



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!

# ABOUT OAK GROVE

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 nearly 100 years, emphasizes a mission focused on academics, faith and service.

The school started 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](http://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.



*Hektner Chapel*

The South Campus welcomes children in preschool, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and grades 1-5. It is located along 32nd Avenue in south Fargo between Interstate 29 and 25th Street. The campus includes two buildings linked together and outdoor play areas.

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

The information on the following pages provides an overview of Oak Grove and its 116 years of faith-based education in the Red River Valley.



*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, President*

# KJOS EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Oak Grove's South Campus has two connected facilities, The Kjos Early Learning Center and the Oak Grove Elementary School building. The South Campus facilities are the ideal environment for educating children from age 3 through grade 5.

**Entering preschool and pre-kindergarten is an important step 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 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 develops children's problem-solving and decision-making skills as well as fosters peer relationships and social-emotional learning.

## **PRE-KINDERGARTEN—Ages 4 and 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.



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*- Josh Kading, Elementary Principal*





# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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

Children will be involved in many learning opportunities, such as project-based lessons, computer lab, field trips, literature circles, theater, choir, band, 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. Each child will better understand how he or she is a part of God's amazing plan as they learn and grow together in God's Word.

## ELEMENTARY QUICK FACTS

- Named the #1 Private School in North Dakota and the Fargo-Moorhead area since 2018 by Niche.com
- Standardized test scores are consistently above Fargo-Moorhead area, state, and national averages
- Fully equipped **LabLearner®** 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, and Sanford Children's Hospital
- Fine arts opportunities including instrumental and vocal music concerts, choir squad and hand chime chorus, theater productions, and instructor-led art classes
- Various clubs and extra-curricular activities such as Yearbook and Lego Club
- Language Exploration classes available for foreign language exposure
- Sports teams ranging from camps at kindergarten age to school sponsored teams by fifth grade

# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Oak Grove's Middle School 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 with 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. Daily 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 will equip students for lifelong learning and loving service throughout the world. Our teachers build classroom experiences to create knowledgeable, capable scholars. In our Christian Studies classes, students learn about the Christian faith, develop a personal faith identity, and nurture 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, 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 SCHOOL & 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
- Daily 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, Key Club, Student Council, and international and domestic mission trips
- High level of participation: a typical student engages in an average of six extra-curricular opportunities
- Dual credit and Advanced Placement 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
- Successful athletic teams with multiple state appearances and numerous individual and team awards at the regional and state levels across our programming



# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

The international program at Oak Grove is unique to the Fargo-Moorhead market. Oak Grove welcomes students in grades 9-12 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 Afghanistan, Brazil, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Italy, Japan, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nigeria, South Sudan, Slovakia, and Vietnam to broaden cultural diversity and world view
- 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 for their high school experience

*“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*





# OUR MISSION

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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

**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.

**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.

### **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.



**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.

**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 Lutheran School 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 customer reviews.

**Is Oak Grove accredited by the state of North Dakota?** Oak Grove has maintained accreditation since 1926, achieving standards of excellence by the State of North Dakota in the domains of Leadership, Learning and Resource Capacity.

**What academic programming is offered?** Oak Grove Lutheran School serves students from preschool to grade 12 on two campuses in Fargo, North Dakota. 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.

**How do test scores at Oak Grove compare to other schools?** Oak Grove students boast high test scores across the institution in regard to the North Dakota State Assessment. Students scoring highest levels in ELA are 72% compared to 44% for the state. Students scoring highest levels in Math are 62% compared to 38% for the state. Students scoring highest levels in Science are 71% compared to 44% for the state.

**Does Oak Grove offer any advanced classes or dual credit opportunities?** Advanced Placement and Dual Credit classes are offered through North Dakota State University and Valley City State University with over a dozen class options.

**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 through 12 adhere to a dress code.

**What is offered for faith development?** Preschool through grade 12 students have chapel weekly. Christian Studies is taught as an academic class. Students can take part in Bible studies, mission trips, and retreat opportunities.

