



# March Break

## FREE SKATING

**March Break  
Friday March 18th**

**2:30pm - 3:30pm  
River Oaks Arena Pad B  
2400 Sixth Line, Oakville**

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## Oakville Christian School launches preschool

Oakville Christian School's mission, "Nurturing Excellence in a Christ-Centred Academic Environment", is now being extended to preschoolers! Oakville Christian School has been offering quality education to students from Junior Kindergarten through to Grade 8 for 28 years.

"We are thrilled to announce this new and exciting addition to our existing program," says Admissions Director Janice Wood. "It will definitely fill a gap within our OCS community – we are seeking to meet more needs of our families and to bring peace of mind to parents as they can drop their children all off in one location and know they are all being well taught and well cared for."

The JK-Grade 8 philosophy of teaching and learning at OCS is based on the school-wide Enrichment Model. The goal is to optimize the quality of scholarship through differentiated learning experiences that take each student's abilities, interests, learning styles and preferred styles of expression into consideration. Through an atmosphere of excellence and creativity, we provide challenging and appropriate educational opportunities for all students, encouraging each to reach their full potential academically, socially, spiritually, and emotionally.

Preschool Director Bronwen Carless explains that throughout the planning of the preschool, she believed it was important to incorporate a teaching and learning philosophy that would merge seamlessly with the rest of the school and Emergent Curriculum does just that.

"We hear a lot about play-based learning lately, and we agree with this theory and are very intentional about the way we deliver that," Ms Carless explains. "We want to observe what children are doing, how they are doing it, and what they are saying as they do it."

She explains that this would enable her as a facilitator to be able to develop curriculum based on the strengths, interests, and talents of those students.

As in all of the other classes at OCS, Christianity will be at the forefront of the preschool classroom. Students will engage in Bible stories, sing related songs and say grace before meals, with an emphasis on developing Christian values and character traits.

Advantages to having a preschool within an existing school go beyond student readiness for Kindergarten. Having the JK and SK classroom right across the hall provide multi-age interaction as well as informal mentoring, which is encouraged amongst OCS students already. It is also evident that life-long, meaningful friendships are more readily formed when students begin the educational journey at a younger age.

The OCS Preschool accepts students from ages two to four years old with full-day, morning, or afternoon options. Hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an available after-school program. Tours can be booked anytime by calling (905) 825-1247 or by emailing [ocsadmissions@ocsonline.org](mailto:ocsadmissions@ocsonline.org).

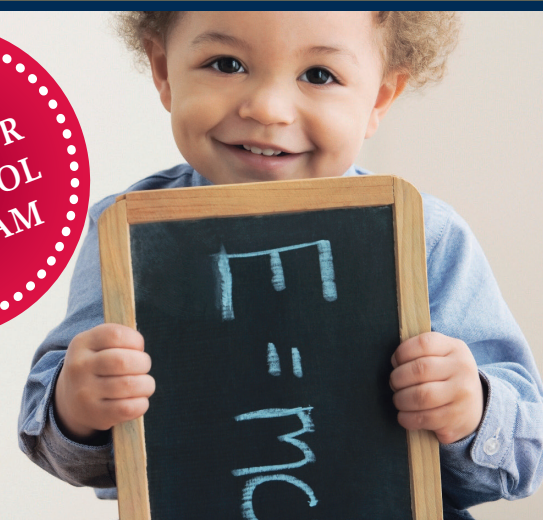
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## Dedicated to Higher Learning

Oakville Christian School is committed to instilling confidence in young lives during their formative years, and cultivating in its students solid Christian character traits and values through a safe, caring, learning environment where every child matters.



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