



Owens Christian Academy  
Monthly Newsletter  
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"A School Where We Put God First To Gain Knowledge"

Preschool 2-7 years

# PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION 2022-2023

## Mark Your Calendars... Dates to Remember

Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual PTA Meeting – 5 pm K-4 Pre-Recorded Performance Ms. Alayna & Ms. Witherspoon
Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	*Tag Day – \$5 per child
Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed
Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual Executive Board Meeting – 5 pm

### ***Special Thanks!!!!***

*Thank you to Mrs. Christina Chandler and Mrs. Stacy Hardy, our Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs, for hosting a successful fundraising event with MOD Pizza in West Ashley. Way to go OCA!*

## Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
His love endures forever.  
Psalm 136.1

*May we all enter into this holiday season with love, peace, and a grateful heart. May the grace of God, the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, rest, rule, and abide with each and every family.  
From the staff of OCA*



### **Tuition payments made easy!**

We are excited about using FACTS Management as our service provider for our tuition payments! Log on to [www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com) today to set up your account!

### ***Friendly Reminder:***

Masks are required for ALL parents, visitors, and students before exiting your vehicle. You are responsible for providing extra masks for your child to have in their bookbag when needed.

# BE THE CHANGE

VOLUNTEER &  
MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



We are in need of volunteers to join various committees for our PTA organization. If you would like to join a committee, please send us an e-mail to [owenscacademy@gmail.com](mailto:owenscacademy@gmail.com) for all interests regarding PTA committees. We appreciate your willingness to help make OCA the greatest place for our children to be educated!

## Contact A Teacher

Please limit NON-Emergency calls  
between 1:00 pm and 2:40 pm.

K-2

Mrs. Washington

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Ms. Simmons

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K-3

Ms. Nesbitt

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Ms. Gathers

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K-4

Ms. Owens

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Ms. Witherspoon

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K-1

Mrs. Owens

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Mrs. Richardson

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## SICK CHILDREN

If your child is sick, please  
have them remain at  
home. Illness consists of a  
cold, runny nose,  
congestion, coughing,  
sneezing, temperature,  
vomiting, diarrhea, and  
etc. A doctor's notice is  
required in order for your  
child to return to school.  
Please do not take for  
granted that your child  
just has a common cold.

We are following the  
recommended guidelines  
of the CDC. These  
guidelines are put in place  
to keep us safe.

## Keep this in mind!

It is imperative that students  
arrive at school on time. They  
are missing instructional time  
and it also disrupts the class.  
The disruption is unfair to the  
students and your child. Every  
child should arrive at school by  
9:00 am. If your child can not  
arrive at 9:00 am, please  
remain at home unless you  
have a doctor's appointment  
with an excused notice. OCA  
operates as a school and not a  
daycare.

## Special Areas are back at OCA!



You heard right!  
Special areas are  
back at OCA! Our  
students will get to enjoy Art  
class every Wednesday  
morning from 9:30 – 11:00 am.

Please make sure that your child has on the approved OCA school uniform every day!

*If you will be arriving late with your child, please call the front office  
at (843) 744-5087 to let us know.*





## Harvest Day 2022

*Special thanks to the following  
parents who helped to make  
Harvest Day memorable for our  
students!*

*Mrs. Taliah Rice*

*Mr. Johnathan & Mrs. Stacey James*

*Dr. Mary Mitchell*

*Mr. Ken & Mrs. Lucretia Mitchell*

*Mrs. Sirena Singleton*





## Birthdays at OCA!!!



Birthdays are special and we love to celebrate them! If you would like for your child to celebrate with their class, you can send pizza, cupcakes, and juice or whatever you would like for your child to enjoy with their class to the school. They can also dress in their own clothing to show their individuality for their birthday. We ask that you please give the Lead Classroom Teacher an advance notice of at least two-days of when you would like to celebrate your child's birthday.

**Help us celebrate our November birthdays!**

**Grayson Gamble – 11/6**

**Greyson Singleton – 11/6**

**Kairo Mitchell – 11/8**

**Zachary Foster – 11/8**

**Raegan Freeman – 11/9**

**Carson Crawford – 11/13**

## COVID Protocols at OCA

OCA will follow the recommended guidelines of DHEC.

### Screening Process

- Please proceed directly to the classroom to drop off and pick up your children. You and your child will must wear a mask before entering the gate of OCA. The staff will take you and your child's temperature every morning before entering the building.
- If your child is sent home with illness, your child must be free of fever at 24 hours without medication in order to return to school.

### Masks

- Masks are required for all staff and students. When your child wears a mask, it will be removed for napping, eating, drinking, and physical activity.

### Classroom Closure

- OCA will not close classrooms due to COVID-19 exposure.

### Exposure Protocol

- Although SC DHEC no longer recommends exclusion from childcare following exposure, OCA will continue to inform you by email if an individual in your child's classroom tests positive for COVID.
- Children and staff who have been exposed are not excluded from the Center but should test by day five after exposure (unless the person tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days).
- If the exposed person develops symptoms, they should stay home and get tested immediately.
- If the test is negative and an alternate diagnosis is obtained, the person can return to the Center once symptom-free.

### Positive Test Protocol

- Children and staff who **TEST POSITIVE** can return to the Center after completing five days of isolation from the test collection date, and it has been at least 24 hours since they have had a fever **without** using fever-reducing medicine. The person must continue to wear a mask for an additional five days and must be symptom-free to return to the Center.

### Vaccination Status

- If your child has received the COVID-19 vaccine, please forward a copy of the vaccination card to [owenscademy@gmail.com](mailto:owenscademy@gmail.com) for your child's file. As protocols continue to change, we will notify all families and staff. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us or email us at [owenscademy@gmail.com](mailto:owenscademy@gmail.com).

## COVID-19

# Isolation (Positive Test) Guidance for School Use

## Positive Test with Symptoms (Isolation)

- Stay home for 5 days after symptoms began
- Return to school if symptoms much better but must wear mask for days 6–10



## Positive Test without Symptoms (Isolation)

- Stay home for 5 days after test performed
- Return to school but must wear mask for days 6–10

Visit [scdhec.gov/COVID19](https://scdhec.gov/COVID19) for more information.