



OLDENBURG  
ACADEMY OF THE  
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CONCEPTION

# Close Up

APRIL 2008

## *a message from the president*



### resurrection moments

As I write this, the Sunday Gospel is about the raising of Lazarus from the dead. When he emerges from the tomb Jesus says, "Untie him and let him go free." This prefigures the whole Easter season, in which we celebrate our coming alive and being set free. For truly Jesus is alive in our midst. Here at OA we have experienced the Lenten season. Spring break began with the celebration of Easter, and we continue to experience resurrection moments throughout the Easter season. Some of these new life affirming moments are these.

#### **GRANDPARENTS' APPRECIATION**

Grandparents' Appreciation Day is Friday, April 25. Join us for the "premier viewing" of our spring concert at 1 p.m. What fun to see your grandchild performing! Watch for more information in the Friday News or at [www.oldenburgacademy.org](http://www.oldenburgacademy.org).

#### **ART SHOWS**

Come visit a sampling of work from our Art Department. April 7 to April 18, Art One students will show their work and April 28 to May 11, Advanced Art students will have their pieces on display. The displays are open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in ICA Hall.

#### **WALKATHON**

Get in shape and join us for the Student Walkathon on Friday, April 18. Enjoy a six mile walk through the rolling hills of Oldenburg.

#### **OUTSTANDING SUPPORTERS**

We give special thanks to our outstanding supporters on Sunday, April 27. Fr. Bill Farris, OFM, President of Roger Bacon High School, will preside at the 4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Liturgy celebrated in the Sisters' Chapel.

#### **SENIOR RECEPTION**

Senior reception into the OA Alumni Association is Friday, May 16 beginning with Eucharistic Liturgy at 1:30 p.m.

#### **OUTDOOR CONCERT**

May 16 Outdoor Concert on the platform behind the auditorium.

#### **COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Seniors' college scholarships are being awarded. Our 53 seniors have already received over \$2 million, and the amount is increasing daily. I know they would appreciate your prayers as they diligently work to successfully complete their high school requirements while discerning the college or university of their choice. Graduation is Sunday, June 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sisters' chapel.

#### **PRO-AM GOLF CLASSIC**

Monday, June 9 is the Oldenburg Academy Pro-Am Golf Classic at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club in Batesville.

#### **MISSION TRIP TO HAITI**

Ten of our students are preparing for a July 27 to August 4 mission trip to Haiti where they, along with their chaperones, will be working with the Sisters of Charity in providing nurturing to the orphans under their care.

#### **BIKE RUN**

Our Bike Run Blessing/ATV Raffle is Saturday, June 28. Registration is at 10 a.m., blessing is at 11:30 a.m., and kickstands go up at noon.

*Spring is here! OA is a bustle of activity where we share the Good News of God's presence among us.*

*Sr. Therese Gillman, OSF*

# a message from the principal

## snow days

As I look at the weather forecast for today I can only pray that this snow storm will be the last of the season. Thankfully, at this time, we have only two snow days to make up. We will make up all snow days at the end of the year. What this means, at the present time, is that exams will be Friday, May 23; Tuesday, May 27; and Wednesday, May 28. These days are subject to change but it is the best information I currently can share.

## computer safety and ethics

In February, 2007 all parents were invited to hear a presentation on computer safety and ethics from i-SAFE, Inc. Some of the following information is taken from that presentation. As stated at that time our students, your children, use the Internet daily for educational purposes and personally to stay connected with friends.

Many students participate in MySpace, Facebook, and other Internet sites that make personal information accessible to the public. Our young people believe they are technologically savvy, and often are naive when it comes to Internet safety.

Social networks sites like MySpace and Facebook allow for the integration of web profiles, blogs, instant messaging, email, music streaming, music videos, photo galleries, classified listings, events, and community and membership forums. These sites can be private or open for the world to see and read.

Recently, our guidance counselor went to a conference at a college located in Cincinnati, Ohio. During the various discussions, a question was asked regarding the checking of backgrounds of applicants. The college admissions representative stated that her school does an online search of students that send in an application. It is important to note that employers will also research applicants.

