

Director's Report

December 4, 2025

Receive the children in reverence.
Educate them with love.
Send them forth in freedom.
~ Rudolf Steiner

Charter Renewal

- ✓ 11/13: Renewal petition submitted
- 12/8: Feedback process begins
- 12/16: LAUSD Board meeting with public hearing on OCS petition
- 1/26: LAUSD Board posting for 2/10 meeting that will include written recommendation from the Charter Schools Division on OCS' renewal petition
- 2/10: LAUSD Board meeting and vote to take action on the OCS charter renewal petition

Educational Program

OCS' Ongoing Commitment to Public Waldorf Education:

WECAN Regional Gathering: OCS hosted the regional gathering of the Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America on Saturday, Dec. 15th. The OCS early childhood team (teachers and assistants) and directors attended the day where the 100-year history of early childhood in Waldorf Education was celebrated, good practices for parent work were shared, terrific books for early childhood educators were offered, and a sense of community among this dedicated group was fostered. Heike Adamsberger and Anjum Mir hosted the event that included representatives from AWSNA and WISC in addition to early childhood educators from the greater Southern California area.

Alliance of Public Waldorf Education Conference – January 2026

[Alliance Info Here](#) – early bird registration extended to Dec. 5th

The annual Alliance Conference is reconvening in Los Angeles at OCS this year in January over the MLK weekend. The theme of storytelling, central to Waldorf Education, will weave the various conference elements together, from workshops to keynotes. Board members are encouraged to attend the governance workshops or the whole conference.

Keeping Parents Informed:

All class teachers hosted Fall Parent/Teacher conferences the week prior to Thanksgiving break. These conferences offer parents and teachers a unique opportunity to sit together to review each child's academic, social/emotional, artistic, physical and behavioral progress. Conference reports and report cards (grades 6th – 8th) were sent out prior to conferences so parents have both data and narrative comments about their child from class teachers that they can discuss during the meeting, along with insights and questions from parents.

Teacher Observations and Evaluations:

Informal observations of class teachers have been ongoing since school began in August with more frequent visits with new or newer teachers. Formal observations of class teachers are now underway and will be completed by the end of January. Informal and formal observations of specialty and intervention teachers are 95% complete and will be 100% complete prior to the winter break.

Formal observations involve teachers submitting a lesson plan and responses to self-reflection questions prior to the lesson. After the formal observation, teachers give written feedback on the lesson and meet to discuss the lesson and any other areas to identify areas of strength and areas for growth.

Operations

LAUSD Annual Oversight Visit: Friday, February 6, 2026

LAUSD Charter Schools Division (CSD) representatives Kristi Maar and Andrea Ines will be visiting OCS on Feb. 6th for the annual oversight visit. They will be evaluating OCS' performance in four areas: Governance; Student Achievement and Educational Performance; Organizational Management, Programs and Operations; and Fiscal Operations. The administrative team has already begun assembling the many documents for the digital binders related to these areas and looks forward to hosting the team again this year.

Community Events:

Winter Festivities: Parent volunteers, teachers, and staff are gearing up for the many winter festivities coming up, including Lantern Walks, Winter Faire, Candle Dipping, and Winter Spirals. These festivals connect us to the seasons as a community and help us work with the natural rhythms both within and around us.