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Scripture of the Month

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

Romans 12:18

Staff of the Quarter & Teacher of the Month



Our Staff of the Quarter for 1st Quarter is Kasey McGinnis!!



Our Teacher of the Month for October is Claire Madrigal!!

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



From Head of School, Jenny Barton

Happy Fall Y'all or is it still summer. I think we have felt about 30 minutes of fall and we surely did enjoy it. The seasons are just another reminder that our Heavenly Father provides for us. I am so thankful for His provision. I have been doing a Bible study with a small group at church by Louie Giglio called "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table". This has been such a powerful Bible study. I would encourage all of you to read this book and do the study with a small group if you are able. I am trying to figure out how we can do this as a staff here at OCA. It is just that good! When we think of the word enemy, maybe a face or two pops into our mind. We are all directed in the Bible to not be at odds with anyone and as far as it is up to us to live at peace with everyone.



Early Education, Teresa Wilson

October has been such a fun month for us in preschool. During our Community Helper theme, the kids have loved learning about the professionals who help and protect us. We learned about police officers, mail carriers, medical professionals, and firefighters. We even took a virtual field trip to the Auburndale Fire Station. The kids really enjoyed and learned a lot during our field trip. Even though we have thoroughly enjoyed the Community Helper theme, we are definitely looking forward to fall and the cooler weather it will bring.

Athletics, Chad Moore

Athletics has had an amazing past month! Our Varsity Girls Volleyball Team won the 1A SSAC Championship beating Genesis Prep in 3 sets! Our Cross Country team has had a lot of success this past month with Landon Gall coming in 7th place at the Polk County Middle School Championship Meet and Logan Conway finishing 17th and Noah Gall finishing 22nd at that same meet! Our Middle School Boys' and Girls Cross Country teams both won the Hardee Wildcat XC Invitational! Our Varsity Football team has had a great regular season finishing 5-4 which has placed them 4th in the 3A SSAC playoffs!

This is found in Romans 12:18 -

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

However, the enemy referred to in Louie's book is the enemy of us all, Satan. He loves to rob our joy, he is the master accuser and the Bible describes him as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Satan will constantly do everything he can to discourage us and tell us we are not enough in order to prevent us from doing the things God has planned for us to do. How do you know when the enemy is sitting at your table?

1. You are entertaining the idea that it's better at another table.
2. You find yourself thinking that you are not going to make it.
3. You are feeling like you are not good enough.
4. You believe that everyone is against you.

When you find yourself thinking these kinds of thoughts, you have allowed Satan a seat at your table and you must ask yourself two questions:

- Where did that thought come from?
- Is it congruent with God's Word?

This study reminded me that when you identify a thought or accusation from the enemy, bind it in Jesus name and use scripture to negate the lies of Satan, just like Jesus did in the wilderness when Satan tried to tempt him. Go out and live the life God has planned for you to live. He loves you and has an amazing plan for all of us. Happy Fall Y'all!

- Jenny Barton



Important Dates

- Nov 1- Otis Spunkmeyer Rewards Day
- Nov 5- Progress Reports Emailed
- Nov 5- Fun Food Friday
- Nov 5- Middle School Retreat
- Nov 6- King Rd Clean-up (9:00am)
- Nov 6- All Hands Helping (9:00am)
- Nov 6- Middle School Social (6:30pm)
- Nov 8- Open School Board Meeting (6:30pm)
- Nov 9- PAWS Meeting (6:30pm)
 - meet.google.com/bgu-pdvo-sek
- **Nov 11- VETERAN'S DAY: NO SCHOOL**
- Nov 12- Fun Food Friday
- Nov 16- 10th R- Food Bank
- Nov 17- 10th B- Food Bank
- Nov 19- Great American Teach-In DAY
- Nov 19- Early Dismissal
 - 5th-12th- 11:00am
 - K5-4th- 11:30am
- **Nov 22-Nov 26- THANKSGIVING BREAK**
- **Check out all of our athletic games & events for volleyball, football, and cross country at ocalions.org/calendar**
- **Please visit the calendar page to sync our new website calendar to your devices.**

Assistant Principal, Tawn Jones

It's crazy to think that the first 9 week grading period is already over! I'm amazed at the growth I see in our students - especially some of our youngest ones. They have learned so much already in terms of behavior and school work - it's fun to watch them grow and mature. I've also enjoyed having our older high school students back on campus this year and have had some opportunities to fill in for a few of their classes. We have wonderful young people here at OCA, and I'm so very proud of them. It's great to see people - both students and teachers - striving to be more like Jesus every day. You can see it in the way they treat each other, their approach to difficult situations, and the manner in which they live their day-to-day lives. One verse that I love to use with our students is Ephesians 5:1-2 -

"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us, and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God."

This is a great reminder to us all to strive to be more Christ-like every day! Thank you for all you do for OCA!

- Tawn Jones

