

FAST FACTS

- Small class size - 18 per classroom average
- Highly qualified, certified teachers
- Daily Bible classes for all students
- Biblically integrated learning in all classes
- Weekly, age-appropriate chapels for all students
- Individualized attention and personal connections between staff and students
- Academic Support Program for qualifying students
- Parent volunteer opportunities - Saints Parent Organization and Booster Club
- Full-time police officer on campus
- Nutritious, restaurant quality cafeteria service with online ordering and payment
- Host ACS! Spelling Bee and Arts Festival



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

OCS Kidz Kare is for students whose parents' work schedules do not allow for after school pick up. Our program begins immediately after dismissal and ends at 5:30 p.m. The program provides a fun, nurturing environment where students can participate in a variety of activities. Space is limited and students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Students must be enrolled in the program prior to the start of school to participate. Drop-ins during the school year are not permitted.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe that in Jesus Christ all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority." Colossians 2:9-10
- We believe that the Bible (scripture) is the only perfect, inerrant, inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God and "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3:16-17
- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons -- the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe Jesus Christ is God's eternal Son. Born of a virgin, He took the form of man and through His sinless life He taught men how to live. He was crucified as a sacrifice for our sins. He rose from the dead and returned to Heaven to prepare a place for us. He will come again to receive all believers into the presence of God.
- We believe in the necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature. We believe in the justification of many by grace through faith in the shed blood of Christ. We believe men and women were created in God's image, were tempted by Satan and rebelled against God. We believe through repentance and personal faith in Christ, we become known as "Christians;" we are forgiven of our sins, reborn in a new relationship with God and placed into the body of Christ.
- We believe in a future resurrection -- the saved unto the resurrection of life and the lost unto the resurrection of eternal death.
- We believe marriage, as sanctioned by God in the Bible, joins one man and one woman in an exclusive union. We affirm the biblical principles relating to marriage and sexuality as detailed in the OCS policy on sexual immorality, sexuality and biblical marriage.

405.341.2265 • ocssaints.org



NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION: OCS admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, tuition assistance, athletic and other school-administered programs.



OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

4680 East Second Street • Edmond, OK 73034
(405) 341-2265 • (405) 341-4710 Fax
www.ocssaints.org

MISSION STATEMENT:

Oklahoma Christian School's mission is to partner with families in educating the whole person to glorify God.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Headmaster

Dr. Al King
aking@ocssaints.org

Elementary Principal

Mrs. Stephanie Gardner
sgardner@ocssaints.org

Elementary Assistant Principal

Mrs. Devin Lawrence
dlawrence@ocssaints.org

Director of Admissions

Mrs. Ashley Kinnamon
akinnamon@ocssaints.org

SCHOOL HOURS

Full Day
Pre-K - 5th Grade
8:05 a.m.-2:55 p.m.

A.M. Pre-K:
8:05 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The school was founded in 1970 as the Christian Center School under the arm of the Christian Conquest Center Church in Oklahoma City. Five years later, it became an independent institution and took the name Oklahoma Christian Schools, Inc. The school saw its first graduating class of 13 students in 1976. Over the past 47 years, OCS has grown and expanded to serve over 900 students, offering a variety of academic classes and co-curricular programs.



ACCREDITATION

OCS has received the highest level of accreditation from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). This accreditation is renewed every five years. The ACSI Accreditation Commission is a member of OPSAC (Oklahoma Private School Accrediting Commission) and is recognized by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.



GREAT EXPECTATIONS MODEL SCHOOL

Students and staff of OCS have worked very hard to achieve the prestigious honor of Model School two years in a row. Just over 100 schools nationwide earned this honor last school year. Great Expectations is an educational transformation model that easily mirrors the mission of OCS. As a professional development program, GE provides teachers and students with skills that create harmony and excitement within a school atmosphere. This in turn builds a climate of mutual respect and inspires the pursuit of academic excellence.



EXPECTATIONS

At OCS, the Great Expectations and Love and Logic approach to discipline will help our students make choices and accept responsibility for their actions.

