



DISMISSAL UPDATE — GRADES 5-9

3:00 PM — Dismissal for students in grades 5-9.

3:15 PM — Students in grades 5-9 with siblings in K-4 go to their sibling's classroom to wait. Others are escorted to EDSS and can be signed out there.

3:30 PM — Any remaining students move to EDSS; sign-out continues there.

Thank you for helping dismissal run smoothly!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

OCS Families -

As we begin a new school year, I am reminded that our children are growing up in a world that is often confusing and broken. A distinctly Christian worldview gives them the only story big enough to make sense of both the beauty and the pain: creation,

fall, redemption, and restoration. Jesus tells us, *"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33). That promise anchors our work at Oroville Christian School.

The value of a Christian education is not merely in what we learn, but in the lens through which we learn it. God is the Author of all truth; therefore, every subject belongs to Him. In Bible and chapel, certainly - but also in math, literature, science, history, technology, and the arts - we teach students to think Christianly, to love what is true, good, and beautiful, and to discern wisdom from folly. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7), and that reverence shapes our curriculum, our culture, and our character.

Practically, this means our teachers pray with and for students, connect learning to Scripture, and model Christlike character. We train minds while shepherding

hearts, partnering with parents in the great task of discipling the next generation (Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Ephesians 6:4). We want our students to be grounded - able to resist pressures that would conform them to the spirit of the age. *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind"* (Romans 12:2). *"See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit"* (Colossians 2:8).

Thank you for trusting OCS with your children. It is our joy to pursue academic excellence under the Lordship of Christ and to cultivate graduates who are discerning, courageous, humble, and hope filled. By God's grace, may this year be one in which our students grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man (Luke 2:52).

Soli Deo Gloria!

Mark Bates

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: MISS LONG — THIRD GRADE

Embracing Change with Miss Long

Third Grade Spotlight:
Embracing Change with
Miss Long

After 11 years in first grade,
a fresh season begins - and
God is at work.

For eleven years I taught
first grade. While each year
brought new students and
ideas, I knew the rhythm,
the expectations, and the
curriculum. When I first
learned I might be teaching
a new grade, I hesitated.
Then I remembered: before
coming to Oroville, I taught
a variety of grade levels. I
am also grateful I have not
been moved around as often
as teachers in some
districts.

As I prayed, my hesitation
turned into excitement—
God is inviting me to change
and grow. It is easy to
become comfortable doing
the same things year after
year. Now I have the joy of
teaching some familiar faces
and meeting new students,
too. I get to teach at a higher
level in math and English

language arts, learn and
share new memory verses,
and explore different parts
of the Bible together. What a
gift to see how my former
students have grown
spiritually, academically,
and physically. I am truly
blessed.

My prayer is that when you
face change, you will also
see the blessing in it.

— Miss Long

*“God is inviting me to
change and grow.”*

LEGISLATIVE WATCH: OPPOSE AB 495

AB 495 is being discussed in
the California Legislature and
would allow non-parents to
make educational and even
medical decisions for a child
by presenting a caregiver’s
affidavit—explicitly stating
that a parent’s signature is not
required. The bill would
require schools to recognize
affidavits from unrelated
adults, including “nonrelative
extended family members.” In
practice, schools could be
forced to honor decisions or
release a student to an adult
with no verified legal
relationship, creating safety
and liability risks and
undermining the parent-
school partnership.

What you can do this week:

- Contact your California
Assemblymember and State
Senator and respectfully urge
a NO vote on AB 495.
- Share why parental authority
matters for safety and trust.
- Find your legislators at
findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov.

Source: ACSI Legislative Alert
on AB 495 (Aug. 21, 2025).

FIRE DRILL

We held our first fire drill
today as part of our
commitment to student
safety. Throughout the year
we regularly practice a
variety of emergency
procedures - fire,
earthquake, intruder, and
more - so that students and
staff know exactly what to
do. The most important
things in any emergency are
simple: stay quiet and listen
carefully to directions.
Thank you for reinforcing
this at home; your
partnership helps us keep
our campus calm and
prepared.

