

# OPRF NEWS

## END OF 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

### A HUSKIE SALUTE FROM DR. WENINGER

#### CALENDAR

##### June

- 8-10 - 2nd Semester Final Exams
- 8- 11 & 15 - Walk-in Registration, Summer School, Ticket Booth
- 11 - 10:30 a.m. Commencement Practice
- 14 - COMMENCEMENT, 3 p.m.
- 17 - First day Summer School/ Camps
- 25 - 7:30 p.m., Board of Education, 2nd floor Board Room
- 30 - Final day to clear outstanding obligations prior to '09-10 registration

##### July

- Early in the month - Look for fee/start of school packet in mail
- 3 - No Summer School/Camps
- 24 - Last Day of Summer School
- 24 - 7:30 p.m. *Hello, Dolly!* Aud.
- 25 - 7:30 p.m., *Hello, Dolly!* Aud.
- 26 - 3 p.m., *Hello, Dolly!* Aud.

##### August

- Details to follow in mailings and August newsletter:
- 12 - Football, Golf, Boys' Soccer, Girls' Volleyball tryouts
- 14 - Girls' Tennis tryouts
- 17 - Freshman Cheer, Boys' & Girls' X-country, Drill, Field Hockey, Girls' Swimming tryouts
- 17 - SENIORS-Book purchase/ID & schedule pickup
- 18 - FRESHMAN
- 19 - JUNIORS
- 20- SOPHOMORES
- 21 - Makeup Day - All classes
- 25 - Institute Day
- 26 - Huskie Kickoff Day (Freshmen only)
- 27 - All student attendance

## 2008-09 accomplishments

Dear OPRF Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

There are far too many accomplishments of your high school this year to enumerate in such a small space. Those accomplishments, to be sure, are those of our students – your children and as a community the most important assets we have. We continue to be the high school of such high regard because our students come from the homes, the environment, and the community that make it possible.

There are three success stories that I would like to share with you, however, because they exemplify the good things that can happen for our students. First, this year we worked in partnership with the Oak Park and River Forest Rotary to help 20 of our students find summer employment and at the same time provide constructive teaching and counseling in college and career opportunities. These are students who we identified as in need of “booster” shots to help them achieve more in school. The program – **Job 1 Summer Internship** – was made possible through the joint efforts of Bill Planek, President of Rotary, and OPRF.

Second, in an even more dramatic fashion, we are able to provide similar training experiences and summer employment for 50 selected students with academic and financial needs through the successful awarding of a Cook County President's Office for Employment and Training (P.O.E.T.) Workforce Investment Act (WIA) grant. The grant of approximately \$115K will provide wages for summer jobs, career counseling, and a coordinator for 50 current freshmen. Through both the **Job 1 Summer Internship Program** and P.O.E.T. WIA grant, we believe students will begin to acquire and develop life long school and work skills and habits which will serve them first here at OPRF.

Finally, the recent decision by the Village of Oak Park Trustees to direct the development of an ordinance with conditions which would permit lights on our stadium, marks the end of eight years of discussion and deliberation. Mindful of the sacrifice we are asking our neighborhood to make on behalf of our students, we are committed to using this privilege responsibly and respectfully. We are excited by the advantages lights will provide our teams and our students. We are equally mindful of the need to balance the advantages with the need to work together to mitigate the effects lights may have on our surrounding streets and homes.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
CLASS OF 2009!  
OPRFHS CELEBRATES ITS  
133RD COMMENCEMENT ON JUNE 14**

## Parents and Community - two pillars of student, school success

### **LETTER continued...**

These three programs and projects have been brought to successful conclusion. They exemplify the good things that can happen for our students through extensive community partnership and involvement, including those about which we don't always agree or see eye to eye.

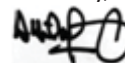
We are thrilled by the continued high level of community engagement with our high school and the support for our students, particularly those struggling most academically and financially. When I came aboard as Superintendent, I vowed to reach out to the community for its help, because

the school cannot and should not do it alone. Parents and Community were two of the four pillars to success: Student, School, Parents, and Community. These three success stories are but a beginning to building the structure around those pillars.

Finally, a few words here for the Class of 2009. As you get ready to embark on the real journey of life ahead of you, do a few simple things as you leave this part of your life. **Say thank you to your parents/guardians, sincerely and in a heartfelt way.** Tell them that you know how much they cared for you and loved you for you to get to today. **Say thank you**

**to those here at OPRF who helped you along the way, sincerely and in a heartfelt way.** Tell them you will use what they gave of themselves in your next endeavors, and then, do just that. **Promise that you will give of yourself and leave wherever you go better than it was before you arrived.** Pay it back and pay it forward. You'll be glad you did.

Sincerely,



Attila J. Weninger, Superintendent

## June 30 - obligation & book return deadlines

### **Fri. June 5 – 3 p.m. - SENIORS MUST CLEAR ALL OBLIGATIONS**

If your obligations are not cleared, you will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony, nor receive your allotted graduation tickets. Also, the school will not release your OFFICIAL transcript.

Obligations include all monetary, State Loan books, Library books, waiver books, athletic uniforms (unless still in playoffs), tuxes, choir robes, and anything else you may have been loaned.

The Bookstore is currently buying back books for next year and accepting any State Loan books students no longer need. The buyback list is posted outside the Bookstore and in the Student Center. Students with Waiver books should bring them to the Bookstore ASAP. We will be happy to tell you what obligations are still outstanding that are currently billed on Skyward and can remind you what State Loan, waiver and Library books are still out. Any State Loan books NOT RETURNED by Friday, June 5 will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee per book and the new replacement cost will be charged.

For students with younger siblings at OPRF, buyback money will be transferred to the sibling's account. Otherwise, buyback money will be mailed in a check to parents/guardians on record after the August school board meeting.

**Wed. June 10 - Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors** must return their State Loan books by **Wednesday, June 10**, or they will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee per State Loan book and the new replacement cost for said book(s). The replacement cost is deleted if the book is returned in good condition, but the late fee stands.

**Tues. June 30** - The final deadline for current **Freshman, Sophomore and Juniors** to return all their WAIVER books from the current year is the final day of buyback, June 30<sup>th</sup> – the school's financial year ending. After this date, they will become a permanent obligation and I will NOT accept any waiver books back to clear these obligations.

