



2024-2025 School Year

# SOUTH OLIVE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A school that partners with families  
to provide an affordable,  
Christ-centered education.

## PARENT GUIDE

Tuition, School Policies, Calendar, & More



[sochristian.org](http://sochristian.org)

# WELCOME<sub>To</sub> South Olive Christian School

We live in a challenging and uncertain 21st Century. South Olive Christian School partners with families to raise up the next generation of fearless Kingdom builders. For over 70 years, SOCS families have believed access to a Christ-centered education that fosters a love for Jesus Christ should be accessible to ALL regardless of economic means.

Our goal is to raise up Christian young adults who are able to go into the world with a heart for God, a mind trained in discernment, and an unchanging standard by which to live. The relationship that children have with their Lord and Savior is developed and strengthened at home and in the classroom.

We welcome you to South Olive Christian School and look forward to a fruitful 2024-25 school year,

Dr. Scott Vanderberg  
Administrator



# School Info

## CONNECT



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## SCHOOL TIMES



**K-8 Hours**

**Morning Bell: 8:25 am**

**Afternoon Bell: 3:25 pm**

**Pre-Kindergarten 4/Young 5 Hours**

**AM: 8:35 AM-11:15 AM**

**PM: 11:15 AM-3:15 PM**



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# 24-25 Tuition

	<b>Pre-Kinder 4</b>	<b>Per year cost</b>
<b>Program</b>	<b>Half Day</b>	<b>Full Day</b>
2 Day (Tues and Thurs)	\$1,100	\$1,900
3 Day (Mon, Wed, Fri)	\$1,600	\$3,000
Afternoon Extension	This "a la carte" program allows families to extend the Preschool experience creating a fuller day in a fun relaxed manner.	1-2 Afternoons \$400-\$800
	<b>Young 5's</b>	
<b>Program</b>	<b>Half Day</b>	<b>Full Day</b>
3 Day ( Mon, Wed, Fri)	N/A	\$3,000
5 Day (Mon-Fri)	\$1,600	\$5,000
Afternoon Extension	This "a la carte" program allows families to extend the Preschool experience creating a fuller day in a fun relaxed manner.	1- 4 Afternoons \$400-\$1,500
	<b>Kindergarten</b>	
<b>Program</b>	<b>Days and Times</b>	<b>Cost</b>
3 Step Transitional	Varied	\$4,500
5 Day Transitional	Mon-Fri	\$5,500
	<b>1st-8th Grade</b>	
<b># of Students</b>		<b>Cost</b>
1 Student		\$5,500
2 Students		\$9,000
3 Students		\$12,000
4 Students		\$13,000

Tuition amounts and information are available at [sochristian.org](http://sochristian.org)

# Affordable

At South Olive Christian School

South Olive Christian School partners with families to raise up the next generation of fearless Kingdom builders. For over 70 years, SOCS families have believed access to a Christ-centered education that fosters a love for Jesus Christ should be affordable regardless.

## Grant Program



Watch Video:  
*Applying for a Grant:*  
*What to Expect*

### How does the SOCS Grant Program Work?

If SOCS standard tuition is too high, try our grant program.

Your tuition could be 2-14% of your gross income.

Grants are available for K-8th grade students.

### How do we apply for a Grant?

The application process is discreet through our FACTS system.

Apply TODAY! [sochristian.org/affordable-for-all](http://sochristian.org/affordable-for-all)

### Do we need to apply each year?

Yes, you will need to apply each year you desire a grant tuition



# SOCS Team

Every member of the SOCS team believes your child was uniquely and wonderfully created by God. The teachers, aides, administrative team and Board of Directors are all here to serve your student and family so we can build up the kingdom for Christ.



