



Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and K - 12 Education

Academics, Faith and Service



TESTIMONIALS

What brought you to Oak Grove?

"The teachers, small class size, small school community, kind staff, and God-centered education."

"The teacher-to-student ratio is wonderful and provides many opportunities for our child to get one-on-one time with the teacher throughout the day."

"When we saw how children from older grade levels treated the younger kids and guided them, as well as the environment of the school and the faculty, we knew we would enroll our children from K-12."

What keeps you at Oak Grove?

"The spiritual growth, the respect and love taught towards classmates and teachers and the academic growth."

"My child loves to go to school. Watching her continue to grow mentally, spiritually, and socially has been an amazing journey."

"A strong culture regarding a commitment to the school's mission permeates all aspects of the school. (The) feeling of community and family was deeply ingrained throughout the culture and the operations of the school. Parents spoke passionately about the experiences their children have, especially when it comes to faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Some parents were brought to tears as they described the joy they feel when they hear their children talking about faith, service, helping others, and what it means to be a Christian. Parents spoke of how paying tuition and other sacrifices made are all worth it when they see these things instilled in their children."

- excerpt from the 2022 School Accreditation Engagement Review Report (Cognia)

MEET TIMBER



Meet our school mascot, Timber, the Grover. He's strong, resilient and the most well-known lumberjack in town.

Our Grover mascot was given an official name in 2022 that not only means "wood" but "stronghold", "foundation and progression".

Timber will be the icon for Grovers that continue the century-old tradition of finding their stronghold and foundation in Christ and developing their faith through experiences in academics, athletics, fine arts and organizations that represent Oak Grove.

Go, Grovers!!

OUR MISSION

Oak Grove Lutheran School provides a faith-based, Christian education for students from age 3 through grade 12 on two campuses in Fargo, North Dakota. The school, continuously accredited for 100 years, emphasizes a mission focused on academics, faith, and service.

Oak Grove was founded in 1906 as the Oak Grove Lutheran Ladies Seminary on the site of today's North Campus. Boys joined the student body in 1926. More on the school's history is available at: www.oakgrovelutheran.com.

The high school and middle school, located on the historic North Campus, enroll students in grades 6-12. Faculty teach classes in the humanities, arts, social sciences, mathematics, physical sciences, Christian studies, wellness, languages, and business.



Sunderland Hall, the home to the lunch room and STEM Center on the middle and high school campus



Oak Grove Lutheran Elementary School

The South Campus, located on 32nd Avenue in Fargo, was founded in 2005. It welcomes children in preschool, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1-5.

Enrolling more than 750 students across all grades, Oak Grove limits classroom numbers to ensure individual attention and to maintain student:teacher ratios at around 14:1.



Oak Grove is a school of choice, a school of faith, a school of academic excellence and a school of opportunities. Our timeless mission focuses on student growth, and I invite families to experience that first-hand.

Bob Otterson, Chief Advancement Officer

KJOS EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Oak Grove's South Campus has two connected facilities, The Kjos Early Learning Center and the Oak Grove Elementary School. Oak Grove's South Campus is the ideal environment for educating children from age 3 through grade 5, including two playgrounds, two full-size gymnasiums, and a newly-built music room.

Entering preschool and pre-kindergarten are important steps in the life of your child. Oak Grove offers an outstanding academic experience with a strong grounding in Christian faith, where students are nurtured and encouraged to reach their full potential.

Oak Grove's Kjos Early Learning Center is designed to provide developmental and educational activities specific to your child's individual needs. Our program facilitates each child's learning in all developmental areas including cognitive, social and emotional, physical, language and literacy, and spiritual. As a team, our teachers focus on highly effective instruction and the social-emotional development of your child.

PRESCHOOL AGE 3

Must be 3 years old before August 1 and fully potty trained

Our preschool offers children the opportunity to work in small groups with their teacher as well as independently. Small group learning focuses on developing emerging skills in language, literacy, and mathematics.

The use of structured learning centers develop children's problem solving and decision-making skills. It also fosters peer relationships and social-emotional learning.



PRE-KINDERGARTEN AGES 4 & 5

Must be 4 years old before August 1 and fully potty trained

Our pre-kindergarten curriculum includes intentionally planned activities designed for whole-group, small-group and center-based learning. Pre-kindergarten classes offer increased teacher directed lessons emphasizing academic skills and preparation for kindergarten. Field trips and classroom guests enrich and reinforce instruction by providing hands-on, interactive learning and environmental awareness.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will experience what it means to be part of a thriving school community at Oak Grove Lutheran Elementary School. The educational framework nurtures the whole child and extends beyond the academic arena. Students' experiences allow them to become curious learners and to develop lifelong skills and attitudes of curious learning, service, leadership, and strong self-esteem through a faith-based environment. This is an integral part of our educational philosophy.

