

# OASIS ORACLE

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## High School

Our high-school students are enjoying their new mini-basketball games. Students play the games between classes and during lunch break. These games were purchased with fundraiser money.

## Elem & Middle School

### Playground and fundraising update:

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who has been involved in our fundraising efforts over the past few years. Our playground renovation is complete. We are so excited that everyone will get to see it at the Fall Y'all Fest.

This year's Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Fundraiser was amazing! You all sold over \$23,000 in cookie dough which netted us a \$9,000 share in the profit. This money is in the fundraising account to be used to buy a new bus. If you like to research and would like to help us find a bus, please help us out! We would like a 15-30 passenger bus without air brakes, preferably a newer model with low mileage. Please send any leads to [jaddison@ocalions.org](mailto:jaddison@ocalions.org). Thank you so much!

## Sports

As our JV Volleyball team won their second consecutive CFAC Championship. Our Varsity girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. Our Cross-country team participated in the CFAC Championship on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Basketball practices have begun and the season is approaching quickly.

We will begin fundraising soon for our football program. We will need to raise \$23,000 by October 2019; we need everyone's help in order to meet that goal.



## From the Administrator

I recently read an article on the ACSI website involving conflict resolution in the Christian school. We always talk about following **Matthew 18:15-17: 15 "If your brother or sister[a] sins, [b] go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. 16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' [c] 17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.**

This article outlined another method of conflict resolution as described in two passages: -**Matthew 5:23-24, 23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. -Philippians 4:4-9, 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.** The article outlined the following practical steps to reconciliation. First, we are to attempt to handle



## Important Dates

- Nov 8- HS Spiritual Retreat
- Nov 8- Var. Bball (A)
- Nov 9- **Progress Reports Emailed**
- Nov 9- 4th Grade- Circle B Field Trip
- Nov 9- Var. Boys Bball (A)
- Nov 10- Var. Boys Bball (A)
- Nov 12- Veteran's Day: **NO SCHOOL**
- Nov 13- 9thA- Food Bank
- Nov 14- 9thB- Food Bank
- Nov 15- GBN @ Pelican's Snoballs
- Nov 15- Var. Boys Bball (A) 5:00 PM
- Nov 16- Early Dismissal
- Nov 19-23- **Thanksgiving Break**
- Nov 27- Open School Board Meeting
- Nov 27- Bball Pictures (All Teams)
- Nov 29- Var. Boys Bball (A) 4:00 PM
- Nov 29- Var. Girls Bball (A) 7:00 PM
- Nov 30- **Progress Reports Emailed**
- Nov 30- OCA Basketball Night

## Teacher of the Month

Our teacher of the month for October was **Sophia Eplin**. Congratulations, and thank you for all that you do!!

the conflict **personally** (within ourselves) by:

- overlooking and forgiving an offense;
- not jumping to conclusions about the meaning of the other person's words, actions, and intentions;
- remembering what we know to be good about the other person; and
- reminding ourselves of how blessed we are to already be forgiven by Jesus Christ

If the conflict cannot be handled internally, we should handle the conflict, **privately** (involving only the two involved parties in a way that:

- brings glory to God as we recall the attitudes of Matthew 5 and Philippians 4;
- get the "log" out of our eye before confronting another's "speck";
- gently helps the other person see their part in the conflict; and
- makes every effort to reconcile as quickly as possible.

If the matter is not able to be handled privately, we are to seek the help of one or two others by **meeting together** with a trusted leader, Christian conciliator, counselor or agreed upon third party. My desire is that we as a school develop a culture of peacemaking. Satan desires to tear us apart and cause division. God's design involves us showing the world that we are different by how we treat one another, especially in conflict. We are to show them God through our words and actions.

## Principal's Corner

Over the next couple of newsletters the Principal's Corner will discuss how to raise brave kids in a scary world. I came across these strategies in my reading and I wanted to share with you all as I believe they can be helpful for all of us. In order to raise brave kids in the world we live in today I am convinced it is a prayer that comes from the lips of parents. The world has not become a safer place and those of us who have been given the task of guiding young hearts often find ourselves in turmoil, torn between wanting to raise brave children and wanting to never let them out of our sight! Below is the second strategy to consider in raising brave children. **Help your child deal with their fears.** All children have fears. As a parent, this is an opportunity to guide your child and provide them with a chance to grow. Whether it is being afraid of the dark, being lost in a store, thunderstorms, or meeting their new teacher, fear is a natural emotion. However, our job as parents is to give our children tools to handle this emotion rather than letting fear control them. Here are some steps to help.

- Don't minimize their fears. While being afraid of the dark may seem silly to you, to your child it is a real fear. Never belittle or laugh at a child's fear. When your child realizes they can talk to you about anything, trust grows.
- Provide calm support. In other words, don't overreact! Instead listen to your child. Often as they talk, they will give you clues which will provide you insight into the origin of the fear.
- Limit media exposure. We often forget as an adult how easily children internalize images and sounds and translate them into fears. Let's not put images or thoughts into the minds of our children that will stimulate fear. Often as adults we do not realize that some images are scary to children, so teach your child to control media situations by using a phrase like, "This is scary. I don't need to watch it."
- When your child will be facing new situations, help them know what to expect. Information is power, not just for adults but for kids. We can't protect our children from every situation.