Welcome

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New Family Orientation 2023-2024

The story of Oakbrook

Rosemary Moore founded The Village School in 1992 based on the work of English educator Charlotte Mason, who established village schools in England at the turn of the century. Mason's academic emphasis was to put children in touch with nature and classics in literature, art, and music and to instill in them a love of learning that will last a lifetime.

Miss Charlotte Mason

The story of Oakbrook

From 18 students in the basement of a church…

Oakbrook
Preparatory School

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1992
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2001

The Village School remained the name used for the preschool through fifth grade, while the middle school adopted the name Oakbrook.

2002

Oakbrook Preparatory School was adopted for all students in grades one through 12 at the main campus, and Oakbrook Preschool was adopted for K-4 through K-5 at the Covenant campus.

2006

Oakbrook Preschool moved from Covenant to the main campus and once again all the students were together on one campus.

Our Mission

Building on a foundation of Christian faith, Oakbrook educates students to be independent and collaborative lifelong learners.

Oakbrook alumni matriculate to top universities, play collegiate sports, and serve in their communities. The core values of **academic excellence, creativity, Christian character, community and cultural diversity** guide Oakbrook Preparatory School's vision to educate and inspire our students to live their Christian faith, discover their gifts, and engage in their communities.

What we believe

[Our Statement of Faith]

The Christian Community of Staff, Teachers, and Leadership Roles

All employees and all those in leadership positions must align with the school's statement of faith.

The Community of Students and Parents:

Oakbrook Preparatory School is a non-denominational and non-covenant school, meaning the school is not affiliated or financially supported by any major denomination, as such Oakbrook Preparatory School is self-governed. Students and parents must acknowledge the statement of faith and accept that the intention of the school is to integrate faith and learning. In addition to a rigorous learning environment, each student will be introduced to and expected to participate in activities that promote an understanding of our statement of faith.

“Children are spirits to be kindled, not vessels to be filled.” *-Charlotte Mason*

From preschool to twelfth grade, Oakbrook students are nurtured in a close-knit community, challenged to develop their God-given gifts, and encouraged to explore their passions in service, academics, athletics, and the arts. We embrace the Charlotte Mason Philosophy of education that provides students with a solid foundation for living out their God-given calling.

Individual	***Connection***	***Atmosphere***	***Learning***	***Balance***

Stay Connected!

Oakbrook Family App

In one easy-to-use app, families can access grades (5th grade and up), calendars, announcements, make payments, order lunches, and MORE!

Available now for download from the App Store and Google Play!

Use login credentials and School Code **OB-SC**.

Communications

Stay Up-to-Date

Keeping you informed and up-to-date on all the latest news, events and happenings around Oakbrook is very important to us. Here are some ways to stay connected:

FACTS/RenWeb ParentsWeb
ParentsWeb is a private and secure parents' portal that will allow you to view academic information specific to their children, while protecting their children's information from others. You can see your child's grades, attendance, homework and conduct, as well as other useful school information.

Oakbrook Master Calendar

Knightly News
The Newsletter of Oakbrook Prep. This communications email will be sent to Oakbrook families every week on Thursday. This publication includes information for all areas and departments of our school. It features thoughts from our Head of School as well as highlighting special events going on at Oakbrook.

Thursday Folders
Folders will be sent home each Thursday for students in grades K3-4th grade. These folders contain teacher newsletters and student work.

Communications, cont.

Stay Up-to-Date

Oakbrook Website

Our school website hosts lots of information to help you, including contact lists, health forms, sports information, etc. UPDATES COMING THIS SUMMER!

Social Media

Social Media is a great way to keep up with special events, announcements and photos.
Oakbrook Facebook Page
Twitter: @oakbrookprep or @OPSknights
Instagram: @oakbrookprep

Parent Text Alerts

Be sure your phone numbers are correct in FACTS and that all parties are signed up to receive text alerts about important events and information related to the school.

Tuition payments must be made in accordance with the current Tuition & Fees schedule that families received with the Student Enrollment Contract. Tuition is due the 1st of each month beginning in July through June. Responsible parties should have received completed an online payment agreement through your existing FACTS/RenWeb Parent Portal when you completed the Enrollment Packet..

If you need to make special arrangements, have questions regarding your payment plan, or have billing inquiries please contact our Business Manager Amberly Deloach .