## Jazz Ensemble selected as top state ensemble

This just in from Bands Director Anthony Svejda: the Jazz Ensemble has been selected to perform at the State Convention this January for the Illinois Music Educators Association. They were the top ensemble selected and will perform for hundreds of educators and music professionals. Students who performed for the successful audition were: Saxes - Nick Ellman, Emma Silverman, Connor Stratton, Steve Rees, Pat Naureckas; Trumpets -John Hazinski, Matt Goodsmith, Kyle Harris, Chris Farruggia, Evan Twichell; Trombones -Luke Kahn, Dan Coffman, Jon Cox, Alex Stocker; Piano -Paul Whalen, Max Stolarski; Bass - Ethan Philion; Guitar -Ben Hemenway, James Hanley; Set -Danny Milojevic, Chris Bunkers, Zach Batteiger.

## Second semester and senior finals scheduled

**Seniors** will receive information from individual teachers about their tests.

\*Thur. June 4 Senior Finals (In class or testing center)

\*Fri. June 5 Senior Finals (In class or testing center)

**For all other students**, the 2nd semester final exam schedule is as follows:

	June 8 (Monday)	June 9 (Tuesday)	June 10 (Wednesday)
<b>Bell Schedule</b>			
8:20 a.m. 9:40 a.m.	1	2	3
10:10 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	7	8	6
12:00 p.m. 1:20 p.m.	4	5	Makeup Exams

Parents, thank you for reminding your students that during finals week they should:

- Come to the school building for only those periods in which they will be tested. If they do not have a test during the first period, they will only be able to enter the building for second and third testing periods through the Student Center or mall entrance in the Field House corridor;
- Arrive at the school no more than 30 minutes before a scheduled exam period and leave the building within 30 minutes after that exam period if they do not have a test the next period;
- Tardies: Students who arrive after the first 10 minutes of the exam period may go to the South Cafeteria, to the Bookstore if they have business to take care of, or they must leave the building until the exam period has ended;
- Students who legitimately miss an exam must contact their teacher immediately to arrange to take a makeup exam. If the teacher cannot be reached, the counselor will contact the teacher;
- The South Cafeteria will be open during exams according to the following schedule:
  - Monday, June 8: 7 a.m. – Noon
  - Tuesday, June 9: 7 a.m. – Noon
  - Wednesday, June 10: 7 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- The Library is open for quiet study. Students must enter by the beginning time of any of the three testing periods and remain there until the end of the period.
- Students who need to see their counselor or a teacher during an exam period must arrange to do so in advance by obtaining a signed appointment slip from their counselor or the teacher.
- **Room 105/Welcome Center cannot issue passes to students during exams.**

**Test-taking tips to help with those exam “nerves.” Click here:**

[http://oprfs.org/export/sites/oprf/information\\_for/Students/test\\_tips.pdf](http://oprfs.org/export/sites/oprf/information_for/Students/test_tips.pdf)

or

Information For > Students > Need Help? > Test Tips

### REMINDER: TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT ~ DEADLINE JUNE 30!

Parents or legal guardians who must provide transportation to and from school because free transportation is not available for their children may be eligible to receive money from the state to help offset some of the cost, for example, bus fares, or mileage reimbursement for private automobiles at .485 cents per mile. Families must meet the following criteria:

- Pupil must be under the age of 21.
- Families must live more than 1 ½ miles from school.
- Parent/Guardian must bring the mileage count from their home to OPRFHS when completing the form.
- Parent/Guardian must provide their social security number.

You may sign up in Room 270, Cashier’s Office. **Deadline is June 30, 2009.**

## Graduation practice and Commencement information

### **MANDATORY Commencement Practice for all seniors:**

10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 11.

Please enter through the Student Center by 9:45 a.m.

If all goes smoothly, practice should take about an hour to an hour and a half from the time it starts.

There will be a senior BBQ on the mall with live music after.

Tickets for your family's Commencement seating will be distributed.

You must have cleared ALL obligations to receive your tickets.

### **Commencement - 3 p.m. Sun. June 14, lasting about an hour and a half.**

Graduates must arrive at 2 p.m. and line up at the 109 entrance just north of the main doors to receive their bouquets and boutonnières.

No tickets are required for main Stadium area seating if we are outside. However, Special Needs Tickets are required for admission to the Special Needs seating area on the east side of the field.

If we are inside, seating is limited (as per Fire Code). Each family will have received three tickets for Field House seating and three tickets for overflow seating in the Auditorium where the ceremony is simulcast a Jumbo-tron screen. Anyone entering the Field House or Auditorium, including small children, will have to present the appropriate ticket. In advance, thank you for your understanding that we must enforce these seating capacity limits.

## **Inside or Outside for Commencement 2009?**

**Decision will be made by 10 a.m. - Sun. June 14**

**Check front of website - [www.oprfhs.org](http://www.oprfhs.org)**

**Voice message at main switchboard - 708-383-0700**

**Lighted marquee on Lake Street**

*If Commencement is in the Field House, please remember each graduate may have **ONLY THREE guests** (parents/guardians/siblings count in that number). Each guest must have a ticket to enter. Overflow seating and simulcast viewing on a jumbo TV will be available in the air-conditioned Auditorium.*

## **Special needs seating arrangements**

Special needs seating will be available on the east end of the Stadium field or in the air-conditioned Auditorium with a large screen television. Special needs tickets must be requested on the Commencement Ticket Request Form mailed to each graduate's family. These tickets allow entry for the person with the special need and only ONE assistant or family member. Large print programs are available upon request. Limited special needs seating for those who can climb a limited number of steps or walk a short distance also is available in the Stadium and Field House. Volunteers will assist people with special needs.

Special needs drop off areas will be at the East Avenue gate if the ceremony is in the Stadium and at the Scoville Avenue south entrance if the ceremony is in the Field House.

Anyone needing special accommodations or with questions about access may contact Francine Cardascio at 708-434-3107.

## **Booster's Buy-A-Brick**

Honor your graduate by ordering a Huskie Stadium Preservation Fund brick, inscribed with a name or special message. Details have been included in a graduation mailing and are available online at the Booster's link at [www.oprfhs.org](http://www.oprfhs.org).

