



# OPENING CEREMONY

Oakdale Academy's Daily Commencement



# WHY WE PAUSE

Opening ceremony is a tradition at Oakdale Academy and at many classical and classical Christian schools throughout the country. We gather outside as it allows us to build a community, enjoy the beauty of God's creation, and watch the solemnity of the raising of Old Glory to its place atop our flagpole. We have a modified procession to begin the day quietly and set our hearts and minds on greater things.

Each day, Opening Ceremony includes the Pledge of Allegiance, a patriotic song, our Opening Prayer, student recitations, and announcements.

# DAILY TIMELINE

7:40

Administration decides if weather will allow an outside ceremony. Staff in the gym communicate decision to students.

7:50

All students line up as follows:

Grammar School by grade

Logic School by grade

Rhetoric School by House

7:57

Color Guard exits (for outside ceremony), prepares flags, and proceeds to flag pole.

7:58

Faculty, staff, and students process outside.

8:00

Opening Ceremony begins.

Flags raised

Pledge, Song, & Prayer

Student Recitations

Announcements

Dismissal in reflective silence

# WE GATHER IN ORDER, NOT CHAOS

Inside

## WEST GS HALLWAY

Junior Kindergarten

Kindergarten

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 3

Grade 4

Grade 5

House Arc

Grade 6

House Augustine

Grade 7

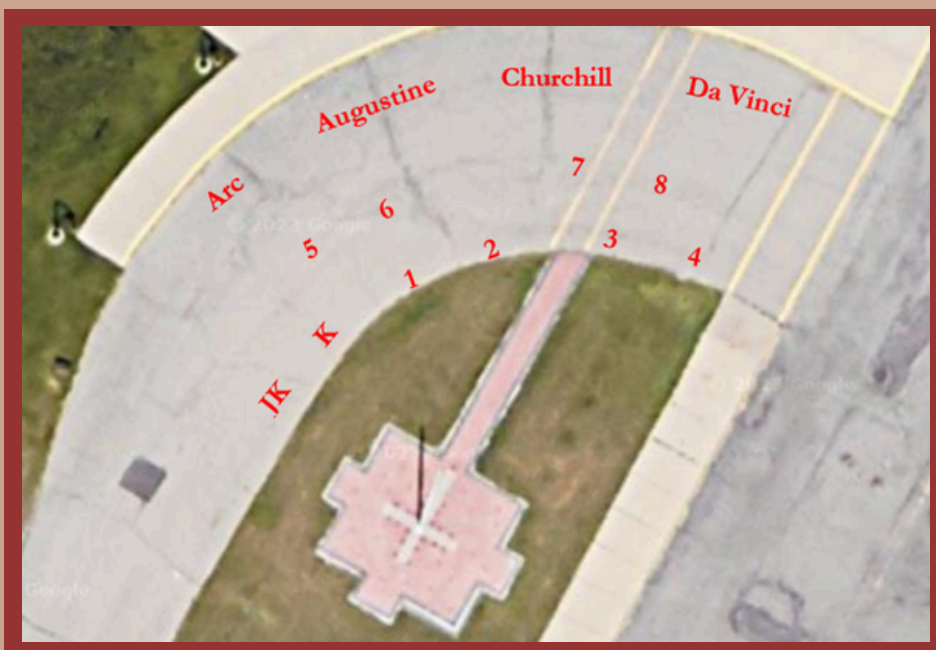
House Churchill

Grade 8

House Da Vinci

## FRONT RS HALLWAY

Outside



# RECITATIONS

As we gather for both corporate worship, patriotism, and the beginning of the important aspects of daily life at Oakdale Academy, corporate recitations set our minds on the higher things.

Student recitations should be in line with all requirements listed in the Oakdale Academy Student Handbook.

Below is a list of prayers and songs families should familiarize themselves with. Additionally, students will recite the Honor Code on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

## PATRIOTIC HYMNS

MONDAY: *MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE*

TUESDAY: *GOD BLESS AMERICA*

WEDNESDAY: *MONTHLY HYMN*

THURSDAY: *AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL*

FRIDAY: *'TIS A GIFT TO BE SIMPLE*

## WEDNESDAY CHAPEL HYMNS

AUGUST: *HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION*

SEPTEMBER: *COME THOU FONT OF EVERY BLESSING*

OCTOBER: *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY*

NOVEMBER: *HOW GREAT THOU ART*

DECEMBER: *O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL*

JANUARY: *THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD*

FEBRUARY: *HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME*

MARCH: *OUR GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST*

APRIL: *PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY*

MAY: *NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD*

