



2025-26

ANNUAL REPORT



OAKLAND
CHRISTIAN
— SCHOOL —

A NOTE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Before you dive into this year's Annual Report, I'd like to pause and reflect on what God has done at Oakland Christian School over the past year.

Our theme for the 2025-2026 school year was We Care Deeply. Throughout the year, we challenged our students, faculty, staff, families, and supporters to live out this core value by loving God, serving one another, and investing in the lives of those around us. Looking back, I am grateful for the many ways our community embraced that challenge.

We celebrated unforgettable moments together, including our Homecoming football game on campus—a milestone that became much more than a game. It brought generations of Lancers together and reminded us of the strength, pride, and unity of the Oakland Christian community. Our students demonstrated what it means to care deeply as they served one another and our broader community through service opportunities, Flex projects, and countless everyday acts of care. Throughout the year, we also continued investing in our campus, enhancing both our indoor and outdoor spaces to provide environments where students can learn, grow, and thrive.

Most importantly, we celebrated another graduating class of students equipped to pursue their unique, God-given purpose. As they crossed the stage and stepped into the next chapter of their lives, they carried with them not only a strong academic foundation, but also a deeper understanding of who God has created them to be and how He is calling them to impact the world.

None of these accomplishments happen without people who care deeply. Whether through faithful prayer, generous financial support, volunteer service, or the daily investment of our faculty and staff, this community continues to demonstrate extraordinary generosity. Your partnership allows Oakland Christian to fulfill its mission and invest in the lives of hundreds of students each day.

As you read through these pages, I hope you see more than projects completed or milestones reached. I hope you see the faithfulness of God at work through a community committed to Christian education. We are incredibly thankful for all He has done this year, and we look forward with great anticipation to what He will continue to do in and through Oakland Christian School in the years ahead.

Thank you for walking alongside us as we equip our students to pursue their unique, God-given purpose.



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Brock". The script is fluid and cursive.

Susan Brock
Class of '91
Superintendent, Oakland Christian School

MISSION



CORE VALUES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Adam Normand, Academic Affairs Lead

Kelly Wood, Director of Enrollment

CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE

A HISTORIC KICKOFF— FIRST FOOTBALL GAME & HOMECOMING ON CAMPUS

MI HEARTSAFE SCHOOL RECOGNITION + FIVE NEW AEDS FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

NEW WALL WRAPS & DIGITAL DISPLAYS
CELEBRATE HERITAGE, FAITH & ATHLETICS

1ST SPANISH IMMERSION COHORT ELIGIBLE
FOR CALVIN UNIVERSITY DUAL ENROLLMENT

2025 AP GOLD SCHOOL HONOR ROLL
DISTINCTION, AMONG 7% NATIONALLY

BOYS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: INAUGURAL
SEASON, STATE QUARTERFINALISTS

2026 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC
EDUCATION AWARD, THIRD YEAR RUNNING

33 NEW SEAL OF BILITERACY AWARDS, TOTAL
SINCE 2018 = 173

STUDENT LEARNING & SERVICE TRIPS TO FL,
D.C., MI & THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

CLASSES OF '26 AND '27 TOOK 192 AP EXAMS
WITH AN 86.98% PASS RATE

96% OF SENIOR CLASS ADVANCING TO
HIGHER EDUCATION

FIRST-EVER RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
HOSTED AT OCS



SPIRITUAL LIFE

John 13:34–35: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

At Oakland Christian, spiritual growth isn't confined to Bible class or chapel—it is woven into every part of the student experience. During the 2025–26 school year, our Spiritual Life theme, *We Care Deeply*, challenged our community to put faith into action through compassion, kindness, service, and authentic relationships. Through chapel, classrooms, athletics, and Foundational Learning Experiences (FLEx), students served at Oakland Hope, shared meals with their community, visited senior citizens, collected data for a food pantry, wrote letters of encouragement, created books for a deaf and hard-of-hearing preschool program, hosted a Red Cross blood drive and much more. **“Care Deeply” reminded us that faith is meant to be lived.**

