



News Notes

August 21, 2026



Ozark Adventist School



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Lunches: Mon. 24th Sandwiches Tues. 25th Pizza Wed. 26th Vegeburgers Thurs. 27th Hot Dogs

Dates to Remember

Aug. 23 School Picnic 2:00-6:00 PM
in the Valley

Aug. 28 Vision/Hearing Screening

Sept. 7 Labor Day – NO SCHOOL

Principal

Mr. David Mori



Welcome back to school, families and friends! I hope your summer was filled with rest and wonderful memories. I'm truly looking forward to getting to know each of you this year. Our teachers have already been hard at work this week, helping students get back into the school routine. Our theme this year is 'Making Disciples for Christ,' with a special emphasis on John 13:34-35. I am excited to partner with you as we demonstrate the love of Jesus to our community and beyond!

Class Dojo

Our staff will primarily send announcements through an app called Class Dojo. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so soon, as teachers have already been communicating with their families on this app.

We also send out text messages through our OneCall system. You can see announcements/pictures on our ozarkadventistschool.gentry Instagram page, or our Ozark Adventist School Facebook page.



Preschool

Mrs. Joanna Davis

Welcome to the first week of school! I have truly enjoyed meeting all of my new kiddos and getting to know their sweet personalities and learning about the things they like.



This has been a **busy and exciting week** as we learn our classroom routines and expectations. We have been working on:

- **Walking in a line**
- **Rotations**
- **Evaluations**
- **How to clean up**
- **How to follow directions**
- **Learning to work together and be good friends**



There is so much to learn during the first week, and I am so proud of how hard everyone is working! We are learning, growing, and having fun together.

Thank you for trusting me with your precious child. It is a privilege to be part of their preschool journey, and I am looking forward to a wonderful year filled with learning, laughter, love, and lots of fun!

Love,
Ms. Jo



Kindergarten



Mrs. Yossy
Castillo

What a wonderful first week it has been! We are so excited about this new school year and all the adventures ahead. Our kindergarten class is made up of **4 boys and 2 girls**, and we are already becoming a sweet little classroom family. This week, we spent time getting to know one another, learning our classroom routines, practicing our classroom rules, and discovering all the fun things we will be doing together this year. The children did a wonderful job learning how to follow directions, take care of our classroom, and work together.



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1st Grade

Mrs. Bonny Baldridge



First grade is off to a fantastic start! We have had so much fun during our first week of school listening to Bible stories, learning classroom procedures, and getting to know our new friends. We have also been busy growing our math skills through counting collections and sharing our thinking with one another. We are excited for a wonderful year of learning, making memories together, and growing our love for Jesus!

2nd Grade

Mrs. Jamie Short



Our first week is in the books. We spent the days going over our rules and procedures and learning more about each other. The students completed some math assessments to give me an idea of what they can already do. Next week we will begin more into our regular lessons for each subject.

Bible was a favorite this week as we began our Son Seeker Safari. We talked about how we seek after Jesus and how sin separated us from God. However, because Jesus died on the cross, we can now come close to God again.



3rd Grade

Mrs. Judy Cambigue

We have had an **outstanding start to third grade!** This week, we have spent lots of time learning and practicing our classroom routines, and I am so pleased with how quickly the students are catching on. We are already beginning to settle into a great rhythm together! One of our favorite times this week has been **Worship**. We learned a new theme song, *"Did You Ever Talk to God Above?"* I have loved hearing the students sing together and beginning our school days focused on God.

Families, ClassDojo will be my primary way of communicating with you throughout the year. I have already sent and received a few messages this week, and I appreciate you making checking ClassDojo part of your routine. Next Monday, your child's **C.O.W. Folder** will come home for the first time. Inside, you will find our **first spelling list** along with the **weekly reading and math log**.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing together!



4th Grade

Mrs. Brooke Hiebert



Welcome Back! This week has been a lot of learning and practicing procedures and expectations. We have had a lot of fun, though. I've learned these guys are very serious about dodgeball at P.E. I hope everyone has a restful weekend, and I hope to see you at the back-to-school picnic on Sunday!



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5th & 6th Grades Mrs. Tania Miller



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have been getting to know one another and working on classroom rules and procedures while easing into our classwork. The students have been doing an amazing job with this transition!

We have a book report due by the end of September. Please encourage your child to read regularly. Details can be found in the class packet that was sent home on Monday. A reminder will also be posted on our ClassDojo site next week.

Things to Note:

- **Yellow Folders:** Yellow folders are sent home every Friday for communication. Please sign the front of the folder to indicate that you have seen the contents and return it on Monday. There is no need to sign the grade report inside if the front of the folder has already been signed. You may keep your child's grade report.
- **Grade Reports:** Grade reports are sent home weekly in the yellow Friday Folder envelopes unless otherwise stated. There will be no grade reports sent home until next week.

