



OKINAWA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL



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HEAD OF SCHOOL

Megan Roe

Welcome

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, service opportunities, 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.



PRE-KINDERGARTEN

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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.

We use a Theme Based Learning approach that promotes academic and social skills. Students engage in literacy daily 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.

THEME UNITS

- I'm Me! I'm Special!
- All Around My Community
- It's Harvest Time!
- The Sky Above Me
- Animal All Around
- I'm Healthy! I'm Safe!
- Get Moving!
- The earth Around Me
- Creepy Crawly Critters

LEARNING TRIPS & EVENTS

- Sweet Potato Digging
- Christmas Concert & Party
- Classroom Observation
- Family Kite Making Day
- Week of Reading
- Spring Concert
- Elementary Field Day+ 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
- Zoo Visit
- Fire Station Visit
- Sweet Potato Digging
- Family Park 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 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

- Harvest Day Celebrations
- Christmas Music Program
- Book Character Parade
- Kid City (Community Simulation)
- 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



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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 Nature Learning Trip
- 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 Chromebook program.

LEARNING TRIPS & EVENTS

- Okinawa History Learning Trip
- Elementary Camp (two nights)
- 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 Chromebook program.

LEARNING TRIPS & EVENTS

- Ice Skating Experience
- Elementary Camp (two nights)
- 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6TH-8TH GRADE)

EXCEL GROW SERVE



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The OCSI middle school program is designed for students in grades 6 through 8. The program provides a collaborative and challenging curriculum with exciting projects and hands-on learning experiences. Core classes include English, Social Studies, Science, Math and Bible. Elective courses include Physical Education, Japanese, Digital Tools, Music, Art, Woodshop, and English Literacy Support (as needed). In addition, each student receives a Chromebook as part of our 1:1 Chromebook program and attends a weekly chapel service.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Middle School Camp (2 nights)
- Cross Country and Track and Field (from 7th grade)
- Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, and Cheerleading (from 8th grade)
- Club opportunities: NJHS, Service, Soccer, Japanese
- 8th Grade Trip to Ishigaki Island
- Thanksgiving Banquet
- Performing Arts Concert
- Japanese Speech Contest
- Historical Field Trip

CORE CURRICULUM

- **English 6, 7, and 8:** Active reading, Literary Analysis, Writing fiction & non-fiction, and Research Essays
- **Math 6, 7, Pre-Algebra, & Algebra:** All students take Math 6 and students may proceed directly to pre-algebra or take an additional Math 7 course to prepare for Algebra.
- **Science:** Earth Science (6); Life Science (7); Physical Science (8)
- **Social Studies:** World History Survey (6); World Geography (7); American History Survey (8)
- **Bible:** Old & New Testament (6); Biblical Principles (7); New Testament Survey (8)

HIGH SCHOOL (9TH- 12TH GRADE)

EXCEL GROW SERVE



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The OCSI high school program is designed for students in grades 9 through 12. The program provides a college preparatory curriculum that is both collaborative and challenging culminating in a variety of AP course offerings. Core classes include English, Social Studies, Science, Math and Bible. Elective courses include Physical Education, Japanese, Digital Tools, Music, Art, and Woodshop. In addition, each student receives a Chromebook as part of our 1:1 Chromebook program and attends a weekly chapel service.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- High School Camp (2 nights)
- 12th Grade Trip to Taiwan
- Junior/Senior Banquet, Athletic Banquet
- Performing Arts Concerts (Christmas & Spring)
- **Athletic opportunities:** Cross Country, Track and Field, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Cheerleading
- **Club opportunities:** National Honors Society, Service, Student Council, Japanese, and more.
- **Advanced Placement Class:** English Literature and Composition, English Language and Composition, Comparative Government, Biology, US History, Calculus, Computer Science, Art History, and Japanese.

