

# News Notes



January 12, 2024

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## Dates to remember:

- Jan. 14 Free-Throw-A-Thon  
10:30 AM @ OAA
- Jan. 15 NO SCHOOL (MLK DAY)
- Jan. 16-26 MAP TESTING
- Jan. 20 Education Sabbath at the  
Gentry SDA Church
- Jan. 23 Picture Day (wear uniform)
- Jan. 23 Basketball games @ OAA  
Girls – 4:30P, Boys – 5:30P
- Jan. 24 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School 😊

## Principal's Note

As we take time off this school year for MLK Day, I want to emphasize the purpose of this holiday. It is to recognize what God made a reality after the famous "I Have a Dream" speech was given. It was one man's dream publicized, but God's will and power realized. I am currently writing this letter to my beloved OAS school family as I sit and behold the Lincoln Memorial that overlooks the reflecting pool of the Washington Monument. I think about what God has done across this "Land of the Free". We are a different country now. Not perfect, but different! We can see it every day if we choose to and celebrate the breakthroughs.

## Pre-K

### Mrs. Joanna Davis



Welcome back to school! It was wonderful to hear all about Christmas break. We had fun making ugly Christmas cookies and hot chocolate.

Our letter for the week is D, and our number is 14. The Bible story was "The Borrowed Ax". This story is found in 2 Kings 6.

Please mark your calendar for January 20th. We will be part of the church service at the Gentry SDA Church.

## Kindergarten Mrs. Yossy Castillo



After a well-deserved vacation, we are ready for the second semester! Remember there is no school on Monday. Students love to be outside so please send your child with warm jackets, hats, and gloves so they can stay warm during recess. Our letter for next week is Ww.

Our Bible verse:

**"Offer each other a helping hand."  
Galatians 6:2**

## 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades Mrs. Jamie Short



The first week of the 2024 semester has kept us on our toes. From power outages, frigid temperatures, and indoor recess, we have had to practice being flexible. For the next couple of weeks, it looks like we will have some very cold days. Please send your child appropriate clothing for outside play. While we may shorten some of our recesses, we will still go outside if it is not raining.

We will be MAP testing next week, Tuesday through Thursday. Please prepare your child by ensuring they get good sleep and a filling breakfast in the mornings.

Treasure Verse:

**“„I will put my laws in their minds,  
and I will write them on their  
hearts. I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.”  
Jeremiah 31:33**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades Mrs. Eva Hill



😊 THANK YOU SO MUCH for the warm welcome back to school after my absence! Wow! My husband and I so much appreciated the support and prayers through the last couple of months. I am incredibly blessed to be a part of this loving school family!

😊 Mid-year MAPS testing begins next Tuesday. A good night's rest and a healthy breakfast each morning help prepare students to feel positive and to do their best.

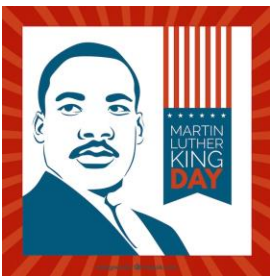
😊 Brrr! Cold weather has arrived! Thanks for helping your child stay warm and comfortable during outdoor recess breaks with warm coats, hats, and gloves/mittens.

😊 Treasure verse quiz on January 19:

**"Getting wisdom is the wisest thing  
you can do! And whatever else you  
do, develop good judgment."  
Proverbs 4:7 NLT**



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## 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Mrs. Tania Miller

Dear Parents/Guardians,

There will be NO grade reports this week. You will find your child's 2nd quarter report card in their Friday folder.

Education Sabbath takes place on January 20th at Gentry SDA Church. This is a great opportunity for our students to share their talents at church. Please have your child wear a white top and black bottoms for this event. Hope to see you there!

Please take note that MAP testing for the 5/6th grade class will begin Monday, January 22nd - Friday, January 22nd.

It is a new quarter, and students need to read 10-15 points in the library this quarter, and January book reports will be due on the 31st of this month. Book report forms have been sent home in the Friday folders.

Spelling words: Our spelling program individualizes student learning. The students take a pre-test online at [myzbportal.com](http://myzbportal.com) and based on their results, their spelling list is determined. We take a pretest on Thursdays and send home your child's list in their Friday folder.

Please scan the barcode to access the spelling list and to practice with the online tutor. Select the diamond, square or circle depending on the list your child is assigned. (The shape will appear on the list sent home)



5<sup>th</sup> Grade



6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Bible Treasure Verse: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Psalm 23

Have a blessed long weekend!!