Once material is placed on the internet it will remain there for a very long time unless someone removes it. We try to impress upon our students that they must be careful when they place their names on social networking sites or on the internet in general.

Just remember that while your kids may know more than you do about technology, you know more about life. And you are allowed to set the rules and enforce them. You're still the parent!

There is software you can install that will record what your kids say and post online. There is even one that will email you reports at work. The ones I like best are made by Spectorsoft, and can be found at [www.software4parents.com](http://www.software4parents.com) or [www.spectorsoft.com](http://www.spectorsoft.com).

But don't use them just to spy on your kids. Treat them like a security video camera in the corner of a bank. No one views the tapes unless and until there is a break in. Do the same here.

Check the program reports if something goes wrong. It will collect whatever you need for evidence and to help your child if something goes wrong.

*Mr. Joseph E. Gressock*

## computer safety tips for parents

**Talk to your kids.** Ask questions (and then confirm to make sure they are telling you the truth!)

**Ask to see their profile page** (for the first time)... tomorrow! It gives them a chance to remove everything that isn't appropriate or safe... and it becomes a way to teach them what not to post instead of being a gotcha moment! Think of it as the loud announcement before walking downstairs to a teen party you're hosting.

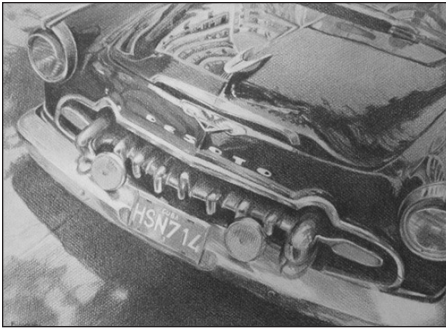
**Don't panic...** there are ways of keeping your kids safe online. It's easier than you think!

**This too will pass!** Most kids really do use social networks just to communicate with their friends. Take a breath, gather your thoughts and get help when you need it. (You can reach out to [www.WiredSafety.org](http://www.WiredSafety.org).)

**It's not an invasion of their privacy** if strangers can see it. There is a difference between reading their paper diary that is tucked away in their sock drawer... and reading their MySpace/Facebook. One is between them and the paper it's written on; the other is between them and 700 million people online!

**Don't believe everything** you read online, especially if your teen posts it on his or her MySpace/Facebook!

**And, finally...** repeat after me, "I'm still the parent!" If they don't listen or follow your rules, unplug the computer... the walk to the library will do them good.



## Ms. Burroughs' work was accepted into an international juried art exhibition

Art Faculty Ms. Pamela J. Burroughs' work, entitled "Cuban DeSoto," was recently accepted into the Red River Valley International Juried Art Exhibition held at the Red River Valley Museum in historic Vernon, Texas.

The exhibition opens on May 2, 2008 and will be on display through June 27, 2008. The museum is open free to the public Tuesdays through Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Ms. Burroughs usually works from her own photos, but the photo referenced in "Cuban DeSoto" was taken by a friend who went on a mission trip to Cuba. He sent her the photo on a greeting card and she liked it so much that she asked to use it.

This is the second international juried art exhibition that Ms. Burroughs has been accepted into. She was also in the Colored Pencil Society's Annual International Exhibition in 2005.

This is the third juried art exhibition that Ms. Burroughs has been accepted into during this school year. She also presented a lecture on drawing at the National Art Education Association (NAEA's) conference in New Orleans on March 26-30, 2008.

This is the seventh exhibition to be held at the Red River Valley Museum, located in Vernon, Texas. This year, the museum had entries from 32 states and three foreign countries. For more information, go to [www.redrivervalleymuseum.com](http://www.redrivervalleymuseum.com).

