

# Newsletter

## NOVEMBER EDITION



Mrs. Wallace, brother Jonathan (L) & husband Aaron.

## MRS. WALLACE: RIGHT WHERE SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE

Mrs. Wallace has done it all. In the time she's been at Outreach, a total of nine years now, she's tutored nearly every grade, has taught 4th-6th grades, and elective courses. For the 2025-56 school year, Mrs. Wallace assists Ms. Dunaway with 1st and 2nd graders in the mornings doing the Review Reading program. In the afternoon, she directs OCE's STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), and she instructs the Art and Science lecture courses. This involves preparing and teaching 5 different classes each afternoon. If that weren't enough, she recently obtained her food handlers license and also fills in to serve lunches to students when needed.

It's safe to say that no day is boring for Mrs. Wallace. "It's never redundant and mundane." Referring to herself in the third person, she says, "Mrs. Wallace can teach anything." She describes herself as a generalist and credits

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### THEME VERSE

**Mark 12:30**

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Veteran's Day Program

Join us for a special program honoring our brave veterans, featuring performances from all grade levels. The program will be held at the Secondary Campus Tuesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### Thanksgiving Feast

The annual Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. This will be a time for families to gather, dine on a delicious meal, give thanks, and enjoy an early dismissal.

### Thanksgiving Break

Mark your calendars for Thanksgiving break, November 26-28. Enjoy this time of gathering with loved ones and thanking God for his many blessings!

[Download Full Calendar Here](#)

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## THE LATEST NEWS AT OUTREACH...



Your Outreach Bulldogs have had a fun and full October! The elementary students kicked off the month with **Grandparents Day**, a special time for grandparents to come watch a program and share lunch with their grand kids.

In October, OCE students continued to show excellent school spirit on and off the court. The **JV Volleyball team** took home second place in the state tournament, and **Olivia Bartelle** and **Elloise Greenwood** were named First Team All-Tournament recipients.

The annual **Chili Supper** was a big hit with students, teachers, and parents alike. The Outreach community enjoyed a chili cook-off, games, a raffle, a petting zoo, and a great time of fellowship!

## STEWARDING GOD'S RESOURCES

Psalm 24:1 says, **"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein."** This verse is prompting us to look at the totality of what comes into our school's care as actually owned by God Himself.

In operation since 1979, our board and administration has always been careful in the management of finances and as a result, **we are and have been DEBT FREE for years!**

Now, we recognize a "next level" demand to become even better stewards of the property and gifts He's entrusted to us. We believe there are greater savings that can be realized if we act even more thoughtfully and carefully in the management of God's resources.



Beginning in January 2025, energy utility rates **increased 14%**. This has added considerably to our monthly bills. A total of **\$16,090** was spent on utilities alone last school year. In keeping with our duty to pay our bills, we believe we must also find ways to save money so that, at a minimum, the school can continue to offer parents reasonable tuition rates.

During our most recent Professional Development Day, teachers and staff discussed ideas to responsibly conserve resources such as turning off lights each time whenever the classroom is not in use, and as natural lighting from the outside allows, shutting lights off a little before the close of the school day. Enlisting the support of students to keep classroom doors closed during the winter months, and monitoring the use of paper products more closely was also suggested.

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## RIGHT WHERE SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE...

God with empowering her to do the job.

Mrs. Wallace earned her Bachelors in Elementary Education from Mid-America Nazarene, and for most of her career, has focused on ministry to children through educational engagement. Because of her aptitude for the sciences and math, well-meaning friends discouraged her from pursuing an Elementary Education degree, saying she wouldn't make much money. She ignored them and pursued what she knew in her heart she was created to do. "It's definitely a calling to teach... but it's exciting to me to watch faces light up when they discover new things!"

One of Mrs. Wallace's favorite classes to teach is science because it's fun and is a ripe subject for teaching many life lessons. She especially loves when her students get to the section where they are planting seeds. "I read the book **Bean Sprout** (by Sarah Lynn Reul) to the kids." The book makes the point that not every seed grows. "At the end, I ask them, 'Who makes the seed grow?' I get to share that God is the One who makes the seed grow." The book doesn't say these things, but Mrs. Wallace is so glad that she can because unlike many in her profession, Mrs. Wallace teaches at a school where discussions about God are welcomed! **We are a Christ-centered school...We can talk about deeper topics here, freely...We want students to understand the WHY.** And this is important. We're trying to help [them] grow in Christ. And we have Scripture to back it up."

Mrs. Wallace's positive outlook comes from working with a great team of educators who like her, pitch in and wear many hats. It also comes from knowing that she is exactly where she's supposed to be. "I trust God to take care of me and that's why I keep teaching. **I pour as much as I can into the kids. If they are struggling, I can give more attention, or if they are excelling, we can let them flourish.** And this is what I love that we do: We can go at the pace a student needs. And then you get to see growth! It's those little victories that are so motivating for me! You have to have patience and when you see that growth – WOW! **Don't give up on people, God doesn't give up on us! That's my philosophy.**"

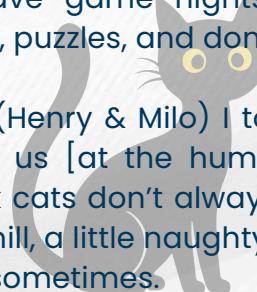


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## MRS. WALLACE TRIVIA!

**Faves:** We are very family oriented. My husband, brother, mom, and aunt get together for dinner often. We have game nights and play cards, board games, puzzles, and dominoes, too!