- **Spelling Tests:** Spelling tests are given every Friday, unless otherwise stated. Your child's spelling words for the following week can always be found in their Friday Folder.
- **Bible Memory Verse Tests:** Bible Memory Verse tests are also given every Friday, unless otherwise stated. The memory verse can always be found in our weekly news notes.

Spelling 5th grade words:

latch, aspect, accent, acid, adapt, camera, gram, mass, batch, banana, banner, Atlas, Canada, athlete, Montana, planet, California, panic, cavern, cavity

Spelling 6th grade words:

abdomen, channel, alligator, alfalfa, actual, imagine, galaxy, challenge, calculate, diameter, analysis, ancestor, contaminated, balance, capsule, calcium, brackets, calorie, morale, italics, gallery, captain, calvary, abandoned, shallow

Bible Memory verse:

"But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in Him, you will have a life by the power of his name."

John 20:31

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we begin this school year. We are off to a wonderful start!

---Blessings, Mrs. Miller

7th & 8th Grades Mrs. Hayli Enochs



What a Wonderful Start!

We have had a **wonderful start to the new school year in 7th and 8th grade!** We've been busy getting our baseline assessments out of the way and have officially begun digging into **math**. We've also discovered that we have some **very talented writers** in our classroom! I'm excited to see how our students continue to grow throughout the year.



Don't Forget to Sign Up!

Please remember to sign up for **STEAM and Basketball!** We're looking forward to a fun year filled with opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and get involved.



8th Grade News

8th grade parents: Please keep in mind that our **8th grade class trip is coming up at the end of September!** I'll be sending more information soon. Be watching **ClassDojo** for an upcoming message with information about our **8th Grade Parent Meeting** and **8th Grade Meeting**. Thank you for helping us get the school year off to such a great start! I'm looking forward to a wonderful year with our 7th and 8th graders!



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LIBRARY

Mrs. Crystal Beierle



HELLO BOOK READERS!
We are off to a good start.

A few reminders:

A book is ALWAYS due 7 days after it was checked out. If it was checked out on a Monday, it is due the following Monday, or sooner if it is finished. Students cannot check out a new book until they return the current book. Only 1st to 8th graders can check out books. It is important to return books on time. When a book is overdue for more than two days, a notice to pay for missing books will be sent home. Either the book or money needs to be returned the following day with the notice.

Prizes are given each Thursday during their library time. (No prizes this week)

Prizes are given for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 300, and 400 points. Once a student receives their prize, their points do not disappear. They keep accruing until the end of the year.

Students may read books from home or their local library to take tests on if they follow the Seventh-day Adventist standards. Not all books have tests for them. We use the Renaissance Accelerated Reader Program for testing.

Thank you, Mrs. Crystal

OAS HOME & SCHOOL



Welcome back, Ozark Adventist School students and staff! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for an exciting new school year!

Home & School is already busy planning **lots of fun events and special activities** to bring our school family together throughout the year. We can't wait to make new memories, share plenty of laughter, and enjoy all the wonderful things this school year has in store!

As we begin this new year, we pray that God will guide each of us, bless our classrooms and friendships, and help our school continue to be a place where we **learn, grow, serve, and shine His light.**

"Let all that you do be done in love."

1 Corinthians 16:14

Here's to a school year filled with **faith, friendship, learning, and FUN!** We are so happy to have you back and can't wait to see what God has in store for Ozark Adventist School this year!

*Our first upcoming event will be our **Back-to-School Picnic** this Sunday, August 23, from 2 to 6 PM. We will have food, water, activities, and fun! Come celebrate the beginning of our new school year together! Hope to see you all there!



With love,
Your Home & School Team



OAS SPORTS

Basketball starts Tuesday September 1st!

Boys practice 3:30-5:00 Tuesday & Thursday in the OAA gym.

Girls practice 5:15-6:45 Tuesday & Thursday in the OAA gym.

More information on gymnastics is coming soon!

If there's anyone interested in volunteering to run a soccer clinic this fall, please reach out to Heather King at 479-228-3500.

OAS STEAM TEAM

Our OAS STEAM CLUB (Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Mathematics) for grades 5-8 will start soon! If you are interested in having your child join, applications are in the office. Applications are due by Tuesday, August 25. The application has all the information you need.

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC!

LET'S KICK OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR TOGETHER!

COME CELEBRATE THE START OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

OZARK ADVENTIST SCHOOL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 | **2:00 PM - 6:00 PM** | **GENTRY SDA PAVILION**

FOOD | **DRINKS** | **DESSERTS**

*Come hungry and ready for an afternoon filled with food, fellowship, and **FUN!***

WATER TOYS | **WATER SLIDES**

BRING YOUR FAMILY, INVITE A FRIEND, AND COME READY TO HAVE A GREAT TIME!

SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!

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