

# EQUIPPING STUDENTS TO WALK WITH JESUS AND IMPACT THE WORLD FOR HIM

Okinawa Christian School International

## HEAD OF SCHOOL WELCOME

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We are excited to provide a rigorous, college-preparatory, Christian education for families from Japan and overseas right here in Okinawa. Our mission to *equip students to walk with Jesus and impact the world for Him* is woven into everything we do. Through an American-based, English curriculum with weekly chapel services, a designated week of service, and a caring community of learners, we provide our students with opportunities each day to pursue our EAGLES: to Excel in Academics, Grow as Learners, and be Equipped to Serve.

As a fully accredited international school, OCSI graduates are able to go on to enroll in top universities around the world, carrying with them the legacy of OCSI wherever they go. Our spacious campus with an amazing ocean view, coupled with richly resourced learning environments – including integrated technology – provide our students every opportunity to achieve academic success in nurturing surroundings. Our students time and time again tell us how much they love coming to OCSI each day!

The key to any school is its staff and OCSI is honored to have a diverse, highly qualified team of native English speaking, certified educators and support staff from all over the globe who offer dynamic learning opportunities and a rich assortment of extra-curricular activities. Our teachers work very hard to ensure they are meeting the individual needs of students while still supporting their socio-emotional success. We know that students who feel safe, cared for, and loved will be ready to learn and tackle new challenges.

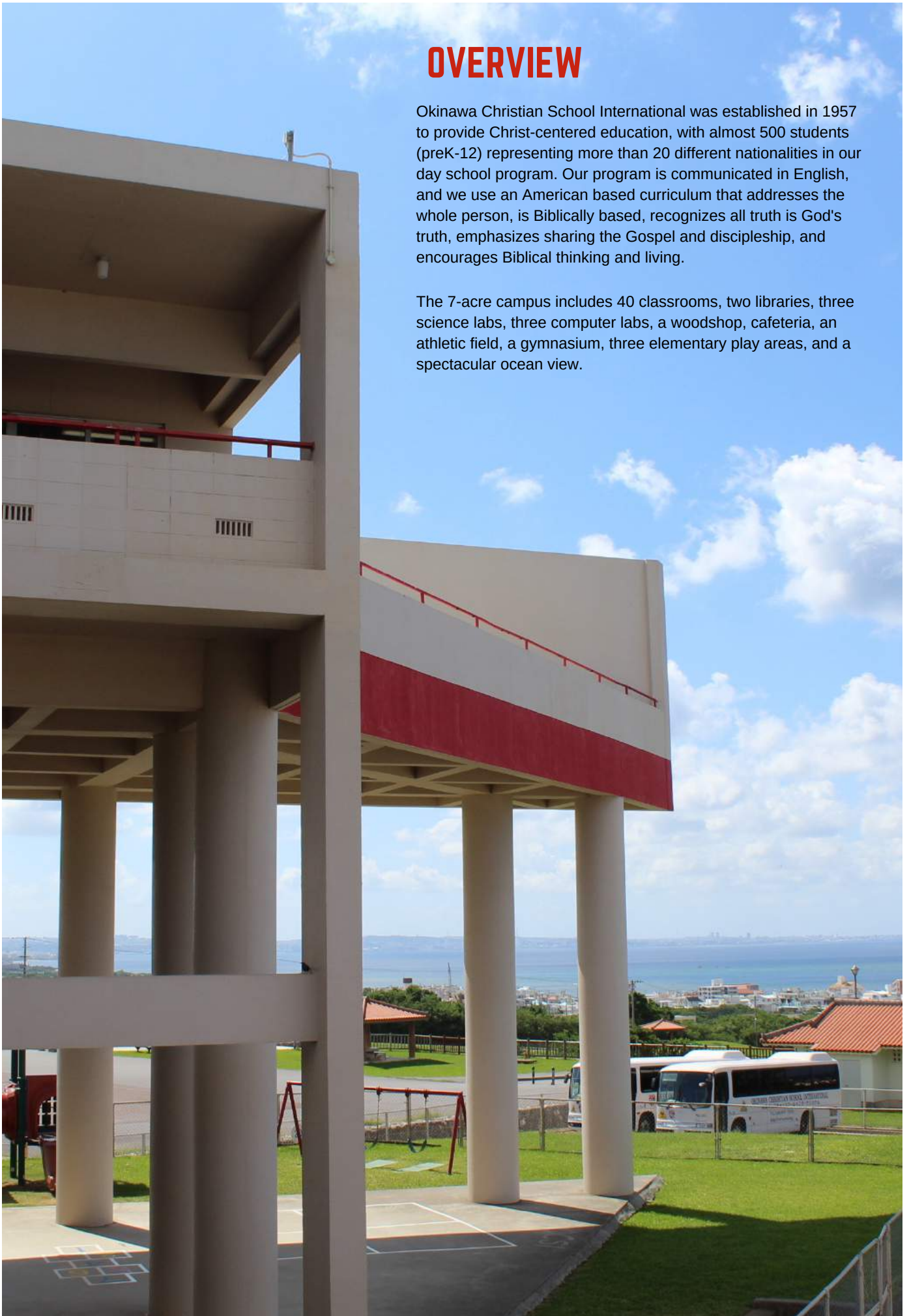
Thank you for taking the time to learn more about OCSI. Please feel free to stop by for a campus tour when you can, we would love to get to know your family more and to see if we are a good match for your family's education goals.



