

# OASIS ORACLE

*Furnishing Instruction | Cultivating Hearts | Impacting the World*

## Scripture of the Month

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

## Teacher of the Month



**Our Teacher of the Month for November was Pamela Mascioli!!**

**Congratulations; we appreciate your hard work and effort!  
Thank you!!**



## *From Head of School, Jenny Barton*

Satan is after our kids. I know that is a strong way to begin our December, Christmas edition of the Oracle but parents, we have to wake up, rise up and protect our kids or we are going to lose our kids. I have been spending a great deal of time with your children assisting in classrooms, supervising lunch duty, driving on field trips, participating in chapel, and doing community service and I am noticing a distinct change in our kids. Many people are blaming this on COVID and the time in quarantine or virtual learning. I think it is the time spent online on websites like YouTube and social media like Tik Tok and other social media outlets. I do think the increased time online has exposed our kids to inappropriate content at earlier and earlier ages. We are seeing an increase in inappropriate speech and concepts amongst some of our students and they almost always say they heard the word or concept online, on YouTube or on social media and their families are shocked when we communicate the content of their speech or actions because they do not speak or act that way at home. Parents, please monitor what your kids are doing online, through text and through social media.



## Athletics, Coach Chad Moore

We are excited to kick off our winter sports season! Make sure that you check the calendar for all of our basketball teams upcoming games!

## Important Dates

- Dec 1- Senior Studio Pictures
- Dec 3- Progress Reports emailed
- Dec 4- Carols in the Park
- Dec 4- King Rd Clean-up & All Hands Helping (9:00am)
- Dec 6- Preschool- Hearing & Vision Screening
- Dec 7-15- Book Fair
- Dec 9- Booster Club Meeting (6:30 pm)
  - [meet.google.com/gmq-ajku-ujio](https://meet.google.com/gmq-ajku-ujio)
- Dec 13- MS Exam Prep (7th & 8th grades)
- Dec 13- HS Exam Prep
- Dec 14- MS & HS Exams
- Dec 14- PAWS Meeting (6:30 pm)
  - [meet.google.com/bgu-pdvo-sek](https://meet.google.com/bgu-pdvo-sek)
- Dec 15- MS Exam Prep (7th & 8th grades)
- Dec 15- HS Exams
- Dec 16- MS Exams (7th & 8th grades)
- Dec 16- HS Exam Review
- Dec 16- Fine Arts Recital
- Dec 17- End of the 2nd Quarter
- Dec 17- Early Dismissal
  - 5th-12th- 11:00 am
  - K5-4th- 11:30 am
- **Dec 20-Jan 3- CHRISTMAS BREAK: NO SCHOOL**

Put filters on your internet at home. Your internet provider can help with that. Set parental controls on your devices. Your cell phone provider can help with that. Set some rules in place regarding screen time. Play board games with your kids. Take walks and visit parks with your kids. Play sports with your kids outside, climb trees, and ride bikes. Go camping with your kids and go off the grid, no phones or devices. Put God first in your:

- *F* - Finances
- *I* - Interests
- *R* - Relationships
- *S* - Schedule
- *T* - Troubles

Thank you for partnering with OCA. We are blessed to be a part of your children's lives and your families lives.

Stay vitally connected to your church family,

Get your kids involved with their youth groups or church activities.

We have to be intentional if we are going to make a difference in the lives of the next generation; I pray often that every student at OCA will accept Jesus as their personal Savior this year. That would be the most wonderful reason to be thankful during this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas!

- Jenny Barton

## Assistant Principal, Tawn Jones

I often think of 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - which says, "*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*" In this season of Thanksgiving - I'm reminded of the need to be grateful for all things that come my way - good or bad. Being intentionally grateful is a habit - a way of thinking - a mindset. Will only good things happen to us? No, of course not - BUT - we can learn and grow from the difficult things that are in our lives. I'm striving to cultivate an attitude of gratefulness throughout my life. A few things that I am so thankful for are a savior that loved me enough to die for my sins, a loving family, and a place to work that allows me to freely talk about my faith and share it with others. Our days around Oasis are so busy and full that I often need to slow down and ponder the positive things that happen. I encourage you to do the same - look for the ways God shows up in your life. Know that He's right beside you - no matter what. Blessings to you!

- Tawn Jones