## Spring Training

The bases were loaded and the OA team hit a grand slam on Saturday, March 1 at the 19th Annual Reverse Raffle. Over 300 people gathered at the Knights of Columbus Hall, enjoying a dinner catered by Lil' Charlie's and Snikers and Peanuts with musical entertainment provided by Academy students. A very big thank you to all the volunteers, parents, students, and faculty members that helped make this night such a success. The OA team stepped up to the plate in a big way. Many comments were made about what a nice job everyone did.

Congratulations to Jackie Fitzgerald, the \$2,000 grand prize winner of the Reverse Raffle, and Geraldine Kuntz, winner of the Coach Potato Raffle. Dee and Jim Fritsch, grandparents of Jackie Fritsch, won the Cracker Jack raffle. The jewelry winners were as follows: Diamond Journey Pendant – Dee and Jim Fritsch, Blue Topaz and Diamond Ring – Darryl Maslar, Created Emerald Necklace, Earrings and Ring – Holly Bruns, Miraculous Medallion – Toni Collins, Pearl Necklace, Earrings and Bracelet Box Set – Richard Hoff. Dave Giddings, auctioneer, and Joe Zerhusen, announcer for the Cincinnati Reds, did an outstanding job with the live auction assisted by the OA Cheer Team.

The Reverse Raffle is a wonderful reflection on our school, students, administration, faculty, and parents. It is estimated that over 1,000 people were involved and that over 600 gifts were donated to the event. If you have the opportunity, a nice way to show our gratitude to all our donors would be to patronize their establishments. A very special thank you to all who helped make this night a hit.

*Mary Ellen Rippe, event co-chair*

## Pro-Am Golf Classic

Mark your calendar for Monday, June 9, 2008 for Oldenburg Academy's Pro-Am Golf Classic. The Classic will be held at Hillcrest Country Club in Batesville with tee times at 7:00 am and 1:00 pm. Foursomes are available for \$775, or pay a single entry fee of \$200. The first 16 OA parents who reserve a morning tee time will play for a reduced rate of \$150, a \$50 savings.

Each golf entry includes green fees and cart, tee favor which will be a \$50 gift certificate to the Hillcrest Pro Shop, continental breakfast, buffet lunch, complimentary beverages and snacks on the course, cocktails, dinner, silent auction and evening awards. Information packets will arrive this month. For more information, please call Debbie Lamping in the OA Advancement Office at 812.933.0737.

## Second Annual Walkathon

The Second Annual Student Walkathon is Friday, April 18 and will benefit the Academy. Your support is crucial to the success of this walk. All dollars raised will help us keep administrative costs for the walk down so that all dollars raised by our student walkers go directly to Oldenburg Academy. Prizes secured are provided to the students through various games and contests and help us provide incentive to the students. Please check out our website at [www.oldenburgacademy.org](http://www.oldenburgacademy.org) for more details on our upcoming walk.

# from the guidance office

## **SCHEDULING PROCESS AT OLDENBURG ACADEMY**

Now that I have met individually with each student at Oldenburg Academy concerning his or her schedule for next year, we will begin the process of developing the master schedule. First, we will review the course requests of the seniors to ensure that they are meeting the requirements for the Indiana Academic Honors Diploma or Indiana Core 40 Diploma.

Second, we will look at the junior, sophomore, and freshman course requests. Third, course request information is entered into the scheduling computer program, which will be used to develop the master schedule. Fourth, students are placed into the classes of their choosing beginning with the senior class.

We take great care and concern when developing the master schedule and when scheduling each student into his or her classes for next year. I personally make sure that all students are meeting all of the necessary graduation requirements while working hard to help them choose classes that relate to their potential college major and future career goals.

We are working hard to help the students fit the classes they would like to take into their schedule. If a scheduling conflict does occur, I will meet with your student to discuss alternate courses that will satisfy all graduation requirements and academic needs for college. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding your student's schedule for next year.

## **SCHOLARSHIP LISTING**

An updated scholarship listing is posted in the outer guidance office. The list is updated each week. I encourage students to check the scholarship listing often.

