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2025 School Theme

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Our theme for the 2025-2026 School Year

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MO Scholars Update!

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- 15 Back 2 School Night at 7:00 p.m. (Both locations)
- 16 New Parent Brunch at 9:00 a.m. (Elementary Building)
- 20 First day of School (Elementary & Secondary)

Dear OCE Family,

I hope everyone has had a restful summer break, and that you've had the opportunity to make some great summer memories with your family. It seems like only yesterday that we were saying our "summer goodbyes!" The start of school is less than two weeks away and we are eager to see the children's faces and serve your family for another season.

Our theme for the school year "HEART, SOUL & STRENGTH," is inspired by Mark 12:30 which says: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

This verse reminds me that loving God is not something confined to mealtimes, bedtimes or church services. The act of loving God must pervade our lives!

When we wake in the morning, He should be among our first thoughts. As the Psalmist writes, But I will sing of Your power; Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning: For You have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble. -Psalm 59:16

As we go about our day, interacting with others and problem solving, His Words, character, approach and actions should reflect our relationship with Him and His love and lordship in our lives. Proverbs 3:5-6 gives us the perfect workplace advice as it involves the heart: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.*

Then, at the end of the day when our physical strength is waning, we can still express from our heart and soul, deep gratitude for the day's evidences of His presence, faithfulness and goodness to us, the people we were able to witness to in word and deed, as well as the challenges within and without He is helping us to overcome. *I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.* -Psalms 4:8

Throughout the year, we'll paint a picture with your children as to what it looks like on a daily basis to love God with all that we are. I urge you to continue this practice at home by asking your child each day after school, "How did you love God with your heart, soul and strength, today?"

Thank you again for choosing OCE—we're honored to serve your family! See you soon!

Blessings,

Kathy Taylor

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Co-founder and Head of School

Alumni Spotlight: Derrick Foster

Derrick Foster graduated from Outreach Christian Education in 2004. He recalls being taught the Word both in person and through the ACE curriculum, and being encouraged by caring teachers. "Although I didn't become a Christian at the time, seeds were planted," he recalls.

Following high school, Derrick served in the United States Marine Corp touring in Afghanistan. Five years later, shortly before his honorable discharge, Derrick surrendered his life to Jesus. "I saw the Lord work in many ways in Afghanistan. I was protected...there was an IED that injured my friend but only a quarter of it went off. If all it had gone off, it would have killed all the men in my squad. We didn't have tvs or other things to distract us, so it was easy to focus and build on my foundation during that time."

Derrick's Essentials for Employment

- 1. Be on time.
- 2. Communicate, communicate, communicate.
- 3. Be consistent in your work.

A New Direction

While searching for the next thing to do in life, Derrick began working as a sous chef at a restaurant in Culver City in Downtown, LA. At the prompting of a mentor there, Derrick applied and was accepted to the Culinary Institute of America in New York. In addition to the amazing education he received, it was also there that he met his soon to be wife, Kylie, who was specializing in baking and planned to become a pastry chef.

Following graduation, the couple married and began honing their skills and learning the industry by working for established businesses. Opportunities opened in California and in states across the South. One of the couples' favorite foods was discovered in Tennessee – Nashville Hot Chicken. Within a few years, Derrick had perfected his own recipe for hot chicken and felt he and Kylie were ready to open a restaurant of their own. They decided Derrick's hometown of Kansas City was ripe for a taste of their Nashville Hot Chicken.

In 2018, Chefs Derrick and Kylie opened their first restaurant, <u>Mother Clucker</u>, in downtown Kansas City. "Those first few years were tough. I learned from the school of hard knocks what to do and what not to do."



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Overcoming & Growing

Despite challenges, Derrick and his wife were able to keep the business alive and eventually grow it. In 2022 they opened a second restaurant in Shawnee, KS and in 2024 a third in nearby Leawood, KS. They also purchased and became landlords of a commercial property adjacent to their Shawnee restaurant. Franchising their business is one of Derrick's latest accomplishments. "Franchising is a good way to grow the business. We want to grow locally right now so we can maintain quality control and product integrity." He sold his first restaurant to Parlor, a trusted business acquaintance. "They took over operations in July 2025 and I know they'll do a great job." In the future, Derrick hopes to see two more franchises open.

