cory Steltenpohl, Wyatt Appleby, Bruce Couch, Sang Oh, Jarrell Dennis, Jackson Chinn, Jacob Rogers, Skyler Roberts, Aden Gregory, Noah Jeon, Joshua Okoro, Coach Mitch Hawkins

Back L-R: Aki Bekele, Cedar Tive, Victor Okoro, Leul Enquanhone, Jason Erhunmwunse, Jesse Dare-Kuforiji, Joshua Metzger, Mason Lockhart, Jonathan Fan, Levi Appleby



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K-5 enjoyed Track & Field Saturdays throughout the month of April thanks to our PE teachers and a few high school athletes volunteering their time!