## **SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AND/OR ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION LETTERS**

Seniors who have been awarded scholarships from colleges, universities, or private organizations should bring copies of notification to the guidance office. All offered scholarships and offers of admission will be published in the graduation program and at school.

## **SAT/ACT FOR JUNIORS**

This is a great time to get registered for the SAT and/or ACT. See Miss Rauch for registration materials.

## **MAY 2008 AP EXAM DATES**

### **Spanish Language**

Tuesday, May 6 (morning)

### **Calculus**

Wednesday, May 7 (morning)

### **English Literature**

Thursday, May 8 (morning)

### **German Language**

Thursday, May 8 (morning)

### **United States History**

Friday, May 9 (morning)

### **Studio Art: Portfolios due**

Friday, May 9 (afternoon)

### **Biology**

Monday, May 12 (morning)

### **Music Theory**

Monday, May 12 (morning)

### **Chemistry**

Tuesday, May 13 (morning)

### **English Language**

Wednesday, May 14 (morning)

*Ms. Joleen Rauch*

# from the admissions office

## **OA WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 2012**

Oldenburg Academy welcomes the class of 2012. With over 12 different middle schools represented, the freshmen class brings a wealth of talent and diversity to the OA campus. The freshmen class is currently at 54 students.

## **CLASS OF 2012 FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHT**

On Thursday, April 10, the Class of 2012 Freshmen Scholarship recipients will be awarded their scholarships at a special ceremony held in the school cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

## **SAVE THE DATE: CLASS OF 2012 FRESHMEN PICNIC**

All incoming freshmen are invited to a Class of 2012 Picnic on Saturday, May 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The picnic is a fun way to meet classmates while enjoying pizza and playing a few games, not to mention, getting your official Class of 2012 OA t-shirt! More details about the picnic will be sent to you at home. Save the date for now!

## **ALGEBRA 1 ASSESSMENT TEST**

All incoming freshmen who have completed Algebra 1 in the eighth grade and are planning to take Geometry in the fall will need to take the Algebra 1 assessment test at Oldenburg Academy on Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. This test will be administered prior to the Freshmen Class Picnic in classrooms on the first floor of the school building.

## **IT'S NOT TOO LATE**

Any eighth grade student or current high school student interested in learning more about Oldenburg Academy and the process of enrolling for the fall of 2008 should contact Mrs. Hunger in the admissions office at 812.934.4440 ext. 231 or via email at [hunger@oldenburgacademy.org](mailto:hunger@oldenburgacademy.org).

*Mrs. Annette Hunger*

# Spring sports schedules

All schedules are subject to change.

Visit [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) for the most up to date schedules.

All home games are in bold.

## Boys and Girls Varsity Track

Tue. 4/1	Lawrenceburg & Shawe	5:00 pm
Sat. 4/5	C.B. Relays (Greensburg)	11:00 am
Tue. 4/8	N. Decatur & Morristown	4:30 pm
Thu. 4/10	S. Ripley/Rising Sun/Shawe	4:30 pm
Tue. 4/15	S. Decatur & Jac-Cen-Del	4:30 pm
Thu. 4/17	S. Dearborn Invitational	5:30 pm
Mon. 4/21	S. Dearborn & Franklin Co.	4:30 pm
Sat. 4/26	C.B. Invit. (Greensburg)	10:00 am
Mon. 5/5	Connersville & Union Co.	5:00 pm

