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Oakland Mills Math Team Takes First Place

by Robert Yore, GT Math Teacher

The Oakland Mills Math Team finished their 2010 – 2011 season with a resounding win at their final meet of the season to take first place in the Howard County Math League's B Division for the year. The team was led throughout the year by Ross Rheingans-Yoo, Max Weinberg, Ben McGarvey, Daniel Yoo, Marissa Sileo, Charles Owens, Mac Williams, Carlos Riveros-Sabogal, and Handy Husodo. Both Ross Rheingans-Yoo and Ben McGarvey were also selected to the All-Howard County Math Team that will compete at the Regional Math Championships at Penn State University in early June.

As a result of the team's outstanding performance this past season, they will move up to the A division next year. Although the competition next year will be even tougher, expectations from Ross, Ben,

and the other returning underclassmen including Jessi Schillinger, Jin Kim, Rupini Shukla, Ted Weinberg, John Filliben, Marissa Gonzalez, and Kiana Anspach, are for more continued success. Their coaches are Robert Yore and Michael Hensley. Mr. Yore has been coaching the math team for 11 years and teaches 9th grade Geometry GT, Precalculus GT, and Algebra 2. He has been teaching at OMHS for the past 14 years and is a graduate from UM. Mr. Hensley has been coaching for two years and teaches Precalculus, Geometry, and Calculus C AP. He is a graduate from Penn State University and has been teaching at OM for four years.

Yore said, "We are very proud of the team and have full confidence in them. Whether they won First prize or not, they are all winners and represent the excellence at OMHS."

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OMHS Mills Math Team Accepts First Place: Caroline Pyon, Handy Husodo, Maya Thakar, Ross Rheingans-Yoo, Ben McGarvey (holding plaque), Kiana Anspach, Marissa Sileo, Marissa Gonzalez, Daniel Yoo, Max Weinberg, Teddy Weinberg, Mac Williams, Charles Owens, John Filliben (blocked), and Carlos Riveros-Sabogal

Photo courtesy of David McGarvey.



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In Other OMHS News...

Music Departments Score Big at Adjudication

by SB, OMHS Sophomore

All three music departments went to Kings Dominion this past weekend--but not just to ride the coasters and play games. They went to compete at Music in the Parks, an adjudication that the orchestra, band, and choirs participate in every other year. In the past, Oakland Mills has always impressed, and they did it yet again last weekend. All three departments scored 1's (the highest possible score) and Upper Band, Upper Orchestra, Mixed Choir, and Women's Choir were given a rating of superior; the highest rating a group can possibly achieve.

Oakland Mills Independent Research Students Participate in County's 19th Annual Student Learning Conference

by SB, OMHS Sophomore

On the 29th of April, students from the Independent Research Program at our school trekked out of Oakland Mills' Halls to attend the Howard County Student Learning Conference at APL. The Conference was a huge success with many interesting student presentations and performances. It was a wonderful showcase of the talent

found in high schools in Howard County.

We had several presenters from our very own programs--Kevin O'Hara, (Fighting Fire with Fireproof: Prototype Fire Suit Design), Hannah Waldrop, (Medical Marijuana) and Ross Rheingans-Yoo, (Revolutionizing Prosthetics: Saving Lives and Saving Quality of Life).

Maxen Jack-Monroe participated in a session about film making today and the HoCo Film Festival.

Sarah Brand read an excerpt from her Independent Research project, a new version of the Arthurian Legend. Her reading was accompanied by a power point presentation of illustrations by her sister, Emma Brand.

OMHS Students on Television Quiz Program

Article and photo courtesy of IT'S ACADEMIC

Having won its first game earlier this season, a team of outstanding students from Oakland Mills High School competed in an IT'S ACADEMIC playoff match with

two other first round winners--- Calvert Hall College High School in Baltimore and Dulaney High School in Timonium. The exciting game was eventually won by Dulaney High School.

The match was aired Saturday, April 16, at 10:00 am, on WJZ-TV, Channel 13.

The Oakland Mills team consists of Benjamin McGarvey, Isaac Kirk-Davidoff, and Paul Kirk-Davidoff. Their faculty coach is Casey Retterer.

IT'S ACADEMIC has been recognized by the Guinness Book of Records as "the world's longest-running television quiz program." The program is sponsored by Giant Food and Morgan State University. Dave Zahren is the host of IT'S ACADEMIC on WJZ.