## **Graduation "gift"**

### **Congratulations to the Class of 2009 ~ Sign-up to become part of the Alumni Association**

As a new OPRF grad, the Alumni Association offers you the chance to SIGN-UP for a FREE FOUR YEAR membership. You'll receive our newsletter and invitations to special events. We hope you'll keep in touch and let us know what's happening in your life. Visit our website at [www.oprfalumni.com](http://www.oprfalumni.com) to submit your membership in the OPRFHS Alumni Association or send an e-mail including your name and home address to: [alumniassociation@oprfhs.org](mailto:alumniassociation@oprfhs.org).

The Alumni Association provides enrichment grants to help current students participate in a variety of programs, including \$13,500 to students for this summer's pursuits, as well as scholarships to several graduating seniors.

Our newsletters, E-Bulletins, reunion support and websites help alumni maintain connections to the OPRFHS community. We thank all our generous donors for their contributions, and in particular we'd like to recognize WHOLE FOODS in River Forest and the OPRFHS STUDENT COUNCIL for their generous support.

# Graduation dress requirements retain formal style

OPRF will retain its tradition of formal graduation attire for its 133rd Commencement:

Each female will carry one dozen red roses, and the males will wear a rose boutonniere. These will be distributed to the student as they arrive for the commencement.

## Females

- White dresses, white pantsuits, or white skirts with appropriate white tops. White jeans and t-shirts are not acceptable.
- All attire must be ankle length or longer.
- Strapless, backless, one strap, and off-the shoulder dresses and tops are not acceptable. Spaghetti straps are acceptable. The bodice (chest) and back must be covered and appear white from a distance (no sheer tops, nylon, etc.)
- Dresses, skirts and pantsuits should not be split above the knee.
- Outfits should be free of distracting ornamentation.
- Dresses, skirts, and pantsuits should be full enough to allow comfortable and graceful marching and sitting.
- Jewelry should be simple.
- Footwear: white dress shoes or dress sandals. Because of the surface of the field, spike heels are not recommended. Beach shoes or slippers are prohibited
- Do not wear or bring gloves or purses, (hats are prohibited).

## Males

- Dark suits (black, navy blue, dark gray) or a dark sport coat and dark dress pants. Shorts are not acceptable.
- Plain white shirt.
- A red tie (no bow ties).
- Dark dress shoes with dark socks. Beach shoes or slippers are prohibited.
- Hats are prohibited.

Questions? Contact your Counselor. Graduates who are interested in borrowing clothing from our Commencement Couture Collection (dresses, suits) or who need assistance obtaining the required attire should contact Ms. Pam Erickson (708-438-3818).

**\*GRADUATING SENIORS must have cleared ALL obligations and returned all materials - including waiver and/or state loan books - by 3:30 p.m. Fri. June 5 (last day of senior finals). Failure to do so jeopardizes student's participation in graduation ceremony.**

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## 2009 Graduation Keepsake DVD

The O.P.R.F. Concert Tour Association has hired a professional photographer to produce a keepsake video of the complete 2008 Graduation Exercises. Proceeds benefit school music programs. (Scenes include the processional, all of the speeches, the granting of diplomas to each student, and many candid shots of the happy graduates and their friends. Remember this day in the future and share it with loved ones who cannot attend.)

COST: \$25 each (\$40 for 2; \$55 for 3) Make Check Payable to: Concert Tour Association

Please reserve my DVD copies of the Graduation Ceremonies

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ DVD(s) Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this order form and check to:

Concert Tour Association  
O.P.R.F. High School  
201 N. Scoville

Order Deadline: June 6

Oak Park, IL 60302

Make Check Payable to: Concert Tour Association

# Summer school, camps start June 17

Summer School runs from Wed. June 17 through Fri. July 24 (except for the Summer Musical Workshop performances, see below). Students are off Fri. July 3 for the July 4th holiday. Please remember the strict summer school course attendance policy. No absences: 1st three days

- Last three days
- Two absences MAXIMUM

An absence during the first or last three days of summer school or a third absence any other time throughout summer school results in the student being dropped from class without credit or refund.

This strict practice is in place because of the fast pace of summer school and extent of material that must be covered in a short time.

Questions can be addressed to Summer School Director Dale Craft at 434-3250 or [dcraft@oprfs.org](mailto:dcraft@oprfs.org) and/or Summer School Secretary Linda Hayes at 434-3501 or [lhayes@oprfs.org](mailto:lhayes@oprfs.org).

## CLOSED CLASSES NO MORE SPACE AVAILABLE:

- S1131 & S1132 English 1 & 2 ARE NOW COMBINED – Available 2nd pd. only
- S200 Pre-Algebra 8 - 1st period
- S201 Pre-Int. Algebra - 2nd period
- S501 Health - 2nd period
- S651 Art Foundations - Both 1st and 2nd periods
- S661 Wheel Throwing - 2nd period

## CANCELLED CLASSES:

- S4162 Spanish 2
- S149 Creative Writing 1st period
- S936 Reading Strategies 1st period
- S020 Building Blocks
- S030 A Walk on Wall Street
- S149 Creative Writing – 1st period

## Summer Musical - July 24-26

The OPRFHS Theatre department is gearing up for another fabulous musical, *Hello, Dolly!* Winner of 10 Tony Awards and with music and lyrics by Jerry Herman, *Hello, Dolly!* is the story of meddlesome Dolly Levi who is out to find marriage matches for everyone in New York, including herself. Kids of all ages will be able to sing along with memorable songs "Put on Your Sunday Clothes" and "It Only Takes a Moment" which were featured in the Oscar award winning movie *Wall-E*. Join us on July 24th and 25th at 7:30 and July 26th at 3:00 for *Hello, Dolly!*, one of the most beloved musicals of all time.

## Athletic physicals offered June 16 & 17

Families and student athletes, please remember Sports Physicals will be available:

- Tues. June 16 4-6:30 p.m.
- Wed. June 17 - 4-6:30 p.m.

2nd Floor Dance Studio (directly above the Athletic Office). The cost is \$25.

