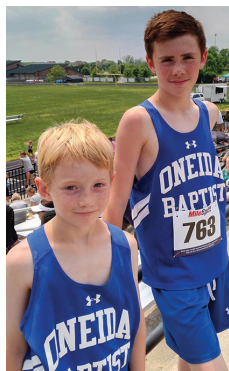


Lower School performs spring musical, recognized for track/field



Congrats to **Isaac Bayes**, right, who competed at the Elementary State Track Meet on May 21. Isaac tied for fifth in the state for 11 and 12-year-olds in the long jump with a jump of 11'6". He also got eighth in the state for his age range in the 400-m dash. (With teammate **Jay O'Neal**.) Lower School children and teachers worked together to learn a spring musical, performed under the leadership of **Tim Cochran**, OBI Choral Director.



"Volunteer Season" is in full swing this summer



First-time volunteers to OBI! We were excited to have this group from Lawrence County Baptist Association in Tennessee the week of June 20. Half the team are from the First Baptist Church in St. Joseph, TN, and the other half come from Barnesville Baptist Church in Summertown, TN. God bless you for all of your hard work, and nice to meet you! ☐

Congratulations to the Class of 2022!



"Our hearts have always been here"

Each year, our yearbook is dedicated to a staff member or couple. This year, the recipients were **Randy and Tricia Schmittendorf**. For over 40 years, the Schmittendorfs have followed the Lord in faith to serve young people in many different places. Their journey brought them to OBI in three different seasons totaling over 13 years.



Tricia visited OBI as a young girl with her family for the summer Mountain Missions Conference. Tricia and Randy met as adults in Buffalo, New York, where Tricia's family had moved to plant a church when she was a teenager. The Schmittendorfs married in 1981, and in 1984, they moved to Kentucky, where Randy attended Boyce Bible College.

Tricia's parents joined the OBI staff, and the Schmittendorfs and their two young children visited them in Oneida. In 1985, Dr. Barkley Moore offered them positions on the OBI staff. "We prayed about it, and we felt that God was leading us to do that," Randy said.

From 1985 to 1992, the Schmittendorfs served at OBI at a time when the student population topped 500. It was in an OBI classroom that Tricia felt called to become a teacher and to complete her education.

From 1992 to 2012, Randy worked in construction, finished his religion degree and became a youth pastor. Tricia became a public school teacher, gave private piano lessons and opened a Christian school with 17 students in the first year.

Oneida was never far from their hearts, and in 2012, they returned to fill needs on the staff for one year.

In 2017, they felt called back to Oneida and miraculously sold their house in Tennessee in just 15 days. When the pandemic hit, they were here to take on extra responsibilities to see OBI and our students through a difficult time.

Randy now serves as the head of our maintenance and construction department, and Tricia is our middle school language arts instructor.

Looking back on their seasons at Oneida, Randy stated, "Our hearts have always been here." His greatest joy in serving at OBI? "Seeing kids come to Christ and maybe having a part in that...That's the key to the whole thing." Tricia agreed saying, "One of the biggest joys I have...is to see a student delivered from past bondages and learn to walk in the freedom of Christ." ☐

OBI math teacher joins educators from across U.S. to grade A.P. calculus exams



After a rigorous application and screening process, OBI math teacher **Steve Grant** received an invitation to be a “reader” for the AP calculus exam. He traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, where he joined math colleagues from across the U.S. in June for seven intensive days of grading the nation’s AP calculus exams.

“AP” is short for Advanced Placement, a program run by the College Board, a non-profit organization which promotes college readiness for students. Advanced high school students may take AP courses, and at the end of the course take a standardized AP exam, the score of which may result in college credit and/or a bump in their high school GPA. OBI offers several advanced placement classes in addition to dual credit college opportunities.

Grant looked forward to this opportunity because, “I thought it would be a good experience to be a part of the program. Getting together with math people to do math—this is something I felt that I would enjoy, and I also thought I could contribute to the process.” Grant was responsible for two problems from the calculus exam and completed over 2,000 tests, grading eight hours each day. While grading, he gained valuable insight for his own teaching. “It gave me an opportunity to see what the students were understanding [and] an indication of how the material was being taught. I saw things that I could apply in my own classroom,” he explained.

Grant has been teaching for 35 years, the last 26 years at OBI. Before coming to OBI, he taught at missionary schools in South and Central America. He holds two bachelor’s degrees and a master’s degree and is OBI’s advanced math teacher.

