

# OASIS ORACLE

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## Scripture of the Month

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

**II Timothy 1:7 (KJV)**

## Teacher of the Month



Our Teacher of the Month for March was Tawn Jones!! Congratulations; and thank you for all that you do for OCA!!



## From Head of School, Jenny Addison

Happy Holy Week OCA,

I hope your families are healthy and happy. I have been praying for you all. We miss you and we love you! Below is an Easter devotion from James Dobson. It is very fitting for us with what we are going through right now. Enjoy it and He is Risen Indeed!

We are living in surreal times—it is a moment in history when America and nations around the world have been shut down. Families are under restrictions to stay home, and many workplaces have closed their doors. People are frightened and concerned about what might happen next. Yet for Christians, there is great hope!

Over 2,000 years ago, God the Father sent His one and only Son to bear the sins of all mankind on the cruel cross of Calvary. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ transcends life's circumstances and represents a historical marker that lies at the center of everything we believe. During His earthly ministry, Jesus walked the roads of Galilee teaching a message of repentance and performing miracles. People were desperate just to touch the hem of His robe. They gathered in small and large groups to hear His words, and with open arms, Jesus



## Valedictorian



Our Valedictorian for the graduating class of 2020 is David Graham!!  
 Congratulations; and we done!!

## Salutatorian



Our Salutatorian for the graduating class of 2020 is Lisa Lopez!!  
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received young children, tax collectors, the infirmed, the curious, and the criminal.

As Jesus' time to be tried and crucified approached, the disciples were fearful and confused. Was this really the purpose for which the Messiah had come? The future looked bleak and frightening.

Many of us are experiencing our own concerns today. We are facing a pandemic like nothing we have ever seen. While recent news reports are revealing a potential light at the end of the proverbial tunnel, there are still many questions about this disease that remain unanswered. Will we see family members or friends afflicted by the coronavirus? When will a sense of normalcy return to our lives?

While Jesus' mother and the disciples witnessed His brutal suffering on the cross, I can only imagine that they also experienced waves of fear and uncertainty. Yet beyond the darkness that veiled their skies, God was carrying out His plan of redemption. And three days later, light overcame darkness and hope conquered fear as Jesus rose from the dead! Fast forward to today, and God is still on His throne weaving His redemptive threads through our lives. He loves you and has a plan for you.

This is the magnificence of Easter—the same hands that were pierced by our rebellion now reach out to us in compassion and forgiveness. God sent His Son to become one of us to do for us what we could not do for ourselves. Truly, we can say with the prophet Isaiah, "But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

To those of you who are overwhelmed by the cares of life right now and are burdened by the weight of the world during this season of uncertainty, I urge you to look to the risen Christ. He is our eternal hope! May His grace and peace surround you and your loved ones, not only on Easter Sunday but every day of the year.

## Dean's Corner, Michael Shannon

Have you ever gone to a carnival where they had a House of Mirrors? Where I grew up in Tennessee, the carnival would come once a year, and have this attraction. It was always fun to walk through because the mirrors distort reality. People would look very tall or very short, big or little, upside-down, and with each turn, you would be met with a new distorted view of yourself and reality. Over these past few weeks, I feel like I'm once again walking through a House of Mirrors that is distorting my reality. I keep waiting for the exit door to come into view! Unfortunately, our current situation with COVID-19 is our current reality. Let me say it stinks! I miss school and my kids. I miss walking down the elementary hallway and seeing smiles, receiving hugs, high-fives, and fist-bumps. I miss seeing my middle school students and hearing the laughter and conversations. I miss teaching my 8th graders in the classroom and watching them learn and grow and have their "I get it!" moments. With all that I miss, I'm also very thankful. I'm



## Important Dates

- May 4- Students and teachers return!!
- May 4- May 8- Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6- Progress Reports Emailed
- May 8- Senior Skip Day
- May 11- Senior Exams
- May 12- PAWS Meetings (7:45am & 6:30 pm)
- May 12- Senior Exams
- May 13- Senior Chapel
- May 14- Senior Graduation Practice
- May 14- Middle School Exam Prep (7th & 8th)
- May 15- High School Exam Prep (9th-11th)
- May 15- Middle School Exams (7th & 8th)
- May 15- Senior Graduation
- May 18- High School Exam Prep (9th-11th)
- May 18- Middle School Exams (7th & 8th)
- May 19- High School Exams (9th-11th)
- May 19- Preschool End of the Year Program
- May 19- K5 Graduation
- May 20- Last Day of School (1st-11th)

thankful for all of our students and families that have made transitioning to distance learning easier. OCA is so blessed to have wonderful parent partners. I'm thankful for all our teachers that had to completely rethink their plans and strategies, move everything online, and continue to teach and provide for our students in this new environment. I'm thankful to God for continuing to provide for each of us. Our reality has changed, but God has not! God's word tells us that "his word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path." When the world seemed "right," he was leading us, and now that our world seems upside down, guess what, He's still leading us. I pray that we will continue to find our hope, peace, comfort, strength, and joy in Christ. God will see us through this.

## HS Principal, Teresa Paton

Greeting High School Families! We MISS our high school students!

Online learning has begun and by the time you are reading this, we will be almost two weeks in.... we know online isn't the easiest/best way for all learners to learn, but we hope you are finding the work your teachers are putting into your learning has helped it NOT be the hardest/worst! We are excited to say most of our students are doing a great job:

- Signing in on time
- Checking their classes for assignments
- Completing assignments
- Asking for help
- Checking for feedback and resubmitting when necessary
- Maintaining a willing attitude and spirit.

The entire high school staff and faculty want to encourage you to continue following the mandates set forth by the state and national government as we are writing educational and national history! Please continue to pray for God's protection of our families, friends, and those we don't know. Take time to go outside and unplug each day! Spend time in the Word and worship as we are so thankful, we have the opportunity to give thanks and refuel our spirit even if we are not in a church building. Although, Easter Sunday will look very different this year - we wish you a Happy Easter as you celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and are praying for each of you daily. Blessings, Dr. P

