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Left: Readers' Theater relaxes after their 1st place performance at Regionals. Above: Mr. Bradford displays our 2nd place regional trophy.



New choir dresses and ties Students in choir enjoy a choir outfit makeover

by Hope, junior

This ODACS season many things changed, including new choir outfits for elementary through senior high! We ditched the outdated styles and went for a complete update.

"They have a much better neckline, and I like how we got them all hemmed so they are all the same length. I don't miss the top of the other ones!" said Amelia, freshman.

"In my opinion, these dresses are better than last year's, and I can move my arms easier and better when playing the violin. I love the earrings!" said Arianna, sophomore.

"This year's ODACS ties have improved from last year. Last year they were quite dull, but this year they are brighter and they look better because of the two-tone color instead of just navy blue. It shines and sticks out more," said Mason, senior.

"We can actually breathe in these dresses!" said Veronica, junior.

The elementary (4th-6th grade) enjoyed a change of color (from black and white to

bright blue) and a new style for both the boys and the girls.

"I love the color and that they are so elegant! I really don't miss the puffy sleeves on the old ones! I like them except for at State [competition], under the gym lights, the dress turned purple," said Savannah, 6th grade.

"The tie is blue! My favorite color! It's a lot better than the cummerbund and bow tie we had last year," said Daniel, 4th grade.

"I love how they're one of our school colors! Oh, and I love the sleeves ... they're so pretty! Miss Audrey did a great job picking them out!" said Gabrielle, 4th grade.

"Everyone stated that we looked fabulous in our dresses, and I think Miss Audrey and Mrs. Darby did a great job," said Amy, 5th grade.

A big thank you to Mrs. Darby and Miss Audrey for helping the students to get new choir outfits. The students hope they will be able to wear them for many upcoming years.

Finale and fanfares

Ode to ODACS: competitors and preparation

by Rebecca, senior

ODACS—the event that brings the most anticipation, excitement, and stress of every academic year. ODACS 2015 has come rapidly to a close, bringing the choral group, three instrumental solos, two preaching categories, and one expository essay to the final stage: the AACS National Fine Arts competition at Bob Jones.

During Jr. and Sr. High Regionals, which took place March 19-20, the majority of the music groups, individual categories, art, Readers' Theatre, and Bible Jump Quiz advanced to State.

For many categories, ODACS was the culmination of months of preparation.

"It [Bible Jump] takes a lot of preparation, reading, and memorizing," said Alexis, sophomore and Bible Jump Quiz member since 4th grade. "We started preparing back in the

summer." Each member of the quiz team takes five or more chapters to become familiar with.

March 27 brought the State competition at Landmark in Richmond. FBTA placed 3rd out of the 25 schools, with a total of 68 points.

Though daunting at times, ODACS did help with school spirit and gave great opportunities to students.

"It was exciting, and it was my first year doing Oral Interpretation of Poetry," said Joshua, 7th grade, who placed first at State.

A few ideas for next year's ODACS are now being bounced around. To aid in better ODACS preparation, a one week ODACS art camp may be held during the summer. Also, next year, all competitors will be chosen by the second week in January.



A not-so-silent auction

FBTA's academy fundraiser was fun for everyone!

by Annie, junior

On March 21, the day after the Jr. and Sr. High ODACS regional competition, FBTA hosted the silent auction to help raise funds for the academy. The evening included delicious food, competitive bidding, and fun fellowship. Each class in the academy submitted a themed basket for the bidding, and members of the student council helped with serving.

The evening started out with light salads and pastas as the bidding began to start. Some of the most sought-after items at the auction were the Beats headphones, the iPad Mini, and, of course, Mr. Fender's homemade

bread. The night progressed with the main course, including many kinds of meats, potatoes, and bread.