Pictured left to right: Isaac Kirk-Davidoff, Benjamin McGarvey, and Paul Kirk-Davidoff

Announcements

5/10--Last OMHS GTAC Meeting
@
4:30pm in the Media Center.
For more info. email omhsgt@yahoo.com
Please see announcement below.

MAY 2011

May is Asian-Pacific
Heritage Month

For more info. go to:
asianpacificheritage.gov

May is also
National Physical Fitness
and Sports Month

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/nhomaytoolkit.aspx>

NOTES
5/2-5/8

Teacher

Appreciation Week

5/5

[Cinco de Mayo](#)

5/8

[Mother's Day](#)

5/11

[National School](#)

[Nurse Day](#)

5/21

[Armed Forces Day](#)

5/30

[Memorial Day](#)

PTSA NEEDS YOU!!

Attention Community Members and Parents of Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors!

The PTSA Nominating Committee is looking for you! We are looking to place qualified and energetic parents as our Executive Officers for the 2011-2012 school year. The following positions are available:

President

Preside at local meetings, coordinate the work of the committees, review and initial bank statements monthly.

Vice President

Act as an aid and second to President, and other assigned duties.

2nd Vice President

Act as an aid and second to President and other assigned duties.

Secretary

Record and prepare meeting minutes, keep records, maintain membership list.

Treasurer

Maintains custody of the PTSA funds, writes monthly budget reports, maintain financial records, makes payments and deposits on behalf the the OMHS PTSA, responsible for filing all tax forms.

2 PTAC Delegates

PTA Council delegates are the communication link between the OMHS PTSA and the Howard County PTA Council.

Voting will be held on May 10th in conjunction with the Spring Concert at 7:00pm.

OMHS GTAC Last Meeting

On Tuesday, May 10th, OMHS Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee will hold its last meeting of the year. This could

be its last meeting ever, as one of its founding members, Janet Tuohy, will be relocating with her family to Texas. Marci Brand, the other co-founder, will have two junior students next year, with their hectic schedule, Ms. Brand will not be able to run GTAC on her own and run a business.

It was the goal of Ms. Brand and Ms. Tuohy to develop an all inclusive group to showcase ALL of OMHS gift^S and talent^S. Another role that they fulfilled is being liaisons to the Howard County GTAC.

It is the hope that there will be several parents, students, and staff who will be willing to maintain the email account, the Scorpion Sentinel, and be liaisons. There is also a website that has been purchased and mostly designed to showcase OMHS talents should talent arise to maintain the site. If you are interested, please contact omhsgt@yahoo.com.



Howard County Gifted and Talented Educators Recognized

On Wednesday, April 27, 2011, twenty-nine Gifted and Talented (G/T) Teachers were recognized at the 2nd Annual Howard County Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee (HC GTAC) Educator Recognition Reception at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center. Ms. Mamie Perkins, the Deputy Superintendent, (pictured) greeted all. Maria Datta, co-chair of GTAC was there to present each educator with a rose and their certificate.

Ms. Laura Shovan and Ms. Dayle Spotte-Smith, members of GTAC, explained that the honorees were determined using the SECAC*

model. Any educator who received a nomination from a student or a family member, received a recognition. Of these twenty-nine recipients, eighteen were educators at the elementary school level, eleven were at the middle school level, and only four were at the high school level.

In Howard County, there are hundreds of Gifted and Talented educators. It is the hope of the HC GTAC that as more people become aware of this event that every educator will be recognized by the families that they serve.

*SECAC--Special Education Citizens Advisory



Mamie Perkins, Deputy Superintendent
Photo courtesy of Liz Dunster,
co-chair of GTAC

A Teacher for All Seasons

By Joanna Fuchs

A teacher is like Spring,
Who nurtures new green sprouts,
Encourages and leads them,
Whenever they have doubts.

A teacher is like Summer,
Whose sunny temperament
Makes studying a pleasure,
Preventing discontent.

A teacher is like Fall,
With methods crisp and clear,
Lessons of bright colors
And a happy atmosphere.

A teacher is like Winter,
While it's snowing hard outside,
Keeping students comfortable,
As a warm and helpful guide.

Teacher, you do all these things,
With a pleasant attitude;

You're a teacher for all seasons,
And you have my gratitude!

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For ALL of our wonderful
OMHS teachers and staff, we
salute you and thank you for all
of your hard work and passion!

We appreciate you even when it
isn't Teacher's Appreciation
Week!
Your GTAC
Parents and Students