

## School Theme Focuses on Making Disciples for Life



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"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

> Holy Scripture Matthew 28: 18-20 ESV

Every year we implement a school theme that we use to anchor our focus together with other Lutheran schools nationwide. This year's theme is *Making Disciples for Life*. Historically and presently, Lutheran schools are integral to *Making Disciples for Life through* the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. Your school is an amazing incubator for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ and through teachers and students alike. Throughout this upcoming school year, the emphasis will be placed on how we are called us to make disciples for His kingdom. Your student will be learn how to make

disciples for life through student worship and classroom studies. Your family can also carry this focus into your daily lives by caring for others, service to your school and community, and by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people in your everyday lives.

## Messer Joins OSCA as Teacher Administrator

After teaching in the public school for 26 years and moon-lighting as an adjunct professor at MCC Maple Woods for the past 22 years, Lowell Messer is now an OSCA Knight! "I was excited to join OSCA as a teacher, and that was something I hoped would work out for the past several years as I finished my public school career", stated Messer, "However being an administrator was not something that was really on my radar until Superintendent Pappert approached me with the possibility." Messer will still find himself in the classroom teaching middle and high school English, religion, and at least one elective, while focusing on campus facilities, A+ programs, and the Missouri Scholars Program. "I am most looking forward to the ability to talk with kids about Jesus. In public school, I always had to allow my life walk to be my witness while trying to help students find the answers to their problems. Not having to guard my witness inside the walls of the school is something I am definitely looking forward to."



Thank you for beginning a good work in our daughter by providing a nurturing Christian environment to grow her faith, work ethic, and knowledge. Based on the firm foundation she received from OSCA, she is now prepared to move onto the next chapter at Concordia University, Seward this fall.

Did you know we will be publishing an OSCA alumni quarterly newsletter starting in September? All alumni need to check their emails for our first installation of The Alumni News. This newsletter is all about youour amazing alumni.

## New Classrooms at Smithville

The Smithville campus will look a little different when school starts on August 23. New flexible classrooms are being built on the first floor to accommodate an additional 30-40 students. "Through the provision of these classrooms, we are able to provide additional learning opportunities for even more students," stated Superintendent Pappert. This project marks the first phase of the master plan Our Savior Lutheran Church and school have been working on since January 2022.