Students will be involved in many opportunities, such as project-based lessons, science lab, field trips, literature circles, theatre, choir, art experiences, and more. They will spend time learning the importance of helping people in our local and worldwide communities through service projects and other activities that enrich and engage children.

Reading God's Word together is truly an amazing experience, and our Christian Studies curriculum provides an excellent learning guide. Students will better understand how they are a part of God's plan as they learn and grow together in God's Word.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL QUICK FACTS

- Named the #1 Private School in North Dakota and the Fargo - Moorhead area since 2018 by Niche.com
- The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction classifies Oak Grove as a fully accredited school employing fully licensed faculty
- Standardized test scores are consistently above Fargo - Moorhead area, state, and national averages
- Fully equipped science lab allows project-based learning with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) components for all grades
- Weekly chapel and faith-based experiences in the classroom to support faith formation
- Service-based learning through support of community and global organizations such as Operation Christmas Child, Fill the Dome, Project Ignite Light, Ronald McDonald House, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and Sanford Children's Hospital
- Fine Arts opportunities including vocal music concerts, choir squad and hand chime chorus, theatre productions, and instructor led-art classes
- Various clubs and extracurricular activities
- Sports teams ranging from camps at kindergarten age to school sponsored teams by fifth grade

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Oak Grove's middle and high school students are served at our North Campus. The campus sits amidst a beautiful 5.35 acre park along the Red River and features five major buildings for a small college campus feel.



"Oak Grove students become engaged learners in all ways- art, language, reading, research, writing, science math, physical activity, government, music, and history while developing and living out their faith in our loving, nurturing God."

- Dr. Jean Sando, High School Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 6-8

Our middle school students experience a nurturing environment where it is safe to explore academics, faith, and service, and what those will mean for the rest of their lives. We understand that middle school is not always an easy stage, so we strive to intentionally build relationships and a sense of belonging for all students.

Our teachers provide academic excellence in the classroom through a variety of teaching methods and rigorous coursework. Chapel and Christian Studies classes give students the freedom to learn about Christianity and develop their own personal faith. Students have great opportunities to get involved in extracurricular activities ranging from the arts and athletics to academic contests.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9-12

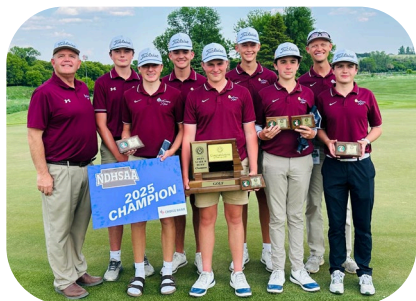
Our high school equips students for lifelong learning and loving service throughout the world. Our teachers build classroom experience to create knowledgeable, capable scholars. In our Christian Studies classes, students learn about the Christian faith, develop a personal faith identity, and solidify a foundation in faith. Service to others is an important part of the Oak Grove experience. Our entire school community works to give back and live out faith through meaningful projects and activities. We offer a multitude of extracurricular activities from which to choose, including a full slate of options in fine arts, athletics, service and leadership clubs, and academic teams.

At Oak Grove, our graduates will move on to the next steps of their lives equipped with not only a solid academic foundation, but with personal integrity, leadership skills, Christian faith, and a servant's heart.



"Being a part of the Oak Grove community is surrounding yourself with people who will lift you up when needed, walk alongside you day to day, and celebrate your milestones."

- Allison Caspers, Middle School Principal



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL QUICK FACTS

- Named the #1 Private School in North Dakota and the Fargo-Moorhead area since 2018 by Niche.com
- Maintaining full accreditation since 1926 and achieving standards of excellence by the State of North Dakota in the domains of Leadership, Learning and Resource Capacity
- Block schedule allows time for a deeper dive into curriculum, project-based learning, and more individualized learning experiences
- Chapels foster a greater sense of community and provide time for reflection and faith development
- Vibrant campus ministry focuses on faith development through retreats, mission trips and ministry nights
- Student leadership and volunteer service nurtured through events and student organizations such as Fill the Dome, Ronald McDonald House, Dorothy Day Pantry, PaY, Student Council, and international and domestic mission trips
- High levels of participation are encouraged! A typical student engages in an average of six extra-curricular opportunities
- Dual credit courses allow students to challenge themselves academically and earn college credits
- Strong tradition of fine arts featuring concerts and touring opportunities
- Thriving theater arts program featuring performance, leadership, and technical opportunities for students in grades 6-12 throughout the year
- Athletic teams with multiple state appearances and titles, as well as numerous individual and team awards at the regional and state levels

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

The international program at Oak Grove is unique to the Fargo-Moorhead market. Oak Grove welcomes students in grades 1-12 from around the globe to grow through education, learn from different cultures, and share experiences that enrich the lives of all students. International students receive academic credit and many attend American universities. Our students gain valuable global connections and insights by building relationships with students from all over the world!



