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A Message from The Principal

As the principal of Olympia High School, I am eager to share the first half of the school year with you. Here at Olympia, we strive to build a legacy of learners where we measure success through commitment, results and leadership. Already rich with accomplishments, this year is off to a great start. As we continue to keep learning at the core of all we do, we are working to provide students with memories that will last a lifetime. The inclusion of all stakeholders is important to us, and we welcome you to celebrate our accomplishments with us. Whether you are a parent, actively partner with us, or share a community with us, we thank you for being part of Olympia High School.



Christy Gorberg
Principal



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Olympia Reaches for the Stars

Mr. Barry Hall, a new teacher at Olympia, secured a STEM grant from the Foundation For OCPS courtesy of Duke Energy. This money will allow the school to purchase telescopes for Hall's Astronomy students to observe the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. He will be able to purchase \$3000 of equipment (telescopes, eclipse glasses, etc.), and is super excited to bring this opportunity to the students of Olympia HS.



Olympia High School's People of the Year

Olympia High School's voting is complete, and we are proud to announce our teacher of the year, John Puchein and Support Person of the Year, Jai Baijnauth. We appreciate all of your hard work!



Partner with Us

Would you like to be part of the excitement here at Olympia? Consider being a Partner in Education. We welcome donations, speakers, mentors, event sponsors, and would love to explore ways you can work with us. Please contact Christine.Ebersbach@ocps.net for more information.



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AP Perfection

Principal Christy Gorberg recently received a letter that read, “exciting news about one of your students. Isabella Vespa's performance on the AP® Spanish Language and Culture Exam in May 2023 was so superior that it falls into a rather select category.

As you know, Advanced Placement® Exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5. Isabella not only received the top score of 5 but was also one of only 247 students in the world to earn every point possible on the AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam, receiving the maximum score on each portion of the exam.

This outstanding accomplishment is likely a direct reflection of the top-quality education being offered at Olympia High School. We applaud Isabella's hard work and the AP teacher responsible for engaging students and enabling them to excel in a college-level course.”

We are so proud of Isabella in joining this small group of global students with a perfect score!



What a Night!

Hard Rock Live and SGA delivered a homecoming dance to remember! Proud Titan students dressed to impress with the “Meet Me in Miami” theme and danced the night away. Thank you to all who made this such a wonderful event.

National Merit Finalists

We want to congratulate Emmett Bradford and Bryce Ownby for being Olympia’s National Merritt Scholarship finalists this 2023 - 2024 school year!



Isabella with her teacher, Ms. Carattini



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Speech and Debate Takes First Place

We are beyond thrilled to announce that your Olympia Debate team took first place in the overall team sweepstakes at our debate tournament this weekend. This is the first time in school history that Olympia has taken this prestigious award! The competition included all OCPS public high schools and Lake Highland and Trinity Prep.



CONGRATULATIONS!

We had 38 students that competed in individual events to make up our team score.

Winners include:

Varsity Congressional Debate -
1st place - Chandler Destra
2nd place - Tonisha Saint Fleur
3rd place - Samantha Herman

Novice Congressional Debate -
2nd place and Best Novice - Samantha Gonzalez - Merchon
6th place and Best Novice - Sydney Gass

Declamation -
1st place and Best Novice - Ashton Salgado

Novice Original Oratory -
2nd place - Evan Fernando

Duo Dramatic Interpretation -
3rd place - Andrew Moreno and Shacore Taylor

Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate
3rd place - Bryce Ownby

Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate
1st place - Arman Huanyan

Varsity Team Debate
1st place - Raghav Rangarai and Marco Pizzaro



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What's Cooking in our Kiln?

Olympia recently had 18 Ceramics Students participating in the Maitland Rotary Art Festival with Alexa Nethercutt winning first place in 3D Ceramics!

Over 100 pieces of different art mediums were displayed at the show. Leah Chen earned a first place in the drawing category, giving Olympia two first place wins.



