

SHARK TANK TIMES

Student newsletter of Oceanside Collegiate Academy

THE STORY OF THE NEWSLETTER

BY

William Crookes, Junior

Eleven months ago, my parents and I talked about joining new clubs for my junior year. I thought to myself, "Why not just start one?" Since I was very young, I possessed an interest in newspapers. Being a big sports fan, my dad and I always gained our news regarding local sports teams from the papers. Additionally, I also identified a major gap in Oceanside clubs. I didn't see a club that featured student writing at Oceanside where writers like me could get together and write about what they were passionate about. I emailed Mrs. Corley about my idea. She loved it and quickly connected me to Mrs. Trimarco. We immediately started talking about plans for getting the word out once school started; meanwhile, I created a rough draft to work out the kinks. I wrote the first draft by myself and, though I thought otherwise at the time, it was awful. When I say awful, I mean two pages long, one picture, Arial 15 point font, and plain white pages; however, when I created it, it felt like I had drafted a masterpiece. I seriously considered framing it-I was so proud!

Flash-forward eleven months: if we put out a newsletter anywhere near the level of that first draft, I would probably step down as Editor-in-Chief. I cannot believe how far we've come since that first draft. Every single issue since features student, teacher, and coach interviews; in-depth articles on sports at Oceanside; community happenings; an art section; and even book reviews. I'm so thankful for the help and support Mrs. Trimarco has given this group in making this dream into a reality. I'm also deeply appreciative of our current Newsletter club members for transforming this club into something I never thought was possible. To you the readers, thank you for reading and supporting this newsletter. The feedback and the reviews are what keep us going and make us want to keep pushing for better stories and more content. The growth in just our first year as a club has been far better than I ever imagined and I hope to keep doing the same once we come back this August for year two.

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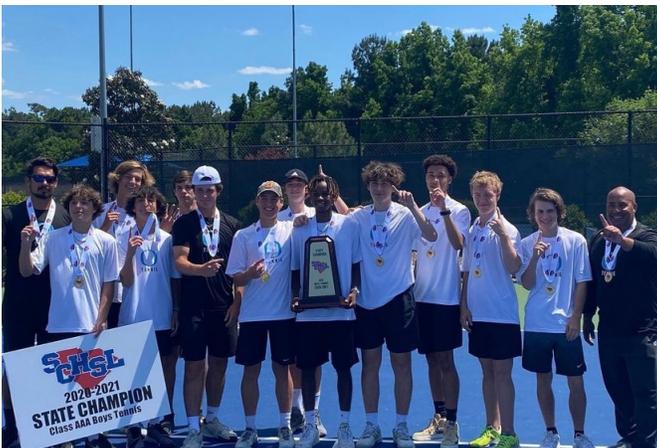
END OF THE YEAR SPORTS

BY

Claeland Jones, Junior

Track: The track and field state championships took place and the team did a phenomenal job! The boys 4x100 relay finished as the state runner up. Jacob Ashley (Jr) finished in 5th place in the Boys Shot Put with an incredible 46' 8" throw. Ruby Hansen (Jr) finished 3rd place in the Girls Pole Vault with a 9' 6" vault. Lilly Corley (So) took first place and became the 3A State Champion in Girls Pole Vault with a 10' 6" vault. Lamar Prioleau (Sr) finished 6th place in the Boys 100m Dash with an 11.16 time. Keller Wachsmuth (Jr) finished 7th place in the 800m with a 2:04 time. Justin Horry (Jr) finished 8th place in the Boys Discus with a 97' 0" throw. We are very proud of our first ever track and field team achieving such accomplishments in the state championships! They are ready to work and compete for next season!!

Boys Tennis: After being the region champions, the Landsharks were not done. In the playoffs, they defeated Camden to advance to the Lower State Championship. Afterwards, they went against Waccamaw in the lower state championship. Of course the Landsharks swept them: they won 6 matches to 0.



Advancing to the state championship, the boys won 6 matches to 0 against Clinton. We are very proud of these men for bringing home a state title, standouts Ethan Baly and Carson Baker also made the all state team.

Boys Baseball: The boys baseball team concluded the season going 20-5. Unfortunately, they did not make the playoffs this year despite having an outstanding season. They ended their last 5 games 5-0- what a great way to close the season! The Landsharks will be back next year hungry to improve.

