

OAK RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

Important Dates:

SEPTEMBER:

- 03: MDO Open House: 9 to 11 a.m.
- 07: Labor Day – No school
- 08: Parent Association
Coffee Morning: 8 a.m.
Mother's Day Out Begins!
"Boo-hoo" Breakfast
MDO Parents: 9 a.m.
- 14: Jr. Beta Club & Parents Social
- 17-18: Upper School to Forest Glen
- 18: 1st Quarter Progress Reports
- 19: Parent Association: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
"Sit, Chat, Finish That!"
- 23: See You at the Pole
- 24: Family Fun Night at Pot Belly's
in Market Street
- 25: Christian T-Shirt & Jeans Day
Vision & Hearing Screening

OCTOBER:

- 07: Operation Christmas
Child Boxes Kick-Off
- 16: End of 1st Quarter
- 17: ORCA Saturday Workday

Headmaster's Corner

I'd like to thank all of those who have helped over the last several months to make the start of the school year a fantastic one. In particular I'd like to thank Mr. Jimi Sonnier for his help with summer construction projects as well as for restriping our parking lot, Mr. Chris Goldwait for his continued care of our campus grounds through lawn service and landscaping, Mr. Patrick McGinnis for his expertise and hard work, and finally Mr. David McClelland for his continued efforts developing our Computer Technology. "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." - *Phil 4:19*
~ *Matt Duston*

Vision Banquet – November 6th, 2009

Save the date for our Oak Ridge Christian Academy Vision Banquet on November 6th, 2009. Invite family, friends, and supporters of Christian education to come. Our guest speaker will be Voddie Baucham, author of *Family Driven Faith*. **More information to follow soon.**

Carline

AM: When walking in a student, please cross the carline at the front, where the teacher stands, to keep everyone safe. ☺ Please park in the lot, not the drop-off points, when signing in tardy children.

PM: If you discover that your child left something in the classrooms, you will need to park and wait until carline is over at 3:30pm to retrieve it. No one is allowed to cross the afternoon carline. This policy includes the Kindergarten building.

Friendly Reminders: Please remember to have your carline signs up before you enter the carline. To keep from blocking the road, please scoot up when there's room in front of you. Texas legislation passed "No Cell Phone in School Zone" law effective September 1st (541.302, Transportation Code).



Extended Care

If you need to reach an aftercare staff worker, you may call the Extended Care Cell Phone at: (713) 289-4895



Coffee Morning

Our Parent Association will have their first "Coffee Morning" Tuesday, September 8th at 8 a.m. All ORCA parents are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee during this first meet and greet Parent Association meeting.



Sit, Chat, Finish That!

Calling all Moms! Are you too busy to finish that project? If so, the ORCA Parents' Association has just what you need. Join us for: "Sit, Chat, Finish That." Bring an unfinished project of any kind (i.e. scrapbook, hair bows, sewing, etc) and a dish to share. We will enjoy some food, fun and fellowship as we "finish that." To ensure adequate space, please rsvp to Wendie at texasruffners@hotmail.com Childcare is not provided.

MDO "Boo-hoo" Breakfast

The first day of school for Mother's Day Out is September 8th! All of our MDO parents are invited that morning to a special "Boo-hoo" Breakfast at 9 a.m. Join us for great food, fellowship, and some "boo-hoo-ing" about how quickly all our little ones are growing up. ☺

Substitutes Needed

We are having training for anyone interested in being a classroom substitute on September 9th at 8:00 am. Please sign up by calling the office or emailing Mrs. Staggs at bstaggs@oakridgechristian.org

Wanted

A working refrigerator for our hot lunch program. Please call the office.

Financial Reminders

Invoices will go out at the beginning of each month. Families have 30 days to settle the balance. Payments may be made by cash or check, not credit card. If the invoice is not settled by the due date, a \$25 late fee will be charged to the account. So that our financial manager may apply checks correctly, please include your student's name in the "memo" field. Thanks for your help in keeping our financials in order!

Vision/Hearing Screening

The state of Texas requires all PK, K, 1st, 3rd, 7th and all students new to Texas to have their vision/hearing screened. All 6th & 9th graders are required to have a spinal screening done. This is something you can have done by your doctor. If so, please provide a copy of the results to Mrs. Staggs. If not, the school is providing the service on our campus through Pine Wood Screening on September 25th. Please return enclosed form.

ORCA Family Fun Night at Potbelly

Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 24th and make plans to bring the whole family to this month's Family Fun Night!

This FFN will be at Pot Belly's in Market Street from 4 p.m. to close. This is a great way to have fun with your kids, get to know other school families; all while raising money for the school. Potbelly's will take a portion of every sale to donate directly back to the school! Bring your family and invite a friend!



New ORCA Car Decal

Car Decals are now on sale in the front office for \$2. This is an easy way to show ORCA pride and let our community know we are here to shine for our Lord. Explanations of the school crest are available upon request.

Uniform Bulk Order

With the enclosed bulk order form you can order approved outdoor wear, spirit shirts, and parent polos. Please see the Student/Parent Handbook at www.oakridgechristian.org for approved items. The bulk order prices are lower than if you purchased these same items at the Parker Uniform store. Checks should be made out to ORCA. The order deadline is Wednesday, September 23.

ORRB Corner

Come join Oak Ridge Reformed Baptist as we kick off our 2nd year of Junior Reformers' Q & A. Students are taught the basics of Christian faith through a series of Questions and Answers derived from ORRB's Confession of Faith coupled with memory verses.

Join us Wednesday night at 6 p.m. for a family dinner followed by Adult Bible Study & the Q & A!

