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Scripture of the Month

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28

Teacher of the Month



Our Teacher of the Month for August is Claire Madrigal!! Congratulations; we appreciate your hard work and effort! Thank you for all that you do for OCA!!



From Head of School, Jenny Barton

The start of the 2020 school year has been like no other. There are so many things that we are doing differently this year, but different isn't always bad. We are living in unprecedented times, however, there is always good that can come out of bad. This is promise in the Bible.

Romans 8:28 "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose."

This verse is packed with so much and is so often misquoted. It does not say that good always comes out of bad. It says that our God who loves us so much that he created this whole amazing world for us to live in knowing that we would sin and mess everything up and that He would have to send His one and only Son to die for our sins can cause all things to work together for good for those who know and love God. This pandemic and quarantine have been hard. Many of us have lost loved ones or friends, lost jobs or resources and lost many of the freedoms



Early Education, Teresa Wilson

Welcome to our new school year! We have had a great start to our year in preschool. God has blessed us by adding five more children to our preschool in the last week. This year has been a little different due to our new health and safety measures because of COVID, but everyone is settling in to our new routines very well. I am very thankful for the great partnership with our parents, and look forward to a wonderful 2020-2021 school year. #OasisStrong #WeAreOne

Athletics, Coach Chad Moore

First home football game of the season will be played tonight Night (9/4) at 7pm against Real Life. We will have limited spectator attendance but will hopefully be streaming the game on Facebook Live from the Oasis Christian Academy Facebook page.

Our Cross Country team will be competing at the Seffner Christian Invitation on September 5th.

Our first volleyball game will be Sep. 8th at Zephyrhills Christian at 5:30pm, we will notify everyone if that game will be streamed.

We look forward to the start of our Fall athletic sports!

that we enjoy as Americans. However, God promises that all things can work together for good for those who love Him and are called according to his purpose. How many of us have been blessed by the slowing down of our culture? There is more time spent at home now with our families. We are not so harried and hurried all the time with activity upon activity. We are more intentional with our relationships, checking in with friends and loved ones that we cannot see the same as before. In all my years in education (25, to be exact) I have never witnessed a happier start to school exemplified by our students and families. Everyone is so happy to get back into some form of normalcy as we once knew it. Our teachers were also happy to get back into a routine and do the ministry given to them by the Lord, but this year brought all kinds of changes for them as well. I am so thankful for the flexibility and adaptability of our teachers. I am honored to work and serve along side some of the best and most dedicated teachers I have ever had the privilege to lead. Thank you for trusting us and partnering with us in the education of your most precious children. We love them and will do our absolute best to keep them safe and educate them to the best of our ability. It may look a little different but we are expecting good things to come out of this year and these trying times. God bless all of you. Let's commit together to pray for Oasis every day and lift up one another in prayer. Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. #OasisStrong! #WeAreOne!

Dean's Corner, Michael Shannon

Welcome back to our new school year! The start of this year is certainly not like one we've ever had. There was much more planning and preparation involved. The format of orientation was our first ever to be done that way. Then the students came that first morning and it was as if they never missed a beat. The students came into school that first day and I could have thought it was our 40th day of school. I'm so proud of all our students for making the transition into this year so easy. From our morning screening to periodic classroom cleaning to social distancing in the hallways and lunchroom, your children are doing an amazing job. I'm very thankful for our innovative parents that have been patient while we worked out our earlier innovative technology glitches. I appreciate our traditional parents that have adjusted to new routines. I'm especially thankful for our amazing teachers and staff. This group of people has taken on more responsibilities this year and is doing a wonderful job to ensure your children are educated in a Christ-filled, loving, and safe environment every day. Our theme for this year is "We Are One." The past three weeks certainly has been an inspiring example of that. I pray we continue to have a great school year.



Important Dates

- Sept 4- Progress Reports Emailed (K5-12th)
- Sept 4- Var. Football Home Game 7:00 PM
- Sept 5- King Rd Clean-up 9:00 AM
- Sept 7- Labor Day: NO SCHOOL
- Sept 8- Yearbook Picture Day
- Sept 8- PAWS Meeting (Virtual) 7:45 AM & 6:30 PM
- Sept 14- High School Guidance Night (9th-11th) 6:30 PM
- Sept 23- See You at the Pole
- Sept 24- MS Volleyball Home Game 4:30 PM
- Sept 24- Var. Volleyball Home Game 6:00 PM
- Sept 25- Progress Reports Emailed (K5-12th)
- Sept 25- Var. Football Home Game 7:00 PM
- Sept 28- National Honor Society Induction
- **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.**

HS Principal, Teresa Paton

Have you ever felt like you were in the middle of a tornado? Wind swirling, darkening clouds, and rain falling. If it were a real tornado, I think I'd be wondering how long the storm was going to last and what it would look like on the other side of the storm.

Although all is well, the 2020-2021 school year felt like a tornado was coming as we started school. There was a sense of uncertainty and questions. Yet, here we are halfway through the first quarter and we are good! We don't have to wonder what it looks like on the other side of any storm, because in the middle of the circumstances, God has us in the palm of His hand and His grace is sufficient for us!

So far this year, we have temperature checked/COVID questioned our traditional students every day, social distanced as best we could, had teachers changing classes instead of students, become friends with the hand sanitizer bottle, and disinfected our spaces multiple times to include our iPads and Laptops. Not to mention fought with the internet and trying to work around the lag time, freezing, and connectivity issues our Innovative Learners are experiencing.

We've also rekindled our faith during small groups and chapel, campaigned and elected our class officers, and spent time in study hall making up work and getting help from teachers. Our Behavioral Science Academy has conducted experiments to prove psychological theories, our Culture Academy is working on a variety show, and our Business Academy students are creating their own business as they learn the principles of profit/loss. Yearbook class presented a sales pitch and our photographers took head shot photos for the drama students who are writing a resume.

Now do you see why I started with a tornado metaphor?? It truly has been a whirlwind of activity and from time to time we didn't know if it was going to be a dark cloud with rain, but we always know there is a silver lining! We, the OCA high school students, staff, and faculty, know that God's hand is holding ours in all circumstances.

