

# OASIS ORACLE

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## Scripture of the Month

*"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to give you a hope and a future, plans to prosper you and not to harm you."*

**Jeremiah 29:11**

## Teacher of the Month



**Our Teacher of the Month for April was Kasey McGinnis!! Congratulations; we appreciate your hard work and effort! Thank you!!**



## From Head of School, Jenny Barton

It is hard to believe this is the last month of the 2022 school year. We have had a good year but we all experience struggles and trials from time to time. Through it all, God is good. I recently listened to a pod cast from Pastor Rick Warren on this subject and wanted to share it with all of you. Sometimes we go through struggles when God is preparing us for a new dream. There are four phases in this process.

•**Crisis Phase** - There is a struggle of some kind with God or others. A Biblical example is when Jacob literally fought all night with God.

•**Commitment Phase** - God tests our faith in His promise. When God uses a crisis to get our attention, He doesn't always resolve it immediately. Sometimes we have to wrestle through it with Him, just like Jacob did. Many people miss God's best dream for them because they give up too soon. Think relationships, jobs,



## Athletics

Sports have wrapped up for the school year, and we are looking forward to an even more successful season next year with our new AD, Manny Ayala!!

We are excited and looking forward to next year as well. We have several new coaches, one new sport, and a few new potential sports that are in the works.



### Fall Sports

- Football (8th-12th)- Welcome to our new coach, Daniel Sousa!!
- Volleyball (6th-12th)- We are currently looking for both Var. & JV/MS volleyball coaches. Please direct all interest to Coach Ayala ([jayala@ocalions.org](mailto:jayala@ocalions.org)).
- Cross Country- (3rd-12th)- new coaches- Michael Conway & Cara Gall
- **Pep Squad (8th-12th)**- new sport coached by Pam Mascioli!

### Winter Sports

- MS Boys Basketball- Nic Combs
- JV/Var Boys- Korey Seibel
- **JV/MS Girls**- new team coached by Cara Gall
- Var Boys- Jon D'Alessandro
- Var. Girls- new coach, Chad Jones

### Spring Sports

- JV Baseball- Coach Ben Carr
- Var. Baseball- Coach Manny Ayala
- MS Soccer- Coach Matt Zurowski

### Potential New Sports

- HS Soccer
- Golf

marriages, etc. Galatians 6:9 - *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

•**Confession Phase** - We have to admit that we are our biggest problem. We will never be able to reach all the great dreams God has planned for us until we admit our own weaknesses and sins to ourselves, God and others.

•**Conversion Phase** - God gives us a new identity and dream. God does his greatest and deepest work in changing our identity, which is how we see ourselves. The way we see ourselves affects everything else in our lives, including our dreams.

1. In what areas of your life are you struggling with God? What do you know is the right thing to do but you're not doing it?
2. What areas have you felt like walking out or giving up?
3. What do you need to admit about yourself?
4. Will you let Christ give you a new identity?

2 Corinthians 5:17 - *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

This was such a powerful devotion for me and I hope it resonates with you as it did me. I will miss you all OCA but I know and claim Jeremiah 29:11 - *"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to give you a hope and a future, plans to prosper you and not to harm you."*

*Blessings,  
Ms. Barton*

## EE Director, Teresa Wilson

April has been such a fun month for us in the preschool. It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over. I love to observe the kids this time of year. It is amazing to see how much they are learning and maturing. I am excited to see what the rest of the year holds for us as they near the next step in their educational journey.

*In Christ,  
Mrs. Wilson*



## Important Dates

- 5/3- Theatre Production of *Grease (School Version)* (6:30 pm)
- 5/5- Theatre Production of *Grease (School Version)* (6:30 pm)
- 5/6- 8th Grade GradAdventure (4:30 pm)
- 5/6- Elementary Bowl-a-thon
- 5/7- King Rd Clean-up (9:00 am)
- 5/7- Hour of Prayer (9:00 am)
- 5/9- K5-12th Grade- Munchkins with Mom
- 5/9- Senior Exams
- 5/9- Guidance Night (5th-11th Grade) (6:30 pm)
- 5/10- Senior Exams
- 5/11- Senior Service Day
- 5/11- 1st Grade Theatre Winter Haven Field Trip
- 5/12- Senior & Yearbook Chapel- 5th-12th (2nd period)
- 5/12- MS Exam Prep
- 5/12- K5 Theatre Winter Haven Field Trip
- 5/12- Senior Baccalaureate & Graduation Practice (6:00 pm)
- 5/13-EE Water Day
- 5/13- HS Exam Prep
- 5/13- MS Exams
- 5/13- 3rd & 4th Grade- Theatre Winter Haven Field Trip
- 5/13- Senior Graduation (6:30 pm)
- 5/16- MS Exam Prep
- 5/16- HS Exams
- 5/17- MS & HS Exams
- 5/17- EE- End of the Year Program (10:30 am)
- 5/18- Awards Assemblies
  - HS- 8:00 am
  - MS- 9:00 am
  - Elem- 10:00 am
- 5/18- Early Dismissal
  - 5th-11th- 11:00 am
  - K5-4th- 11:30 am

## Assistant Principal, Tawn Jones

I can't believe we are so close to the end of the school year! If I had to offer one piece of advice to students at this time of year, it would be to "finish well." Our teachers will be working hard right up to the last day to make sure that each educational standard is accomplished for the year. Would you encourage your child to "finish well" - to keep his/her grades up by completing homework and classwork to the very best of their ability, to study for any end-of-the-year tests, to arrive to class on time, and to behave their best at all times? When I think of this, I am reminded of the verse, *"In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people"* Colossians 3:23 (New Century Version). Sometimes, even as adults, it's easy to grow tired of the everyday tasks we have to complete, but, if we look at everything we do as an opportunity to work for the Lord, how much better would each day seem? So, let's "finish well" - and be ready to relax and enjoy our break this summer. Thank you for your continued support and parent partnership.

*In Christ,  
Ms. Jones*

## Building Update

The sewer line project is moving forward with the county, as we mentioned in our newsletter last month. We are also in the permitting stage of the project, and plan to break ground this summer. Please continue to pray for the progress of our new building and that the operations and construction will progress quickly and smoothly.

Projected completion date: **June 1st, 2023**