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Mr. Demetrius Bell Mrs. Tara Bailey



### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to OAS, dear parents, students, and friends! We hope the Christmas Break was a time of joy and reflection for you all. As we step into the new year, the 7th-8th grade class has been vibrant and active, embodying the theme of growing by faith in Christ.

Our hearts were filled with joy as we welcomed Mrs. Hill back after her absence. To express our support, we adorned matching pink t-shirts, not only raising awareness for breast cancer but also showing solidarity with those bravely facing the battle. It was a beautiful testament to the strength and unity that faith in Christ can inspire.

### Special Guests

In a delightful turn of events, Elder Jason Summers visited us, engaging us in a spirited "Kahoot!" game centered around Bible characters. The activity was not just about fun; it encouraged us to delve deeper into our Bibles, emphasizing the importance of sharing our faith and leaving a legacy of integrity. The seeds of knowledge were sown in more ways than one this week. Mrs. Zambrano, a master gardener, captivated us with her presentation and guided us in tending to the fruits of our labor in the school garden beds. This hands-on experience allowed us to appreciate the process of growth, a metaphor for our spiritual journey at OAS.

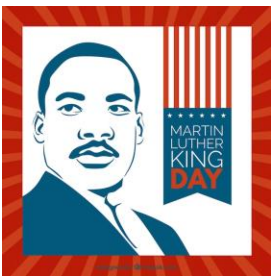


### Striving for Academic Excellence

Our academic pursuits took a focused turn this week during the Math Intensive sessions. Each student worked at their own pace, developing and strengthening skills that will serve as the foundation for future challenges. It was a reminder that growth in faith involves continuous learning and application in every aspect of our lives.

As we look ahead, we anticipate taking a day off on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (1/15/24) to commemorate the fight for freedom and equality. Following this, we will embark on the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments, a valuable tool in understanding our academic strengths and areas for improvement. We encourage our students to prepare well, keeping in mind the importance of rest, a hearty

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breakfast, and strategic test-taking approaches.

## Leading in Worship

But it's not all about academics. We are eagerly preparing for a special church service at the Gentry SDA Church on January 20th, where OAS students will lead the congregation. We are writing special messages, memorizing Psalm 23, and learning to sing "Jesus Strong and Kind." This collective effort showcases the unity and strength we find in our shared faith journey. Students will be dressed in black and white, symbolizing our commitment to reflect the light of Christ in everything we do. OAS is abuzz with excitement and growth, and we look forward to sharing more stories of faith and achievement with you in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

## Mrs. Crystal Beierle



1/12/24

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>First Grade</b>
	Isaac M. 50.2
<b>Second Grade</b>	<b>Third Grade</b>
Miriam T. 25.4	Nic W. 51.6
<b>Fourth Grade</b>	<b>Fifth Grade</b>
Orion C. 16.0	Lewis W. 21.7
<b>Sixth Grade</b>	Emily C. 25.0
Ezri B. 10.6	Boston R. 35.8
Steven B. 21.6	Jony C. 154.2
Abbie Rose F. 102.0	
<b>Seventh Grade</b>	<b>Eighth Grade</b>
Zac W. 129.3	
Michael C. 138.9	
Lucy C. 194.4	

## OAS ATHLETICS

Basketball players – make sure to get pledges for the Free-Throw-A-Thon this Sunday. Our fundraisers help to pay for referees and tournament costs. Thank you for your participation!

January 23: Our next basketball game here at OAA. We are playing Providence. OAS girls play at 4:30, and OAS boys play at 5:30.



## FROM THE OFFICE:

AVAILABLE NOW in the office! Come into the office to purchase new hoodies, sweatshirts, and t-shirts! Our OAS hoodies and sweatshirts will keep you warm and cozy in this cold weather. You can wear OAS T-shirts on Fridays and field trips. Sweatshirts and hoodies are \$40 and T-shirts are \$15.



## AVAILABLE OAS CLOTHING FOR SALE

BLUE HOODIE	BLUE SWEATSHIRT	GRAY SWEATSHIRT
1 YS	2 YM	3 YXS
2 YM	3 YL	1 YS
2 YL	2 YXL	2 YL
1 AS	3 AS	2 AS
1 AL	3 AM	2 AM
1 AXL	2 AL	3 AL
1 AXL	3 AXL	
1 AXXL		
PINK SHORT-SLEEVE	BLUE SHORT-SLEEVE	BLACK SHORT-SLEEVE
1 YS	5 YXS	4 YXS
1 YXL	6 YS	5 YS
1 AM	4 YM	1 YM
5 AL	6 YL	1 YL
3 AXL	2 AS	
	2 AM	
	2 AL	
	2 AXL	
	1 AXXL	

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