## Boys Varsity Baseball

<b>Wed. 4/2</b>	<b>Rising Sun</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
Sat. 4/5	Jac-Cen-Del	11:00 am
Sat. 4/5	Jac-Cen-Del	1:00 pm
<b>Mon. 4/7</b>	<b>Triton Central</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
Thu. 4/10	Lawrenceburg	5:00 pm
Sat. 4/12	Madison Shawe	11:00 am
Sat. 4/12	Madison Shawe	1:00 pm
Mon. 4/14	Edinburgh	4:30 pm
<b>Wed. 4/16</b>	<b>North Decatur</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
Sat. 4/19	Union County	10:00 am
Sat. 4/19	Union County	12:00 pm
<b>Tue. 4/22</b>	<b>South Decatur</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
Thu. 4/24	Hauser	4:30 pm
Sat. 4/26	Indian Creek	10:00 am
Sat. 4/26	Indian Creek	12:00 pm
Mon. 4/28	Southwestern Hanover	5:00 pm
<b>Tue. 4/29</b>	<b>Trinity Lutheran</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
Thu. 5/1	Milan High	5:00 pm
Mon. 5/5	Centerville	5:00 pm
Wed. 5/7	South Ripley	4:30 pm
<b>Sat. 5/10</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Sat. 5/10</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>Mon. 5/12</b>	<b>Morristown</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
Fri. 5/16	Yell. Jacket Invit. (Morristown)	TBA
Sat. 5/17	Yell. Jacket Invit. (Morristown)	TBA
Mon. 5/19	Southwestern Shelby	4:30 pm
<b>Tue. 5/20</b>	<b>Edinburgh</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
Thu. 5/22	Waldron	4:30 pm

## Boys Junior Varsity Baseball

<b>Mon. 3/31</b>	<b>South Ripley</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
Thu. 4/17	Shelbyville	4:30 pm
Fri. 5/2	Lawrenceburg	5:00 pm
Fri. 5/9	North Decatur	5:00 pm
<b>Wed. 5/14</b>	<b>Greensburg</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>

All home baseball games are played at Liberty Park.

## Girls Varsity Softball

Mon. 3/31	Milan	4:30 pm
<b>Wed. 4/2</b>	<b>Rising Sun</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
Thu. 4/3	Franklin County	4:30 pm
Tue. 4/8	Madison Consolidated	5:30 pm
<b>Thu. 4/10</b>	<b>Union County</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Tue. 4/15</b>	<b>Jac-Cen-Del</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
Thu. 4/17	North Decatur	4:30 pm
Mon. 4/21	East Central (JV)	4:30 pm
Tue. 4/22	Madison Shawe	5:00 pm
<b>Thu. 4/24</b>	<b>Franklin County (JV)</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
Tue. 4/29	Greensburg	4:30 pm
Thu. 5/1	Lawrenceburg	4:30 pm
<b>Fri. 5/2</b>	<b>South Ripley</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Mon. 5/5</b>	<b>Rushville</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Tue. 5/6</b>	<b>Connersville</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Wed. 5/7</b>	<b>Switzerland County</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Tue. 5/13</b>	<b>Greensburg (JV)</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
Wed. 5/14	South Decatur	4:30 pm

## Girls Varsity Tennis

Tue. 4/1	South Dearborn	5:00 pm
<b>Wed. 4/2</b>	<b>Lawrenceburg</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
<b>Mon. 4/7</b>	<b>Union County</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
Tue. 4/8	Greensburg	4:30 pm
<b>Thu. 4/10</b>	<b>Milan</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
Sat. 4/12	Shelbyville Invitational	10:00 am
Mon. 4/14	Trinity Lutheran	5:30 pm
<b>Mon. 4/21</b>	<b>Hauser</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Mon. 4/28</b>	<b>Waldron</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
Tue. 4/29	East Central	4:00 pm
Wed. 4/30	Franklin County	4:30 pm
Wed. 5/7	Connersville	5:00 pm
Tue. 5/13	Milan	4:00 pm

## Boys Varsity Golf

Mon. 3/31	Lawrenceburg	4:00 pm
Tue. 4/8	Morristown	5:00 pm
<b>Thu. 4/10</b>	<b>Union County</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
Mon. 4/14	Franklin/Bates/Conners	4:30 pm
<b>Thu. 4/17</b>	<b>S. Ripley &amp; Rising Sun</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
<b>Thu. 4/24</b>	<b>South Decatur</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
Mon. 4/28	Rising Sun & Shawe	4:30 pm
Tue. 4/29	North Decatur	4:30 pm
Thu. 5/1	South Dearborn	5:00 pm
Mon. 5/5	Switzerland & S. Ripley	4:30 pm
<b>Wed. 5/7</b>	<b>Milan &amp; Rising Sun</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
Thu. 5/8	Lawrenceburg & Franklin	4:30 pm
<b>Mon. 5/12</b>	<b>Southwest Hanover</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
<b>Mon. 5/19</b>	<b>Southwest Hanover</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
<b>Thu. 5/22</b>	<b>Lawrenceburg</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
Wed. 5/28	Shelbyville Invitational	7:30 am