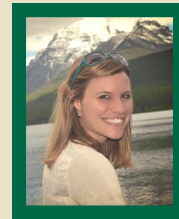


AT OCS WE **PUT FAITH FIRST**

WALL OF FAITH RECIPIENTS

The OCS Wall of Faith honors Oakland Christian School graduates whose lives have reflected a sustained commitment to Christ through **at least ten years of dedicated Christian service, leadership, and spiritual impact.**

During the 2025–2026 school year, we were honored to recognize two especially deserving recipients, Jenna (Kuntzman) Cole, Class of 2005 and Michael Elliott Jr., Class of 2001.



WINTER SERVE DAY

OCS students, families, and staff came together for a Winter Serve Day with the **WAVE Project**, serving local families through food, hygiene donations, games, and fellowship. Our community showed what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus, generously giving their time, resources, and energy to serve others.



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As we leave Oakland Christian and step into the next chapter of our lives, may the greatest legacy we strive to leave not be one of achievements or recognition, but one of faith and sharing the love of Christ with the world around us.

Alexa Daulton, Salutatorian

YEAR IN REVIEW

FIRST HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME



This year marked a historic milestone for Oakland Christian as we hosted our first-ever Homecoming football game on our own campus. For the first time, our students, families, alumni, and supporters gathered together on campus to celebrate this special tradition and cheer on the Lancers. To make the night even more memorable, the Lancers capped off the celebration with a Homecoming victory on their home field. It was a landmark moment in our school's history and one that will be remembered for years to come.



REFLECTIONS FROM OUR FAMILIES

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The teachers are caring and attentive, and the facilities are excellent, providing a safe and inspiring environment for learning. We truly appreciate the school's commitment to both academic growth and personal development.

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OCS does an incredible job with both facilitating the learning experience for the children and providing a faith-centered space for them to learn and grow in Christ. I thoroughly enjoy being a part of the OCS community and I'm confident that the friends my children make, the education they are receiving, and most importantly the spiritual growth they experience on a daily basis will encourage and empower them as they grow in their lives and their faith.

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Our son is truly receiving an amazing Christ-centered education this school year. He is learning so much and growing in his leadership skills. His confidence has increased dramatically after just two short months. I cannot say enough good things about the OCS experience. They truly are equipping students to pursue their unique God-given purpose.



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Varsity Sports

110

New Students

54

Zip Codes Represented

94%

Secondary Extracurricular Involvement



564

JK-12 Students Enrolled



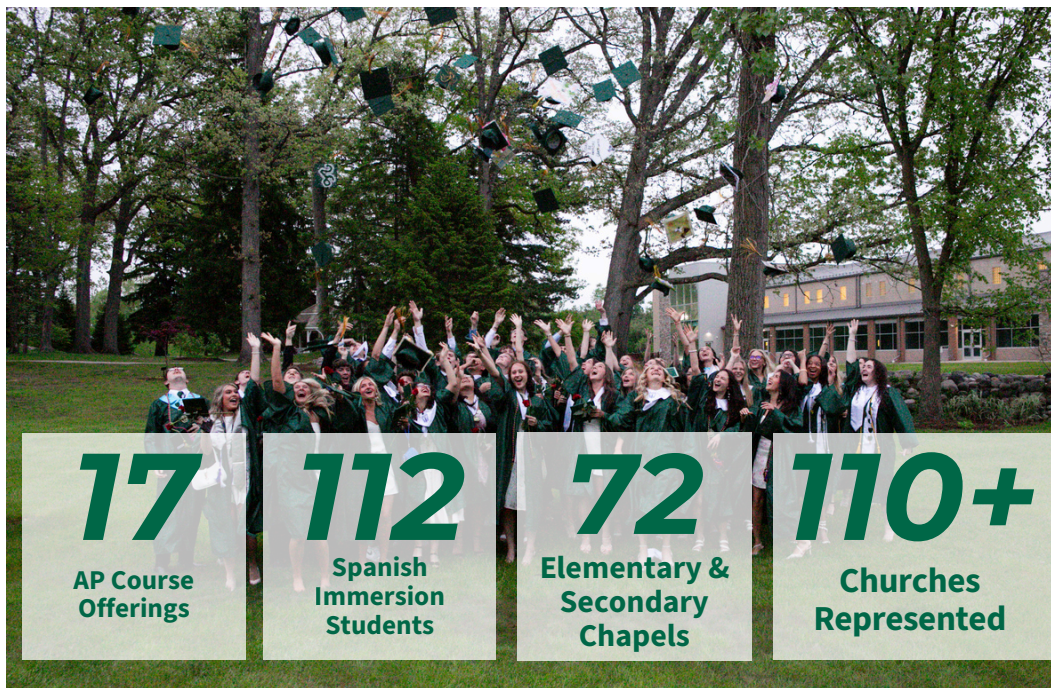
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Elementary FLEx Projects

