



Owens Christian Academy  
Monthly Newsletter  
**September 2021**

# PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION 2021-2022

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"A School Where We Put God First To Gain  
Knowledge"

Preschool 2-7 years

## Mark Your Calendars... Dates to Remember

Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day – School Closed
Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	School Resumes
Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual PTA Meeting & Open House – 5 pm
Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>	*Tag Day – \$5 per child
Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual Executive Board Meeting – 5 pm

**\*Tag Day is when students can express their individuality by wearing their favorite outfit to school. Each student is asked to give \$5 that will go towards our PTA.**

### ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

OCA will be closed on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Labor Day holiday and will re-open on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am for normal operating hours.



### 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](http://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.

### Virtual PTA Class Performances

Every month that we host a Virtual PTA meeting, we will also have a pre-recorded class performance played at the end of the virtual meeting for parents to view. Classes will perform during the following months:

October – K-1<sup>st</sup> Class

November – K-4 Class

December – K-3 Class

February – K-2 Class

# 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

Mrs. White

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Ms. Alayna

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K-1

Mrs. Owens

[a.owens@owenschristianacademy.com](mailto:a.owens@owenschristianacademy.com)

Mrs. Richardson

[l.richardson@owenschristianacademy.com](mailto:l.richardson@owenschristianacademy.com)

## 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.

## IMPORTANT!!!

Please adhere to the following recommendations as it relates to returning to school after an illness.

Return to the Child Care Facility:

- Advise sick staff members and children not to return until they have met criteria for return.
- Children or staff excluded for these symptoms can return if:
  - o They either test negative for COVID-19 using an antigen test or PCR test (mouth or nose swab or saliva test) or similar test that directly detects the virus
  - or -
  - o A medical evaluation determines that their symptoms were more likely due to another cause (e.g. asthma exacerbation, strep throat, etc.). In this latter case, the individual can return when they meet criteria for that condition. A doctor's note should be provided that asserts the individual is clear to return based on a more likely diagnosis that requires no further exclusion or states the return criteria based on some other exclusion.

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.*

## 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 September birthdays!**

Ja'Rya Ashe – 9/1

Amari Parker – 9/1

Langston Butler – 9/12

Ava Brown – 9/17

Josiah Reece – 9/23

Weston Ham – 9/29

## How are we keeping everyone safe?

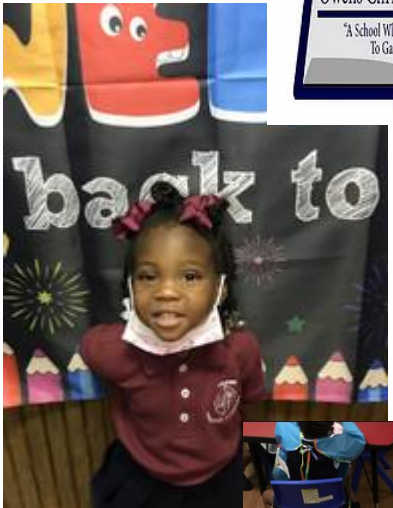
When a parent informs OCA of a positive COVID-19 result for their child, that child's class is immediately quarantined until further instructions are given from Mrs. Owens. The classroom teachers are then tested. (\*All OCA teachers are fully vaccinated.) Once the results of the classroom teachers are returned and they are negative, parents are then given two options for their child to return safely. Either you can choose to have your child tested and they return after a 7-day quarantine period with a negative test result or if you choose not to test your child, they must quarantine for a total of 14 days before returning to school.

When we receive a positive COVID-19 notification from a parent, we utilize Wilson's Dekon to disinfect our school. All teachers and students are fully masked the entire day along with periodic temperature checks. All areas including classrooms and bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and throughout the day to prevent the spread of germs.

We will continue to follow these protocols that have been set in place and the advice of the CDC.

If your child has tested positive for COVID-19, please contact us through email at [owenscademy@gmail.com](mailto:owenscademy@gmail.com) immediately!





My first week  
at OCA!

