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Why OCE?

Why OCE? This question has been popping up repeatedly for me only because the answer is constantly reaffirmed in my own life, in my interactions with others, and in my observations of the world around me. You see, many people only see Outreach as a smaller school in an older area without big, flashy buildings and tons of financial resources. But to those fortunate enough to look deeper, they are afforded the privilege of being part of something so much greater. To those people, OCE is a home, a safe haven, and a place to build relationships that will transcend time.

OCE is the place that takes the roughly hewn pieces of raw material (people) and transforms them into some of the most beautiful and intricate designs the world may be blessed to see. You see, in my interactions with others, OCE has never

encountered countless individuals who are accustomed to private schools looking a certain way and attracting a very specific type of student or family. These schools typically also only desire a very specific type of student or family. If you don't fit that particular mold, you are essentially unappealing to them.

OCE has never been that school. Instead, woven into our very core is the desire to celebrate the traits that make each person unique. We don't want to be a "cookie-cutter" school. We want students and families who reflect the various facets of God's nature. Moreover, we don't want students who all possess the same abilities, intellectual prowess, talents, and expressions. Our desire is to take these "lumps" of clay and help them discover all that they can become. Like the raw materials craftsmen utilize to create incredible things, we specialize in



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taking children as they are--meeting them right where they're at--and empowering them to become beautiful, capable tools that can be utilized for a myriad of purposes to achieve incredible things.

Due to the fallen world in which we live, we all possess a degree of brokenness. We have hurts, pain, scars--things that have shaped us into who we are today. The beauty of a place like OCE is that God uses this place and these people to turn broken, tattered things into priceless treasures that impact all they encounter.

When I think about what happens here and the countless lives that have been forever impacted, I'm reminded of the Japanese art of Kintsugi. In this process, broken pieces of pottery are mended by melting gold, silver, or platinum and

using these materials to fuse the pieces back together. When the process is complete, a beautiful dish remains. Where cracks once were, now exist dazzling golden seams. *This is so reflective of God's promise that His power is made perfect in our weakness (2 Corinth. 12:9). Additionally, He has redeemed us, and His glory is displayed in us (Isaiah 44:22-24).*



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Dr. Bullard upon receiving her doctorate



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OCE Color Run!

OCE held a Fun Run on May 10th. The entire student body participated by running laps around to raise funds for the school. *The kids raised \$5001.44 for the school's annual fund.* "We consider this event a great success and look forward to repeating it next school year, expanding participation to include parents and teachers if there's an interest," said Head of School, Mrs. Kathy.



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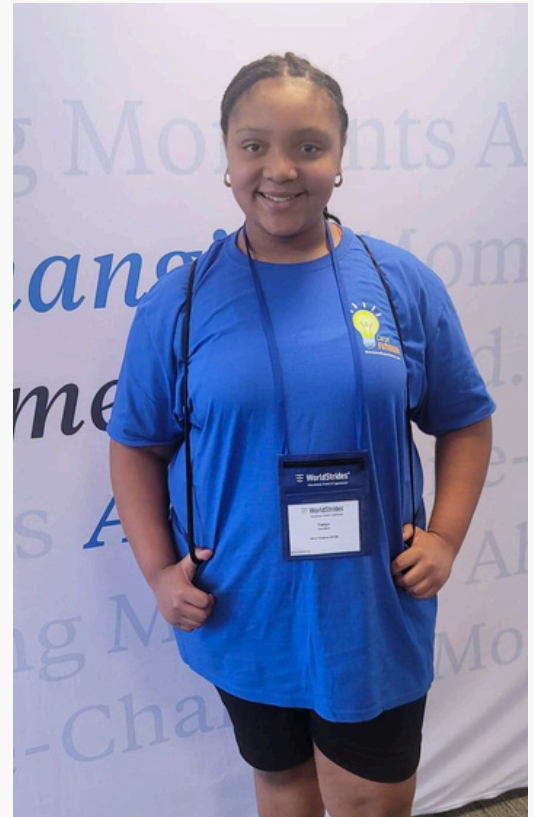
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Why OCE? (Cont.)

This is what OCE does. We take those things that were once deemed undesirable (learning diagnoses, insecurity, behaviors, trauma, anxiety, depression, etc.) and turn them into testimonies of strength, courage, empowerment, security, confidence, tenacity, perseverance, grit and purpose. I have experienced this in my own life. As a student who struggled and needed encouragement, nurturing, and help, OCE poured into me and forever changed the trajectory of my future. I have been involved in many organizations in my life, yet none compared to the feeling I get whenever I walk through the doors of our school. Moreover, when I speak with others--even those who have JUST entered--I often hear that you can feel the difference when you arrive.

You experience love, warmth, joy, and peace. You feel at home. So, I encourage you in this: when others question your decision, or perhaps when things become difficult, and you question your own decision to choose OCE, I pray that God will remind you of what has been done in your child, and perhaps your family, thus far. I pray that He will remind you that you are in a place that cultivates, refines, and creates "beauty from ashes." That you are finally home. That makes all the difference in the world and is absolutely a good enough reason for me. - By Dr. Jessica Bullard



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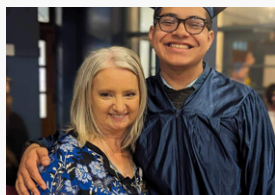
A Christ-Centered, Biblically Founded, Christian Education Doesn't Cost—It PAYS!