As an employer, Derrick knows how important it is to treat his employees well. Having worked for more than one boss who took his work ethic for granted – they'd disappear and leave him with responsibilities that genuinely weren't his – Derrick strives to be responsive to every person on his team. "I remember where I came from and so I try to be open to everyone as possible. We all struggle, right? But none of us are better than the other...I'm the owner but I believe anyone should be able to ask me a question." Derrick finds that this kind of service to his employees creates a family atmosphere and keeps good people working with him for long stretches of time. "One of my most reliable team members is a guy who struggles with some of the basics...but he always calls ahead of time to let me know what's going on, and I'm always there to help him. He's got my back and I've got his."

A husband, business owner, father of three, coach, investor and Bible teacher, Derrick is always hungry to learn more and to share what he learns. Derrick is grateful for the foundation that was laid at Outreach, for the teachers that prayed, and for the fruit that's come from it. "Learning and digging into challenges can open doors you never knew could be opened!"



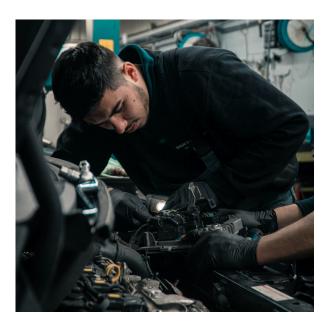


Chefs Derrick, Kylie and sons, plus their little "bun in the oven!"

Apprenticeship for Students Coming to OCE Soon!

At OCE, we believe in meeting students where they are scholastically, and moving them forward in their education quickly, but without compromising excellence. We also strive to tailor each student's education experience by meeting that student's unique learning needs, while moving that student through the classes that will prepare the student for his or her career plans and dreams.

For some students, these plans will lead to pursuing a college degree. To that end, we have been offering early college classes through **Regent University** (Dr. Bullard's alma mater.) In the last three years, our students have earned a total of 100 credit hours, giving them a nice head start for their college careers.



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This year, that hope is beginning to become a reality. One of our seniors dreams of operating his own automotive shop. And the owner of an automotive shop in North Kansas City has agreed to partner with us to offer an apprenticeship to that student.

There are several details to be worked out, but the process is moving forward. Bottom line, this student will receive valuable experience from a seasoned entrepreneur, something that cannot be learned from any book. In addition, this student will be earning credits toward graduation. Win-Win!

We are so excited about this opportunity. We also look forward to more opportunities like this in other trades. If you think you have something to offer, or if you know someone who might be open to this, please let us know.

Believe you can and you're halfway there. - Theodore Roosevelt



Do not wait for opportunities, create them. -Roy T. Bennett

Shannon Santschi
Donor Development Director

MO Scholars Update

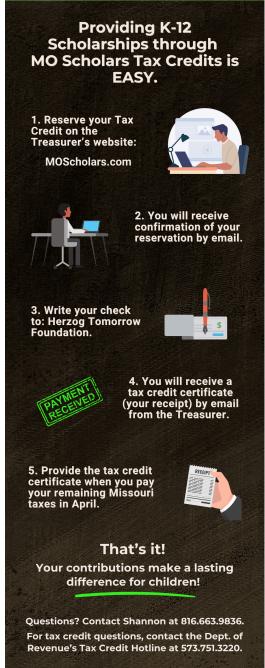
The Missouri Scholars Tax Credit Program (MO Scholars), which was signed into law in 2021 allows Missouri taxpayers, both individuals and businesses, to direct up to HALF of their state tax liability to fund K-12 scholarships for deserving students. This is an excellent opportunity because it puts YOU, the taxpayer, in charge of where your tax dollars are spent AND it costs you nothing (other than the taxes you're already paying)!