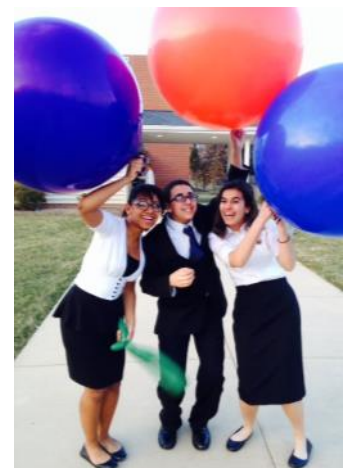
The teachers and students contributed towards special gift baskets to be auctioned off.

"I would say that I was hoping something practical would appeal to the bidders. Since nearly everyone knows of at least one lady who is going to have a baby, my hope was that someone would see our baby basket and its contents as a great way to show care and appreciation for a mother-to-be," said Miss Quinlan, coordinator of the junior class basket.

"My favorite part about the auction was the many laughs I had! We had so many spills due



Left: Attendees stop by the tables to see if they'd like to bid on the dozens of items that were donated. Above: Student Council helps with serving (and eating).



Receiving a giant balloon at the end of the event was a hit with the students.

to too much clumsiness and laughing too hard. Also, the food was amazing!" said Hope, junior, with a laugh.

Probably the most memorable moment for the younger attendees were the Viera's generosity at the end of the auction. While taking down the balloon decorations, Mr. and Mrs. Viera handed out many balloons to the kids and teens. Unfortunately, most of the balloons did not survive once they were played with outside.

"I absolutely loved the balloons! We had so much fun playing with them after the auction," said Estefenia, 8th grade.

After the auction, everyone went home well-fed and full, and the academy raised funds to go toward new technology for the school. We would especially like to thank Mrs. Darby and Mrs. Mountjoy for the many hours and the hard work they put into the auction as well as the many cooks and clean up members behind the scenes.

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ODACS Results

Elementary

Bible	Participant	Regional
Bible Quizzing	FBTA Team	3rd
Bible Teaching	Gabrielle P	3rd
Expository Preaching	Holden Z	2nd
Evangelistic Preaching	Caleb P	1st
Topical Preaching	Diego V	2nd
Bible Sword Drill	Savannah V	3rd

Music	Participant	Regional
Male Vocal Solo	Matthew B	1st
Small Vocal Ensemble	FBTA	3rd
Instrumental Brass Solo	Daniel M	2nd
Instrumental Woodwind Solo	Savannah V	2nd
Instrumental String Solo	Andrew C	2nd
Instrumental Percussion Solo	Delaney B	1st
Small Instrumental Ensemble	FBTA	3rd
Sacred Piano Solo	Soriya S	2nd
Classical Piano Solo	Ashley T	2nd
Youth Choir	FBTA	2nd

Speech	Participant	Regional
Dramatic Interpretation	Julia C	1st
Oral Interpretation of Poetry	Savannah V	3rd
Religious Reading	Ashley T	1st

Art	Participant	Regional
Monochromatic Drawing	Gabrielle P	1st
Polychromatic Drawing	Ashley T	2nd
Watercolor	Savannah V	1st
Oil/Acrylic Painting	Julia C	1st
Sculpture	Caleb P	2nd
Still Life Photography	Daniel R	3rd
Landscape/Arch Photography	Kenneth L	3rd
Poster	Matthew B	3rd

Academics	Participant	Regional
English	Ashley T	2nd
Mathematics	Soriya S	1st
History/Geography	Kenneth L	2nd
Creative Writing: Poetry	Sri Shakti C	2nd
Science Fair/Biological	Ashley T	2nd
Science Fair/Physical	Andrew C	2nd

Junior High

Bible	Participant	Regional/State
Bible Quizzing	FBTA	2nd
New Testament Knowledge	John F	3rd
Bible Teaching	Liza F	2nd
Expository Preaching	Garrett A	2nd
Evangelistic Preaching	Enoch P	2nd
Topical Preaching	Daniel P	2nd
Bible Sword Drill	Hart Z	2nd

