



# The Assembly

A gathering of what inspires and challenges us.



## THE ASSEMBLY: Big Ideas Gathered in One Place

Every two months you'll receive this collection of articles that relate to our core values - articles that inform, inspire and challenge us. We hope you'll read on, and join the conversation.

### In this issue:

- There's a solution to the Black-White Achievement Gap, but school districts don't use it
- 16% of students have an illness that goes untreated--and wreaks havoc on their education
- It's detrimental to students, but it's popping up in more and more classrooms
- The key to finding God? Learning a new way of being through suffering
- New research that helps explain why black children are 3.6 times more likely to be suspended



Articles/Podcasts on: True Education Real Diversity Urban Renewal  
 Christ-Centered Oaks in the News

### [The Problem We Can Solve, But Don't | This American Life](#)

Since the 1960s, [study](#) after [study](#) has demonstrated that the average African American student scores significantly lower on math and reading than the average white student. We know of a technique that works to bridge the gap, but even in recent years, this strategy has received significant backlash.

### [Finding God in the Suffering of Others | On Being](#)

Ground-breaking scientist and life-long Catholic Xavier Le Pichon discusses his experience with suffering, and its influence on his understanding of life, his relationships with others, his faith in God, and his scientific work.

### [Education is More than the Three R's | Ebony](#)

At The Oaks Academy, education goes beyond the academic subjects. Real learning happens when students build relationships with others and take time to understand people who are different than themselves.

### [New Businesses Coming to Middle School Neighborhood | Indianapolis Business Journal](#)

Read about the new businesses coming to the Tinker Street area and meet our new neighbors!

### [Progress in Reverse | TIME](#)

Educators are increasingly adopting technology into their classrooms, despite evidence of its harmful effects.

♥ [Education Isn't Colorblind | The Huffington Post](#)

Newly published research shows that the racial bias that plagues the criminal justice system starts a lot earlier--in preschool.

🗨️ 🏠 ✝️ [East Side Transformation | Fox 59](#)

The Oaks Academy is part of a larger community movement in Indy's East Side. Working in concert with local businesses, churches, and community members, The Oaks Academy is making a difference in the Brookside neighborhood.

📖 [Undiagnosed, Untreated, and Uneducated | NPR](#)

One in five students shows signs of a serious health disorder, but nearly 80% of these students will not receive treatment. And though there are many adults at school who could intervene, often these students fly under the radar.

✝️ 🏠 [Working Towards a Common Goal Despite Differences | The New York Times](#)

In a world divided by animosity, a Buddhist leader calls for people to unite across social boundaries of religion and politics to work together for a better society where the dignity of every person is realized. This is already starting to happen in Indy, as [one organization spearheads a project to unite Hoosiers in the fight against Indy's growing poverty problem](#).

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