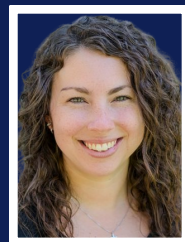
Mrs. Becca Till  
Young 5's/Preschool



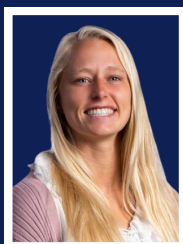
Mrs. Emily Kohl  
Kindergarten



Ms. Kelsey DeWitt  
1st Grade/Reading  
Intervention



Ms. Kaylee Tonneberger  
2nd Grade



Mrs. Celine Modert  
3rd Grade



Mrs. Jill Vanderberg  
4th Grade



Mrs. Tammy Klaver  
5th Grade



Mrs. Becky Blank  
MS ELA



Mrs. Jaime Essenburg  
MS Math



Mrs. Amanda Miles  
MS Science





Dr. Scott Vanderberg  
Adminstrator



Mrs. Deanne DeYoung  
Administrative  
Assistant



Mrs. Janet Underwood  
ECC Director



Mrs. Jen Zdrojkowski  
Marketing Coordinator



Mrs. Katlyn Vanderhulst  
Director Donor Relations



Ms. Kendra Jaarsma  
Athletic Director



Mr. Eric Lynema  
IT Director



Mrs. Becky Bakker  
President, Helping Hands



Mrs. Dana Neinhuis  
SOCS Food Service



Mrs. Laura Baird  
SOCS Food Service



Mr. Randy Jones  
Bookkeeper

### Specials, Aides, Coaches and Volunteers

They all play such a significant role in the South Olive Experience. We are grateful for their service to our students and school community.

### Board of Directors

Shawn Diemer  
Ken Koetsier  
Jordan Miedema

Jon Maas  
Dan TenHarmse  
Victoria White

Megan Vanderzwaag

# Family Handbook

The Family Handbook contains everything you need to know about life at South Olive Christian School. Please take time to review the Family Handbook for your benefit and that of your students. Below are a few of the most popular topics. View the complete Family Handbook in the **SOCS App** or at **sochristian.org**



## School Operations

### School Hours

Pre-Kindergarten 4s /Young 5 Half Day: 8:35 am -11:15 am Full Day 8:35am-3:15pm

Kindergarten & Grades 1-8: 8:25 am-3:25 pm

### Absences

We want to create vibrant learning environment for all our students. According to state law, regular school attendance is essential, except in cases of illness. To better understand our policies on excused, unexcused, and tardy instances, please take a moment to review the "Absences" section in the handbook. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

### Lunch & Snacks

Hot lunch is available and requires parents to complete a form for enrollment and meal selection. While children typically bring a "cold" lunch, those receiving Hot Lunch should also pack a snack for their morning recess. If packing lunches is challenging, please inform the staff to ensure your children receive both lunches and snacks.



## Dress Code & Clothing

We want our school to conform to the Christian principles of moderation and appropriateness in attire. Please, check the way students are dressed before they leave the house.

### Acceptable

- Neat slacks and jeans
- Shorts (neat, clean, and modest). Parents will be contacted if students are judged to be inappropriately dressed.
- Shirts (ladies) modest neckline
- The upper body garments must be tucked in or long enough to completely cover the waistband of the pants, regardless of movement.
- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.

### Not Acceptable

- Very short skirts, shorts or dresses
- Bare midriffs or tank tops
- Shirts with open backs or sides. Visible cleavage.
- Undergarments that are visible
- Offensive wording on clothing
- Hats, caps, or sweatshirt hoods are not to be worn in the building without permission.





# School Rules

We are focused on ensuring that the attitudes and actions of our students reflect positive growth in line with Christian values. The following are not acceptable in our school:

- profanity
- vulgarity
- lying
- cheating
- bullying
- fighting and "play" fighting
- activities that are offensive to God and to us as His children.

We teach, model, and expect respect for all persons as image-bearers of God and it is our mission to equip students with wisdom and knowledge to be effective Christ-followers who bring peace and restoration to earth.

## Devices

Personal devices (iPod, phone, tablet, etc.) and items (toys, sports equipment, etc.) are for personal use, and will only be allowed during school hours and events if express permission is given by teachers or administration. \*Refer to the handbook for additional information





# Weapons

Possession of a weapon on campus is taken seriously. This includes items on the student's person, in lockers, in cars, on the parking lot, on buses, or any other place or property owned by the school.

South Olive Christian School does not permit students to be in possession of any weapon, illegal object or substance, or any items commonly used as a weapon, on school property or at school events (sports, special events, etc.). If any student is thought to be or found to be in possession of a weapon, illegal object or substance, the administration must be informed immediately and appropriate action taken.



# Weather

School Closings Due to Inclement Weather:

1. Announcements of closings (snow/tornado events) will be made through the **SOCS APP** and other media channels.
2. If West Ottawa Public School is canceled/delayed due to weather, SOCS will also be cancelled/delayed.
3. School events scheduled on canceled days will also be canceled and rescheduled if possible (ex. sports, concerts, etc.)



Download the App Today in the App Store!