Here are some of the benefits you will see when using FACTS for your tuition payment plan:

- **Payment Schedule:** You may choose the 1st or 15th of each month as your payment date. A payment schedule will be generated for your records.
- **Payment Details:** You will enter the primary financial account for payments. Payments can be made from a checking or savings account or from a variety of credit cards. If you sign up for an automatic draft there is no set up fee. If you wish to make manual monthly payments there will be a one-time $100 set up fee.
    - Bank Account options (automatic draft from checking/savings)* - NO FEE.
    - Credit/Debit Card (automatic draft)* - No set-up fee/2.85% surcharge fee.
    - Monthly Manual Payments - annual $100 set up fee plus 2.85% monthly surcharge if a credit/debit card is used.
    - *If you have questions about cash, check, or 529 payments please contact Amberly Deloach..*
- **Convenience & Security:** Along with multiple payment plan options, your payments are processed securely through a bank to bank transaction.
- **Consumer Account:** You may check your personal account or make payments online from the convenience of your home or office anytime. Payment methods include ACH, checks and debit/credit cards. Families can pay online, over the phone, by mail, or with auto-debit.
- **Consumer Dashboard:** You will have access to more information regarding your tuition and incidental charges.

School Uniforms & Dress Code

Please visit **Oakbrook 101** for more information on Uniform Guidelines and Dress Codes. *Contact Vickie Bolduc (K3-4th grades) or Travis Casey (5th-12th grades) with specific uniform/dress code questions.*

Calendars & Events

- 2023-2024 Attendance Calendar
- Athletic Schedules
- Annual School Events (description of events)

Getting Ready for August

Summer Work & School Supplies

All School Supplies for K3-12th grade as well as Summer Assignments/Reading lists will be available on our website Under Oakbrook 101.

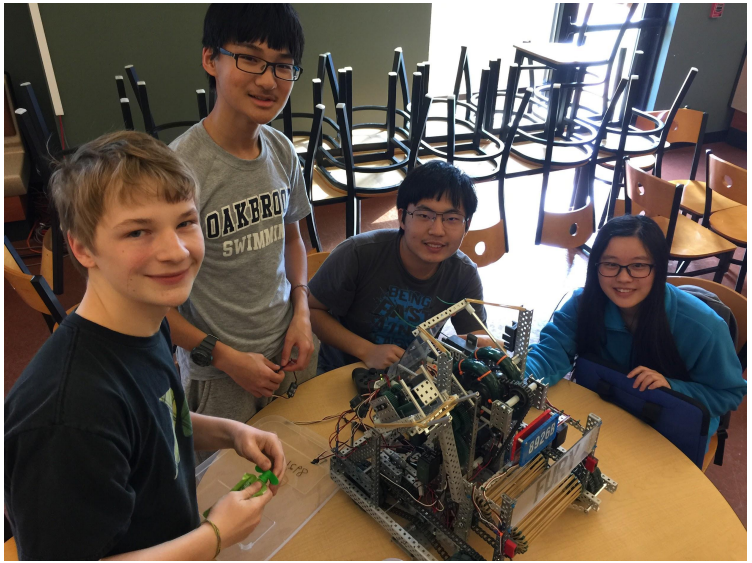
The Parents Club have made School Supply shopping easy! ORDER HERE or use the QR codes below to take advantage of special offers for Oakbrook parents and finish your back-to-school shopping in less than 5 minutes!

Orders must be placed by August 6th and will be delivered by August 10.

Customize your orders as well with Mabel's Labels: campaigns.mabelslabels.com These labels can go on clothes, school supplies, bookbags, etc & are washable!!

Class Schedules & Teachers

Class Schedules and Lower School Teacher placements will be available on RenWeb/FACTS the first week of August.



Middle & Upper School

Course Selection

Middle and Upper School student who have not submitted a course selection card will be contacted soon.

- 5th-8th will choose Electives and World Language
  - *5th Grade will pick from either Studio Art or Graphic Art & PE or Dance. All students will take Chorus as well as Band or Strings for the 5th grade arts survey.*
  - *6th-8th grade will select from all available elective options.*

- 9th-12th grade - If you would like to set up a Google Meet to discuss Upper School courses, please contact Alicia Womick.

What do we need?

Technology

K-5th graders will have access to school owned iPad's and Chromebooks that can be checked out by teachers.

5th-8th Grade will need a personal Chromebook with a minimum of 4GB of RAM and 10GB of free (internal) storage space.

Click here for the Middle School Technology Update.

9th grade-12th grade are strongly encouraged to bring a Chromebook or laptop daily. Recommended devices are Chromebooks, Microsoft Surface (3rd generation or above) or Macs. Kindles, Nooks, and phones are NOT recommended.

Laptops must also have an up-to-date antivirus program that is configured to routinely protect the system. (By their nature, Chromebooks are exempt from the antivirus requirements.)