Pick up Physical Forms outside Athletic Office (parent/guardian signature required)

### Summer School Walk-in Registration

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Mon. June 8 through Thur. June 11 &  
Mon. June 15

OPRF Student Center  
Ticket Booth

(Check [www.oprfhs.org](http://www.oprfhs.org) > Events > Coming Up for update on closed classes. Classes closed/cancelled as of end of mail-in/online registration are listed below)

**NOTE: Sports camp registration continues until camp start date or camp filled.**

### For Summer Sports Camp Information:

John Stelzer – 434-3000 – all summer  
Courtney Sakellaris – 434-3500 – all summer  
Lyn LeFevre – 434-3600 – through June 26

## HELLO, DOLLY!

7:30 P.M.  
FRI. JULY 24 &  
SAT. JULY 25

3 P.M. SUN. JULY 26

AUDITORIUM  
TICKETS \$8/\$6

# SUMMER BUILDING HOURS through AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>

Mondays-Thursdays 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ~ Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ONLINE PAYMENT NOW AVAILABLE

[www.oprfhs.org/QUICK](http://www.oprfhs.org/QUICK) LINKS/OPRFHS WEBSTORE

All outstanding obligations must be cleared/paid PRIOR to Schedule Pick up days in August.

**DISTRICT SCHOOL FEE & BEGINNING OF THE 2009-10 YEAR INFORMATION will be mailed in early July**

**~ Look for the large white envelope ~**

**2009 - 2010 District School Fees will be accepted beginning July 6<sup>th</sup>.**

- Payments may be made online or mailed to the OPRF Bookstore *or* returned in person. Please check in at the Welcome Center, Room 105.  
Bookstore Hours: Mondays-Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon.
- 2009 -10 Student Fees: Freshmen – \$85 Juniors - \$60  
Sophomores - \$245 Seniors – \$95

## Math packets are due August 28 ~ Tutors available in August

Summer math packets are due August 28th. (Please remind your students they must complete these important review materials over the summer.)

REQUIRED for Students in:

- 213 – Intermediate Algebra F 1-2A; 215 – Advanced Algebra F 1-2A
- 225 – Plane Geometry 1-2A; 227 – Geometry 1-2A
- 235 – College Algebra Trig 1-2A; 245 – College Algebra Trig 1-2;
- 241 – Pre-Calculus 1-2A; 261 – AP Calculus 1-2 AB; and 263 – AP Calculus BC 1-2

STONGLY RECOMMENDED for Students in:

- 203 – Concepts in Algebra 1-2
- 211 – Algebra 1-2 or 212 – Algebra 1-2 Block

All students can download a packet from the link on the front of the website, [www.oprfhs.org](http://www.oprfhs.org). after June 17th. 9th grade students can also pick up a copy when they pick up their books on Tuesday, August 18th.

Teachers will be available in Room 225 to help students on a first come, first served basis:

- THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 FROM 1:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.
- MONDAY, AUGUST 24 FROM 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 FROM 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Questions, Please call the Math Division after August 18, at 434-3525

## Summer reading books in Bookstore; packets due first week

Be sure your student is prepared for English the first week of school by having their summer reading book read. They are currently available in the Bookstore and will be available during the book sale for summer school. Prices quoted include sales tax.

- Freshmen: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie @ \$8.03
- Sophomores: Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom @ \$11.99
- Juniors: The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver @ \$6.82
- Seniors: The Sweet Hereafter by Russell Banks @ \$11.17.

These books are FREE to qualified waiver students (sophomores, juniors, seniors only; not incoming freshmen) who currently participate in the free lunch program. Students who wish to acquire their required summer reading list books for free must add the books to their OPRF waiver account by Wed. June 10.

Students should have received packets and instructions from their high school (and 8th grade) English teachers already. Packets will also be available online through the English Division page: [http://www.oprfhs.org/academic\\_divisions/english/resources/index.html](http://www.oprfhs.org/academic_divisions/english/resources/index.html). Books are available at the OPRF Bookstore, as well as our local bookstores.

## Next Year's Seniors – Class of 2010 ~ Senior Portrait/Yearbook

New this year – Your student will soon be receiving in the mail a booklet from Root Studios with appointment, sitting, pricing and ordering information.

The studio has ALREADY automatically scheduled your student for an appointment. Please immediately check the date and if your student cannot make the assigned time, immediately contact Root Studios customer service to re-schedule to a time of your convenience.

All sittings this year are at:

Carleton Hotel – Columbian Room, 1110 Pleasant St., Oak Park

*All questions and appointment rescheduling is handled directly by Root Studio's customer service – 1-800-433-1766.*

**The website is [www.rootsseniors.com](http://www.rootsseniors.com).**

When rescheduling, please keep in mind Root Studio has these dates for OPRF **Senior Portraits at the Carleton Hotel** (1<sup>st</sup> round)

- June 29 through July 2<sup>nd</sup>
- July 13 through July 17<sup>th</sup>
- July 20<sup>th</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup>

And again... at the Carleton Hotel (2<sup>nd</sup> round)

- August 10 through August 14<sup>th</sup>
- August 17 through August 21<sup>st</sup>

Finally, Missed Picture dates are held for **Senior Portraits** at the Carleton Hotel in the afternoons - September 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>

*If you do/did not receive an appointment card from Root Studio prior to the first round of dates please contact them immediately to make arrangements for the second round of dates in August or September and to receive the necessary pricing information.*

**Please note:** If you do not have your Senior Portrait image taken by Root Studio you will not be pictured in the 2009-2010 *Tabula* yearbook. ID images taken during registration WILL NOT be used in place of a senior portrait. Seniors must attend a (pre-arranged) senior portrait appointment to be included in the 2009-10 *Tabula*.

### PRE-ORDER YOUR TABULA (OPRFHS' YEARBOOK) ONLINE!

Save yourself the trauma of realizing you never ordered your student their year-book by paying for it online when you pay your registration fees. While forms will be available in the Bookstore, there will NOT be an order form included in the July Family registration packet. **2009-10 TABULAS MUST BE PREPAID BY DECEMBER 10, 2009.**

### Drill Team Summer Gyms

Announcing the new Drill Team website at <http://www.oprfdrillteam.com/Welcome.html>

Please mark your calendars for the June 7 Senior Awards from 3-5 p.m. and

All girls interested in trying out are invited to the following Open Gym sessions:

1-3 p.m. Wednesdays – June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 – Meet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> fl. Dance studio, wearing dance/running cloths and shoes to work on conditioning and technique

### OPRF AT YOUR SERVICE.....

I can't believe another school year is completed. As your children grow, so did the offerings in the cafeterias. We are extremely proud of the accomplishments we made this past school year which include the following:

- More and different fresh fruits and vegetables served daily
- Almost all our main entrees made from scratch
- All bread items are whole-grain
- Purchased locally grown produce
- All salad dressings are low or reduced fat

We hope you will join us in helping your children make healthy food choices in school and at home. Together we can help raise a new generation of healthier and better educated young people. Thank you for your continued support and please don't hesitate to call (434-3142) or e-mail ([mpiekarski@oprfs.org](mailto:mpiekarski@oprfs.org)) if there's anything I can do to help.