## Two art students participated in a service project for a local shelter

Oldenburg Academy art students, Bridget Johnston and Catherine Nurrenberg, volunteered to paint a mural for the children's program at Safe Passage, Inc.

Safe Passage is a local shelter that serves women, men, and children suffering from domestic violence. They painted a tree, sun, and birds in the kid's room for the children's enjoyment.

"Bridget and Catherine did a wonderful job and I would recommend them to anyone who is interested in having a mural painted," said Angela R. Krieger, Children's Advocate at Safe Passage.

Oldenburg Academy is proud of all of its students, including Bridget and Catherine for their outstanding art work, as well as their volunteer service to Safe Passage, Inc.

# Indiana State Schools Music Contests

Following are Oldenburg Academy student standings for the district instrumental contest on Saturday, January 26 at Sunman-Dearborn. Alex Maslar placed gold on tenor saxophone. Andy Welsh placed silver on the snare and again on the marimba. James Harrah placed silver on the flute. Megan Roberts placed silver on the flute. Molly Weber placed gold on clarinet. Ellen Owens placed gold on clarinet, and Julia Horninger placed silver on violin. Andrew DeCilles placed gold on cello.

Alex Maslar went to state for Tenor Saxophone on Saturday, February 23 and placed silver.

Following are Oldenburg Academy student standings for the district voice and piano contest on Saturday, February 2. Wes Cook, Erin Gish, and Max Rozman placed gold for voice. Brie Comer, Koralyssa Graham, Amaryl Gruber, Theresa Hoeing, Sean Hyland, Michael Kristoff, Kristin Riebsomer, Brady Ripperger, Samantha Roberts, John Rohrig, Evelyn Walker, and Amanda Weber placed silver for voice. Ashli Fledderman, Julia Horninger, Gabe Kagan, Ali Langferman, Julie Martin, Jake Moorman, Molly Wilder placed gold on piano. Jamie Reed placed silver on piano.

The Freshman Ensemble, including Andrew DeCilles, Julia Horninger, Ali Langferman, Jamie Reed, Molly Weber, and Mark Zinser placed gold. Concert Choir, including Alex Baker, Jeannine Bosse, Brie Comer, Gina Cossentino, Andrew DeCilles, Lucy Glaser, Koralyssa Graham, James Harrah, Natalie Horn, Julia Horninger, Michael Kristoff, Paige Pennington, Maria Riehle, Samantha Roberts, John Rohrig, Max Rozman, and Anna Witt also placed gold.

Following are Oldenburg Academy student standings for the state voice, and piano contest on Saturday, February 16. Oldenburg Academy's Concert Choir placed silver. Wes Cook and Max Rozman both placed gold for voice, and Erin Gish placed silver for voice. Julia Horninger and Julie Martin both placed gold for piano. Gabriel Kagan and Molly Wilder both placed silver for piano.

## *from the music department*

### **THE OVERTURE AWARDS**

Music department students have been involved in several activities this quarter. OA is proud to have had six students participate in the Overture Awards regional scholarship competition. On January 5, Brie Comer competed in dance, Sarah Gorman competed in theater, and Natalie Horn and Julie Martin competed in instrumental (piano). Megan Sidell and Matthew Horninger competed in creative writing. Congratulations to all students for participating in the regional competition.

The Overture Awards provides a venue to recognize and reward gifted Fine Arts students from the Tri-State area. Oldenburg Academy began nominating students to participate from the inception of the event. OA is proud that two OA students have been selected as finalist competitors and several more have received honor recognition.