22

Secondary FLEx Projects

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS



17

AP Course Offerings

112

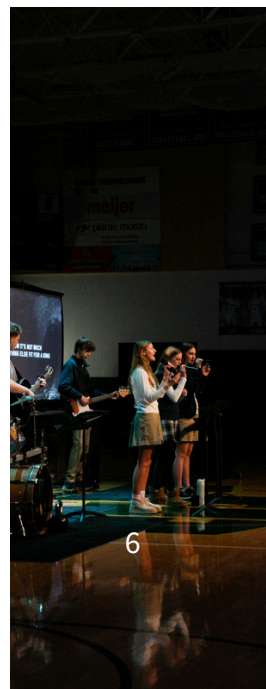
Spanish Immersion Students

72

Elementary & Secondary Chapels

110+

Churches Represented



STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

A SNAPSHOT OF THE PROGRESS WE'RE MAKING TOGETHER.

PROGRAMS

To ensure the excellence of an OCS education, we are continuing to grow best-in-class academic programs, spiritual formation, athletics, extracurricular opportunities and student life experiences that prepare students for college, career, and God's unique calling on their lives.

Academic

- Science Review: Mystery Science adopted as elementary Science curriculum
- Mathematics Curriculum Guide published
- First Spanish Immersion cohort completed AP Spanish and prepared for Calvin dual enrollment
- NAMM Best Communities for Music Education Award, 3rd year running

Spiritual Life

- Service opportunities across all grade levels
- 42 FLEx (Formational Learning Experience) projects connecting learning, faith & service
- Student-led Bible studies in elementary & high school

Athletics

- First ever Homecoming game on campus
- Varsity Boys Volleyball introduced
- 13.5% of graduates competing at the collegiate level

PEOPLE

To equip Christ-centered leaders, we are pursuing initiatives that will develop students, staff, and families to grow in faith, purpose, and community.

- Structured onboarding, mentorship, and professional development for staff
- Developed a Portrait of a Graduate aligned with OCS Core Values
- Earned 2026 MI HEARTSafe School Recognition for safety and preparedness

PLACES

To achieve future growth and impact, we are creating welcoming, functional, and future-ready spaces that reflect our mission and support the needs of a growing school community.

- Joint Board-Administration Task Force for Campus Master Planning
- Completion of front parking area with digital sign, benches at flagpoles, and directional signage
- Upper lobby update and main gym painting
- Digitized Heritage Wall, Wall of Fame & Wall of Faith in upper and lower lobbies
- New floor and padding in MP/elementary gym
- New lockers in the middle school boys locker room

PROVISION

To sustain the mission of OCS for generations to come, we are strengthening our financial model and building a culture of generosity that supports long-term stability and growth.

- \$219K+ raised through the Annual Fund in just our second year
- 58 new families joined the OCS community
- 67 families supported through tuition assistance

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

Our Portrait of a Graduate describes the qualities, character, and competencies we hope every Oakland Christian student develops by the time they graduate, preparing them to live with faith, pursue excellence, embrace lifelong learning, and serve others.



We Put Faith First, cultivating a Christ-centered environment.