## OVERVIEW

Okinawa Christian School International was established in 1957 to provide Christ-centered education, with almost 500 students (preK-12) representing more than 20 different nationalities in our day school program. Our program is communicated in English, and we use an American based curriculum that addresses the whole person, is Biblically based, recognizes all truth is God's truth, emphasizes sharing the Gospel and discipleship, and encourages Biblical thinking and living.

The 7-acre campus includes 40 classrooms, two libraries, three science labs, three computer labs, a woodshop, cafeteria, an athletic field, a gymnasium, three elementary play areas, and a spectacular ocean view.



# PRE-KINDERGARTEN

EXCEL GROW SERVE



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our Pre-Kindergarten program is designed for **three and four year old** children and is the ideal setting to develop the foundational skills in core academic areas such as literacy, Bible, math, social studies, and science. There is also a focus on other essential areas such as art, music, social and emotional skills, and health and wellness. In addition, students participate in our music program and physical education classes.

We use a Project Based Learning approach that promotes academic and social skills. Students engage in daily literacy to strengthen their fine motor and handwriting skills, reinforce that words have meaning, and develop their oral language skills. They engage daily with learning centers that are designed to deepen their understanding of the various themed units, and they work and play cooperatively with others in a multi-age environment to help them become more confident in speaking and bringing their ideas to life.

## EXPLORATION UNITS

- Going to School
- Caring for Animals
- Celebrations & Holidays
- Our Community
- Growing Plants
- Our Five Senses

## LEARNING TRIPS & EVENTS

- Sweet Potato Digging
- Christmas Program & Party
- Classroom Observation
- Family Kite Making Day
- Week of Reading
- Spring Concert
- End-of-the-Year Family Picnic

# KINDERGARTEN

EXCEL GROW SERVE



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Kindergarten class is designed for students who are five years old prior to the start of the school year. This class provides a supportive and encouraging setting to develop foundational skills in core academic areas such as reading, writing, Bible, math, social studies, and science. Children also benefit from specialty classes in art, music, physical education, chapel, computer technology, library time, and weekly lessons in social emotional skills as well.

## LEARNING TRIPS & EVENTS

- Sports/Field Day
- Nursing Home Visit
- Christmas Music Program
- Book Character Parade
- Kid City (Community Simulation)
- Zoo & Science Museum Visit
- Fire Station Visit
- Sweet Potato Digging

## CURRICULUM

- **Reading:** Daily 5 Literacy Framework, CAFE (Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expand Vocabulary) reading strategies, and Units of Phonics
- **Writing:** Writer's Workshop units in narrative writing, how-to instructional books, opinion writing, and letter writing
- **Math:** Counting, addition, subtraction, place value, bar graphs, pictographs, measurement, and 2D & 3D shapes using US Common Core aligned math resources
- **Science:** Materials & Motion, Our Environment, Plants & Animals, and Protecting Our Environment
- **Social Studies:** Families, Communities, Careers, and Money
- **Bible:** "The Bible is God's Word To Me"; Old and New Testament overview

# 1ST GRADE

EXCEL GROW SERVE



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 1st grade class is designed for students who are six years old prior to the start of the school year. This class provides a supportive and encouraging setting to grow in essential skills in core academic areas such as reading, writing, Bible, math, social studies, and science. Children also benefit from specialty classes in art, music, physical education, computer technology, library time, chapel, and weekly lessons in social emotional skills as well.

## LEARNING TRIPS & EVENTS

- Outdoor Learning Trip (Dam)
- Harvest Day Celebrations
- Christmas Music Program
- Book Character Parade
- Kid City (Community Simulation)
- Zoo & Science Museum Visit
- Field/Sports Day

## CURRICULUM

- **Reading:** Daily 5 Literacy Framework, CAFE (Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expand Vocabulary) reading strategies, and Units of Phonics
- **Writing:** Writer's Workshop units in small moment narrative writing, teaching books, chapter book creation, book review writing, and realistic fiction
- **Math:** Two-digit Addition and subtraction, place value, bar graphs, pictographs, measurement, telling time, and 2D/3D shapes using US Common Core aligned math resources
- **Science:** Sound, Light, and Plants & Animals
- **Social Studies:** Communities, Careers, and Money
- **Bible:** "Reading God's Word Helps Me Grow"; Old and New Testament overview

# 2ND GRADE

EXCEL GROW SERVE



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 2nd grade class is designed for students who are seven years old prior to the start of the school year. This class provides a supportive and encouraging setting to develop essential academic skills in core areas such as reading, writing, Bible, math, social studies, and science. Children also benefit from specialty classes in art, music, physical education, computer technology, library time, chapel, and weekly lessons in social emotional skills as well. Japanese language and English support classes are also available to students several times a week.