GET Involved

Parents Club is a group of parent volunteers working to support the OPS family, with specific focus on the teachers. As an Oakbrook Parent, you are already a member of Parents Club and can attend general meetings, which will take place throughout the year. The Parents Club is led by the Executive Officers and Committee Chairs. If you are interested in participating in Parents Club, we welcome you with open arms! Whether you are interested in serving on the Board or just want to be a member of our volunteer team, please contact the Parents Club.

Be sure and read our monthly newsletter The Parents Club Post for opportunities to get involved at Oakbrook Prep as well as special events happening on campus to support our teachers.

More opportunities for involvement

O Club
The O Club promotes excellence in athletics by working closely with and assisting our school's Athletic Director, coaches, athletic teams, and physical education program. For more information, please contact Coach Clowney.

Gala Committee
Oakbrook parents plan and coordinate the Spring Gala, which raises money for school-wide programs. For more information, please contact Kyle Boyles.

Spring Musical
Oakbrook parents are encouraged to assist with sets, costumes, and logistic coordination for our annual Spring Musical. For more information, please contact Dawn Rollins.

Carpool Instructions

Grades K3-12

Arrival - Carpool & Early Bird

- ALL students in K3-grade 2 will be dropped off at the Primary Building. If dropped off between 7:45 and 8:00, students will wait in Early Bird until time to go to class. There will be a staggered dismissal from Early Bird beginning at 7:45 with 3rd grade and ending at 8:00 with K3. NO students should be dropped off before 7:30.
- ALL students in grades 3-8 will be dropped off at the Gym Building. NO students should be dropped off before 7:30 a.m. ALL students who arrive before 7:45 a.m. will go directly to Early Bird in the Gym. At 7:45, all students will report to their first class of the day.
- ALL students in grades 9-12 will be dropped off at the Main Building. NO students should be dropped off or arrive before 7:30 a.m. Student drivers will park in the Main Building lot (seniors only) and upper portion of the Primary lot. ALL students arriving between 7:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. will go directly to Early Bird in the gym until time for class. Student drivers should remain in their cars until 7:45 a.m. At 7:45 a.m. Upper School students will go directly to their first class of the day.
- Students in grades K3-2nd who arrive on campus after 8:15 a.m. as well as those in 3-12th who arrive tardy should report to the Main Office to sign in.

Dismissal - Carpool and Knight Shift

- K3-grade 2 - Primary Building
- Grades 3-4 - Main Building
- Grades 5-8 - Gym Building
- Grades 9-12 - Main Building

All students (K3-grade 12) who are not in a sports practice and are on campus 15 minutes beyond their scho :
Shift and will be invoiced.

Oakbrook Athletics

Interested in joining an Oakbrook Knights Fall athletic team?
Need more information on Fall Sports Physicals? Want to join the O Club (our Athletic Booster Club)?

Contact Athletic Director Coach Joshua Clowney with questions.

Oakbrook Snacks & Lunch

Parents and students (with login access) who wish to order lunch from one of our daily vendors/caterers should place their order before 8 a.m. each day.

K3-3rd grades eat lunch in their classrooms. 4th-12th will eat in the student commons or other designated areas. There are vending machines on campus for middle and upper school students. These items may be purchased and kept in the lunch areas.

Students may bring lunch from home. ALL SCHOOL DAY SNACKS MUST BE PROVIDED BY PARENTS. Students who stay for Knight Shift will be provided a snack as part of the cost.

HOW TO ORDER LUNCH (via Oakbrook Family app):

- Open the app
- Click on "Lunch"
- Click on Create Web Order button
- Click “Collapsible”
- A Lunch Order Menu will appear for each individual student in the family (i.e.: Lunch Ordering for John)
- Select Menu Choices for each student listed (labeled at the top of the menu) by clicking in QTY Box (Do Not press your Enter button) and recording the number of menu items for each day
- Scroll down for next student listed (labeled at the top of the menu) and select menu items
- Once all orders have been selected - scroll down to bottom of page for Grand Total and click on Order Items button
- Lunch charges will appear on your monthly invoice

If you have any issues with your FACTS/RenWeb account, please contact the school or email Beverly Long.

Contact Us

Contact Us:
(864) 587-2060
Main Office Front Desk
Mrs. Renee Kimbrell
Early Dismissal, student messages, etc.

[Click here for complete contact information for Administration & Staff.]

K3-K4
8:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Bunch
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

K5
8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

1st-3rd grade
8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

4th-12th grade
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Knight Shift (K3-8th grade)
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Spirit Store

Get Your Knights Gear

The Oakbrook Spirit Store will be open during Orientation as well as Wednesday mornings during the school year.

Male Upper School students can purchase an Oakbrook necktie or bow tie for Official Uniform days.

There are also many unique gifts available!

Oakbrook Parents Club T-Shirts
Parents Club will be sending out more information soon on how to order t-shirts

Questions?