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM QUICK FACTS

- International programming has welcomed students from many countries, including Afghanistan, Brazil, Belgium, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Italy, Japan, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nigeria, South Sudan, Slovakia, and Vietnam to broaden cultural diversity and worldview
- High school international students live with host families during their time in the United States
- International students are intentionally engaged in cultural experiences, community building trips, and fun events throughout the year
- Our international program accepts students on an education visa

"My goal is to enrich the life of each international student by encouraging academic success, building relationships, and growing in cultural awareness. I strive to make each student's experience one they will use to build their future and shape generations to come."

- Kristi Kegel, International Coordinator



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The mission of Oak Grove Lutheran School is to express God's love by nurturing students for academic achievement, lifelong Christian commitment and loving service throughout the world.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to inspire students to impact God's world.

We believe this combination of strong academics, faith formation, and intentional service to others creates an educational experience unique to Oak Grove, where students thrive as we prepare them not only academically, but spiritually and emotionally as well.

OUR SHARED VALUES

Courage and Curiosity: We encourage courageous exploration and development of our God-given gifts, driven by a curiosity to discover and experience broad and unique opportunities, and commit ourselves to life-long learning and growth.

Character: We challenge each other to be people of strong character, well-grounded morally and ethically, and confidently live out God's call to show honesty and integrity in all that we say and do.

Community: We grow as a community that welcomes new people and ideas, supports each other as members of our family, and continually renews our legacy as part of God's unfolding plan.

Relationships: We thrive on personal relationships and strong role models, care for each person as a child of God, and together reflect a spirit of accountability, trust and respect.

Faith and Reason: We embrace the intersection of faith and reason through rigorous pursuit of knowledge and understanding while seeking to know and trust in God's creative power, His revealing word, and His saving grace.

Service and Leadership: We transform ourselves and the world around us by loving and serving our neighbors, showing compassion and empathy to all, and being leaders who imitate Christ in our thoughts, words, and actions.



FAQS

Is Oak Grove accredited? Accreditation assures parents that a school meets comprehensive standards for quality, performance, licensing and achievement. Oak Grove has been accredited continuously since 1926 by Cognia and its predecessor organizations. In fact, no private school in North Dakota or South Dakota has been accredited longer than Oak Grove has, according to Cognia. The current accreditation runs through June 2027.

Is Oak Grove recognized for excellence? Oak Grove has been named the #1 Private School in North Dakota and the Fargo - Moorhead region since 2018 by Niche.com. The recognition is based on scores including academic achievement, on standardized tests year-over-year, post secondary statistics of our graduates, teacher and student retention rates, and reviews, among various other aspects.

Is bussing available? Oak Grove provides a shuttle service between campuses before and after school.

What is the dress code for the campuses? Pre-kindergarten through grade 5 wear uniforms. Grades 6 - 12 adhere to a dress code.

How do test scores at Oak Grove compare to other schools? Oak Grove students score 30% higher in the top categories for Math, Science, and ELA when compared to state performances on standardized tests.

Does Oak Grove offer advanced classes or dual credit opportunities? Dual Credit classes are offered through North Dakota State University, Concordia College, and Valley City State University with over a dozen course options.

What academic programming is offered? Oak Grove serves students from preschool to grade 12 on two campuses in Fargo. Our South Campus, located in south Fargo, serves students age 3 to grade 5. Our North Campus, located in north Fargo along the Red River, serves students in grades 6 - 12.

What is offered for faith development? Students have chapel weekly. Christian studies is taught as an academic class. Students can also take part in Bible studies and mission trips as they are offered.

What service opportunities are offered? An important part of the mission of Oak Grove is to develop not only faith but a heart to serve others. Students at Oak Grove partner with non-profit organizations in different capacities in the local community and around the world, starting in pre-kindergarten and continuing through high school.

What tuition aid is offered? Tuition assistance totaling over \$700,000 is awarded each year to families in kindergarten to grade 12 with nearly one-quarter of the assistance amount awarded in the form of grants and work study. Merit-Based Scholarships are offered to students in grades 6-12 and are awarded annually.

