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Your Orange County Conservative News

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Save the Dates

AIER Harwood Salon
Wed, Nov 12, 6:00pm
MacGregor Downs CC
430 St. Andrews Lane, Cary

Triangle Republican Women
Wed, Nov 12, 6:30pm
Mayflower Seafood Restaurant
3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham

OCGOP Monthly Meeting
Thurs, Nov 13, at 7pm
OCGOP HQ

RWCH-Chatham
Tues, Dec 2, 11:30am
Governors Club
11000 Governors Dr
Chapel Hill

OCGOP Executive Committee Meeting
Thurs, Dec 11, at 7pm
OCGOP HQ

Get Involved!

The Orange County GOP is an all-volunteer organization of your neighbors who are interested in smaller and more effective government that follows conservative principles.


Your help will make a difference! To volunteer visit orange.nc.gop/volunteer.

To join our email list, sign up at <https://orange.nc.gop>.

Questions? Email us at info@orangengop.com

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Office Hours
M, W, F 12pm–2pm



OCGOP Monthly Meeting

Please save the date for our November monthly meeting. Our guest speaker will be announced next week.

WHAT: OCGOP Monthly Meeting
WHEN: Thursday, Nov 13, 7:00pm
WHERE: OCGOP HQ, 125 Boone Square St, Hillsborough

Chairman’s Corner

I want to say a huge **thank you** to all who attended and/or assisted with the BBQ fundraiser. It was a success! Whether you bought a ticket and attended, sponsored the event, helped plan and work the event, we could not have done it without you. Thanks again for supporting your local Republican Party!

Standing for Freedom!

Larry C. Smith, Chairman, Orange County Republican Party

Thank You, Veterans!

As we head into the fall Thanksgiving season, please take a moment to recognize our brave veterans this Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11. We are grateful to all our service members, past and present, and thank them for their many sacrifices that allow all of us to enjoy our freedoms and blessings.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Refuse to Follow North Carolina Law While Academic Measures Decline

Does the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School (CHCCS) system deserve its reputation for excellence? While per pupil proficiency in math I declined before the COVID shutdown, scores for reading, English and math have declined over the past ten years. This is despite the increase in per pupil spending. CHCCS core values are listed below—note there is no reference to academic achievement.

- Engagement
- Collective Efficacy
- Social Justice Action
- Wellness
- Joy

What’s even more shocking is the school board’s refusal to follow the law, specifically the Parent’s Bill of Rights SB 49 signed in 2023. At a candidate forum this past Sept 29th, CHCCS school

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
Percent of Students Not Proficient

	2014-15	2016-17	2018-19	2020-21	2022-23	2023-24
Math	26.9	26.5	24.6	42.0	30.7	31.2
Reading	23.5	25.2	26.2	32.6	31.6	32.4
Science	18.3	16.1	16.5	26.6	20.1	22.2
Biology	24.7	24.7	25.2	46.8	19.4	27.4
English II	14.6	17.6	20.4	40.9	18.8	21.9
Math I	16.7	16.3	38.3	82.8	55.9	63.8

Math and Reading scores based on EOG testing, grades 3-8, Science grades 5 & 8
Source: North Carolina School Report Cards, NC Department of Public Instruction
Note: While data for the 2024-25 school year is available to administrators, it has not been made available yet to the public.

board Chair George Griffin said of the bill “there were two of those items that we determined were just blatantly discriminatory...after some prolonged discussion the board voted to just tell the General Assembly no thanks, we’re not doing this.”

The video of Griffin was shared by Libs of TikTok and went viral, garnering the attention of Representative Brenden Jones, NC House Majority Leader. His office set up a tip line to gather more information. As of this writing, Griffin has been called before the General Assembly to testify on December 3rd.

What can you do?

Parents:

- Submit violations to [the tip line](#). It’s critically important for the General Assembly to hear your concerns ASAP!
- Attend School Board Meetings and Candidate Forums
- Submit questions to School Board and local schools at allboardmembers@chccs.k12.nc.us
- Recruit other parents to join the movement
- Work with NC Values and like-minded organizations to highlight violations of SB 49 and HB 805

Non-Parents and Taxpayers:

- Write articles, OpEd pieces, let family, friends and neighbors know about these school board issues
- Attend School Board Meetings and Candidate Forums
- You can also use the tip line to share any pertinent information you have regarding violations of state law

Whether you are a parent or just a concerned citizen, if you'd like to join the team that's working on this issue, please email us at info@orangencgop.com and we will connect you. Every action you take helps. Thank you!

Want to Represent Orange County in the 4th Congressional District GOP?