### **INDIANA ALL STATE HONOR CHOIR CONCERT**

The Indiana Choral Directors Association, in conjunction with the Indiana Music Teachers Conference, organized the annual Indiana All State Honor Choir Concert. Approximately 300-400 students from many schools around the state gathered in Indianapolis at the convention center on January 18 and 19, 2008 to put final preparations on vocal repertoire they had been practicing since September 2007. Students were educated and directed by internationally recognized choral directors in two choirs; the mixed ensemble and the women's ensemble. Twelve OA students participated this year. Mixed ensemble: Erin Gish, Amaryl Gruber, Lucy Glaser, Ali Langferman, Kristin Riebsomer, Brady Ripperger, Brad Nobbe and James Harrah. Women's ensemble: Jamie Reed, Sarah Gorman, Brie Comer, and Amanda Weber.

Students auditioned for the honor of membership in this select choir experience last April by sight reading and performing a solo. OA students competed with nearly 70 students from our 11 county district to fill the required openings. Selected students rehearsed at four regional practices beginning in September, before the event on January 18. OA and the OA Music Department congratulate our Indiana All State Honor Choir members!

### **FINE ARTS WEEK CELEBRATION**

Each year the Fine Arts Department organizes a Fine Arts Week Celebration. The event is sponsored by the annual Arts in Education grant (RAA) made available to schools in the Batesville area. This year, Ms. Burroughs arranged to have a 17 foot traveling display of Salvador Dali works hung on the walls in the academic building lobby to greet students each day, and the entire student body participated in two hour-long dance workshops on Tuesday, February 19.

Several kinds of dance were offered for students to experience: Celtic dance by Malke Rosenfeld, Bellydance by Akasha (Latasha Gresham-Morville), Nigerian dance by Bi-Okoto, Polka by Mr. Joseph Gressock, Ballroom dance by Dr. Chris Ault, Zumba latin fitness by Laura Ault, and Folk dance and energy movement by Maddie Disney. Students and faculty were taught basic movements of the dance forms, in addition to the respective culture and historical context, as they attempted to learn new dance skills from dance masters. To complete the day, all students and faculty gathered in the auditorium for a performance of "Welcome to Nigeria" by Bi-Okoto dance and drum ensemble. The assembly introduced students to West African culture and language traditions through dance, drum, and song.

*Mrs. Elizabeth Beiersdorfer*

# April 2008

For up to date sports schedules, go to [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net)

**TUESDAY 1** 7:15 am Academy Singers  
9:00 am Administrative Team mtg.  
3:15 pm Department meeting

**WEDNESDAY 2** 7:15 am Academy Singers  
3:10 pm Art Club

**THURSDAY 3** 7:15 am Academy Singers  
7:45 am NHS meeting

**FRIDAY 4** 7:15 am AP Music Theory  
7:30 am Poetry Club

**SATURDAY 5**

**SUNDAY 6**

**MONDAY 7** *Art One Show*  
7:15 am AP Music Theory

**TUESDAY 8** *Art One Show*  
7:15 am Academy Singers  
9:00 am Administrative Team mtg.  
3:15 pm Academic Council  
6:00 pm Board meeting

**WEDNESDAY 9** *Art One Show*  
Comb. Freshman Chorus Rehearsal  
7:15 am Academy Singers  
9:05 am Campus Ministry meeting  
1:00 pm Professional Development

**THURSDAY 10** *Art One Show*  
7:15 am Academy Singers  
7:40 am Foreign Language Club  
6:30 pm Incoming Freshman  
Scholarship Ceremony

**FRIDAY 11** *Art One Show*  
Tri-M Music Society  
7:15 am AP Music Theory  
7:30 am Poetry Club  
9:00 am NHS Blood Drive