An Oakland Christian graduate will:

- Pursue a personal and growing relationship with Jesus Christ that shapes every area of life.
- Seek God's wisdom when making decisions.
- Think, act, and live through the lens of a biblical worldview.



We Aim High, pursuing excellence in everything we do.

An Oakland Christian graduate will:

- Strive for excellence over perfection, as an act of worship to God.
- Take ownership and responsibility for every choice, action, and commitment.
- Lead with integrity, humility, and spiritual discernment.



We Work Hard, growing each day in knowledge and truth.

An Oakland Christian graduate will:

- Continually pursue truth and knowledge through lifelong learning.
- Demonstrate perseverance, discipline, and responsibility, finishing what they start.
- Respond to challenges with purpose, resilience, and a growth mindset.



We Care Deeply, serving God and each other in community.

An Oakland Christian graduate will:

- Serve God and others with humility, empathy, and compassion.
- Communicate with grace, truth, and respect.
- Treat everyone with dignity and love, as all people are image bearers of God.

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2026

96% of Graduates Pursued Higher Education

Adrian College
Asbury University
Baylor University
Cedarville University
Hope College
Kettering University
Lee University
Madonna University
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
Northwood University
Oakland Community College
Oakland University
Rochester Christian University
Samford University
Southeastern University
Taylor University
Temple University
University of Michigan
West Texas A&M University
West Virginia University

AT OCS WE **WORK HARD**

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I hope you remember that failure is an event, not a person. Let each of you be defined by the love and grace of Christ shining through you onto other people. Because at the end of the day, the way we treat people will always matter more than how impressive we seem on paper.

Amelia Gurney, Valedictorian



52

Seniors

172

AP Exams Taken

6

AP Capstone
Diploma
Recipients

7

Athletes Moved on
to the Collegiate
Level

21

National Honor
Society Members

11

National Art
Honor Society
Members

11

Global or MI Seats of
Biliteracy

9

Enrolled
K-12th Grade

46

Achieved Honor
Roll or High Honor
Roll

RECOGNIZING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

AP Gold Status

Oakland Christian School was proud to earn **Gold status** on the **2025 AP School Honor Roll**, placing OCS among the **top 7% of eligible schools** in Michigan to receive this distinction.

AP School Honor Roll Metrics	Bronze Criteria	Silver Criteria	Gold Criteria	Platinum Criteria	Oakland Christian GOLD Your school achieved all Gold criteria!	
College Culture	40%	50%	65%	80%	76% (41/54)	Gold
College Credit	25%	30%	35%	50%	70% (38/54)	Platinum
College Optimization	2%	5%	10%	15%	15% (8/54)	Platinum

AT OCS WE AIM HIGH

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Academic expectations are high in the best way, with lots of support available. I appreciate the spiritual foundation woven into everything. There are many opportunities, from sports, arts, music & language programs, AP Capstone, and the Seal of Biliteracy.
OCS Parent

AP Performance Summary (Multi-Year Comparison)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2020-2026
AP Scores: 1-2	17	27	18	30	32	45	25	194
AP Scores 3+	34	46	86	110	145	162	167	750
Total AP Exams	51	73	104	140	177	207	192	944
Pass Percentage	66.67	63.01	82.69	78.57	81.92	78.26	86.98	79.45

NWEA Student Achievement: OCS Students Are Outpacing National Norms

Elementary (Grades K-5)

86%
scored above national norms in **Math**

83%
scored above national norms in **Reading**

80%
scored above national norms in **Language Usage**

Secondary (Grades 6-11)

84%
scored above national norms in **Math**

83%
scored above national norms in **Reading**

86%
scored above national norms in **Language Usage**

Annual Curriculum Review: Science

Each year, Oakland Christian conducts a schoolwide curriculum review focused on a specific academic subject. In 2025-26, the focus was Science, with curriculum and resources reviewed across grade levels to support alignment, consistency, and student learning. As a result of the review, Mystery Science was adopted as the core elementary Science curriculum.

