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Sports

 Savannah Coscia and Olivia Ayers were selected to the CFAC Volleyball All-Star Game!!

Congratulation, ladies!!

- Varsity Boys Basketball team will begin their season on Thursday (11/7) playing a 3day tournament at North Kissimmee Christian School.



Our Teacher of the Month for October was Stacey Clark!! Congratulations; and thank you for all that you do for





From the Administrator

Hello Oasis Family,

I hope you are all having a fabulous Fall season. This is my favorite time of the year and Florida is finally participating in autumn weather. This is also the beginning of cold and flu season. We have several confirmed cases of a mild strain of the influenza virus manifesting itself in general cold symptoms with some body aches and tiredness but no fever. If your child demonstrates any of these symptoms please keep an eye them and take them to the doctor if needed.

Have you noticed that society at large is lacking and losing social skills? We are noticing this across the board in all areas from preschool to high school. We are brainstorming ways to encourage proper social skills in all areas of the academy. One strategy we are utilizing is the school wide implementation of Kagan structures. Nine teachers and 2 administrators attended a week long Kagan institute last summer and we are implementing a Kagan structure each month. These structures are used in team building, class building, review of material and introduction of new material. These strategies foster opportunities to use social skills such as introductions, taking turns, expressing thanks, offering corrections properly, etc. We are also encouraging positive talk within our classrooms. During the middle and high school years students tend

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Important Dates

- Nov 1- Fall Y'all Fest Pre-orders
 Due
- Nov 2- King Rd Clean-up 9:00am
- Nov 2- All Hands Helping @ King 9:00am
- Nov 4- Mandatory Basketball Team Meetings @ King 7:00pm
- Nov 7- HS Spiritual Retreat
- Nov 8- Progress Reports Emailed
- Nov 8- 3rd Grade- Homeland Heritage Park Field Trip
- Nov 11- Veteran's Day: NO SCHOOL
- Nov 12- 4th Grade- Cracker Country Field Trip
- Nov 12- Open School Board Meeting @ King 7:00pm
- Nov 14- Special PAWS Meeting for Fall Y'all Fest @ King 6:30pm
- Nov 16- Fall Y'all Fest @ King 4:00pm
- Nov 18- 7th Grade- Mote Marine Field Trip
- Nov 19- 9th Red- Food Bank
- Nov 20- 9th Black- Food Bank
- Nov 21- 2nd Grade- Bok Tower (Math in the Gardens) Field Trip
- Nov 21- 1st Grade- Lowry Park Zoo Field Trip
- Nov 22- Great American Teach-In
- Nov 22- Early Dismissal (NO Aftercare available)
- Nov 25-29- Thanksgiving Break
- Check out all of our athletic games at <u>ocalions.org/</u> activities

to "put down" instead of "put up". We are currently working with our secondary students on positive put ups and encouraging words. Scripture is very specific: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their need, that it may benefit those who listen". Ephesians 4:29

Let us all strive to live our lives according to this scripture and set an example for our children by our own example. Thank you for partnering with Oasis Christian Academy in the education of your kids; spiritually, academically, physically, and emotionally.

Dean of Student's Corner

Over the past few middle school chapels, we have been going through a study by Francis Chan titled "Finding Truth." This study has been an engaging study that is teaching our students that we need to look to God's Word for all truth. Students are discovering that there is no shortage of options that claim to offer "truth." We are learning that if we're not careful, we can find ourselves chasing after popular opinion, celebrity opinions, or the tug of our own emotions, all the while neglecting the unchanging truth found in Scripture. When we consistently and prayerfully search God's Word and allow his words to fill us and guide us, we become connected to the source of his unchanging truth. Gaining this understanding is an invaluable lesson for middle schoolers, one that I wish I learned when I was their age. I have the opportunity every day to begin the day in the middle school assembly before their first-period class. I share a devotion with them, and we have a time of prayer before starting our day. Every so often, I offer a challenge to them based on our morning devotion. I have challenged them to find the pure, loving truth from God's Word. First of all, if they have not yet experienced God's saving grace through his Son, Jesus Christ, I pray they will come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior. Next, I believe that if they can learn this truth now, then they will grow in their daily walk with Christ, and be productive members of God's kingdom. I challenge each of us to make the same commitment, looking to God's Word, guided by His Holy Spirit as our source of truth. - Michael Shannon (Dean of Students)

From the High School Principal

Wow! It's hard to believe another month has passed. We've been busy at the high school with pep rallies, SAT testing, spirit week, and homecoming! Special thanks to Ms. G for planning the best pep rallies ever! Spirit week was hilarious and so much fun. Thanks to all who participated - the winners enjoyed a banana split dessert. Testing is usually not fun, but at least the trip to Wendy's was an enjoyable way to end the day! Homecoming - we enjoyed our Fiesta Celebration. The food was great, everyone looked so fancy and had a great time dancing with their classmates.

All in all it's been a great month! We have a busy November and look forward to sharing what we've done next month!

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