CURRICULUM

- **English:** English 9, English 10 (World Literature), English 10 Honors (World Literature), English 11 (American Literature), AP English Language and Composition, English 12 (British Literature), AP English Literature and Composition
- **Math:** Algebra 1, Geometry, Honors Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, Business Math
- **Science:** Biology, AP Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Marine Biology
- **Social Studies:** World History I and II, US History, AP US History, Economics, Government, AP Comparative Government
- **Bible:** Bible 9 (New Testament Survey), Bible 10 (Old Testament Survey), Bible 11 (Apologetics), Bible 12 (Life Application)
- **Technology:** AP Computer Science, Digital Media Design, Computer Applications
- **Elective Courses:** Performing Arts, Art I and II, Woodshop I and II, Japanese 1-6, Physical Education, Health, Weight Training, Personal Fitness, and AP Art History.
- **Online Courses:** Additional courses available online through SevenStar Academy.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION

Graduates (2015-2021) attend college or university at the following schools:

In the United States

- Abilene Christian University
- Azusa Pacific University
- Barnard College Columbia University
- Bellevue University
- Berklee College of Music
- Bethel University
- Biola University
- Boston University
- Baylor University
- California State University
- Embry-Riddle University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Lipscomb University
- Liberty University
- Lee University
- Northeastern University
- Nova Southeastern University Florida
- Pennsylvania State University
- Rhode Island School of Design
- San Francisco State University
- San Jose State University
- Seattle Pacific University
- Stony Brook University
- Texas Tech University
- The Evergreen State University
- University of Arizona
- University of California Davis
- University of California San Diego
- University of California Santa Cruz
- University of Georgia
- University of Hawaii
- University of Maryland Global Campus
- University of North Dakota
- University of Oklahoma
- University of San Francisco
- University of the Sciences
- University of Tampa
- University of Texas at Dallas
- University of Washington
- Walsh University
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University
- Whitman College

In Japan

- Hosei University
- iCLA Yamanashi Gakuin University
- International Christian University
- Keio University
- Meiji University
- Meiji Gakuin University
- Okinawa International University
- Osaka University
- Rikkyo University
- Ritsumeikan University
- Sophia University
- Tokyo International University
- University of Tsukuba
- University of Nagoya
- Waseda University

In other Countries

- Chinese Culture University (Taiwan)
- De La Salle University (Philippines)
- Fudan University (China)
- Jacob University (Germany)
- Monash University (Australia)
- Queensland University of Technology (Australia)
- SciencesPo (France)
- Sogang University (Korea)
- University of Leeds (United Kingdom)
- University of Oxford (United Kingdom)
- University of Tartu (Estonia)
- University of Technology (Australia)
- University of Victoria (Canada)
- York State University (Canada)
- Yonsei University (Korea)



The background of the page is a photograph of a modern school building. The building features a prominent red and white color scheme. It has a multi-level structure with large, white, cylindrical columns supporting a flat roof. A red horizontal band runs across the middle of the building. In the foreground, there is a paved area with some markings. Beyond the building, a green lawn is visible, followed by a fence and a white bus. In the distance, a coastal town and the ocean are visible under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

OVERVIEW

Okinawa Christian School International was established in 1957 to provide Christ-centered education, with more than 550 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.

ACCREDITATION & AFFILIATIONS

- Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC)
- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)



CURRICULUM AT OCSI

Learning begins in pre-kindergarten with a project-based curriculum where children are encouraged to develop their curiosity, creative play, and communication skills. At the elementary level, the literacy program follows the Daily 5 and Writer's workshop approach, while the math program uses a challenging American based curriculum.

At the secondary levels, OCSI offers a Western-style, college preparatory curriculum culminating in Advanced Placement (AP) offerings in statistic History, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Japanese, and more.



JAPANESE GOVERNMENT STATUS

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic year has 180 instructional days and is divided into two semester (August-January, January- June)

ATHLETICS *Secondary Students only

OCSI's athletic programs offer an opportunity for students to compete with local, international, and base schools with a level of character, intensity, enthusiasm, integrity, and sportsmanship that is worthy and pleasing to God.

Fall: Cross Country, Volleyball

Winter: Basketball, Cheerleading

Spring: Soccer, Track and Field

OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY OUR STUDENTS

21

Countries

FACULTY AND STAFF

Current faculty and staff are from Australia, Canada, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, and USA. Out of the teaching staff, 50% have advanced degrees.

VISIT US!



To schedule a campus tour, scan the QR code and make a reservation!



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