What?? As we all write out our tuition checks, we feel very much like it costs! May I encourage you, however, to think differently about writing that check? This is not just paying for tuition -- this is making an investment in your most prized, treasured possessions. This investment we make today will reap benefits for years.

We make investments all the time in many things: our homes, cars, businesses, jewelry, and the list goes on. The one thing these all have in common is that they will rust, decay, and fade away. The investment we make in our children will not rust. It will not decay, nor will it fade away. This investment will transcend generations and throughout eternity. The Bible tells us in Matthew 6:19-21 that God is more important than money: "Don't store treasures for yourselves here on earth. Moths and rust will destroy treasures here on earth. And thieves can break into your house and steal the things you have. So store your treasure in heaven. The treasures in heaven cannot be destroyed by moths or rust. And thieves cannot break in and steal that treasure. Your heart will be where your treasure (money) is." You cannot buy, nor put a price on what you impart in the hearts and minds of your children. We live in a world that acutely illustrates the emptiness that "things" bring. We can have great intelligence, much wealth, and even great health, and none of these things bring a guarantee of happiness, success, or peace. To gain any of this, we must learn to pose the heart. What we tell our hearts is important. What we train our hearts to lean on, how we prepare our hearts for the trial, tribulations, and temptations of life on earth will ultimately lead to success and peace or destruction and discontentment.

We are only passing through this world to the real life that awaits. How we prepare the hearts of our children will bring a life of great sorrow and no peace or a life of joy and purpose! We partner with you--OCE and the family together--preparing hearts for greatness! We are preparing them for their created purpose, and that doesn't cost--it pays in higher rewards than we can possibly fathom! Thank you for the honor of partnering with you. Together we are preparing world-changers, defenders of the faith, and citizens who will navigate life with grit and purpose!

Head Of Schools
Mrs. Kathy Taylor



OCE CALANDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- 12 STAFF ORIENTATION BEGINS
- 16 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, K-12, 6:30-8:00PM AT EACH SCHOOL
- 17 NEW OCE FAMILY BREAKFAST (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM AT 9AM - 11AM)
- 21 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS
- 23 BLUE RIDGE VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY
- 30 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - NO SCHOOL
- 30 CPRS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY

SEPTEMBER

- 7 JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY
- 13 ALL SCHOOL CHAPEL IN THE ELEMENTARY GYMNASIUM
- 27 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER

- 4 GRANDPARENTS DAY - ELEMENTARY PROGRAM
- 12 JH MOKAN VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY
- 18 OCE FALL FESTIVAL AT THE SECONDARY LOCATION (5-9PM)
- 18 END OF 1ST QUARTER
- 19 MOKAN TOURNEY - VARSITY VOLLEBALL
- 23 VOLLEYBALL PEP RALLY
- 24 ELEMENTARY HARVEST PARTIES
- 24 STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY (OCTOBER 24 - 26)
- 25 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - NO SCHOOL



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The \$15 Challenge for Children!

Each year, at least 20% of OCE families experience a significant financial hardship by the midpoint of the school calendar. The hardship can mean a family will be faced with having to withdraw their child from OCE and enroll them in a public school.

And although we are one of the most affordable Christian schools in the metro, we often receive calls from parents and grandparents who desperately want their child to attend our school, but find themselves ill-prepared to make the move due to limited financial resources.

THE SOLUTION

For less than the cost of 4 Starbucks coffees a month, you can be a safety net and a beacon of hope for these students. We are seeking 100 donors to partner with us for year. As of this mailing, 18 people have already pledged their support!

Will you be one of the remaining 87 to partner with us for \$15/month?

Your regular donation of \$15 or more each month will help cover the cost of books, tuition and activity fees for students. You can begin giving today on a monthly basis by visiting this link.

Outreach Christian Education relies on the generosity of people like you to support the longevity of this ministry to children and their families. Through your giving, you advance our mission to provide a customized, quality, traditional education with a Biblical worldview for each and every student who walks through our doors. Outreach Christian Education welcomes and sincerely appreciates your partnership. Thank you in advance for helping to provide stability and continuity for our students and families!

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October 18th 5:30-8:30

Family Fall Fest

**Annual Chili Supper
with Fall Fest Activities**



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Updates to MO Scholars Program

The 2024 Legislative Session resulted in a number of positive changes to the MO Scholars program for families. While students still must qualify based on a) IEP/ISP status or income, and b) public school attendance or K-1 status, beginning as soon as August 28, 2004, geographic restrictions will cease. Eligible students may apply from anywhere in Missouri. Another significant change is that income-based eligibility has expanded to include those making 300% of the federal poverty level. Previously, for example, total family income for a family of 4 was capped at \$62,400. Under the 2024 legislation, the cap for a family of 4 has been raised to \$93,600.

Individuals and businesses who pay at least \$1,000.00 in taxes to the State of Missouri are able to direct up to 50% of their tax burden to the MO Scholars program, which will issue those dollars to schools like Outreach Christian Education. Last year, 17 OCE students were able to attend OCE as a direct result of the MO Scholars Program! However, we know of at least 30 more students who want to attend OCE and are eligible for the program, but for whom funds have not been secured.

The program needs more taxpayers who are willing to redirect their tax burden to the fund.

The newly formed Donor Development Committee is eager to share this opportunity with individuals and businesses in the community who support educational choice. Please contact Shannon Santschi at shannon@outreacheducation.org OR reach her by phone at 816-663-9886 if you know of people who may have an interest in helping more children receive a quality education at the school of their choice.