Girls Soccer: Since our last issue, the girls finished the regular season with a 3-0 win against Nation Ford. Advancing to playoffs, they beat Georgetown in the first round with a 14-0 beat down. The second round they defeated Camden 6-1. In the lower state championship, the girls rolled through Waccamaw winning 4-0. In the state championship against Daniel Island, the Landsharks brought home another state title. Big congratulations to the two seniors with double digit goals this season: Valentina Mosquera (Sr) with 29 and Ansley Donovan (Sr) with 10. Very proud of the girls soccer team for bringing home another state title.

Boys soccer: The boys soccer season came to a close during the playoffs, but in the first round they did win 5-1 over Waccamaw. With a heartbreaking 4-3 loss, the boys are ready for next year and proud of their 10-4 record after this amazing season.

Softball: Girls softball closed the regular season after the last issue going 3-1 and advancing to playoffs. In the first round, they lost to Dillon, but bounced back after winning 21-2 against Lakewood and advancing to the State Championship. They got state runner ups. Congratulations!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

BY

Kelsey O'Donnel, Sophomore

NHS:

The 2021-2022 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 12. We inducted nine new members, and it was heartwarming to see all of our members there to welcome them. This year's senior class of 2021 was also awarded their official NHS medallions. Congratulations everyone!

Oceanside Ambassadors:

Congratulations to the new class of Oceanside Ambassadors inducted on Wednesday, May 26th!

Graduation:

Our senior class of 2020-2021 is finally leaving the tank! Their graduation is set to be held at Seacoast's Worship Center on June 4th. The ceremony will also be streamed on Facebook Live. Congratulations graduates!

We hope everyone has a *fantastic* summer!!



MS. DAVIES

BY

Claeland Jones, Junior

How has your first year of teaching gone so far?

My first year teaching at Oceanside has been absolutely amazing! The staff and administration have been completely supportive. As a long time educator in the community, I knew that our high schoolers were special, but the caliber of the students at OCA exceeds my expectations.

What is your favorite part of teaching Math classes?

Like most teachers, my favorite part of the job is being in the classroom teaching the material. Math is my chosen subject because it is finite and tangible. It has an input and an output and is not swayed by feelings or opinion.

What do you find to be the best feature exclusive to Oceanside?

I consider the access to the high quality coaching staff exclusive to Oceanside. Our coaching staff are committed, professional, and elite in their chosen sports. They do not just teach the sport; they teach our young athletes how to "walk the walk."

SCOTT TEMPLETON



BY

Caroline Bailey, Junior

This month's featured student, Scott Templeton, is being interviewed by OCA junior, Caroline Bailey. Scott is an OCA baseball player and an Oceanside senior.

1. What has been your favorite thing about Oceanside?

That's gotta be the people. The students and staff at OCA have always done a good job of making me feel welcomed.

2. What has been your favorite part of playing baseball for OCA?

My favorite part of playing baseball for OCA was winning the Lower state championship my sophomore year by mercy-ruling Gray.

3. What advice would you tell your freshman self?

I would tell myself to learn to not procrastinate and take Trident classes.

4. Do you have any advice for rising seniors?

I'd say to take as many Trident classes as you can. They're a big help for college!

LIVE WITH pride

BY

Ella Kate Johnson, Sophomore

In a time when more self-conscious people can enjoy to use a mask to cover up their face and simple activities like concerts, get togethers, marches, and other festivities are out of the question (and often a media nightmare), it is not surprising that so many of us still experience a difficult time letting loose and being ourselves. Even as COVID-19 restrictions gradually loosen, some of us are still stuck. While physical health remains as important as ever, we cannot forget the impacts shame, self-consciousness, and social stigma burn into individuals and groups. Some people claim that because COVID-19 may be no more than a mildly interesting page in the history books, we will all have a cathartic release into the rest of the decade. As radio jockeys refer to it, a repeat of the Roaring 20's. And what better way to initiate this new era than by welcoming June itself; a month that not only likes to color every consumer product rainbow, but emphasizes pride, identity, and self-acceptance. While more and more people in our world grow not only more happy with themselves, but also less prone to stigma and violence (or in spite of all that), we all get to experience one of the most complicated layers behind living as a human being. While many people today live in fear for their lives due to their identity, it is definitely a symbol of human independence and resilience to see people marching in the streets, with arrays of colorful flags, and dancing to "Rain On Me" by Lady Gaga and Ariana Grande. Not everyone chooses to be so

open about their identity and that is okay too. Everyone should realize, however, that they are valuable. It is important to come together as a community of human beings, of all races, religions, genders, sexualities, and origins, to let everyone know that value does not hinge upon how someone else subjectively views a group; instead, we should focus on celebrating objective humanity and worth.