**Pets:** Cats – (Henry & Milo) I told Aaron, whoever comes up to us [at the humane society] we're getting! Black cats don't always get adopted...but they are so chill, a little naughty, but I think all cats are naughty sometimes.



Aaron & Jennifer Wallace



**Favorite Bible Story:** The Story of Joseph – Things kept going wrong, but God continued to bless him in all that he did, and he ended up being able to save his family...and his whole nation, and others around them.

### Influences in Mrs. Wallace's life:

I grew up in Grinnell, IA. I learned faithfulness, loyalty, hard work and "stick-with-it-ness" from both of my parents. He's a pastor. Not many people stay with it for the duration. 40+ years. My mom worked in a hospital managing medical records. She also stayed with her job for decades. Both are retired now and all of my family, including my brother Jonathan live here.

Mrs. Wallace with her parents, Harley & Deb Schull

## STEWARDING...

Over the next few weeks, we will set a few goals that aim to **beat portions of last year's expenses by 5-10 percent**. Meeting these goals will require an organized, sustained effort by students and staff.

**Parents and grandparents, we are also eager to receive YOUR ideas** on ways we can better steward the resources God has entrusted to us. Please message your thoughts to me at [Shannon@outreacheducation.org](mailto:Shannon@outreacheducation.org).



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## ALL ABOUT MO SCHOLARS

For the 25-26 school year, **34 students have been approved and funded for scholarships at Outreach Education, totaling \$242,930.** 34 students who otherwise would not have access to private, Christian education now fill the halls and classrooms of Outreach Christian Education. These 34 students make up a small percentage

of the families given access to school choice through the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Account Program (MO Scholars) which enables Missouri students and families to take ownership of their education through educational choice. Scholarships offered by MO Scholars do not divert funding from local school districts; rather, scholarships are supported through private donations and state tax credits. **MO Scholars works to provide the best educational options for families who would not otherwise be able to have access to schools like Outreach Christian Education (OCE).**

"Many students come to us because they have struggled academically, been left behind, bullied, or underestimated. Due to life circumstances or socioeconomic factors, they never believed any other options were available to them," says OCE principal Dr. Jessica Bullard.

### THE VALUE OF SCHOOL CHOICE

The advantages of the MO Scholars program run deeper than just being able to access more educational choices. For Missouri families who have joined OCE through this program, it has enabled them to learn about God and who He has created them to be. Dr. Bullard emphasizes this, saying, "Instead of being limited, these students have been empowered to flourish and embrace those things that make them unique and discover their gifts and talents to use for His glory."

OCE's educational goal is for students to not only love learning and excel academically, but to also to learn to truly love God. Deuteronomy 6:5-7, gives us instruction for how and what to teach, saying, "Love the Lord your God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." School choice matters because it allows students access to education centered around what Jesus said was of utmost importance: loving God with all the heart, soul, mind and strength, both inside and outside the classroom.



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Students who have joined OCE through MO Scholars have experienced tangible growth through their education and discipleship at OCE. Dr. Bullard reflects saying, "We hear story after story...and see transformation after transformation--all of them displaying the goodness of God in their lives."



OCE wants more students to excel academically and have an opportunity to learn about Jesus. MO Scholars makes that possible. Parents should visit [treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/](https://treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/). Applications for the 2026-2027 are already open and spots are filling up quickly!

## HOW TO HELP MORE STUDENTS ATTEND OCE

Missouri residents have the option to advocate for school choice by dedicating up to 50% of their tax dollars to MO Scholars. "We are so honored and blessed to be part of what God is doing for His Kingdom, and can't wait to see how He uses these kids," says Dr. Bullard. "Supporting MOScholars makes a profound impact and empowers OCE to be a transformative catalyst in the lives of more children and families," she notes. **"This program provides the perfect opportunity to send half of your Missouri tax dollars to something that matters.** Why would we not take advantage of that?"

When you visit [treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/ReservationApp](https://treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/ReservationApp), select "Herzog Tomorrow Foundation" as your EAO, and a representative from Herzog Tomorrow will follow up with you after you complete the form.

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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### AAKIRA DAVIS



Meet Aakira, a member of Outreach Christian Education's 2026 graduating class. She says some of her favorite memories made in her four years at OCE have taken place while watching basketball games. She has participated in the school orchestra as a violinist. Her love for animals is leading her to pursue a degree and career in zoology upon her graduation.

Because of her affection for animals, she's passionate about her science classes. OCE's academic model integrates lecture classes several times a week with PACE workbooks that students work through at their own speed. This unique approach has allowed Aakira to invest considerable time and energy into her favorite subjects: science and health.

The lessons Aakira has learned in her years at OCE are not limited strictly to academics. The Bible is integrated into the weekly rhythm of OCE through weekly chapels, daily devotionals, and memory verses in each PACE workbook. All of OCE's educational efforts come from a distinctly Christian perspective and teachers freely share the Word of God throughout the day and in lecture classes. Aakira appreciates what her teachers and PACEs have taught her about God, and she strives to approach her studies with integrity, diligence and care. A piece of advice she would give an incoming OCE student is, "Don't rush on your PACEs."

Integrating God into every area of her life is another significant lesson Aakira has learned. **"I apply it to my life,"** she affirms. Beyond adopting godly ways of living for herself, Aakira also shares what she's absorbing at school with others. "When I talk to my cousin, I talk to her about what I'm learning!"

Finally, OCE has been a community where Aakira feels accepted. Reflecting on how her teachers and classmates have impacted her, she says, **"You never feel left out."**

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## OCTOBER IN PHOTOS



Chili Supper Fun!



Friends for life



Grandparents Day Program



Grandparents Day Lunch



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