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## Cross country goes to state competition



Oneida's boys' cross country team and one runner from the girls' team ran in the state meet November 9 in Lexington. They

qualified for state competition by finishing third in the region.

**Mianna Baker**, our girls' state contestant, came in sixth in the regional race. Coach **Megan Jaspersen** noted, "That's pretty impressive since Mianna's an eighth-grader." Sophomore **Eric Grant** finished fourth of the boys at regionals.

Coach **Joey Jaspersen** (OBI '04) said, "It's a big honor to go to state. At the regional meet they ran against good competition, and they didn't hold anything back."

This year's team was mostly an experienced group, though three new runners stayed with it for the whole season. Veteran team members **Eric Grant**, **Jake Nichols**, **Trevor DeMaria**, **Mianna Baker**, and **Jordan Cochran** were joined by newcomers **Cody Sallee**, **Woo Rim Han**, **Alex Quarshie**, **Madison Kehler**, and **Essence Wilson**.

The 2013 season saw many runners improving their personal best times. "We were continually impressed with their consistently improved times," Mrs. Jaspersen stated. "They did what we asked of them." Mr. Jaspersen agreed; "It was neat to watch them beat their own times. I told them, 'Don't be concerned with what others do or you'll get off your pace.'"

The Jaspersens were pleased with their athletes' attitudes and effort. "They were optimistic and positive overall," Mr. Jaspersen said. They went above and beyond what we asked them to do with a lot of zeal. They had a great work ethic."

The Jaspersens estimated that each runner logged an average of 200 miles this season. □

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## Soccer team regional first runner-up



Our soccer team had a victorious 2013 season. They won the All A Thirteenth Region title, and then took first place in the sectional playoff between the thirteenth and fourteenth regions. This meant Oneida represented both regions in the Elite Eight All A State Tournament. Our players and coaches gave up three days of their fall break to play in the All A State Tournament.

The team also finished as first runner-up in the Thirteenth Region's tournament. They ended the season with nine wins, seven losses, and two ties. This was the first time the Mountaineers had made it all the way to the regional championship game since the year 2000. Athletic Director, **Laura Stockton** (OBI '86) stated, "We were ranked number two in the region going into the regional championship game."

**Keith Orr** was assistant coach this year, helping head coach **Mike Waslewski**. Orr was not surprised at the team's success. "We had eight seniors," he said, "so I expected them to do well."

The co-ed team included eight girls, who were "the surprise of the year" according to Orr. "They consistently did well," he said, "and they showed a lot of character. They were phenomenal."

Along with the talent and experience, Orr saw "a huge improvement from the beginning of the season to the end." He spoke to their hard work and determination: "They were always striving, right to the end." □

## Sunday School class a definite success

A year ago, two OBI adult ministry team members saw a need and decided to fill it, receiving dramatic results. **Bobby and Amy Nelson** (OBI '88) started a Sunday school class that began with 12-15 students. By Christmas, they were averaging 35 and attendance eventually peaked at 60. Their secret? "It's their class. We just try to make it fun and relevant to them," Mrs. Nelson explained.

The Nelsons may use *The New Christian's Handbook*, by Max Anders; *Jesus Freaks*, by D.C. Talk, or *Voice of the Martyrs*, but Mrs. Nelson prefers to "wing it," discussing questions the students ask. Occasionally other staff members lead or students teach the class themselves. "Last year one of the boys, **Jamark Cox**, taught from Revelation," Mrs. Nelson recalled. "He even brought in Old Testament prophecies." When students teach, the Nelsons facilitate. "The students pay more attention if one of them is leading," Mrs. Nelson said.

Last spring, the Sunday school class went on a field trip to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky. Students paid their own way and additionally had to earn the privilege of attending. They accumulated points by going to the class weekly, bringing their Bibles, bringing friends, attending other Christian campus meetings, memorizing scripture, giving testimonies, keeping Bible reading and prayer journals, and doing acts of service. "The students never cease to amaze me," Mrs. Nelson stated. "Every time we've given them a challenge, they've risen to meet it."