*Micheline Piekarski, MSM, SNS  
Director of Food & Nutrition Services  
OPRFHS*

## **Best wishes to 2009 retirees; more than 300 years of combined service**

Congratulations to our 2009 retirees who have devoted more than 300 years combined of service to our school and students! We salute their dedication and contributions to our school and community throughout the years and wish them all the best in their future pursuits. They are:

Certified Retirees for June 2009

- Niall Collins, Special Education Teacher – August 27, 1987 – June 12, 2009
- Barbara Liles, Physical Education Teacher – August 31, 1978 – June 12, 2009

Administrative Retirees for June 2009

- Deborah Neuman, Mathematics Division Head and Teacher – August 27, 1984 – June 17, 2009

Non-Certificated Retirees for 2009

- Ronald Anderson, Informational Systems Technician – January 2, 1999 – June 12, 2009
  - Winnie Bowman, Adm. Asst – Supt.'s Office, Guidance and Special Education Secretary, September 30, 1988 to December 1, 2008
  - Barbara Clark, Special Education TA, Welcome Room Secretary and Attendance Clerk (CPA) – August 26, 1999 – June 12, 2009
  - Sharon Delius, World Lang. Secretary, Accounts Payable Clerk and Media and Triton Evening Secretary – September 24, 1979 – June 17, 2009
  - Margaret (Margie) Downs, Director of Data Processing – August 31, 1987 – June 30, 2009
  - Carol Gould, Mathematics Division and Physical Education Secretary – August 20, 1987 – June 12, 2009
  - Edward Halstead, Science Lab Assistant – August 22, 2001 – August 31, 2009
  - Sharon Jones, Bookstore Secretary – June 15, 1998 – June 30, 2009
  - Lyn LeFevre, Athletic Office, Special Education and Guidance Secretary – January 11, 1988 – June 30, 2009
  - Linda Malinow, Special Education Secretary – October 10, 1991 – June 12, 2009
  - Rosalie Manzo, Special Education TA – August 24, 2000 – June 12, 2009
  - H. Chris Matuszczak, Science Division, Student Activities and Duplicating Room Secretary (CPA) – August 30, 1989 – June 17, 2009
  - Olivia Swisher, Food Service Worker, Mailroom Clerk and Buildings and Grounds Custodian (B&G) – September 7, 1978 – June 30, 2009
  - Ada Willer, Adm. Asst–Curr. & Inst. and Pupil Services and Guidance Secretary – August 20, 1994 – June 30, 2009
- History teacher Linda Burns and Physical Education teacher Lucy Riner will be on sabbaticals this coming school year.

## **Interim Math Division Head appointed**

OPRFHS welcomes Robert Cherry from Wheaton-Warrenville High School as the Interim Mathematics Chair for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Cherry has 36 years' experience as a high school educator, 13 of them as math chair at Wheaton-Warrenville. He takes over from Deborah Neuman who is retiring this year. The high school anticipates a search for a permanent math chair starting early next school year.

## **Asbestos Abatement Notice - June 8-12, 2009**

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Staff Members:

Beginning June 8, 2009 until June 12, 2009, Oak Park and River Forest High School District #200 has authorized Associated Environmental of Elk Grove Village, Illinois, to remove non-friable asbestos containing materials from the science laboratory of OPRF High School. This work is in conjunction with the planned renovations of our facility. The work will be performed over summer break and will be closely monitored by Wight & Company's environment group. Monitoring of the air in the work areas will be conducted during the performance of these operations. Also, the work area will be closed off and clearly marked with signs indicating that asbestos abatement is taking place. Please use alternate routes to avoid this area.

We ask for your patience and cooperation throughout the next few months while we complete these renovations.

Sincerely,

Roger Genschoreck, Authorized Agent

Dear Mr. Banach:

Pursuant to IDPH Rules and Regulations Section 855.350, Oak Park & River Forest High School District #200 authorizes Associated Environmental to begin the Asbestos Abatement projects at Oak Park and River Forest High School. Abatement activities may begin on June 8, 2009. The cost of the asbestos abatement is \$11,000.00.

Sincerely,

Mr. Roger Genschoreck, Authorized Agent

## In Brief

The Special Education Division hosted a “thank you” breakfast for the following **employers** who have provided great job skill and mentoring experiences for our students during the 2008-09 school year: Winnie Bixby – West Suburban Hospital; Derrick Daniels – West Suburban Hospital; Tom Van Winkle – Oak Park Animal Care League; Martin Contreras – Oak Park Animal Care League; Dawn Krawiec - West Suburban Special Rec.; Stan Ploskonka – Loyola Health and Fitness; Josh Carlson – Loyola Health and Fitness; Noreen Bushouse – Write Inn; Linda Orr – Write Inn; Mary Bodlak – Wonder Works Children’s Museum; David Hoambrecker – Wonder Works Children’s Museum; Amy Blum – Animal Sense; Jane Zemke – Brookfield Zoo; Rush Oak Park Hospital; Jim Madigan – Oak Park Library; Dick Schappel – River Forest Community Center; Jean Strumbris – River Forest Community Center Daycare; Mary Merz – Merz & Associates; Dr. Craigen – Dr. Craigen; Aida Yeskis – Dominick’s Finer Foods; Lupe Witt – AV OPRFHS; Toby Fowlkes – Dominican University Chartwells; Joe Wojtowicz – Sodexo/Concordia University; Paul McKenna – Starship Subs; Lisa Gregorich – Fitness Formula Club FFC; Jeff Long – Fitness Formula Club FFC; Steve Berggren – Tennis & Fitness Centre of OPRF; Polly – Tennis & Fitness Centre of OPRF; Deona Brooks – Cold Stone Creamery; Arturo Orozco – Auto Market Place Seguin Services; Veronica Rogal – Kmart; Greg Shultz – Lake Theater; OPRFHS Food Service; Larry Piekarcz – Park District of Forest Park; Erin Parchert – Park District of Forest Park; Lisa Lightcap – Park District of Oak Park. They have provided an exceptional contribution to our school and community and, most important, our students!