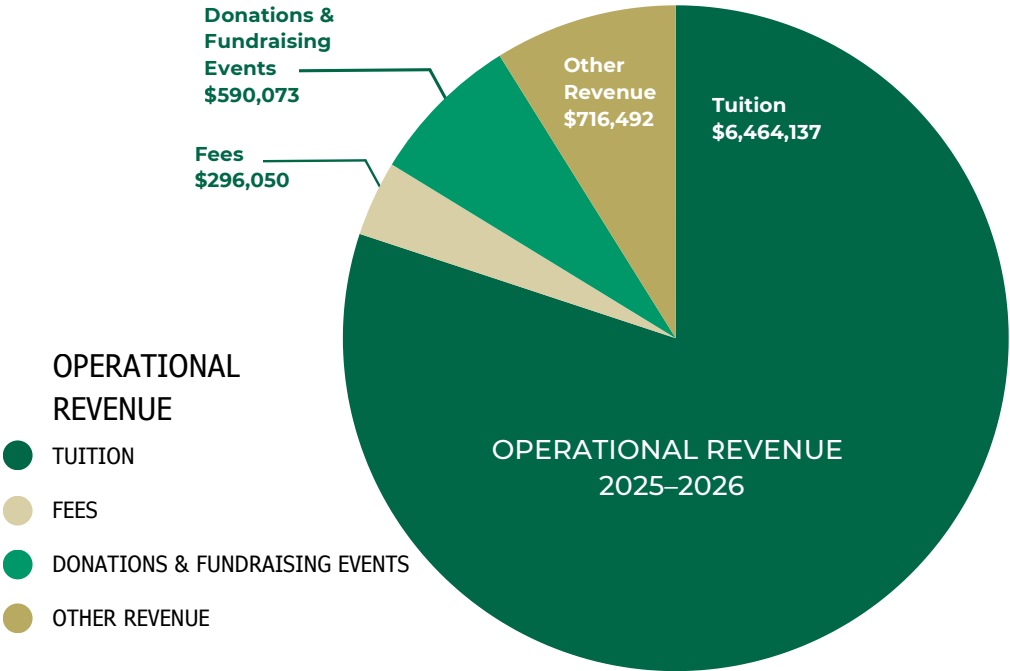
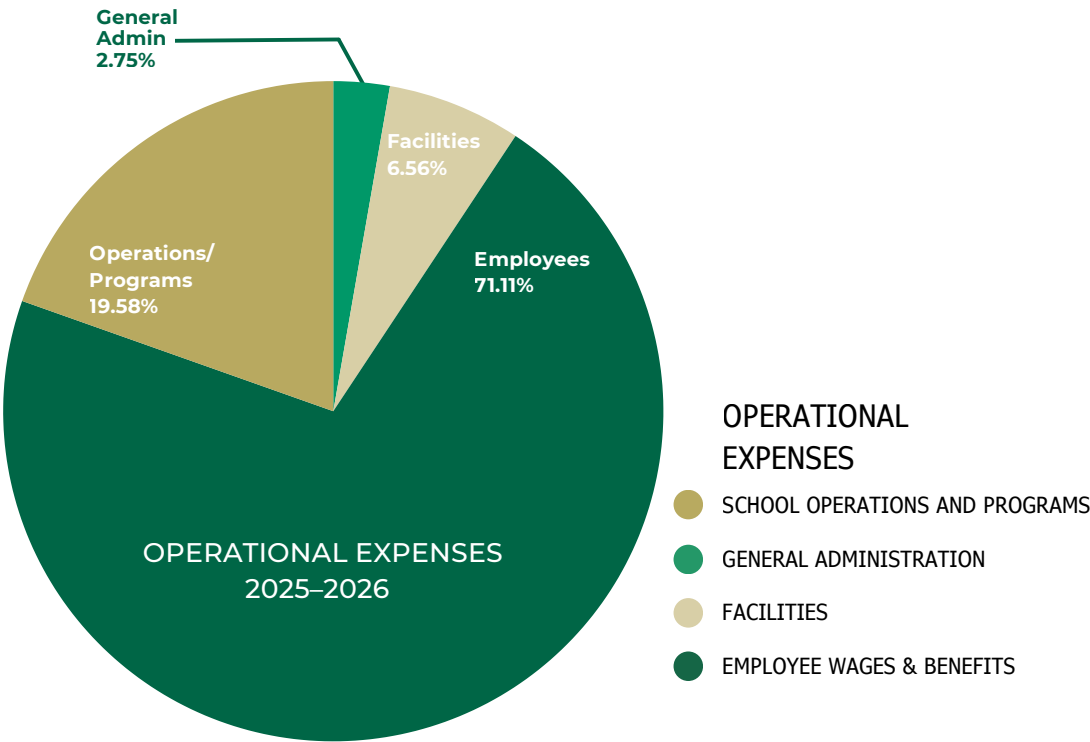
Biliteracy Success