## LEARNING TRIPS & EVENTS

- Outdoor Learning Trip (Dam)
- Harvest Day Celebrations
- Christmas Music Program
- Book Character Parade
- Kid City (Community Simulation)
- Zoo & Science Museum Visit
- Field/Sports Day
- Aquarium or Butterfly House

## CURRICULUM

- **Reading:** Daily 5 Literacy Framework, CAFE (Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expand Vocabulary) reading strategies, and Units of Phonics
- **Writing:** Writer's Workshop units in noticing an author's craft, writing as scientists, letter writing, book nominations, and poetry
- **Math:** Three-digit Addition and subtraction, place value, bar graphs, line graphs, measurement, telling time, and 2D/3D shapes using US Common Core aligned math resources
- **Science:** Solids & Liquids, Habitats & Biomes, Plant & Animal Growth
- **Social Studies:** Communities, Culture, Geography, Careers & Money
- **Bible:** "God's Word Can Change Me"; Old and New Testament overview

# 3RD GRADE

EXCEL GROW SERVE



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 3rd grade class is designed for students who are eight years old prior to the start of the school year. This class provides a collaborative and challenging setting to develop essential academic skills in core areas such as reading, writing, Bible, math, social studies, and science. Children also benefit from specialty classes in art, music, physical education, computer technology, library time, chapel, and weekly lessons in social emotional skills as well. Japanese language and English support classes are also available to students several times a week.

## LEARNING TRIPS & EVENTS

- Okinawa Culture Learning Trip
- Harvest Day Celebrations
- Christmas Music Program
- Culture Fair
- Book Fair
- Field/Sports Day

## CURRICULUM

- **Reading:** Daily 5 Literacy Framework, CAFE (Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expand Vocabulary) reading strategies
- **Writing:** Writer's Workshop units in storytelling, organizing information, persuasive speeches, and fairy tale creation
- **Math:** Four-digit Addition and subtraction, rounding, fractions, estimating mass and volume, measurement, and finding area and perimeter using US Common Core aligned math resources
- **Science:** Water & Climate, Motion & Matter, and Structures of Life
- **Social Studies:** World Geography, Roman Empire, Vikings, Age of Exploration, and Colonial America
- **Bible:** "Jesus' Life Can Teach Me"; New Testament overview

# 4TH GRADE

EXCEL GROW SERVE



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 4th grade class is designed for students who are nine years old prior to the start of the school year. This class provides a collaborative and challenging setting to refine essential academic skills in core areas such as reading, writing, Bible, math, social studies, and science. Children also benefit from specialty classes in art, music, physical education, computer technology, library time, chapel, and weekly lessons in social emotional skills as well. Japanese language and English support classes are also available to students several times a week. In addition, each student receives a Chromebook as part of our 1:1 laptop program.

## LEARNING TRIPS & EVENTS

- Okinawa History Learning Trip
- Elementary Camp (two nights)
- Harvest Day Celebrations
- Christmas Music Program
- Culture Fair
- Author's Tea
- Field/Sports Day

## CURRICULUM

- **Reading:** Daily 5 Literacy Framework, CAFE (Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expand Vocabulary) reading strategies
- **Writing:** Writer's Workshop units in narrative stories, writing to learn, essay writing, persuasive writing, and informational texts
- **Math:** Multiplication/Division, order of operations, comparing fractions, angle measurement, & conversions using US Common Core aligned math resources
- **Science:** Electricity, Magnets, Energy, Soil, Rocks, Landforms, & Environments
- **Social Studies:** Maps, Medieval Europe, Medieval Africa, & Medieval China, American Revolution, History of Okinawa
- **Bible:** "Studying the Bible Can Transform Me"; overview of God, the Bible, and the early Christian Church



# 5TH GRADE

EXCEL GROW SERVE



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 5th grade class is designed for students who are ten years old prior to the start of the school year. This class provides a collaborative and challenging setting to prepare students for middle school in the areas of reading, writing, Bible, math, social studies, and science. Children also benefit from specialty classes in art, music, physical education, computer technology, library time, chapel, and weekly lessons in social emotional skills as well. Japanese language and English support classes are also available to students several times a week. In addition, each student receives a Chromebook as part of our 1:1 laptop program.

## LEARNING TRIPS & EVENTS

- Ice Skating Experience
- Elementary Camp (two nights)
- Harvest Day Celebrations
- Christmas Music Program
- Culture Fair
- Maker's Faire
- Field/Sports Day
- 5th Grade Trip (Kansai)

## CURRICULUM

- **Reading:** Daily 5 Literacy Framework, CAFE (Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expand Vocabulary) reading strategies
- **Writing:** Writer's Workshop units in memoirs, research reports, persuasive writing, & personal narratives
- **Math:** Multiplication/Division, prime factorization, decimals and fractions, and measure/convert mass and volume using US Common Core aligned math resources
- **Science:** Earth, Sun, Mixtures & Solutions, and Living Systems
- **Social Studies:** Ancient Mesoamerica, Native North Americans, Renaissance, Reformation, Feudal England & Japan
- **Bible:** "God Can Help Me Make Wise Choices"; Old Testament overview.