The Quiz Bowl Team Rises to The Top

Under the guidance of Mr. Pearl, The Quiz Bowl team has completed its regular season with an 11-1 record. We have now clinched the #1 seed for the playoffs, which will take place in December. (TBD)

← 2023 Team Rankings

10/2	10/9	10/23	10/30	11/6	11/13	11/27
A	B	C	D			
Rank	Team	Wins	Loss			
1	Olympia	11	1			
2	Boone	8	3			
2	Trinity Prep	8	2			
2	West Orange	8	4			
5	Timber Creek	7	3			
6	Windermere	6	5			
7	Winter Park	5	4			
7	Dr. Phillips	5	6			
7	Bishop Moore	5	5			
10	Cypress Creek	3	8			
11	Evans	2	10			
12	Oak Ridge	1	9			
13	Wekiva	0	10			

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All County Band Students

Congratulations to the following students who auditioned and were accepted into the Orange County All County Bands. Olympia had 7 students make the 9-10 band, 6 students make the 11-12 band, 2 students make the Jazz Ensemble 1, and 2 students make the Jazz Ensemble 2. Over 800 students auditioned for spots in the 9-10 and 11-12 band (100 selected per band) and around 200 auditioned for the Jazz Ensembles (20 selected per band). This is an outstanding accomplishment as the Orange County All County Bands are considered one of the top honor bands in the state.

9-10 Students

Richelle Ruiz- 10
Erin Tomeu- 10
Gabriella Andrijiszyn- 10
Easton Diffendaffer- 10
Eizan Rico- 10 (1st chair)
Julian Colon-Munoz- 9
Cayden Cerezo- 10

11-12 Students

Max McLaughlin- 12
Tyler Fritts- 11
Thiago Costa Soares- 11
(1st Chair, also made All State)
Lucas DiRoma- 12
Veda Srikantan- 11
Angelo Scarpitta (also made All State)

Jazz Ensemble 1

Max McLaughlin- Trumpet
Victor Cidral Pacheco- Bass

Jazz Ensemble 2

Angelo Scarpitta- Tenor Sax
(yes, he plays multiple instruments at a very high level!)
Veda Srikatan

Swim & Dive Head to State Competition

Tristan Bonett-Eymard, Gael Gonzalez, Spencer Biggs, Austin Lesperance, and Ethan Hodson competed in States! They did such an amazing job. These boys worked very hard to get here and made their coaches proud. Gael and Spencer finished their senior year season off strong!

PRELIMS RESULTS

Tristan

200 Free: 11th place 1:41.68 (finals qualifier!!!)

100 Free: 4th place 45:95 (finals qualifier!!!!)

Tristan, Austin, Ethan, Gael

400 Free Relay: 14th place 3:15.42 (finals qualifier!!!!)

Spencer

Dive: 8th place 417.05 points

FINALS RESULTS

Tristan

200 Free: 11th place 1:41.68

100 Free: 3rd place 45.83

Tristan, Austin, Ethan, Gael

400 Free Relay: 12th place 3:14.45

ACT Perfection

Matthew Sheldon made Olympia High School proud with his perfect score on the ACT!



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Sports HIGHLIGHTS

Fox 35 Good Day Orlando came to Olympia for pre-game coverage prior to our playoff football game on 11/10. If you



did not have an opportunity to see the coverage, our Titans represented us well. Thank you to SGA, Titan Band, Color Guard, Football, Cheer and dance team who made this possible. Coach Travis Gabriel and his team had a strong 8-3 season.

Olympia's Girls' Cross Country is headed off to States!



Don't forget to check out more sports information and schedules on: <https://olympiahighschoolathletics.com/>

Athlete Academics

We want to congratulate our student-athletes (and coaches for their guidance) for the great job they do in the classroom. Almost all our Fall sports teams should be ranked among an elite number of schools in Florida when the Team Academic standings for Fall sports post in a few weeks. Here is a list of the final overall unweighted Team GPAs for our Varsity Fall sports teams:

GIRLS BOWLING	3.801
GIRLS GOLF	3.682
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY	3.628
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY	3.564
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	3.525
BOYS GOLF	3.475
GIRLS SWIMMING	3.461
BOYS BOWLING	3.395
BOYS SWIMMING	3.255
FOOTBALL	2.758

Thank you to our faculty, staff, and administration for your support of our STUDENT-athletes.

– R. Wambles



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