Great Expectations teaches 8 Expectations for Living that we will follow in our classroom:

1. We will value one another as unique and special individuals.
2. We will not laugh at or make fun of a person's mistakes nor use sarcasm or putdowns.
3. We will use good manners, allowing others to go first, and saying please, thank you, and excuse me.
4. We will cheer each other to success.
5. We will help one another whenever possible.
6. We will recognize every effort and applaud it.
7. We will encourage each other to do our best.
8. We will practice virtuous living, using the Life Principles.

Love and Logic is an approach to working with students that:

- Puts teachers in control.
- Teaches children to think for themselves.
- Raises the level of student responsibility.
- Prepares children to function effectively in a society filled with temptations, decisions and consequences.



CURRICULUM

Curriculum is designed by the OCS administration and teachers. Care is given to align with state and national standards, ensuring that OCS students acquire the content and skills essential for each grade level. State and national standards are considered the minimum of what OCS students should learn. In many cases, curriculum will be designed to exceed those standards and enrich students' skills and content mastery. Curriculum is mapped and outlined.

Curriculum Resources

Bible

Pre-K - 2nd Grade: BJU Press
3rd Grade - 5th Grade: Bob Jones Bible

Math

Pre-K - 5th Grade: Harcourt

Phonics

Pre-K - 3rd Grade: A Beka

Handwriting

Pre-K - 4th Grade: Zaner-Bloser

Reading

Pre-K - 4th Grade: McGraw-Hill
4th - 5th Grade: Integrated Novel Studies

Science

2nd Grade - 5th Grade: ACSI Purposeful Design

Social Studies

Teacher created integrated units



ENRICHMENTS

Pre-K students participate in music twice a week and library once a week. Kindergarten through fifth grade students participate in music, library, art, and technology once a week and PE twice per week.

Library

Our library program is designed to encourage and support students in their reading skills and research needs. We welcome parent volunteers in ensuring the circulation of more than 25,000 materials a year. A variety of special events are scheduled each year such as Dot Day Skype times, author visits, Lyric Theatre, living history presentations, reading challenges, and the annual Holiday Book Fair. These activities serve as a reminder of the importance of reading in helping each child become all that God wants them to be.

P.E.

We want to equip students with the lifelong desire for fitness, run a program that students get excited about, and encourage each student to work towards his/her own personal best. Our goal is to teach the students to focus on all the positive aspects of participating in individual and team sports and fitness activities.

Music

Here at OCS we view music as a gift from God to be developed to glorify Him. From our youngest students all the way through fifth grade we study vocal techniques, note reading, the lives and music of our great composers, chapel music and performance opportunities. We want to prepare students to give their very best back to the Lord.

Pre-K through second grade students showcase their talents at a Christmas concert and our third through fifth grade students perform a spring concert.

Art

We begin in kindergarten by looking at stories from familiar books and recreating characters in different mediums. As students move through the grades they are introduced to artwork from famous, modern artists from around the world. The children recreate or update the artist's style in various materials. In fifth grade students observe artwork from ancient artists, learning about their culture and discovering what is being said through their art. The themes through all of our art classes is God created us; we are His masterpiece; and God gives us a reason for living. When we put Him first, our lives become a beautiful work of art.

Technology

Our elementary is equipped with a computer lab for technology classes, as well as a class set of iPads for classroom check out. In technology class, students are encouraged to solve problems by creating new and imaginative solutions using a variety of digital resources individually and in teams. We also train students to communicate effectively using different tools, styles and formats in digital media. In addition, we discuss with students their responsibility when it comes to digital citizenship.

Spanish

OCS 4th and 5th graders receive Spanish instruction through Imago Language™, a web-based foreign language curriculum that allows students to work at their own pace as they acquire a 1000 word vocabulary. Listening skills, which are the foundation of language proficiency, are emphasized. Reading skills are also a central part of the program. The course is designed to provide students a thorough foundation in Spanish for future study and eventual proficiency.



CHAPEL



Chapel Times:

3rd - 5th Grade

8:15 a.m.-8:55 a.m.

Pre-K - 2nd Grade

9:10 a.m.-9:40 a.m.

Elementary chapel is an opportunity each week for our students to gather for worship and praise. Chapels are age-appropriate and focus on one of our Great Expectations Life-Principles each week with a message shared by a guest speaker. Once a month, our students participate in *Worthy Wednesday* where they collect money or donate items for a local charity. It is our desire that even our youngest students understand the importance of giving back. Local charities include but are not limited to: Route 66 Food Bank; Rufus the Service Dog; Lutheran Church Charities; Infant Crisis Services Center; Tenaciously Teal; and Cleats for Kids.