Congratulations to **Colleen Biggins**, Learning Development Program Chair, Counselor **Brandi Ambrose** and Assistive Technology Facilitator **Lisa Vincent** for earning this year’s SEAStar awards. The awards were presented at the May Board of Education meeting by OPRFHS parent and SEA board member Peggy Ebersole. These awards are presented annually to educators whose actions mirror SEA’s dedication to helping affect positive change for students with special needs and their families.

Special shout outs to Special Education teacher **Michael Byars** and another one to Student Activities Secretary/Gospel Choir Director **Latonia Brown** for two innovative programs started this spring. Mr. Byars started Huskie Underground, a new and exciting club that presents teen challenges in a unique talk show setting involving students and staff. Special thanks to teachers Marsha Blackwell and Kyle Farley on the talk show panel and to students Clarence Townes, Nathaniel Jones, Carter Mayes, Zacarra Heath, Noelle Berry, Joselyn H Garrett, Shaniqua Boyett, Andrea Riles, Sharita Brown, and Grace Jones for their contributions to a successful “launch.”

Ms. Brown, with the support of Principal Nate Rouse, developed the WakeUp assembly in April that used song, dance, motivational speakers and testimonials to inspire students to work to achieve success in school and life.

Italian teacher **Raffaella Spilotro** was one of two Chicago area Italian language teachers handpicked by the Italian Consulate to represent Chicago at a groundbreaking youth conference in Rome this winter attended by about 400 young adults of Italian descent from around the world who were selected for their accomplishments and contributions to their communities. Ms. Spilotro also led this year’s exchange trip to Italy.

World Languages Division Head **Claudia Sahagun** also announced that Italian teacher **Anna Carparelli** has been selected to participate in the Summer National Endowment of the Humanities National Summer Institute, “The Art of Teaching Italian through Italian Art,” in Rome and Florence, Italy.

The following excerpts appeared in an article featured in the May 10 *GARMISCHER TAGBLATT (Garmisch Daily News)*: – In the classroom in Oak Park and River Forest High School there hangs an American flag, as is customary in U.S. high schools. But right next to them there is a row of twelve large glossy photos from a mountain scene calendar featuring photographs made by photographers from the Isar river valley...**Carol Ewald** put up the photos. The teacher, who teaches German near the city of Chicago, says: “I love the Karwendel mountain range and Mittenwald.” And this educator knows Germany well. Along with her husband Bill she organizes a student exchange every two years with a high school in Hamburg. The group also visits Berlin and Rothenburg, but the high point of their trip is always Mittenwald.

The co-manager of the Mittenwald Youth Hostel on the Buckel meadow, Klaus Rosenberger, recently visited the state of Illinois...and spent a day in Mrs. Ewald’s German classes. Klaus reports that the young students asked such things as “what did I think of American food?”

Klaus was most impressed with the sports facilities at the school. “There are so many different facilities; there’s a huge stadium and a number of gymnasiums. It’s simply enormous!” He’s also certain of one thing: The students from the suburbs of Oak Park and River Forest get a good education. He noted that the famous writer Ernest Hemingway, as well as the business leader Ray Kroc, the founder of McDonald’s, once sat in classrooms at the high school. *Article by Klaus Rosenberger; Translation by William M. Ewald*

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History Division Head **Rich Mertz** shared the following news from the Division: **Steve Goldberg** is currently sitting on the American Philosophical Association's Committee for Pre-College Instruction in Philosophy. The focus of this committee is to develop philosophy curriculum for secondary schools. Dr. Goldberg is the only secondary educator on the committee. Also, Dr. Goldberg's essay, "Imagining Palestine," that he wrote for a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) seminar on Modern Arabic Fiction, is being published by a journal called *New Scriptor*.

**Dan Greenstone** has been nominated for the Battey National Educator Award by former student Sara Doody. The award, given by DePauw University, recognizes superior teaching and preparation for college. Ms. Doody nominated Mr. Greenstone for his ability to incorporate current global events in particularly meaningful and applicable ways into her A.P. American History course.

In addition, Mr. Greenstone had an article published in the November/December 2008 issue of Horn Book Magazine entitled "Ain't I Great!: The Problem with Self-Esteem." He also gave a presentation at the 2008 Children's Literature Association Conference entitled "Mommy Nearest: Explaining the Portrayal of Intense Mother Love in Recent Picture Books."

**Anita North Hamill** presented at the Spring Regional Conference for Illinois Council for the Social Studies Great Lakes. Her topic was *The Abraham Lincoln Scrapbooks*, a rediscovery of Abraham Lincoln and his impact on American history through extensive scrapbook collections of newspaper and magazine articles, photos, poems, and political cartoons thoughtfully compiled between 1909 and 1961. Lincoln's life and legacy are examined through changing historical perspectives.

**Eleanor (Katie) O'Keefe** presented at a May 29-30 conference sponsored by the National History Education Clearinghouse about Teaching American History entitled: "History: Change We Can Believe In." Her session was on the Chicago Black Renaissance, presented with a group of teachers from the metro Chicago area who have been working together in a National Endowment for the Humanities Study Group entitled: "Destination Freedom: Black Chicago, 1934-1954."

Finally, the division honored all students who contributed to the 2008-09 edition of Interpretations, one of the few high school level publications in the country devoted to superior student history scholarship and writing.

Many thanks to all the people who ensured the success of the **10<sup>th</sup> annual Percy Julian Symposium for Science Education**, including: the Institute for Science Education and Technology, President Norb Teclaw and members OPRF science teacher John Costopoulos, Lee Balgemann, David Boulanger, Lee Brooke, William Fillmore, Darrick Hooker, Duncan Hutcheon, Chap Kusimba, Special Education teacher Daphne LeCesne, Jimmy Prude, Sherlyn Reid, Fred Sanders, and Tomasz Zielinski.