Grant enjoyed the experience of grading the AP calculus exam among fellow math teachers, but noted it was also a refreshing time of professional development. He said, “There were opportunities at meals to talk to other educators who were, like me, passionate about what they do. We talked about our experience in the classroom. We shared ideas, titles of must-read books and good websites. Questions would come up about the schools that we were from, and I was able to talk about OBI and the work that we are doing here.” □

Our Senior Send-off



This year our seniors paraded across the middle of campus as our lower students and staff bid them goodbye. They shook hands, said “thank you”—and maybe cried a little before **President Gritton** prayed for them.

In memoriam:
William Lyn Claybrook,
OBI Class of 1949

Summer sports galore



(clockwise) Lower School Basketball Camp was a fun way to start summer.

Girls could participate in open gym and basketball camp.

Friday afternoons gave students seven athletic choices. Go Mountaineers!

Girls Basketball

Open Gym and Camp

Open Gym Dates (7th-12th only)
June: 13, 14, 16, and 17 from 6pm-8pm
July: 11, 12, 14, 15, and 25, 26, 28, 29 from 6pm-8pm

STUDENT AGE: K-8TH

WE OFFER: BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, TRACK, SOCCER, TENNIS, SOFTBALL, BASEBALL

SCHEDULE: FRIDAYS ONLY (EXCEPT JULY 1ST AND 8TH): 1PM-3PM

Alumni Corner: Homecoming is Coming Home

Class Officers
L-R, Girls-Boys:
Liz Bishop, President.
Mrs. Jean Woods, Sponsor.
Diana Martin, V. President.
Mr. Harlan Woods, Sponsor.
Billy Combs, Repres.
Jack Rice, Sec. Treas.



Oneida Athletic Hall of Fame

The purpose of the OBI Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor our outstanding coaches and athletes. Nominations may be made by any person. The inductees will be chosen by the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

Requirements for eligibility for nomination of an athlete:

1. The nominee must have been outstanding in one or more sports while a student at OBI.
2. The nominee must have left OBI in good standing.
3. A nominee must have graduated from high school—not necessarily from OBI—at least five years before he/she is inducted into the Hall of Fame. Only his/her OBI achievements will be considered.

Requirements for eligibility for nomination of coaches:

1. Any coach whose team wins a KHSAA-sanctioned state championship is automatically considered for induction.
2. Any other coach to be considered must have been a varsity head coach at OBI for at least three years.

Additional requirements for eligibility for nomination:

1. Nominee must be present at the induction ceremony. If unable to attend due to illness, the nominee may be represented by a family member.
2. The nominee may be someone already deceased. In this event, he/she will be represented by a family member at the induction ceremony.

Please submit nominations via email to: jamie.middleton@oneidaschool.org

**You may also mail a nomination to:
OBI, Attn. Athletic Director, PO Box 67, Oneida, KY 40972**

- All nominations must include:**
- Name of nominee & sport(s) participated in or coached
 - Decade of participation in OBI sports
 - Explanation for the nomination to include nominee’s awards, records set, etc.
 - The nominator’s full name, address and phone number
- Thank you!

Anniversaries!

We will be celebrating the 50th anniversaries of the classes of 1970, 1971, & 1972. Invite alumni from those classes in particular to attend this very special time.

Participate from home

Won’t be able to attend Homecoming? We have the answer! You can make a donation to OBI instead. Consider giving to a particular project, such as our new athletic field house.

Tell others about OBI

Let Homecoming inspire you to tell others about OBI! Invite former classmates. If people ask, “What did you do this weekend?” tell them! Do you know of a child who needs to be at Oneida? Tell the family about us.

Mark your calendar for Homecoming 2022!



Our Homecoming celebration returns **October 22!** We have missed you! Here is some of what we have planned:

- 8:00 a.m.** Livestock show at farm
- 9:00 a.m.** Registration on the CMC porch and Oneida Baptist Church (OBC)
- 10:00 a.m.** Hymn Sing at OBC
- 11:00 a.m.** Dedication of Underwood Hall
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch (Underwood H.)
- 1:00 p.m.** Recognition of 50th anniversary classes of 1970, 1971 & 1972 at Underwood Hall + 5-yr anniversaries & Athletic Hall of Fame
- 2:00 p.m.** Tour of all buildings and / or alumni volleyball game at the Sparks Gym
- 4:30 p.m.** Dinner & depart