

# OASIS ORACLE

*Furnishing Instruction | Cultivating Hearts | Impacting the World*

## Scripture of the Month

***Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:34-35***

## Sports

- **Congratulations to our JV boys basketball team, our CFAC champions!!**
- **Congratulations to our Varsity Girls basketball team, our undefeated in conference CFAC champions!!**

## Teacher of the Month



Our Teacher of the Month for February was Micheal Conway!! Congratulations; and thank you for all that you do for OCA!!



## From Head of School, Jenny Addison

It is very easy to let perception rule our thoughts and emotions. Perception is what we think while perspective is what we know (when we put ourselves in someone else's shoes.) This past Sunday, David Berry from the Mission in Winter Haven spoke in my church. The Mission works with some of the poorest and most disadvantaged people in our community. How many times have we pulled up to a red light where there was a panhandler with a sign and allowed our perception to drive our thoughts and emotions? How many times have we allowed this in our everyday interactions with family and friends? The truth is we are all dealing with our own "stuff". The cares and concerns of this world can weigh heavily at times and we do not know the "stuff" that others are dealing with at any given time. Who are we called to emulate or be like? The answer is Jesus Christ. We all need to operate with a Christ-like perspective. The more grounded we become in Christ and the more we dig in to His word allows Him to change our perspective. Let's all decide and agree to cut one



## Important Dates

- Mar 2- Open Enrollment Begins
- Mar 4- K5 Sanford Zoo Field Trip
- Mar 5- Spring Sports Pictures
- Mar 6- End of 3rd Quarter
- Mar 6- Early Dismissal (aftercare available)
- Mar 7- Community Fest
- Mar 7- King Rd Clean-up
- Mar 7- All Hands Helping
- Mar 9- High School Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mar 10- Spring Pictures
- Mar 10- PAWS Meeting (7:45am or 6:30pm)
- Mar 11- 1st Grade Aquarium Field Trip
- Mar 12- Elementary Required Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mar 13- 7th & 8th Grade- Sleuth Mystery Dinner Field Trip
- Mar 13- 5th-12th Report Cards Issued
- Mar 13- PAWS Event (Circle B)
- Mar 17- 9th Red Food Bank
- Mar 18- 9th Black Food Bank
- Mar 19- Third Thursday Open House
- Mar 20- 3rd Grade Kennedy Space Center Field Trip
- Mar 20- Middle School Field Day
- Mar 20- Preschool Field Day
- Mar 23-27- **SPRING BREAK**
- Mar 31- 5th Grade Sun 'n Fun Field Trip
- **Check out all of our athletic games at [ocalions.org/](http://ocalions.org/)**

another some slack. Let's try to listen more and talk less in order to gain some perspective and not jump to conclusions (perception). This will cause us all to be more like Christ in our words and deeds.

## Dean's Corner, Michael Shannon

The end of the third quarter for this school year is upon us. I'm always so amazed at how quickly the school year seems to fly. During this time of the school year, I begin to notice the growth of our students. Seeing them now mastering skills and concepts that just a few months ago, were new to them. With that, I also have been noticing the amount of physical growth. Kids are taller and displaying more maturity than they did when they first walked into the school in August.

I'm a dad of a graduating senior this year. On May 15th, I'll be watching my son as he closes a chapter in his life. I find myself asking, "where did the time go"? I remember well his "firsts." His first step, first day at school, first basketball game, and so many others that I cherish. I still think, "how did it go by so fast"? With all the demands on our time, it is easy to slip into a routine and forget how precious the time is. Seasons change, school years begin and end, we celebrate the new year, and repeat. I hope we take each day as a gift. I hope we aren't so busy that we forget to cherish the opportunities we have with our kids to make new memories, learn new things, explore, and be goofy and silly with each other. As parents, we are so blessed to have these beautiful gifts from God, our children. Let's not waste time, but use and enjoy it.



***Come support OCA downtown Winter Haven at CommunityFest this Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm!!***

