



OUR MISSION

WHAT WAKES US UP IN THE MORNING.
OUR DAILY CALLING.

“Oklahoma Christian Academy is a Kingdom Prep school that cultivates students’ unique gifts and stories toward deeper love of God and neighbor.”

“Kingdom Prep” – OCA aspires to be more than college prep, more than career prep, and even more than *life* prep. Our intent is to prepare students holistically for an eternal outlook and eternal pursuits. This mentality frees us to empower students to succeed across multiple post-secondary pathways, even as it motivates us to pursue every path with a sense of holy purpose and excellence.

“cultivates” – We honor God as our students’ grand designer. We cannot claim credit for the special personalities, gifts, and callings that reside on our campus. But we do take responsibility to partner with our families and churches to nurture and develop the seeds that God planted.

“unique gifts” – We believe that everyone is born with purpose and with seeds of talent. We want our students to understand their giftedness, to see how their gifts can serve their neighbors, and to deploy their gifts to make our world brighter.

“unique stories” – Even as we stretch and flex our God-given talents, it’s easy to imagine that, with billions of people around, our role in the Kingdom is inconsequential. *“Lots of people can do what I do,”* we might say... so we want our Eagles to recognize another powerful distinction: *their stories*. God redeems and uses our experiences (good and bad) and He entrusts each of us with a specific journey. There is no one else chosen and no one else better to walk in your shoes but *you*.

“toward deeper love of God and neighbor” – Learning is directional. Every student learns and grows *toward* something. There is no more critical direction for us to learn than toward active, agape love. Jesus Christ told us as much in Matthew 22: *“‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”* In following suit with our Savior, **all that we teach, all that we pursue, and all that we are at OCA must also hang on these two commandments.**



OUR VISION

WHERE OUR DAILY CALLING TAKES US. OUR CHARTED PATH.

“To be a “City on a Hill” (Matthew 5:14), an ever-brightening light in our community and a model school for DEEP Kingdom love, exploration, risk-taking, and celebration.”

“City on a Hill” – We teach toward love individually, so we will **model love institutionally**. We will be a landmark of hopeful Kingdom culture on 9th Street. As we move forward, our aspiration is not to hide or withhold what we have, but to magnify the goodness we experience at OCA out into our communities. This means we invite others into OCA and we get out into our community to serve. We want our neighbors to say Edmond is a brighter place to live because OCA is here.

“an ever-brightening light” – We measure light, and not power. We will grow in enrollment, land, resources, community image, accolades, and influence—but we will grow only in ways that make our community brighter. If “growth” on any front would weaken our witness or our ability to affect Kingdom change in our community, then we will choose to advance our mission in other ways.

“a model school” – Kingdom Prep school is what we do. We are proud of our cultural and curricular DNA, and we will be so effective in owning who we are that our work will be consistently recognized as relevant and impactful in academic and spiritual dialogue.



OUR DEEP VALUES

WHO WE ARE AS WE DO IT ALL. OUR CULTURAL DNA.

We champion a DEEP culture because we are not satisfied with shallow thinking, shallow relationships, or shallow purpose. We believe that deep faith and deep bonds can hold us through any season and any storm—and we know that God's love, His mysteries, His grace, and His joy run deep in our lives and throughout the world we share.

DEEP culture calls the Eagles into four areas of action:

LOVE

Eagles love first, last, and always. No exceptions.
Matthew 22:39; Ephesians 3:17-19; Philippians 2:3

***How this guides decision-making:** Is this decision rooted in God's divine love (agape)? Does it equip us to love people better?*

EXPLORE

Eagles are explorers. We stay faithful and we stay curious. Learning is what we do.
Jeremiah 6:16; Matthew 7:7-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

***How this guides decision-making:** Does this decision help us learn or fuel our curiosity?*

RISK

Ours is a discerning and courageous “why not?” culture. Eagles don't fear failure. Eagles believe in possibilities.
Matthew 16:24-25; Luke 19:11-27

***How this guides decision-making:** Is this decision wisely ambitious? Does it prioritize missional impact over the status quo? Are we working from belief before fear?*

CELEBRATE

God is good. Life is good. Eagles don't just exist. Eagles live.
Psalm 150; Ephesians 2:1-10

***How this guides decision-making:** Will this decision fuel joy, hope, and celebration in our Creator and our community?*