Music	Participant	Regional/State
Female Vocal Solo	Estefania M	1st
Male Vocal Solo	Jay M	2nd 3rd
Small Vocal Ensemble	FBTA	2nd 2nd
Choral Group	FBTA	3rd
Instrumental Brass Solo	Matthew C	1st 2nd
Instrumental String Solo	Cindy Y	1st 1st
Instrumental Percussion Solo	Haston H	2nd
Small Instrumental Ensemble	FBTA	3rd
Sacred Piano Solo	Jessica K	3rd
Classical Piano Solo	Hart Z	1st 1st
All School Band/Orchestra	FBTA	1st 2nd
Youth Choir	FBTA	1st

Speech	Participant	Regional/State
Dramatic Interpretation	Julie U	1st 3rd
Oral Interpretation of Poetry	Joshua B	2nd 1st
Religious Reading	Haston H	3rd
Declamation	Henry T	2nd
Humorous Interpretation	Hart Z	2nd
Duet Acting	Sarah H/Stephanie M	2nd
Oral Interpretation of Scripture	Jay m	2nd

Art	Participant	Regional/State
Monochromatic Drawing	Sarah H	3rd
Polychromatic Drawing	Julie V	3rd
Watercolor	Alyssa R	2nd
Oil/Acrylic Painting	Haston H	2nd 3rd
Sculpture	Hart Z	2nd
Crafts	Jay M	3rd
Still Life Photography	Caleb D	2nd
Landscape/Arch Photography	Garrett A	3rd
People/Animal Photography	Amelia S	3rd
Digital Media	Connor D	3rd
Poster	Estefania M	1st 1st

Academics	Participant	Regional/State
English	Enoch P	2nd 2nd
Creative Writing: Poetry	J. T. R	3rd
Creative Writing: Short Story	Hart Z	3rd
Spelling	Connor D	2nd

First place winners at Regionals automatically advance to the State level. This year, if there were four or more competitors in a category, 2nd place winners were able to advance as well, and in some cases, able to win 1st at State.

Good stuff at Good Stuff Eatery

FBTeens stuff themselves at Capitol Hill restaurant

by Jenneth, senior

On Friday, March 13, the FBTeens loaded up on the bus after school to drive to a distant burger joint downtown, where legend has it, some of the best burgers are made—Good Stuff Eatery.

Walking into the place resembled entering a revamped barn complete with X barn doors, wooden paneled floors, tin accents, and an old-fashioned American flag printed on a rusty metal sheet for wall decor. Not to mention, the familiar figures of the political Elephant and Donkey stood above the doorway with a slogan reading, “Welcome to the Party!”

“I thought [the political theme] was really cool because of it being right in D.C.,” said Susannah, senior.

The teens took over almost half the restaurant, occupying a raised seating area. There the FBTeens waited to be called to order, and table by table filed down to the burger assembly line where they dictated their menu desires. The food was ready at an unbelievable rate, and once everyone

Senior High

Bible	Participant	Reg/State/Nat
Bible Quizzing	FBTA	1st 3rd
New Testament Knowledge	Mason L	3rd
Bible Memory	Ben A	2nd
Expository Preaching	Dan A	1st 1st
Evangelistic Preaching	Timothy B	1st 2nd
Topical Preaching	Ricky S	1st 1st

Music	Participant	Reg/State/Nat
Female Vocal Solo	Veronica M	2nd
Male Vocal Solo	Jonathan C	2nd
Small Vocal Ensemble	FBTA	2nd 2nd
Large Vocal Ensemble	FBTA	1st 2nd
Choral Group*	FBTA	1st 1st 1st
Instrumental Brass Solo	Hunter H	2nd
Instrumental Woodwind Solo	Rebecca P	1st 1st 2nd
Instrumental String Solo	Enoch P	2nd
Instrumental Percussion Solo	Nathan P	2nd
Small Instrumental Ensemble	FBTA	1st 2nd
Large Instrumental Ensemble	FBTA	1st 2nd
Orchestra/Band	FBTA	1st 2nd
Sacred Piano Solo	Alexis A	1st 1st
Classical Piano Solo	Haven Z	1st 1st
Sacred Piano Duet	Alexis A/Rebecca P	3rd
Classical Piano Duet	Carlie M/Haven Z	2nd
Youth Choir	FBTA	1st

