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Scripture of the Month

*My dear bothers and sisters,
take note of this: Everyone
should be quick to listen, slow
to speak and slow to become
angry,*

James 1:19

Teacher of the Month



Our Teacher of the Month for October was our middle school Literature and History teacher, Tawn Jones!!

Congratulations; we appreciate your hard work and effort! Thank you for all that you do for OCA!!



From Head of School, Jenny Barton

Have you found it difficult to communicate and connect during this pandemic. Many people have as we are separated and having to learn and utilize new and different forms of communication. No matter if it is face to face, phone, computer or written communication the following reminders on how to listen and speak effectively from Pastor Rick Warren can help us all. Thank you for partnering with Oasis Christian Academy in the education of your children. Many of you will be innovative for a couple of weeks. We will miss you and will endeavor to communicate effectively in new and different ways. Please reach out if you need assistance during this time from your teachers first, then your campus level admin. and finally to me. God is with us and He is good all the time. Please pray for our fellow families who are quarantined or innovative as it could take a toll on their family. Thank you for partnering with Oasis Christian Academy!



Early Education, Teresa Wilson

Happy Fall Everyone,

Our preschool theme for the month of November is Fall. Although we thoroughly enjoyed learning about Community Helpers in October, I am looking forward to our Fall theme and the cooler weather it will bring. As we enter this season of thanksgiving, we will continue learning literacy and numeracy concepts through our fall activities. We will also learn ways we can show our thankfulness to those around us.

HS Principal, Teresa Paton

Greetings OCA high school families!

Recently, someone said, "God is good," and I followed with what used to be a common response... "all the time!" It was automatic response, yet truly the most appropriate one for the times!

I am grateful for God's goodness and most especially that He has extended it to us. We have embraced a tumultuous year, our high school campus has seen many changes in the past few months concerning our daily operations - teachers are changing classes instead of students, we are constantly reminded to stay socially distanced, some of our friends are now small tiles on a screen, we come in and leave the building differently, and we guess our temperature trying to beat the thermometer!! Regardless of these changes, God is good, all the time!

How to Become a Great Listener

L – *Look at the person with love. Our eyes and ears matter more than our mouth. Listen and look twice as much as you talk.*

I – *Invest as much time as needed . Great listening takes time.*

S – *Share their feelings, not your solution.*

T – *Tune into any fear or hurt beneath their words.*

E – *Engage them with open ended questions. Use this phrase, "Tell me more."*

N – *Never judge until you have all the facts.*

How to Become a Better Communicator

S – *Save it for the best time and place. The other person's best time and place.*

P – *Pray and plan what you are going to say and how you should say it.*

E – *Empathize with their needs first. Let them speak without interruption, take notes, write down questions, and summarize what they said before you talk.*

A – *Affirm the positive alternative. State the benefit. Say it positively. Offer hope.*

K – *Keep calm and don't argue.*



Important Dates

- Nov 6- Progress Reports Issued (email)
- Nov 10- PAWS Meetings (virtual) 7:45 AM & 6:30 PM
- Nov 11- NO SCHOOL: VETERAN'S DAY
- Nov 12- ACSI Committee Meetings (virtual)
- Nov 14- King Rd Clean-up (9:00 am)
- Nov 14- All Hands Helping @ Elem/MS (9:00 am)
- Nov 20- Early Dismissal (K5-12) **NO AFTERCARE (K5-8th)**
- Nov 23-27- NO SCHOOL: THANKSGIVING BREAK
- **Picture Retake Day will be rescheduled as a result of some classes out for innovative learning.**
- **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.**

Dean's Corner, Michael Shannon

Bruce Lee is quoted as saying, "Knowledge will give you power, but character respect." I thought of this quote and began to think about what makes OCA different from the rest. What is it about our school that makes us stand out. Yes, we are a Christian school that teaches God's word daily. Yes, we are committed to quality education. Our commitment to quality education is shown by the quality educators who work here and the methods and curriculum used. But still, there is another piece that ties everything together and truly makes us different. I believe it is the molding of character that sets us apart. We teach subjects that students need to learn, but we also pour into our students each day what is needed to develop character. Character that is rooted and grounded in Christ Jesus. We show our students God's love, his amazing grace, and the gift of salvation through his son Jesus Christ. We show servant leadership. We encourage our students to find their gifts and talents to be used for God's kingdom. We lead and encourage our students in their personal walk with Christ. This, in my opinion, is what makes OCA different from the rest.