

# Sneller Salute



Start of school

## Grateful and Going Forward

We are grateful we get to do what we get to do. We are grateful we can share the gospel and our lives with military people. We are grateful to live in Okinawa, Japan. We are grateful our kids get to share in the ministry with us. We are grateful they get to grow up overseas with all the opportunities and perspectives that provides. We are grateful there is a quality international Christian school our kids can attend—we know that is not an option for many missionaries. We are grateful for all the ways it is shaping them. I could go on and on. ***We are grateful.***

Our lives simply would not look the same without Okinawa Christian School International (OCSI). Our year of homeschooling went well overall, but Rebecca and I observed a few things. First, we were limited in our schedule and energy, which impacted ministry availability and investment. Second, while our kids adjusted well to homeschooling and had a positive experience with it, they were very excited to return to OCSI last fall. They did well with homeschooling, but they are thriving at OCSI. It is just a better context for them to learn and grow. It has

provided them with American-style academics with a biblical worldview, Japanese language class, and teachers who love and lead like Jesus. For example, amid a bumpy middle school transition, Tobin got to experience the gift of his two godly male teachers mentoring him.

OCSI has also provided them with stable friendships over the years. Because we serve a transient military population, this is very important for them as third culture kids. Every year, they have to say goodbye to at least one friend of theirs who is moving, but they also have friends at OCSI whom they have known since preschool or kindergarten. OCSI gets us outside the military bubble, as well as the ministry bubble, and allows us to build relationships with non-Christian and non-American families outside our regular sphere. We all benefit from the school community. ***In short, our kids attending OCSI makes our family's life and ministry better.***

While we often share stories and happenings from our ministry, we also wanted to highlight this aspect of our lives. It rounds out the picture a bit. It also provides a practical way you can support our family and our ministry; the two go together, after all. We can confidently say that OCSI is a strategic element of our family's ministry in Okinawa in numerous ways, not the least of which is assisting us in serving the military more effectively. Cadence has established a reduced allocation account that is dedicated to next year's tuition, which is a huge help. The annual tuition



Tobin learning Japanese calligraphy



Reading challenge





Kite day



OCSI walkathon

payment, which is due in July, will be approximately \$16,000 total for our three children. *If you would like to contribute to our kids’ education at OCSI, you can give at [Cadence.org/SnellerKids](#).*

We are grateful for so much, including your partnership in ministry and support of our family. We literally could not do it without you. I have had a few people ask for an update regarding our overall giving. Bottom line: our financial need remains about the same, around \$1,000 short per month. Some new monthly donations were added, and we received generous year-end gifts. Yet the

need remains. Gratefully, our day-to-day needs are met. However, our kids’ tuition payment is coming, and we intend to serve with Cadence long-term. Whether you desire to invest in the education of our children or give to close our monthly support gap, both are important going forward. As parents and missionaries, we do not know what the future holds, but we do trust God, who called us and cares for us. *We are grateful to be going forward in faith and grateful that you go with us!*

Much love and God bless,  
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