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# OCS NEWSLETTER

*A newsletter to keep OCS parents informed*



## Student of the Month

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**Brynlee VanderZanden**  
3rd Grade

Brynlee is a kind, responsible, and hardworking student who gladly helps classmates and shows genuine care for others.

Henry is an excellent student who shows strong character, confidence in class, and great effort in everything he does.



**Henry Walsworth**  
5th Grade

# Open Enrollment for 2026-2027

Open Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year kicked off on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, with our Preschool & Kindergarten Open House! We had a handful of families attend our Open House to receive a brief welcome from our Administrator, and an opportunity to visit the 3's & 4's Preschool classrooms and Kindergarten classroom for next year. Families were able to visit with the teachers and get familiar with the classroom.

Classes are filling up quickly, so please complete enrollment early!

You can do so by visiting our website at:

[oceanachristianschool.com/newstudentenrollment](https://oceanachristianschool.com/newstudentenrollment).

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the school office at 231-873-2514.



## Growing Family Initiative (GFI)

First Baptist Church is moving forward with a facility expansion and remodel that will benefit both the church and Oceana Christian School. This project is designed to meet current needs while preparing for future growth, ensuring a safe, supportive, and effective learning environment for our students. Planned improvements include a secure building entrance for increased safety, additional classroom space, a children's check-in area, added restrooms, improved climate control, upgraded infrastructure, new offices and meeting space, a remodeled nursery with a restroom, and enhanced storage. These updates will help OCS continue providing a high-quality educational experience for our students.

Want to donate or have questions?

Visit [gofbchart.org](https://gofbchart.org) or contact our office at [office@gofbchart.org](mailto:office@gofbchart.org) OR (231) 873-2514.



# School Security



The security of our students is of utmost priority here at OCS. Parents, as kind and courteous as it seems, please remember not to hold the door for other parents/visitors to our building. Each person must ring the doorbell and await staff permission before gaining entrance to our building.

Thank you for your cooperation!



## Looking for a way to bless OCS staff?

Check out these links!



Not seeing your child's teacher? Contact them to directly to see how you can donate to their classroom!

[Mrs. Stacy \(3s\)](#)

[Mrs. Lusby \(2nd\)](#)

[Mrs. Guikema \(3rd\)](#)

[Mrs. Ackley \(4s 2-day\)](#)

[Mrs. Miller \(4th/5th\)](#)

[Mrs. Snider \(Art 2\)](#) [Mrs. Boring \(LA Intervention\)](#)

[Mrs. Krystal \(Math Intervention\)](#)



OCS students are expected to go outside for designated recess times twice a day in fairly cool temps at times. Pay attention to weather forecasts and send your child to school each day dressed appropriately for outside play. If you need help acquiring any items, please let us know how we can help you.

## Recess Attire



# W.A.Y. Crew Info

By Molly McGhan, W.A.Y. Crew Coordinator

RaiseRight is a way for W.A.Y. Crew to not only receive a percentage of what you spend, but the other percentage will go directly toward your student's tuition cost at OCS!

Questions? Please send an email to [office@oceanachristianschool.com](mailto:office@oceanachristianschool.com)!



## March is Reading Month!

March was a fun and engaging Reading Month here at OCS! Students enjoyed a variety of activities, including solving mysteries, cracking codes, and visiting the West Shore ESD Book Bus, and celebrating with a Grandparents' Day brunch.

A highlight was our Book Raiser field trip to Baker Book House for grades K-5. Over three days, students visited the bookstore in Grand Rapids, enjoyed a special treat, listened to stories, and picked out books to take home.

Our Pre-K students also joined the excitement by completing Book Bingo cards to earn prizes and visiting a special in-school bookstore to choose their own books.



## Important Dates

**April 20 - May 1:** Weesie's Fundraiser by the W.A.Y. Crew

**April 21:** iSpy Night - 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**May 13:** Last day of 3's Pre-K

**May 14:** Last day of 4's Pre-K

Pre-K Closing Program - 6:30pm

**May 18:** Field Day (date updated from school calendar)