OCS

NEWSLETTER







1 Chronicles 16:34

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever".



OCS Christmas Program

We're excited to invite you to our Christmas Program on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.! It's sure to be a joyful evening filled with festive music and holiday cheer! Come celebrate the season with us!

Picture Day/Retakes

If your child is in the Prek 3's class, you missed school pictures in October, or you decide to retake, please mark your calendars for the next picture day on Monday, November 17th.



You're Invited to Behold the Lamb!

This December, we warmly invite you to join us for a special evening of worship and celebration: **Behold the Lamb of God**, presented by the Worship Ministries of First Baptist Church of Hart and Rothbury Community Church.
Written by Andrew Peterson, this beautiful, Scripture-rich musical tells the sweeping story of redemption – from the Passover to the manger – through powerful songs filled with biblical truth. It's more than a concert; it's an opportunity to reflect on the heart of Christmas: Jesus, the Lamb of God, who came to save.

Dates & Locations:

- Friday, December 12 6:30 PM at First Baptist Church (OCS)
- Saturday, December 13 6:30 PM at Rothbury Community Church (2500 W Winston Rd, Rothbury, MI)

**Admission is free, but reservations are required for entry. Reserve your seats today at <u>gofbchart.org/behold</u>

Mark Your Calendars!

Picture Retakes - 11/17
All Pro Dads - 11/19
Thanksgiving Break - 11/26-11/30
FBC/RCC Behold the Lamb - 12/12 & 12/13
OCS Christmas Program - 12/18





As we approach Thanksgiving, I thought it would be appropriate to pause to reflect on a few things which make me thankful. Being a long time educator, I will focus my comments on Oceana Christian School.

First of all, I am thankful for your children, the students at OCS. They are delightful. As I greet them in the morning, watch them while they are in the chapel singing praises, see them in class studying subjects emanating from God's truth, and listen to their shouts of joy at recess; I can not help but think, God has richly blessed each family with his children. Your children are awesome. Psalm 127:3 states: ""Children are a heritage from the Lord"" NIV I am thankful you have entrusted your children to OCS.

I am also thankful for each of our teachers and staff members. I have always said, teachers are the most important adults in the building. Administrators come and go, but teachers are the face of OCS. They are building relationships each day beyond academics. Teachers are there to encourage students to strive for excellence, and to build them up when they fall somewhat short of their goals. I can remember all of my elementary teachers and the influence they had on me. For thirty five years plus, teachers have been influencing students at OCS. What a foundation they have built for the future of each child. What a testimony each of our teachers has.

Finally, I am thankful for First Baptist Church. This is a special ministry unlike most that are found in the state. The support that the church provides is amazing and the resulting low tuition is extremely helpful for all students to attend. The facts are that we have beautiful classrooms, a gym, a cafeteria, and an attractive outdoor playground, all provided for by FBC. In addition, we have a pastoral staff that is INVOLVED with the school, from recess duty to leading chapel, to providing ongoing support and leadership. They display absolutely no arrogance, just a commitment to Christian education.

Galatians 5:13 (NIV) states:
"Serve one another humbly in love."

Oceana Christian School is a true blessing to the community. I am thankful.

So... What are you thankful for?

Vern Parsons