OCS students have earned a combined 173 Michigan and Global Seals of Biliteracy awards since 2018. This year, 10 students achieved Functional Fluency in Spanish, and two students earned the ASL Working Fluency Global Seal, the highest achievement available on the ASL STAMP assessment, earned by fewer than 15% of students who take the test. Additionally, **71% of Elementary Spanish Immersion Students** scored above national norms in Spanish Reading on the NWEA Assessment

“The Seal of Biliteracy recognizes that an individual has attained a certain level of proficiency in two or more languages. A Seal of Biliteracy is typically awarded in the form of a certificate and can be used as a credential to convey an individual’s proficiency in two or more languages.”



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



GIVING FUELS OUR MISSION

\$590,073

TOTAL GIVING IN 2025–26

ANNUAL FUND

Schoolwide Impact

- Faculty & staff support
- Program enhancements
- Student investments
- Nearly \$15,000 raised by students, & staff during Kickoff Week

GOLF OUTING

Athletics

- New spectator golf cart
- New boys' locker room lockers
- First-ever on-campus Homecoming football game
- Launched OCS Boys Varsity Volleyball

LANCERS LIFEBUILDERS CELEBRATION

Our Campus

- MP & Gym improvements
- Digital sign
- Outdoor benches
- Wall wraps & touchscreen digital displays
- Upstairs lobby improvements

RUN TO THE SON FUN RUN

Outdoor Spaces

- Expanding garden for outdoor education
- Sun shade
- New concrete pad



GIVING AT A GLANCE

2025–2026

Number of donors	994*
Annual Fund Donations	\$219,135
Events	\$217,318
Restricted Giving	\$38,579
Other	\$115,041
TOTAL GIVING	\$590,073

*Donor count reflects individual donors rather than number of donations received, as previously reported.

AT OCS WE CARE DEEPLY

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There are going to be things all around us trying to distract us, and trying to make us think that our life will start once we graduate, once we go to college, or once we get a job, but our life has already begun. Start living it by seizing every opportunity and making each day serve its purpose for God.

Madison Randick, 2026 Christian Life Award recipient

GENEROSITY IS MORE THAN GIVING.

It looks like showing up, lending a hand, serving at an event, sharing a skill, or pitching in behind the scenes. Our families gave generously of their time throughout the year.

HERE'S WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE

ON OUR CAMPUS



1

Multipurpose Gym Transformation



1

New Varsity Sport



120

New Lockers Installed



2

Vinyl Wall Wraps

IN OUR PEOPLE



123

Students Received Tuition Assistance



42

Formational Learning Experiences



89

Teachers & staff valued and equipped



564

Students given opportunities to thrive

IN OUR COMMUNITY



**Countless
hours served.**



While an annual report celebrates the story of what has already happened, at Oakland Christian, we believe the most exciting chapters are still being written.

As we continue to put faith first, aim high, work hard, and care deeply, we remain committed to equipping students to pursue their unique, God-given purpose. With a unified mission, a clear vision, and a community that faithfully invests in the next generation, we look ahead with confidence—not because we know exactly what tomorrow holds, but because we know the One who does.

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to see God at work in and through Oakland Christian School.



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