**SOCS  
FOOD  
Services**



Welcome to SOCS Food Services

For 50 years, Pigs-in-the-Blanket has been a cherished fundraising tradition at South Olive Christian School. At SOCS, our commitment is to ensure that Christian education is affordable for ALL. SOCS Food Services pairs this mission with providing convenient, economical, delicious meals for the community that raises vital funds for SOCS.



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## SOCS Auction

Saturday, March 29

The SOCS Auction raises over \$100,000 for South Olive Christian School. This fundraising event is a community tradition that rallies the hearts of hundreds of people each year who come to support Christian education. It takes many hands to make this event a reality. The call for volunteer help comes right after Christmas so be ready!



# Calendar 2024-2025

## SEPTEMBER

2nd: Labor Day (No School, No ECC)  
3rd: First Day of Pk/Young 5's  
3rd-6th: Pk/Young 5's ½ days (8:35-11:15)  
20th: All School Retreat @ Conference Grounds  
21st: Fall Photo Shoot Fundraiser (HH)  
25th: Prayer at the Pole  
27th: Half Day ECC Open  
28th: Fall Mom to Mom sale



## OCTOBER

14th-28th: Little Caesars Fundraiser (HH)  
18th: Walk-a-thon at SOCS  
21st: Picture Day  
24th-25th: CEA/PD Faculty  
(No School, ECC Open Today)  
25th: End 1st Marking Period

## NOVEMBER

1st: Report Cards  
2nd: Craft Show (HH)  
4th-6th: Parent/Teacher Conferences  
11th: Little Caesars Delivery week (HH)  
11th: Dinner fundraiser at BWW  
21st: Pastors Feast (HH)  
26th: Picture Retakes (T/Th Preschool)  
27th-29th: Thanksgiving Break (NO School, ECC OPEN on 27th, CLOSED 28th, 29th)



## DECEMBER

7th: Christmas porch pot and ornament workshop  
12th: Christmas Program @6:30  
19th: Staff Christmas Luncheon  
(½ Day Preschool, ECC ½ Day)  
23rd-1/5: Christmas Break ECC open 12/27, 12/30, 12/31

## JANUARY

6th: School Resumes  
17th: Half Day for Records/ ECC Open End of Semester  
24th: Report Cards  
27th-31st: National School of Choice/ Spirit Week!  
27th-29th: Parent/Teacher Conferences





## FEBRUARY

6th: Parents Night Out (HH)  
7th: New Friends Friday  
7th: Alumni Appreciation Dinner  
13th: Half Day ECC Open  
6th: Parents Night Out (HH)  
14th-18th: Winter Break

## MARCH

7th: New Friends Friday  
11th: SOCS Got Talent @ 6:30  
21st: End of 3rd Mk Period (ECC Open Today)  
28th: Report Cards  
29th: Auction

## APRIL

1st-3rd: Parent/Teacher Conferences-Independently Scheduled  
4th-13th: No School-Spring Break, (ECC OPEN all week)  
14th: School Resumes  
21st-23rd: Kindergarten Testing  
23rd: Administrative Assistants Day  
28th: Society Meeting 7 pm

## MAY

1st: National Day of Prayer  
-National Principals Day  
2nd: VIP Day (HH)  
5th-9th: Staff Appreciation Week (HH)  
8th: Tulip Time Parade (Limited participation, ½ day only for those that participate, (ECC OPEN all week)  
9th: Staff Luncheon (½ Day Preschool) ECC ½ Day  
10th: Mothers day flower bouquet workshop  
12th-23rd: End of Year PT Conferences-Independently Scheduled  
14th: Last Day of PK/Young 5's  
16th: PK/Young 5's Graduation  
21st: Kindergarten Visitation  
22nd: End of Year Picnic 6-8  
26th: Memorial Day ( No School, No ECC,)  
29th: Kindergarten Graduation  
-8th Grade Graduation 6 pm  
30th: Last Day of School ½ Day/Water Fun Day ECC open

## JUNE

6th: Report Cards

## JULY

12TH: Golf Scramble at Crestview



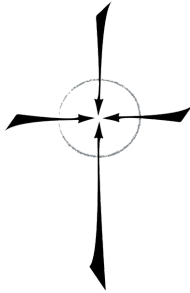
# 2024-2025 School Theme



## RISE UP

ISAIAH 40:31

BUT THE PEOPLE WHO TRUST THE LORD WILL  
BECOME STRONG AGAIN. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO  
RISE UP AS AN EAGLE IN THE SKY. THEY WILL RUN  
WITHOUT NEEDING REST. THEY WILL WALK  
WITHOUT BECOMING TIRED.



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