In the 2024-25 school year, 19 students at OCE received a MO Scholars scholarship. However, for 12 students funding remained unavailable. This school year, due to significant legislative changes, ALL of our eligible students are now fully funded!

Additionally, our Educational Assistance Organization, The <u>Herzog Tomorrow Foundation</u> has informed us

that the application process has been reopened to allow more families to apply. This window of opportunity will likely close in the next two weeks! Visit Herzog's qualification website today to learn if your child is eligible!





Sustainability of the MO Scholars program still relies on Missouri taxpayers dedicating a portion of their state tax burden to the program each year. Over the past three years, OCE has had 8 faithful donors dedicating a portion of their taxes to fund MO Scholars Scholarships. In the 2025-26 school year we'd like to at least <u>double</u> the number of contributors giving through this avenue. We want to share this opportunity with individuals and businesses related to or connected to OCE parents who have an interest in supporting school choice. Please contact Shannon at shannon@outreacheducation.org to discuss further, receive informational materials, or to schedule an in-person visit.



Athletics:

Our Athletic Program aims to foster an environment where every athlete can thrive, embodying the values of dedication, teamwork and integrity. Through our comprehensive training, support systems and community engagement, we aspire to develop not only exceptional athletes, but well rounded individuals. We are committed to nurturing a culture of excellence where athletes are encouraged to push their boundaries, achieve their personal best, and inspire others. Our vision is to be a beacon of sportsmanship and perseverance, creating champions both on and off the field with a Kingdom perspective. To help offset the costs of our sports programs, we are offering various levels of Corporate Sponsorships, explained in the chart below.



Athletic Corporate Sponsorship Form:

Contact Dr, Jessica Bullard at jessica@outreacheducation.org to learn more. Submit your check to "Outreach Christian Education" with "Athletic Gift" on the memo line. Online payments may be submitted via the QR Code.

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP FORM



Blue Level

10,000.00

Permanent business logo on our webpage

Permanent link to your business website from the OCE website

Full page advertisement on each program for every home game as well as a full page advertisment in the OCE monthly newsletter for the school year

Permanent company banner displayed for all athletic events during home games

Two season tickets for all home games

Blue Level



Permanent business logo on our webpage

Link to your business website from the OCE website

 $1/2\,\mathrm{page}$ advertisement on each program for every home game as well as $1/2\,\mathrm{page}$ advertisement in our OCE monthly newsletter

Banner displayed for all athletic events during home games

Two season tickets for all athletic home games

Red Level



1/4 page advertisement on each program for every home game

Two season tickets for all athletic home games

Permanent business logo on the school's website

White Level



Permanent business logo on our website for school year

Business card size advertisement on each program for every home game

Two season tickets for all athletic home games



\$500.00

Grey Level

Name:	
Business Name:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	

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	White: \$2,500.00	<u> </u>
	Grey: \$500.00	Ц
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- Please submit form to Jessica@outreacheducation.org
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OCE thanks you for your sponsorship!

Calendar of Events: August - October 2025

AUGUST

- 15 Back 2 School Night at 7:00 p.m. (Both locations)
- 16 New Parent Brunch at 9:00 a.m. (Elementary Building)
- 20 First day of School (Elementary & Secondary)
- 24 Family Picnic in the Park at 1:00 p.m. (Riverside, MO)
- 29 Professional Development—NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
- 26 Professional Development—NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER

- 3 Grandparent's Day Events (Elementary location)
- 17 End of 1st Quarter
- 17 Chili Supper at 6:00 p.m. (High School location)
- 22-25 MCSAA State Tournament
- 24 Parent-Teacher Conferences—NO SCHOOL
- 30 Harvest Parties (Elementary only)
- 31 Professional Development—NO SCHOOL





You're invited!

Bring a side dish or dessert to share and get to know other OCE parents and students.

When: Sunday, August 24
Where: Riverfront Park
1001 NW Argosy Pkwy, Riverside, MO
Time: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Contact Leticia Cortez-Flores at 816.349.2335 to RSVP

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