



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

- Oct. 3rd Virtual PTA Meeting – 5 pm
- Oct. 3rd K-1st Pre-recorded Performance
- Oct. 12th Snack Fees due via Cheddar Up
- Oct. 14th Make-up Picture Day
- Oct. 14th *Tag Day – \$5 per child
- Oct. 27th Harvest Day Activities 9 am-11 am
- Oct. 27th Harvest Day Party 3:30 pm-4:30 pm
- Oct. 28th Teacher Work Day – School Closed
- Oct. 31st Virtual Executive Board Meeting – 5 pm

ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

Remember that your child's snack fees are due on Monday, October 3, 2022. You can make your payment via Cheddar Up by clicking on the Parents tab on our school website www.owenschristianacademy.com.



Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

1st Corinthians 9:10



Tuition payments made easy!

We are excited about using FACTS Management as our service provider for our tuition payments! Log on to www.factsmgmt.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 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
a.owens@owenschristianacademy.com

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.



Art Class with Mrs. Smalls!



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 October birthdays!

Robert Anderson, III – 10/11
Aayonna Anderson – 10/17

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 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.

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 for more information.