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FIELD EXPERIENCES ENHANCE YOUR STUDENT'S LEARNING

Our Savior Christian Academy has always found value in providing learning environments that embrace multi-sensory teaching techniques. Field trips, or field experiences as OSCA calls them, provides students with such multisensory opportunities. Already this school year, students have had some pretty amazing field experiences. Recently, Mr. Beach's middle and high school history classes toured the World War I museum in Kansas City. This is the only museum dedicated to World War I in the world, thus, giving our students a field experience only a small few get to experience. Students learned how the war started, experienced what it felt like to be in a bunker, touched cannons and other forms of artillery, and heard stories told by the soldiers themselves. "Museums, and many other kinds of field trips are multi-media experiences; therefore, learning is enriched and reinforced with superimposing sensory and intellectual inputs", stated Superintendent Pappert.

"God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars." - Martin Luther

By getting out of the classroom, students have the opportunity to see new things and learn about them in a more unstructured way. For example, high school students enrolled in Introduction to Teaching, traveled to Topeka to tour the Brown vs. Board of Education National Historic Site. Students learned about the roots of public education and the history of desegregation. "What an amazing field experience," wrote one OSCA parent. "We are so blessed to have such an historic site in our very own backyard. Thank you for giving my student such an opportunity". Students spent the day touring the school Linda Brown attended, seeing exhibits showing the differences between the segregated schools, and learning about the landmark 1954 supreme court ruling.

Successful field experiences don't always have to occur off campus. Mrs. Creason's preschool class had a "In House" field experience where The Smithville Fire Department came on-campus. Students met fire fighters, toured the fire trucks, and learned about community helpers.