LIFTING KIDS UP — PRAYER



Lifting Kids 

1st & 3rd Thursday Each Month
7:30 - 9 am / In the Foyer

Steadfast in Prayer

Col 4:2

Drop off a request - at any time
Join us to pray - aloud or silently

FOR

- Students/families
- The OCS community

HOW Specifically, Scripturally,
Confidentially

 
EFC Oroville PTPF

DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event	Time
Friday, Sep 5	Elementary Chapel (2 nd Grade)	8:40 am
Friday, Sep 5	MS Chapel	9:40 am
Tuesday, Sep 9	PTPF Meeting	3:30 pm
Wednesday, Sep 10	AWANA Field Day	4-7 pm
Friday, Sep 12	Elementary Chapel (5 th Grade)	8:40 am
Friday, Sep 12	MS Chapel	9:40 am
Wednesday, Sep 17	Quarter 1 Progress Reports	
Thursday, Sep 18	Board Meeting	6 pm
Friday, Sep 19	Elementary Chapel (3 rd Grade)	8:40 am
Friday, Sep 19	MS Chapel	9:40 am
Friday, Sep 26	Elementary Chapel (1 st Grade)	8:40 am
Friday, Sep 26	MS Chapel	9:40 am
Thu/ Fri, Oct 16-17	Parent/Teacher Conferences	NO SCHOOL

AWANA CLUBS — FAMILY INFO & FALL KICKOFF



AWANA is a club for boys and girls from 3 years old through 6th grade. Weekly our clubbers have a blast playing games, memorize verses and hear age related Bible truths – all to strengthen what is being taught at home and at school.

First Club Night — Wednesday, September 10 • 5:45–7:45 PM

Questions? Please call 530-532-1029.

CHAPEL THEME 2025–2026: *WALKING WITH JESUS — THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF CHRIST*

This year our chapels will journey through the life and ministry of Jesus—helping students know Him, trust Him, and follow Him in daily life. Each quarter highlights a major theme from Scripture and connects to age-appropriate songs, memory verses, and applications.

- **Quarter 1 — Come, Follow Me:** Jesus' identity, early life, and His call to follow Him (e.g., Luke 2; Matthew 3–4; John 2–3).
- **Quarter 2 — He Taught With Authority:** Parables and core teachings (e.g., Matthew 5–7; Luke 10; 15).
- **Quarter 3 — Full of Compassion and Power:** Miracles revealing Christ's compassion and authority (e.g., Mark 2; 4; John 6; 9).
- **Quarter 4 — He Gave His Life:** Passion, Resurrection, and Great Commission (e.g., Luke 22–24; Matthew 28).

You are warmly invited to join us for chapel! Parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends of OCS are welcome throughout the year. Check the Dates to Remember section for weekly chapel times and grade-level leadership.

Oroville Christian School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

[**ACSI Connection: National Updates & Resources**](#)

As an Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) member school, OCS benefits from a nationwide network of Christ-centered schools and experts. We receive regular public-policy and legal updates from ACSI's Washington, D.C. office, along with training and practical resources that help us align our programs, policies, and safety practices with current best practice across Christian education.

This week's update highlights several items our team is tracking: a back-to-school legal webinar for school leaders with on-demand access; Congress returning from recess with budget negotiations and the likelihood of a short-term continuing resolution; advocacy on California parental rights (ACSI's alert opposing AB 495); and a fresh emphasis on campus safety with resources from ACSI and the Department of Homeland Security (including a faith-community webinar and CISA's K-12 safety materials).

What this means for OCS: we are continuously reviewing policies, reinforcing safety drills and procedures, sharing vetted resources with our faculty, and communicating timely guidance to families. Our connection to ACSI ensures we're not operating alone - our school is supported by a larger body that keeps us up-to-date and well-equipped to serve students with excellence.

***"But whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster."
— Proverbs 1:33***