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Scripture of the Month

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28

Teachers of the Month



Our Teacher of the Month for December was our K5 teacher Tonya Smith!!



Our Teacher of the Month for January is our HS teacher, Beth Shoultz!

Congratulations; we appreciate your hard work and effort!



Special Open Board Meeting 1/29/21

Please make plans to attend the Open Board Meeting on Friday, January 29th at 6:30 PM at the Elem/MS Campus. This is our second of the two Open Board meetings we conduct each year. This is also our required re-enrollment meeting where we announce plans for the upcoming school year. At the conclusion of the meeting you will receive an email with re-enrollment instructions. This year, in addition to the on-campus meeting, we are also providing a virtual option for attendance. Please check your emails for instructions on how to sign into the meeting virtually.



Early Education, Teresa Wilson

We have been so blessed this year in our Preschool, and are happy to announce that all of our available spots have been filled. As we turn the corner into a new year, please stay tuned for plans concerning our upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences in February.

Athletics, Chad Moore

Our basketball teams are off to a great start. Our Varsity Boys team beat rival WHCS to go to a 7-6 on the season! Standout Petey D'Alessandro is currently ranked 2nd in steals per game for the state of Florida! We will be wrapping up our season in the next few weeks and are looking to close out the season strong! Our Varsity Girls team overcame a very challenging season! Our Junior Varsity Boys team is currently 6-2 and has beaten some larger schools to earn that record! Our Middle School boys team had a record of 7-4 and we look forward to seeing what else this group accomplishes in the future! Spring sports will begin at the end of January/beginning of February and we look forward to seeing what those teams can do in their upcoming season. For Varsity athletes be on the lookout for information about athlete of the year!

From Head of School, Jenny Barton

Our world has been turned upside down in the last year in so many ways. There is so much fear and ugliness being demonstrated on so many fronts. As Christians, we should take this time to make sure we are ready for the return of Christ and offer His peace through us to those around us who are scared and anxious. I listen to Pastor Rick Warren's podcasts daily through his Daily Hope App. His words inspire, challenge, and comfort me every time I listen to him. He is doing a study through the book of James right now and has been for several months and it is so wonderful. The book of James is packed with very relevant and pertinent information for today! So, how can we prepare for the return of Christ as Christians? Being a Christian means that you have accepted Christ as your personal Savior and began a relationship with Him. If you have any questions regarding this most important decision of your life, please reach out to me and I would be honored to share Jesus with you. As Christians, we must:

1. **Clean out the garbage in our lives. James 1:20-21** - *Because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.*
2. **Stay close to Christ. Colossians 3:4-8** - *When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.*
3. **Use trouble to become spiritually strong. James 1:3-4** - *Because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*
4. **Practice loving everyone. James 2:8** - *If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.*
5. **Invest in the bank of Heaven. Luke 12:33** - *Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.*

Prayers,
Jenny Barton

Important Dates

- Feb 1- Re-registration Begins
- Feb 6- King Road Clean-up (9:00am)
- Feb 6- All Hands Helping (9:00am)
- Feb 8- High School Class Meetings (6:30pm)
- Feb 9- PAWS Meeting (7:45am & 6:30pm)- Virtual only
 - AM Link: <https://meet.google.com/eoy-rrbg-ogo>
 - PM Link: <https://meet.google.com/bgu-pdvo-sek>
- Feb 11- 4th Grade: St. Augustine Field Trip
- **Feb 12-15 PRESIDENT'S DAY BREAK- NO SCHOOL**
- Feb 16- EE Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Feb 18- EE Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Feb 19- Progress Reports Emailed (K5-12th)
- Feb 19-21 HS Word of Life Pursuit Camp Trip
- **Check out all of our athletic games & events for basketball, baseball, and MS soccer at ocalions.org/calendar**
- **Please visit the calendar page to sync our new website calendar to your devices.**

Dean's Corner, Tawn Jones

Hi - I am so excited to begin my new role as the K-8 Dean of Students. I just wanted to introduce myself to those of you that I haven't met yet. This is my 5th year teaching middle school here at Oasis, and I've loved being part of this great school. I previously taught in Polk County Public Schools for a LONG time, and I have 3 gorgeous daughters and one very crazy puppy named Kali. I'm currently teaching 2 classes - 5 and 6th grade Literature/Writing and adjusting to my new responsibilities as Dean. I have spoken with many of you this month, and I appreciate your kind words and supportive attitudes. We really do have some of the best parent partners here at Oasis! I know that this has been a crazy school year, but I keep clinging to my favorite verse- Romans 8:28- "*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*" All things. Yes, even sickness and quarantine. I believe the lessons we've learned this year will bring us closer to God and will ultimately bring Him glory.

Blessings,
Tawn Jones

High School Principal, Teresa Paton

The high school students and parents have done a great job of navigating CoVID-19 symptoms, reporting, quarantines, and testing! We are excited that the majority of our students will be back on campus this Monday, February 1st! A few highlights include:

- ✦ We have begun guidance meetings and plan to finish them as soon as everyone is back!
- ✦ Mr. Harmon & Mr. Walker are doing a great job with our chapel services.
- ✦ We are excited to announce the preliminary plans for our Spiritual Retreat are well underway.

Kudo's to several of you as you are working hard to earn community service hours. You are finding opportunities in an atypical time! Thank you for working on this all year and submitting them! If you need service hours, please reach out to me as we have opportunities in the next month. Seniors, your 100 required hours for graduation are due April 30th.

As I opened my You Version Bible Study today, I was reminded that God knows every need we have and not only does He know our needs, but He will meet ALL of our needs. (Philippians 4:19, NIV) Thank you, Jesus, for being faithful to us. We know there is no weapon formed against us that will prosper. No matter how we feel and what we think - God is working on our behalf.

In Christ,
Dr. P.