SUMMER READS

BY

Tatiana Sabin, Junior

I know, I know, the last thing that comes to mind when planning your summer vacation is a potential book list. However, having a book or two on standby over the break can be the perfect filler activity. Whether I'm reading a few pages on the beach or mowing through a few chapters to pass one of those suffocating dog days, getting through some "just for fun" reads helps me drift away from all the mandatory reading I survived during the school year and give my summer at least a general suggestion of productivity. Here are a couple easy escapes for this summer:

***The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster**

My first memory of this book must have been some eight or nine years ago, when my mom would read me and my sister a chapter (or two if we could distract her from the time) right before bed. I remember feeling for Milo as he longed for an escape from the monotonous boredom of his real life. His tollbooth adventures through the Land of Expectations and rescue of the princess kept my sister and I begging for "just one more chapter." Rereading this novel much later, I'm happy to report that this fascination had nothing to do with age and much more to do with Juster's ability to completely pull the reader into Milo's world. This is an easy read to escape summer boredom and revisit a fantasy world that may have been left behind in the madness of growing up.

***Cardamom* by Bojena Sabin**

If you are looking for something a little more thought-provoking, this is a perfect read. Written by my very own older sister, *Cardamom* is a

collection of work including poems, essays, and short stories. These works uncover the journey of finding a secure identity as a biracial woman—specifically navigating childhood and adolescent life in the south. Personally, I resonate with this book so intensely because the author articulates feelings that I as a half Indian woman could not as clearly communicate prior to reading. This is also an emotional read for me, not only because of my completely biased pride for the author's accomplishments, but also because of the incredibly crucial role I see it playing in illuminating its message to readers in a beautifully digestible way. If you are looking for exposure to a lesser-known world perspective, I highly recommend this book. If you are instead more interested in another summer escape, Sabin's creation of magically artistic worlds, specifically in the book's poetry, is an amazing place to find yourself. This book will be available on Amazon, and the author will donate a part of sales to the COVID relief efforts in India.



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If you are interested in creative writing, sports writing, publications, graphic design/layout or any other aspect of our newsletter, feel free to email Mrs. Trimarco at christina.trimarco@oceansidecollegiateacademy.org. We meet once a week between sessions, and produce one newsletter per month. We are open to anyone interested in attending consistently to enhance our newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you!



SHARKS DOMINATE THE REGULAR SEASON

BY

Claeland Jones, Junior

Oceanside took on Hanahan on October 9th and came out with a gritty 16-7 win. The game was down to the wire with a touchdown in the 4th quarter to take the lead to 9 points. Vaughn Blue (So) had an outstanding game with 15 carries for 140 yards and a TD, while Timmy Castain (So) with 8 tackles and Rhett Towell (Jr) with 6 tackles helped the defense come up big, improving Oceanside to 3-0.

Oceanside bounced back after a close win with a dominant 55-0 blowout win over Battery Creek. The offense in this game was on a roll with Quarterback Garrison Kepley (Jr) throwing for 211 yards and 2 touchdown passes, Lamar Prioleau (Sr) leading the team in rushing with 10 carries for 115 yards and three touchdowns, and Vaughn Blue (So) catching 2 passes for 117 yards and 2 touchdowns. The whole defense performed amazingly, giving up 0

points; led by a huge game from Carson Arnold (Jr): 7 tackles, a sack, and an interception returned for a touchdown. The rest of the defense put up a total of 58 tackles, a fumble recovery, 2 interceptions, and 2 sacks to hold Battery Creek to 0 points.

The Landsharks continued their dominant streak with a huge 49-0 win over Academic Magnet. Oceanside completely dominated the Raptors with 28 points in the first quarter alone. In the second half, both teams agreed to shorten the quarters to 8 minutes rather than 15 and to turn on a running clock. Garrison Kepley (Jr) led the offense with an outstanding performance with 141 yards and 4 touchdowns passing; 2 of which were caught by Bryce Throckmorton (Sr). Vaughn Blue (So) had another stellar game with 131 yards and 3 touchdowns rushing on just 9 carries. The defense held the Raptors to 0 points with an interception, sack, and a blocked punt returned for a touchdown. This victory carried the landsharks to 5-0.

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