



BE THOU OUR VISION

Orange City Christian School is a biblically-based community that partners with parents, educating hearts and minds to serve in Christ's Kingdom.

Blessed is...

Happy summer from OCCS! I hope you are able to enjoy the hot weather and outdoor activities with your family. Summer always seems to fly by. Here at school, we also enjoy a little different schedule. However, we are busy making plans for a wonderful start in August.

We have another exciting theme for next year. It is the Beatitudes from Matthew 5. We will be studying the "Blessed" statements from Jesus' teaching. This passage gives a list of what God sees as important and where his heart focuses. This list sits in stark contrast to what our world values. I look forward to the lessons we will explore together.

Our culture bombards us every day with what it sees as important, the characteristics which should be celebrated, and where our attention should go. Jesus tells us it is the weak, the hurting, the humble who should be our focus and it is those characteristics that God will bless.

It is comforting to know we have a Heavenly Father who sees our hurting, cares for our weaknesses, and blesses us when we care for others. I look forward to seeing how these teachings will come to life in our school during the coming school year.

It will be an exciting new school year, new opportunities, and new learning that will happen at OCCS. Enjoy the rest of your summer with your families. Blessings to you.

*Shalom,
Jason Alons*

Welcome new Staff

Orange City Christian School would like to welcome some new staff members for the 2022-2023 school year. We welcome Anna Zeutenhorst, Paige De Jong, Kristina Wolf, Elsa Kooiker, Kortney Haan, Autumn Den Boer, and Tonya Pontier.

- Anna is a native of Orange City. She has been working in the Elk Horn-Exira school district in the preschool and special education classrooms. She will join us as our new preschool director.
- Paige De Jong is also a native of Orange City. She has been working at the Ireton Christian Preschool. She will join us as our new preschool aid in the morning.
- Kristina Wolf lives in Sheldon. She has been working at Rock Valley Christian School. She will join us as a new kindergarten teacher.
- Elsa Kooiker lives here in Orange City. She has been working at Atlas. She will join us as a kindergarten aide.
- Kortney Haan is a graduate from Dordt & is getting married this summer. She was our year-long intern last year. She will join us as our new middle school math teacher and 7th grade homeroom teacher.
- Autumn Den Boer is a native of Orange City. She has been working at Sioux Center Christian School. She will join us as our new 7th/8th language/literature teacher and 7th grade homeroom teacher.
- Tonya Pontier lives here in Orange City. She has been staying home with her children. She will join us as a kitchen staff.

Please welcome these new additions to our staff. We are look forward to getting to know them as they work with our children.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UNITS			
Church Unit	Requested for 2020-21	Contribution for 2020-21	Balance Remaining
Calvary CRC	\$98,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First CRC	76,000.00	76,000.00	0.00
Hospers CRC	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00
Immanuel CRC	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
Living Water	70,000.00	61,157.33	0.00
Redeemer URC	46,000.00	46,000.00	0.00
Other Supporting Churches	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
Partner Society	177,000.00	168,641.77	8,358.23



July 2022

Dear Friends of OCCS:

The Covenant Foundation is an active investment group that manages the OCCS endowment fund. The Foundation currently has over **\$1,610,000** in assets. The Foundation's goal is to grow this fund while contributing approximately 5% of its balance each year to OCCS to help curb the increasing cost of tuition. Next school year the fund will contribute **\$45,000** to the general fund which offsets our expenses and in the end, reduces the cost of tuition.

We believe in the power of Christian education and hope that you would join us to make it affordable. Each gift makes it more feasible for families to have the opportunity to give their children the gift of a Christ-centered education. As public schools continue to offer salary increases to their teachers, we would also like to be able to give our teachers a competitive salary, yet keep tuition affordable for young families. A good step toward sharing this vision is through a membership in the Orange City Christian School Foundation. Through annual memberships and additional gifts, the Covenant Foundation continues to grow and this year is contributing **\$150** per student that would normally come from tuition. With continued growth and increased contributions, we can continue to increase the amount per student and keep tuition as low as possible, while paying our teachers a competitive wage. We want to encourage you to become a member of the OCCS Covenant Foundation. Investing in the Covenant Foundation helps secure the existence of Christian Education from "Generation to Generation".

If you have any questions about Wills and Estate Planning please contact the Barnabas Foundation by phone at 888-448-3040 or by email at info@barnabasfoundation.com. Christian professionals from the Barnabas Foundation will answer your questions and help you work out a plan to meet your individual needs and support kingdom causes which are important to you.

Last year, we received **\$79,655** in gifts and memorial donations to the Covenant Foundation. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the OCCS Covenant Foundation during this past fiscal year (August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021).

Please fill out the donation form and return it to OCCS. As a foundation committee, we thank you for your continued support and prayers. For the Lifetime Members, we are sending you this information as a means of keeping you up-to-date on our continued growth. If you would like to contribute again, please do so. We would be happy to provide you with additional information or answer any questions you may have. Please contact Travis De Jong, OCCS Development Director, by phone at 712-737-2274 or by email at office@occhristian.pvt.k12.ia.us.

In His Service,
The OCCS Covenant Foundation Committee

Travis De Jong, Barb De Boer, Deb De Jong, Rick Droog, Dale Pluim, Brent Philipson, Dave Van Den Brink, Gary Vande Vegte and Brenda Walhof

"From Generation to Generation..."

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

July 18-29	School closed No TRIP sales
August 2-4, 9-11	GUFS for those registered, 10:00am-12:15pm
August 11 & 15	Registration for 2022-23 year, music rooms, 6:30-8:00pm
August 22	4:00-6:00pm Back-to-School Night
August 23	First day of school for 2022-23 school year, 8:45am Dedication Service
August 27	Kickoff event and Tiger Toss Tournament, 4:00pm
September 5	Labor Day - No School
September 6	Preschool begins
October 6 & 7	Heartland Conference

Board Report

June balance sheet: \$173,439.72

The Board wishes to thank those who attended the special society meeting on June 15. We are excited to move forward with the proposed building project. Fundraising details will be coming out in the near future. Please prayerfully consider how you can financially support the new project.

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year will be held on Wednesday, August 10, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and Monday, August 15, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The fall society meeting will be September 17, 2022.

Please remember our teachers and staff in prayer as they wrap up the final weeks of summer and prepare to start a new school year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jen Elgersma, board secretary

Farewell

Orange City Christian says farewell to Kim Vande Zande. She has been working in the office for the past 8 1/2 years. She ran our TRIP program and helped grow that program significantly over the last few years. Her husband Pastor Mark Vande Zande of 1st CRC has taken a call to Oakland CRC in Hamilton, Michigan. They had two daughters, Kayla and Emily, who graduated from OCCS and their youngest, Amber, is going to be an 8th grader. We wish them well in God's calling and thank Kim for her wonderful years of service to our school.

OCCS COVENANT FOUNDATION

Name(s) _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Email Address _____

\$1000 lifetime membership Donation \$ _____

\$50 yearly membership (July 1st, 2022 through June 30th, 2023)

Please have a Covenant Foundation Committee member call on me to further my goals of Christian stewardship.

PLEASE RETURN BY AUGUST 31, 2022 (Envelope enclosed)