

# OASIS ORACLE

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## Scripture of the Month

*"The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you."*

**Psalms 9:9-10**

## Teacher of the Month



**Our Teacher of the Month for January is Louan Bagley!!**

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



## From Head of School, Jenny Barton

It is hard to believe it is February 1st? If you are like most people, your New Year's resolutions have fallen by the wayside. How are you doing with reading through the Bible during 2022. This was a challenge issued to all of Oasis for this year. Many of the teachers, families, students and I are using the Bible App and the Bible in One Year 2022 with Nicky Gumbel. I just read day 26. Day 24 was particularly insightful. Each day, there is a devotion and 4 or 5 chapters of the Bible, a few from the Old Testament and a few from the New Testament. Day 24 was called, "How to Listen to God". If we only speak to God and never take time to listen, we make a big mistake. Nicky Gumbel finds it helpful to write down the thoughts that come into mind as he prays. We have voices coming at us from everywhere in our culture: TV, radio, the



## Early Education, Teresa Wilson

I hope you have all had a great beginning to 2022. January has been a super busy month for us in the preschool. Our theme for the month of January has been Winter. Despite living in Florida, the kids have enjoyed learning through many of our hands-on activities such as making snow and learning how animals stay warm in the very cold Arctic region. We have also learned over the past few weeks that it can actually get chilly in Florida. We are thankful that throughout this pandemic, God has protected our youngest Lions and kept us safe and healthy. We are also thankful that God has filled our preschool to capacity despite the uncertainty of what is going on in the world around us. We are eagerly looking forward to what He has in store for us this coming year as we begin our re-enrollment process.

## Athletics, Chad Moore

Winter athletics has come to a close. Our teams played very well and we have seen a lot of growth in our basketball programs. Petey D'Alessandro is the first OCA Varsity Boys basketball player to eclipse 1,000 career points and now is the record holder for career points for our varsity boys basketball teams!

Spring sports will begin this month so make sure you keep an eye out for home games to come out and support our Spring sports teams!

Internet, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, email, text messages, family, friends, colleagues and even Satan tries to plant lies into our thoughts. How do we discern the voice of God? Proverbs 3:1-10 holds the key. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths." Listen for God's voice.

- *Be guided by "Love and Loyalty" - Loyalty means speaking about others as if they were present. What an amazing life principle to live by.*
- *Run to God and run from evil - This will bring health to your body.*
- *Become a Generous Giver - Give God the first and the best.*

Lord, help me not to just read your words, but to learn them, live by them and to bring honor to Your name. It is not too late to start reading through the Bible this year. Start today and you will finish on February 1, 2023. It is never too late to start reading your Bible and praying everyday. Will you start today or continue today?

-Ms. Barton

## Assistant Principal, Tawn Jones

The month of January proved to be quite challenging at OCA. We were faced with a new surge of Covid cases and reacted to those as needed. We are thankful for wonderful parent partners who have reported illnesses and kept students home when they were sick. Thank you! With new CDC and Florida Department of Education guidelines, sometimes it gets a little confusing. We appreciate your flexibility as we continue to navigate this pandemic and strive to keep our students and teachers as safe as possible.



## Important Dates

- Feb 1- Re-registration Begins
- Feb 3- HS- SEU & OCA Basketball Game @ Lakeland Magic Area Field Trip
- Feb 4- EE- Donuts with Dads
- Feb 5- King Rd Clean-up & All Hands Helping (9:00am)
- Feb 7- 12th Grade Senior Pictures @ Bok Tower
- Feb 7- 9th, 10th, 11th Grade- Class Meetings (6:30 pm)
- Feb 8- PAWS Meeting (6:30pm)
  - [meet.google.com/bgu-pdvo-sek](https://meet.google.com/bgu-pdvo-sek)
- Feb 9- Welcome Wednesday Open House (8:30am)
- Feb 10- K5-8th Donuts with Dads
- Feb 10- Booster Club Meeting (6:30pm)
- Feb 11- Progress Reports emailed
- Feb 11- Fun Food Friday
- Feb 13-20- Senior Trip
- **Feb 18-21- Presidents' Day Break: NO SCHOOL**
- Feb 23- Kona Ice Wednesday
- Feb 24- 5th & 6th Grade- Biztown Field Trip
- Feb 24- K5 Strawberry Farm Field Trip
- Feb 24- EE- Grandparents' Day
- Feb 25-27- 8th-12th Grade- Pursuit Camp Trip
- Feb 25- Fun Food Friday
- **Please visit the calendar page to sync our website calendar to your devices. [ocalions.org/calendar](https://ocalions.org/calendar)**
- **Check out all of our athletic games & events at [ocalions.org/calendar](https://ocalions.org/calendar)**

Our school has had staff changes in 4th and 5th grade as well as High School Math. It's never easy when a teacher leaves or a new teacher comes in, but I am so impressed with how well the students are handling these changes! Parents, thank you for your patience as we adapt to these new teachers, new schedules, etc.

As we have faced the things we have in the last month- Covid surges and teacher changes - among many other stresses, I long for peace. I long for the peace that only God can give me. In Psalm 9:9-10 it says, *"The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you."* He is my stronghold; He is my strength; He is my peace, and I'm so thankful. Praying for God's peace to be with you and your family.

-Ms. Jones