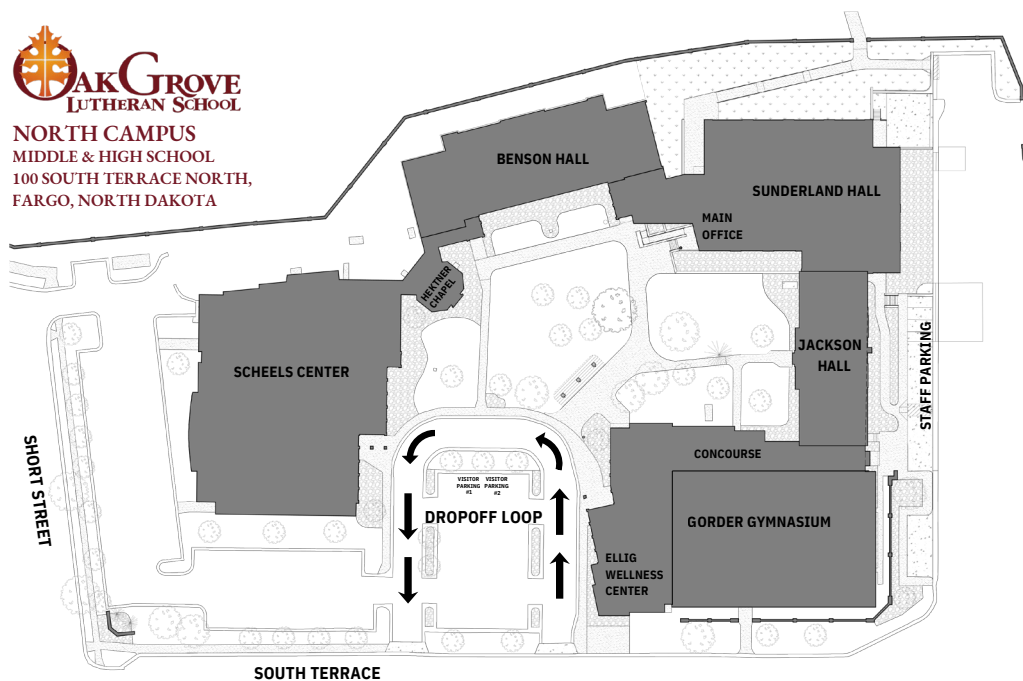
What extracurricular opportunities are offered? Students have more than 25 different sanctioned and club sports to choose from at Oak Grove. In addition to the athletic programs, there are many Fine Arts programs and clubs to choose from. The school's theater program is the only K-12 program in Fargo-Moorhead. The productions engage hundreds of students in four shows each year.

The high school offers choir, which performs multiple concerts throughout the school year. The concert choir completes a spring tour each year. The 6th-12th grade band offers concerts throughout the year, as well. The band tours every other year. The Mock Trial team offers students the chance to develop their effective communication skills. Philanthropy and Youth (PaY) develops the spirit of giving among high school students and offers skill development. Other options include National Honor Society, Robotics/STEM club, foreign language options for both campuses, piano, hand chimes and more.

CAMPUS MAPS



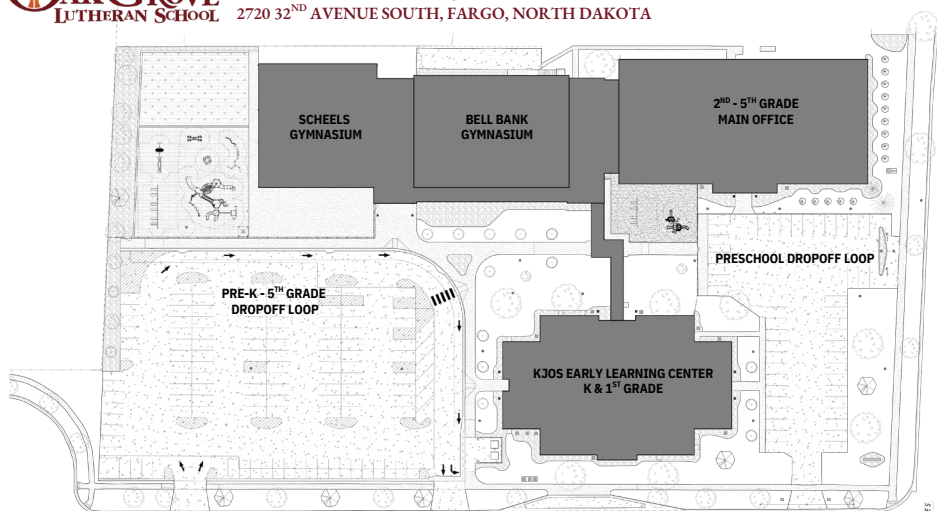
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