Thanks also to the following participating schools: Fenwick, Lincoln Park, Providence St. Mel, Whitney Young High Schools, Roosevelt Middle School and host OPRFHS and Science Division Head Bill Grosser and teachers Kyle Farley and Allison Hennings; to judges - George Ashman, Michael Babbit, Thomas Castleberry, Dr. Malaika Durham, Paul Ford, Jeanne Gills, Lorenzo Gholston, Jennifer Gregory, Austin Harmon-moderator, Darrick Hooker, Carolyn Jones MD, Dr. Peter Lykos, Christine Politis, Dr. Lou Scannicchio, Sarada Sungameshwaren, Tim Teclaw, and Roy E. Plotnick; and to special guest speaker, Kent Taylor, "Observations on Global Warming."

Participating OPRFHS students were: Natalie Rosseau; Milissa Manus, Emily Sher, Simerdar Jackson, Renee Pedigo, Casey Blaha, Jennifer Kirk, Tressa Joy, 1<sup>st</sup> place award - Conor Kovats & Dan Kowalczyk - Gene Expression in *Vibrio fischeri*; Laura Harrison, Gregory Harrison, Hannah Meyer and Luke Meyer. Special thanks also to Jenner & Block and Foley and Lardner firms for providing generous cash awards.

### Fox's Freeze visits OPRF science classes

Thanks to Amy Freeze, the Fox News Chicago meteorologist, who spoke to **Mark Woods'** Integrated Laboratory Science students April 28, sharing information about weather trends, insider TV weather info, and details of her choice of meteorology as a career.

Science teacher **Michelle Bayer** along with her son is performing in the H.O.T.T. Productions version of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" at the Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts the weekend of June 6-7 and June 12-13. Ms. Bayer, who directed OPRF's production of "Medea" last year, will play the part of Mrs. Evangaline Harcourt. Her son is in the ensemble. H.O.T.T. Productions - Helping Others Through Theatre is the only Chicagoland community theater company staffed solely to donate proceeds to charitable organizations. Proceeds from "Anything Goes" will be donated toward an agency focused on autism. [www.hottproductions.com](http://www.hottproductions.com).

Junior **Robin Jia** is one of only 20 students selected to attend the American Chemical Society Chemistry Olympiad Study Camp in Colorado Springs, CO, this summer where he will compete to qualify for the International Science Olympiad Test in London next year.

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Senior **Carla Fager** has received NASA research awards for her scientific observations in the Killer Asteroid Project, operating by the Astronomical Research Institute (ARI) in Charleston, IL. As part of this year's independent project with astronomy teacher Kevin McCarron, Ms. Fager downloaded images taken by powerful telescopes that are part of NASA's Near Earth Object Observations Program. Through detailed measurement, observation and analysis, she identified objects that pose a possibility of striking the earth in the future.

"Near Earth Object Observations is one of the few areas of research where students committed to hard work can make real discoveries and be recognized for their scientific achievements," said ARI Principal Investigator Robert El. Holmes Jr.

Congratulations to **Brendan Burke** who has been accepted at Amherst College's Schupfs Fellowship program, offered to 20 or 465 incoming students and offering one-to-one mentorship with a faculty member for four years, as well as covering all travel expenses anywhere in the world to research a subject of the student's choice.

The Oak Park Art League spring exhibit featured eight students from the Visual Arts Department who specialize in Photography, with each showing three works from a collection of imagery: Kelly Stapleton, Jordan Gamble, Teresa Deziel, Madeline Gorman, Maricel Caro, Ben Bowen, Shannon Kooser and Isable Firpo.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fine Art Finals Illinois High School Scholarship Competition named two OPRFHS students finalists – **Nina Berman** for *Serenity Tea*, ceramics, and **Matt Verticchio** graphite *Still Life #2*.

Seniors **Taylor Kirk and Sean Hardin**, winners of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee scholarships awarded graduates of faculty members, wrote winning essays about experiences in the World Languages Division: Taylor in Japanese with Sensei Yoko Schmadeke and Sean about his Senior Instructional Leadership Corps experience with French teacher Rena Mazumdar. Both students plan to pursue teaching careers in world language based on the education, experience and modeling they have received from the division.

The **OPRFHS Math team** finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the state math competition at the University of Illinois: Freshman Team – 4<sup>th</sup> place in state - Greg Ramel, Kristin Binder, Stephen Skapek, Rose Sloan (also, 4<sup>th</sup> in overall freshman competition), Jack Belcaster and Lucas Pritz; Sophomore Team – 10<sup>th</sup> in state - Sophie Banholzer, Andrew Morris, David Kangmeng, Ben Mildenhall (3<sup>rd</sup> in overall sophomore competition), Matt Goodsmith, Glen Lawrence; Junior Team – 10<sup>th</sup> in state - Robin Jia (7<sup>th</sup> in overall junior competition), Peter Baumgartener, Max Kazer, Erik Eggerston, Dillon Welindt, Brandon Noland, Ben Mildenhall and Greg Ramel were also 4<sup>th</sup> in the Freshman-Sophomore 2 person competition. Congratulations to these students and their coaches Sheila Hardin, Joe Kostal, Danielle Deliamata and Kay Moran.

The OPRFHS ENVIRO/BIO Club's rain barrel is in place on the mall just north of the Field House doors and before the South Hall doors on the east as part of the Oak Park Village-wide street display and effort aimed at raising consciousness about water conservation. The barrel's art was designed and painted by OPRF freshman Margaret Stadtwald. The club, and sponsor Science Teacher Cindy McGuckin, also celebrated Earth Day by sponsoring a t-shirt sale benefiting the Rainforest Action Network. Green it like you mean it!

And many thanks to the Student Council for organizing the 2009 Great Locker Cleanup, encouraging students -- particularly seniors -- to recycle and donate for reuse salvageable items that have been stowed in lockers all year.

TEAM students competed with 14 other high schools in the West Suburban Conference Track and Field Meet at York High School. Congratulations on an outstanding performance:

## Boys:

**50 Meter Dash**, Joe Hines - 3rd Place;

**Softball Throw**, Patrick Milburn - 1st Place

**Long Jump**, Joe Hines - 1st Place, Patrick Milburn - 3rd Place

**200 M Relay - 1st Place** - Patrick Milburn, Alex Stevic, Patrick McCarthy, Joe Hines

## Girls

**Softball Throw**, Rachael Rice - 1st Place

**200 M Relay-1st Place** - Dana Wax, Claire Puiszis, Jackie Finn, Jennifer Serratos

Congratulations to our Girls' Badminton team and Coach Jane Graham. The team finished 14<sup>th</sup> overall at the State Meet -- the highest finish in the past five years! Ashley Moy made it to quarterfinals, and Elise Ford/Monica Raines made it to the second round as a doubles team.