Jamark, a sophomore, was one of the founding members of the class. He likes the fact that "They give us the chance to share testimonies and teach sometimes. Everyone has a voice." □



The Creation Museum trip

## Bits and tidbits

### Our mission statement

The mission of Oneida Baptist Institute is to provide a Christian living, learning and working environment in which each of its students, Christian or non-Christian, is diligently challenged to grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually in order to acquire an *Education for Time and Eternity*.

### Getting a new device for Christmas?

If Santa brings you a new iPod, iPad, or smart phone, consider donating your used one to OBI. Teachers can use them in the classroom to connect with our network.



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#### Campbell's "Labels for Education"™

Send us the entire label. Look for "Labels for Education"™ not only on Campbell's foods, but also on their other products, such as Vlasic®, Franco-American®, Prego®, Swanson®, Pace® and Pepperidge Farm®. These labels earn points that we can redeem to get free educational equipment and other items.

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Send entire labels from specially marked Tyson chicken products. They are worth 24 cents each, and return to us as cash.

#### General Mills "Box Tops for Education"™

Send specially marked box tops. Each is worth 10 cents, and this program also turns points into cash.

### Does your church have a web site?

If so, ask them to link to OBI:

**Web:** [www.oneidaschool.org](http://www.oneidaschool.org)

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## Fall fun for all



Cornhole was one of many attractions at our annual Fall Festival.



For FFA Leadership Day, our officers served with the Cowboy Up for Christ program in Jackson County.





## Brand, new academic team off to a good start



For the first time in nearly 20 years, OBI has a high school quick recall academic team. Some 16 students have joined the team, which practices each weekday afternoon.

Our quick recall Mountaineers won their first two matches. "They're usually on top of their game," said coach **Cheryl Monroe**.

Quick recall features four students from each

of two teams competing to answer verbal questions over a wide range of topics. Questions may come from the fields of history, government, science, movies, sports, computer science, music, and trivia. "The answers might come from what they learn in class or from their own interests," Monroe explained. In addition to quick recall, academic teams can compete in written assessment, composition, and future problem-solving.

All of our team members are new to academic team except senior **Isaac Back**, who did quick recall and written assessment competitions in his former school. He is glad OBI now offers this co-curricular activity. "It's a great opportunity to hang out with friends and get to learn things in the process," he said. "It's good to be able to use random knowledge that we don't usually use in school."

Monroe described her team members as "extremely enthusiastic." She stated, "I've been impressed with their attitudes. They're so competitive; they've really enjoyed it so far. We have a broad range of interests." Those varied interests are essential to success, since Monroe reports, "They cover every subject in high school and more." □



**Sondra Collins and Shirley Parker**, (left) volunteers from Kentucky's Blood River Association, made curtains for our fall play, (above) *Murder by the Book*, by Craig Sodaro.



In September, **Deborah Hensley Martin** and her father, **Olan Doc Hensley**, visited our campus. Mr. Hensley is a great-grandson and Ms. Martin a great-great granddaughter of **Squire Hensley**, one of the original trustees of the school. (Mountain Rising, Darrell C. Richardson, p. 273)

The faculty, staff and students of  
Oneida Baptist Institute  
wish you and yours a very merry  
Christmas and a blessed new year.  
Thank you so much for your love,  
your support and your prayers  
for our ministry.



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## Sewing, sorting, and so much more



This fall we were blessed with many volunteers. (clockwise) 1) Groups from Moulton Baptist Church, Moulton, Alabama; Clearview Baptist Church, Franklin, Tennessee; and Robin Hood Road Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. 2) **Richard Stallons** from Walnut Street Baptist Church in Benton, Kentucky, part of the Blood River Baptist Association. 3) **Pam Raisor** and **Linda Young** of Worthville Baptist

Church in Worthville, Kentucky worked at the Friendship House. 4) Alabama Campers On Mission ladies sewed gifts for our booth at the Kentucky Baptist Convention. 5) Alabama Campers on Mission men helped with our parking lot project. 6) Frances Leathers from Wickland Baptist Church in Bardstown, Kentucky served in the Gift Shop. Thank you, friends! ☐



### Nominations accepted soon for the OBI Athletic Hall of Fame

Be watching for criteria and a nomination form in the January/February *Oneida Mountaineer*.