Speech	Participant	Reg/State/Nat
Duet Acting	Tim B/Matthew C	2nd
Extemporaneous Speaking	Dan A	3rd
Readers' Theatre	FBTA	1st 2nd
Choric Speaking	FBTA	2nd

Art	Participant	Reg/State/Nat
Calligraphy	Victoria R	2nd
Monochromatic Drawing	Arjuna C	3rd
Polychromatic Drawing	Jenneth D	2nd
Watercolor	Bailey Y	2nd 2nd
Oil Painting	Annie C	2nd
Acrylic Painting	Mackenzie H	2nd
Sculpture	Diana M	2nd
Crafts	Millie R	3rd
Printmaking	Carlie M	1st 2nd
Landscape/Arch Photography	Alexis A	3rd
Digital Media	Jason U	2nd
Mixed Media	Ben Y	3rd

Academics	Participant	Reg/State/Nat
English	Veronica T	1st 3rd
Advanced Mathematics	Rebecca P	1st
Biology	Victoria R	2nd
Physics	Isaac Q	3rd
US History/Geography	Ricky S	3rd
Creative Writing: Poetry	Annie C	3rd
Expository Writing: Essay	Jenneth D	1st 1st
Spelling	David C	1st 2nd
Accounting	Jason U	3rd
Home Economics	Millie R	2nd
Music Theory	Haven Z	2nd
Spanish	Alexis A	3rd

All first place winners at State (in **bold**) traveled to National Competition at Bob Jones University the week of April 14-17.

*Choral Group: **Jenneth D, Madison M, Rebecca P, Susannah S, Veronica T, Annie C, Mackenzie H, Veronica M, Millie R, Victoria R, Hope Z, Alexis A, Diana M, Carlie M, Arianna V, Haven Z, Emily D, Julianna V.**

“Oh, no! Five in a Row!” Solution

For those of you who worked really hard on our puzzle from last month, and can't sleep at night awaiting the results, Bro. Boyd had the merit in his pocket.

Here is the winning solution:

Seat 1	Seat 2	Seat 3
Mr. Niggl	Mr. Bradford	Mr. Gleb
Green Tie	Red Tie	Yellow Tie
Water	Orange Juice	Soda
Rice	Pizza	Packed Lunch
Glasses	Keys	Picture

Seat 4	Seat 5	Thank you to all who participated!
Mr. Fender	Mr. Boyd	
Purple Tie	Blue Tie	
Iced Tea	Milk	
Bread	Too Busy	
Pen	Merit	

Indoor soccer

by Hunter, senior

At the conclusion of State ODACS, Mr. Bradford began coaching boys' intermural indoor soccer on Monday afternoons from 3:30 – 5:00. Because there is no competitive spring sport for boys, this activity gives them an opportunity to stay in shape and let off some steam.

This year's soccer is different in some ways with rules and how many people are on the indoor field. Players can now play off the walls, and the goals are the blue mats on each end of the field. There is an average of 15-20 guys that come out and play indoor soccer every Monday.

“I like it because it is a faster pace than last year,” said Isaac, senior.

The team is thankful to Mr. Bradford for allowing them to keep their skills sharp even when there is no organized competitive spring league.



Jenneth, senior, Miss Alicia, and Annie, junior, eat the Mother Cookie for dessert. Susannah, senior, Jason, junior, and Arjuna, junior, display their Good Stuff carnage.

sank their teeth into each patty, there was no wondering at the restaurant's title.

“The burgers tasted just as good as they smelled. Which was pretty awesome,” said Annie, junior.

To top off the burgers, many of the teens ordered a side of fries, thick milkshakes of legend, and chocolate chip cookies as big as Titus Boyd's head.

Everyone left the restaurant full and satisfied, happy to have tasted the downtown burgers and milkshakes.