An opening still remains for one of the leadership positions in our party. This is an At-Large position to sit on the 4th District executive committee chaired by Courtney Geels. Responsibilities include:

- attendance at quarterly meetings
- voting on district priorities and other issues before the committee
- approval of budget matters
- supporting the 4th District's fundraising activities

This position requires a vote by the OCGOP executive committee, as you will be representing our county's interests at the district level. If you or someone you know may be interested, please let Larry know at chair@orangencgop.com **by Friday, December 5.**

One nomination has been submitted so far. Candidates will be permitted a two-minute speech at our next county executive committee meeting on December 11; election will be held immediately following by paper ballot.

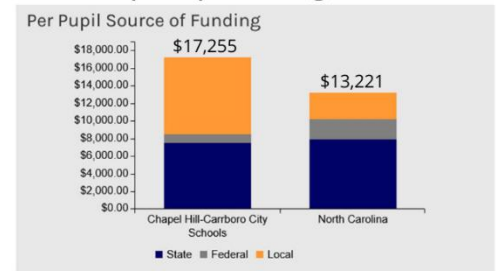
Save the Date: Executive Committee Meeting

Calling all officers and precinct chairs! Please save the date for our next quarterly Executive Committee meeting on **Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7pm** at OCGOP Headquarters. As this is an evening meeting, there will be no Precinct Chair meeting following. Anyone with items for discussion they would like to add to the agenda should submit them to the OCGOP Secretary at secretary@orangencgop.com **by Thursday, December 4.** A final agenda with more information will be emailed to Executive Committee members as the date nears.

Note that, due to the busy holiday season, there will be no regular monthly meeting in December.

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Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Per Pupil Spending 2023-24



Source: North Carolina School Report Cards, NC Dept. of Public Instruction



Precinct News

We still need leadership in a number of precincts! If you are interested in serving as a precinct chair and being part of the Executive Committee, or want to learn more about it, please let Chairman Larry Smith know by emailing him at chair@orangencgop.com.

Precincts with open chair positions include the following: Carr, Carrboro, Coker Hills, Coles Store, Damascus, Dogwood Acres, Eastside, Eno, Estes Hills, Glenwood, Hillsborough, Hogan Farms, Kings Mill, Northside, OWASA, Patterson, Ridgefield, Tolars, Town Hall, UNC, Weaver Dairy.

If you know someone interested in grassroots organizing, encourage them to get involved or share their name with us. Now is the perfect time to get up to speed before the primary elections in March. Training will be provided.

Note to Current Precinct Chairs: At our Sep. 20 meeting, each precinct chair received a binder with call lists, stats, and other resources to enable chairs to start building their team. For those who missed the meeting, we have a binder for you! Please reply to this email and let us know when you can pick up your binder at the OCGOP office.

If you're unable to continue as precinct chair, please help find a replacement or let us know so we can recruit one.

Republican Women of Chapel Hill-Chatham

In lieu of their regular monthly luncheon in November, the Republican Women of CH-C will host their special holiday meeting on **Tuesday, December 2, at 11:30am** at the Governor's Club. RSVPs are required by midnight on Sunday, Nov. 23.

Martha Jenkins, newly elected President of the National Federation of Republican Women, will be the keynote speaker. She will speak about her new role and responsibilities as President and her goals for the organization. Heather Cordasco, from Center for Renewing America, and Michelle Martin will speak about that organization.

Triangle Republican Women (TRW)

The next monthly meeting of TRW will be on **Wednesday, November 12, at 6:30pm** at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, 3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham. Members will work on the "Caring for the US Border Patrol" project together by writing notes and Christmas cards in support of Border Patrol Agents. RSVP by Monday, November 10, to trianglerеспублиcanwomen@gmail.com.

American Institute for Economic Research (AIER)

Join AIER for a Harwood Salon in Raleigh on **Wednesday, November 12, at 6:00 pm** for a discussion with Greg Bohlen titled "From Farmer to Wall Street Venture Capitalist: A Return to Regenerative Farming Roots."

Greg will share his remarkable journey — from his beginnings as a family farmer to transforming a small Illinois bank into a highly profitable venture, then leaping to Wall Street as co-founder of the #1 Venture Capital Fund of Funds, Union Grove Venture Partners. His firm brought companies like Just Meat, Poshmark, and Progeny to market and invested privately in more than 24 IPOs. Guided by an entrepreneurial spirit and a deep sense of purpose, Greg has now returned to his roots, operating a regenerative farm in Hillsborough, NC, where he cultivates thin-skinned, seedless Muscadine grapes.

Registration **required by November 9** at <https://aier.org/event/from-farmer-to-wall-street-venture-capitalist>. Event is free for first-time attendees. Return guests are asked for a suggested \$25 tax-deductible donation to help defray the cost of the venue (MacGregor Downs Country Club in Cary).

AIER's Harwood Salons bring together people for discussions on topics like personal freedom, free enterprise, property rights, limited government, and sound money.

Anyone interested in carpooling from Orange County should email OCGOP member George Abell at roegeorge@earthlink.net to join the group that departs from his home in Hillsborough at 4:30 pm for the drive to Cary.

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