**SATURDAY 12**

**SUNDAY 13**

**MONDAY 14** *Art One Show*  
7:15 am AP Music Theory  
3:10 pm STUCO

**TUESDAY 15** *Art One Show*  
7:15 am Academy Singers  
9:00 am Administrative Team mtg.  
3:15 pm Faculty meeting  
5:30 pm Advancement meeting

**WEDNESDAY 16** *Art One Show*  
Progress reports  
Comb. Freshman Chorus Rehearsal  
7:15 am Academy Singers  
3:10 pm Art Club

**THURSDAY 17** *Art One Show*  
7:15 am Academy Singers

**FRIDAY 18** *Art One Show*  
Student Walkathon  
7:15 am AP Music Theory  
7:30 am Poetry Club

**SATURDAY 19**

**SUNDAY 20**

**MONDAY 21** 7:15 am AP Music Theory

**TUESDAY 22** Earth Day Prayer Service  
7:15 am Academy Singers  
9:00 am Administrative Team mtg.

**WEDNESDAY 23** 7:15 am Academy Singers  
7:30 am Finance meeting  
9:05 am Campus Ministry meeting  
3:10 pm Art Club

**THURSDAY 24** 7:15 am Academy Singers  
7:30 am Executive Committee mtg.

**FRIDAY 25** 7:15 am AP Music Theory  
7:30 am Poetry Club  
1:00 pm Grandparents' Day  
1:00 pm Spring Concert Rehearsal

**SATURDAY 26**

**SUNDAY 27** 4:00 pm Outstanding Supporters  
6:00 pm Spring Concert

**MONDAY 28** *Advanced Art Show*  
7:15 am AP Music Theory  
3:10 pm STUCO

**TUESDAY 29** *Advanced Art Show*  
7:15 am Academy Singers  
9:00 am Administrative Team mtg.

**WEDNESDAY 30** *Advanced Art Show*  
7:15 am Academy Singers



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### *spring concert*

Oldenburg Academy's spring concert will be held on Sunday, April 27 at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium. The theme this year is rock-n-roll, but students will offer a variety of songs including classical rock, Broadway titles, movie themes, and traditional repertoire. Freshman Chorus, Concert Choir, Academy Singers, and Orchestra will provide the entertainment, along with featured seniors: Brie Comer, Julia Smith, Brad Nobbe, and Max Rozman. There will be a free will donation taken at the door, which will benefit the music department.

### *save the date for prom*

The Juniors will host the Seniors' last big dance. Prom is Saturday, May 3 from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Batesville. There will be refreshments, music, and dancing. Students are currently voting on the theme.

### *John Rohrig tied for first place*

OA junior, John Rohrig, tied for first place at the Second Annual Batesville's Got Talent contest on Saturday, February 23 at 7 p.m. at the Batesville High School auditorium.

John Rohrig performed two songs on guitar. The first was a song that he wrote for his friend's wedding. "I played it because I thought people would like it," John said of the upbeat song. He also played "Fight." It's about how fathers and their sons often contradict each other and don't understand each other all of the time. He dedicated it to his father.

When asked what he will do with the \$750 prize money that he won, John said that he put it in the bank and is thinking about purchasing music equipment with it.

John gives private guitar lessons, and plays guitar and sings at his church and at nursing homes. He recently played the National Anthem at an Oldenburg Academy varsity boys' basketball game.

John isn't sure what he will do after he graduates, but he is looking at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. He would like to study voice and guitar performance.

### *Erin Gish attended science program*

OA junior, Erin Gish, attended Indiana University School of Medicine's Sixth Annual Molecular Medicine in Action program in Indianapolis March 9 through 10.

Erin was chosen after filling out an application, writing an essay, and receiving a referral from her science teacher, Mrs. Annie Miller. Only 50 high school students out of more than 175 applicants were chosen to attend this prestigious program.

Molecular Medicine in Action participants had the opportunity to work with some of the nation's top scientists, researchers, and physicians in the labs of the Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research.

Students attended seminars and gained hands on experience. They learned about genetics, gene mutations, DNA, diagnosing diseases, and bioethics, and used state of the art scientific equipment.