School-wide chapels for all students Pre-K through 12th grade are held for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Special programs are held for Grandparents' Day and Veterans' Day.

WHAT TO EXPECT

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

OCS offers a half-day as well as a full-day Pre-K option. One morning and one afternoon class for half-day is available. We have two full-day classes. Maximum class size is 16 with a full-time aide in each classroom. To begin Pre-K at OCS, students must turn four by September 1. Pre-K at OCS provides a solid academic foundation in an age-appropriate, nurturing environment where students learn through play. Teachers provide quality experiences that allow students to develop social and emotional skills, fine and gross motor skills, as well as cognitive skills.

KINDERGARTEN

Students in kindergarten at OCS attend school for a full academic day and must be five years old by September 1. Kindergarten sets the stage for each child's educational career and is pivotal in their future academic success. It is our hope that our students love school and have a desire to learn. Students develop social and academic skills as they learn to work together as a family. Students are taught to be accountable to their teachers and peers as they grow and learn together in a hands-on, enriched environment that challenges them to grow into the person God has created them to be. Learning is enhanced through study trips relevant to their curriculum including the pumpkin patch, fire station and Uptown Grocery. At the end of the year, kindergarten celebrates by turning their classrooms into Camp Kindergarten, an event you won't want to miss.

FIRST GRADE

The transition from kindergarten to first grade is significant, and it is our desire to do whatever we can to make it a smooth and successful one. First graders will be memorizing four major passages of scripture, one each nine-week period. We promote a strong phonics based reading curriculum with a multitude of resources. Our students enjoy many hands-on and practical activities with our math curriculum, as well as emphasizing the importance of math facts. Social studies and science are experienced through presentations and experiments at different times during the year. We also include wonderful traditions that help to create lifelong memories of first grade: field trips, Gingerbread Houses, Donuts for Dads, plays, Mother's Tea, just to name a few.

SECOND GRADE

Second grade is a year for growth and maturity in many areas. It is a year of exciting and engaging activities that make learning fun! Our goal is to create an atmosphere of trust where every child can feel challenged and experience success at his/her individual level. Students will continue to build on their ability to take responsibility for their learning, as well as demonstrate a greater level of independence as the year progresses. Highlights of second grade include their study of Advent and the annual Science Fab Lab. At Easter, they will create a unique cross that reflects on Christ's great sacrifice for us. They also participate in '89er Day, reenacting the Land Run, dressing in period costumes, and enjoying games and a tour of the Harn Homestead.



WHAT TO EXPECT



THIRD GRADE

Third grade is full of engaging and intentional learning that allows your child to grow spiritually, academically and socially. Third graders learn to take ownership of their learning and become responsible students by writing down assignments and keeping track of daily work in their Focus Binders. Our third grade classrooms operate as towns. Students can run for Mayor of their town or have another official town job. Every nine weeks, we have a new Mayor and change jobs. Each student plays their part in helping their town run smoothly and efficiently. Third graders work hard to master multiplication and division facts, begin reading novels and creating book reports, study the continents through activities and food tasting, and conduct hands-on discovery of physical and earth sciences.

FOURTH GRADE

Students transition to the upper elementary building for fourth grade and their learning comes alive as they dive into integrated novel studies including "Blood on the River" and "The Chronicles of Narnia." Classrooms are transformed into scenes from the book and students are engaged in learning that is meaningful and fun. In addition, fourth graders participate in Colonial Days, attend Edmond's 1889 Territorial Schoolhouse, conduct hands-on science experiments, learn long multiplication and division, write in cursive and have opportunities to share different types of writing with their peers.

FIFTH GRADE

Fifth graders are the oldest students in the elementary school and enjoy many privileges, including having their own locker and choosing their seat in the cafeteria, as well as having access to the microwaves to heat their lunch. Students will read five novels throughout the year that integrate reading and social studies. Content includes the study of slavery, Underground Railroad, Civil War and World War II. Fifth graders become scientists as they study earth, life and physical sciences. They culminate their experiments with a science fair and a field trip to the Science Museum. To prepare for fifth grade, you will want to practice your cursive handwriting, master your multiplication and division facts and READ!