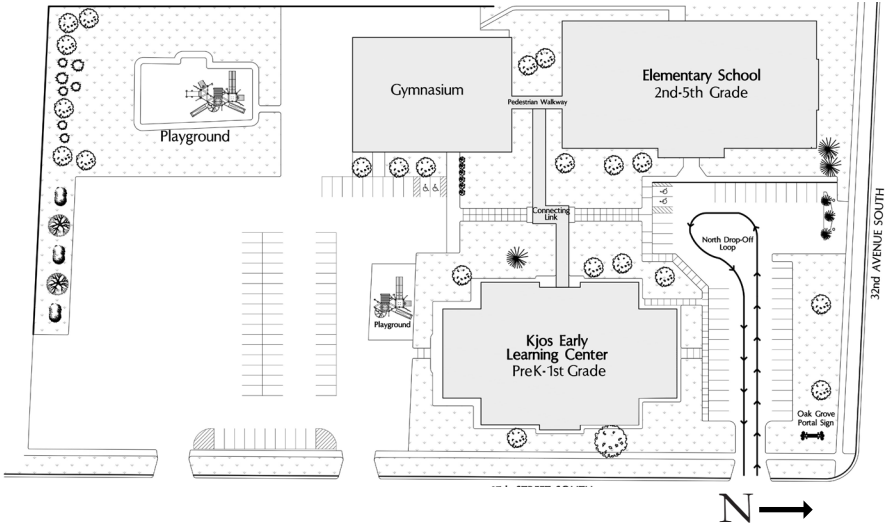
**What service opportunities are offered?** An important part of the mission of Oak Grove is to develop not only faith but a heart to serve others. Students at Oak Grove partner with non-profit organizations in different capacities in the local community and around the world, starting in pre-kindergarten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

**What kind of 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 two choir options-chapel and concert. Both choirs offer 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 Debate 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 Key Club for leadership development, National Art Honors Society, Robotics/STEM club, foreign language options for both campuses, piano, voice and guitar lessons, hand chimes and a popular afterschool Board Game Club.

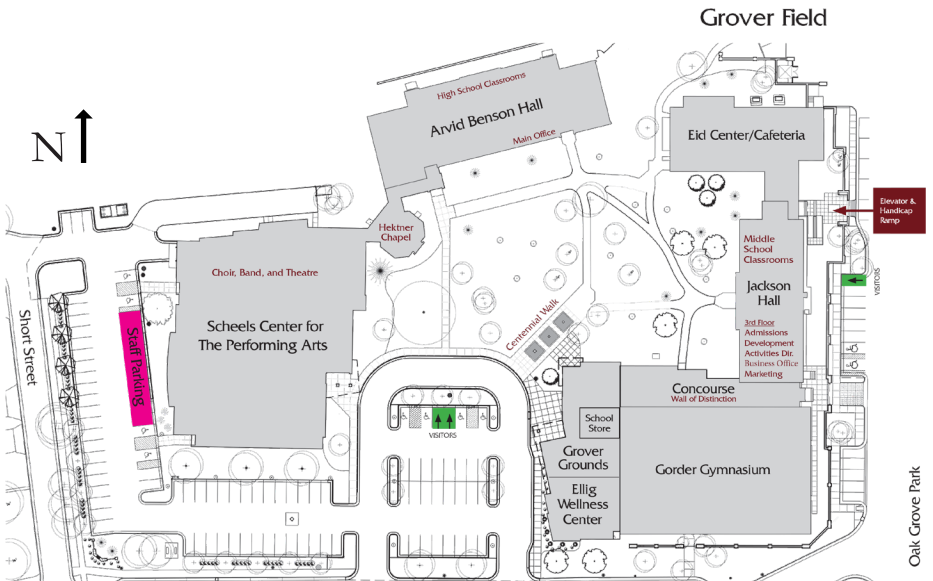
# Oak Grove South Campus

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Kindergarten, Elementary School

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### **North Campus**

Middle School  
High School

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