Circle the calendar now: a Place For All/Gay-Straight Alliance will be selling baked goods at the Oak Park Farmer's Market Sat., Sept. 26. If you would like to bake for us or make a donation please contact Amy Stanis at 434-3329.

## In Brief

After a lot of research, **Nancy Bardo's** Accounting and Investments class invested in Diamond Offshore. After just 6 weeks, they made a 25% profit and were able to donate \$530 to PADS, our community's organization providing services to the homeless.

Thanks also to these outstanding speakers from the community:

- Don DeBruin, Blue Prairie Group
- David Valenti, U.S. Trust, Bank of America
- James Lynch, Advanced Equities
- Jim Hunt, Smith Barney
- Michael Swierk, Lincoln Investment Planning

Congratulations to our OPRFHS students who placed and participated in the 2009 Chicago Westside **NAACP ACT-SO** competition. Of the five finalists from the West and South side of Chicago and suburbs who qualified to compete at the National ACTSO Convention this summer in New York, two are OPRF students: **Iman Carr**, in Visual Arts in Drawing and Painting, and **Eli Hudson** in Music Instrumental/Contemporary, who obtained three gold medals between them.

In addition, **Andrea Ivy** won a bronze medal in drawing. Other participants were Kevonya Belcher in Poetry, Kaneal Rhea in Poetry, Dorian Williams in contemporary instrumental and Breanna Smith in classical instrumental.

The following students, accompanied by teacher Linda VanDyke, played in a saxophone quartet for a Music for Life fundraiser at The Good Earth: **Joey Lippe, Connor Stratton, and Steve Rees.**

Sophomore **McLean Peterson** performed the role of Robin in Triton College's May production of "Godspell" at the Performing Arts Center/Robert M. Collins Center.

Our **OPRFHS Dance Club** was featured in the *Great Lakes News*, sponsor Ann Petroliunas shared. "Hines VAH celebrated Black History Month in style, with a program [that]... included a magnificent performance by the Oak Park-River Forest Dance group. Employees were very impressed by the program and gave the dancers a standing ovation."

Congratulations to the 2009 graduates who have signed to participate in collegiate athletics: **Baseball:** Mike Locasto - Augustana College, Sam Picchiotti - Wright State U., Anthony Maldonado-Howard Jr. College; **Cross Country:** Kevin Binns -St. Olaf College, Bernadette Wilkie - UIC; **Diving** - Zerren Dagli - Carleton College; **Field Hockey:** Nicole Cordero - U. of Massachusetts, Hannah Weigal -DePauw U.; **Football:** Mark Willis - U. of Wyoming, Marty Finnegan - Tufts, Martin Hodges -Carthage College, Elliott Davidson- Loras College, Sean McDonald -SIU-Carbondale; **Golf:** Sad'e Smith, Carleton College; **Lacrosse:** Mike Liebrech-Fontbonne U., Seth Molek -Farleigh Dickinson U., Dan Applebaum -Mercyhurst College; **Softball:** Maggie Paoli-Eastern Illinois U., Mara Blesoff - Wellesley College, Elayna Citko -Corner Stone U., Megan White -Eastern Illinois U., Jane Brennan - ISU, Lauren Gonzalez - Loyola Univ. - Chicago; **Soccer:** Casey Blaha -Northwestern U., Rachel Huck-Macalester College; **Swimming:** Lori Mansfield -Lewis University; **Tennis:** Mike Jacobs-Dartmouth College, Seth Sankary-Washington U.-St. Louis; **Track:** Brittany Smith-ISU, Kristen Weismantle- U. of Iowa, Peter Geraghty -North Central College, Henry Nwoko -SIU-Carbondale; **Volleyball:** Sara Shannon-U. of Maryland; **Water Polo:** Audrey Reardon-U. of Hawaii, Ross Brinkman- Purdue University; **Wrestling:** Ellis Coleman-U.S. Olympic Training Center.

The History Division selected senior **Adam Wallace** to present the annual Memorial Day speech at the May 28 assembly. As part of his presentation, Mr. Wallace encouraged students and staff support the division's Adopt a Soldier effort to collect items to send overseas to a U.S. Army platoon with a long deployment left in Afghanistan. The unit is providing emergency medical support for wounded soldiers and civilians and training the new Afghanistan National Army Medical Corps. OPRF students with the area chapter of the Civil Air Patrol will collect and ship the items.

Thanks to OPRF 1973 Alumnus **Joe Cantafio**, OPRFHS was asked to host a performance by the U.S. Marine Drum & Bugle Corps and Silent Drill Platoon during Marine Week here in Chicago May 11-15. This extraordinary evening performance drew about 3,000 spectators from all over the western suburbs. Special thanks to all of our community partners, especially the Village of Oak Park for making this event possible.

OPRFHS hosted the **Construction Industry Service Corporation's Building and Construction Hands-On Expo** in April. Representatives from the Carpenters, Roofers, Electricians, Laborers, Bricklayers, Operating Engineers, Sheet Metal Workers unions and the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council shared information about their respective trades and apprenticeship programs. Thanks to **Francine Cardascio** for organizing this invaluable resource for our students.

**ALL INCOMING FRESHMEN ~ ENROLLMENT DEADLINE HAS PASSED! ~**

Please note that District 200/Oak Park and River Forest High School is a different district from where your student attended middle school. You must enroll your student in the new district in order for your child to attend school at OPRF next fall. Enrollment is required for each student, so you must enroll your incoming freshman/current 8th grader even if you already have other children who currently attend OPRF.

Please contact Deloris Collins, assistant to the Principal, immediately for enrollment information at 708-434-3505.

Remember: Huskie Kickoff Day - Freshmen first day of school - WEDNESDAY, Aug. 27!  
Sophomores/Juniors/Seniors start Aug. 28.



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PLEASE NOTE: *In an effort to promote a healthy environment for individuals with latex sensitivity, **NO BALLOONS** of any kind are allowed in the building or on school property.*