

# News & Notes

August 21, 2009

## Back to School Day & Open House

Monday, August 24

2:00-7:00 pm

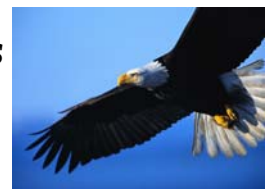
Back to School Day will be an Open House, so that you may come to visit the new facility. Teachers will be available to meet parents and answer any questions you may have. General school information as well as information from several school organizations will be available (*See the list below*).

- *Booster Club*
- *Yearbook*
- *"Did You Know" Booklet*
- *Athletic Passes*
- *Fall Festival*
- *Elementary Pick-up information*
- *Student Schedules*
- *Youth Sports*
- *After School Childcare*
- *Magazine Sales*
- *Cub Scouts*



*"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever".*

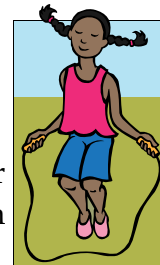
*Psalm 136:1*



<b>School Calendar</b>	
August 21	Blue & Gold Rally - see attached flyer
August 24	Back-To-School Day - 2:00-7:00 pm
August 25	Middle School Classes Begin
August 26	Elementary Classes Begin
August 28	FB @ Parkview - 4:00 pm
August 31	School Pictures
August 31	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
Sept. 1	JV FB @ ISD - 4:00 pm
Sept. 3	V VB Triangular @ Boystown - 5:00 pm
Sept. 4	FB @ Winnebago - 7:00 pm
Sept. 7	No School - Labor Day
Sept. 8	V VB Triangular @ Boystown - 5:30 pm
Sept. 8	JV FB @ Mead - 6:00 pm
Sept. 10	JV/V VB vs Parkview @ Grace U. - 5:30/6:30 pm
Sept. 11	FB vs Lyons-Decatur @ Elkhorn MS - 7:00 pm
Sept. 12	V VB Triangular @ Boystown - 9:00 am
Sept. 17	JV/V VB @ Brownell-Talbot - 6:00/7:00
Sept. 18	Fall Festival
Sept. 19	V VB Cedar Bluffs Invite - TBA
Sept. 21	JV FB @ Concordia - 4:00 pm
Sept. 24	Ribbon Cutting - 10:00 am
Sept. 24	JV/V VB @ Mead - 6:00/7:00 pm
Sept. 25	FB vs Concordia @ Concordia - 4:00 pm
Sept. 27	Dedication Service - 4:00 pm
Sept. 28	JV/V VB @ Omaha Nation - 6:00/7:00
Sept. 29	C-Team/JV/V VB @ DC West - 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm
Oct. 2	1st-3rd Grade Field Trip to Plum Creek Literary Festival @ Concordia College - 7:30 am-3:30 pm

## STUDENTS MAY WEAR SHORTS

Next week, students may wear shorts. Shorts must be knee length (*touch the top of the knee*).



## 2008 and 2009 YEARBOOKS ARE HERE!

You may pick up your 2009 Yearbook that you purchased at "Back to School Day" on Monday, August 24. If you did not order a 2009 Yearbook, there are extras available to purchase for \$35.00.

2008 Yearbooks are also available to purchase for \$35.00. No presales were taken for the 2008 Yearbook.

Also, you may order your 2010 Yearbook at "Back to School Day".



## SCHOOL PICTURES



School pictures will be taken on Monday, August 31 beginning at 8:00 am. Students should have their picture taken even if you do not wish to purchase them. These photos go into the school yearbook. Seniors should have their picture taken for their Student ID Card, but they may choose another senior picture for the school yearbook if they wish. There will be no payment collected on Monday, August 31. A color proof will be sent to you later. View the proof and then order the package from the assortments outlined on the proof envelopes. If you have any questions, you may contact the school office, 399-9565.

## **RENEW YOUR MAGAZINES ONLINE!**

Magazine Sales launch date has been rescheduled for October 13. Many of you are receiving renewal slips for magazines you purchased during our sale last year. You may RENEW ONLINE at [www.qsp.com](http://www.qsp.com). After clicking “Just Shopping” or “Shop Now” enter our school code “425000527”, or use the school finder. When you check out, you may enter your student’s name and grade. All profits (40% of every sale) will go to OCA. Any orders placed now and through the end of the magazine sales drive will earn 2 tickets for the student who sold the magazine. The tickets may be used at the prize store that will take place at the end of the Magazine Sales Drive. Ordering online is a convenient way to shop! Thank you in advance for your orders.

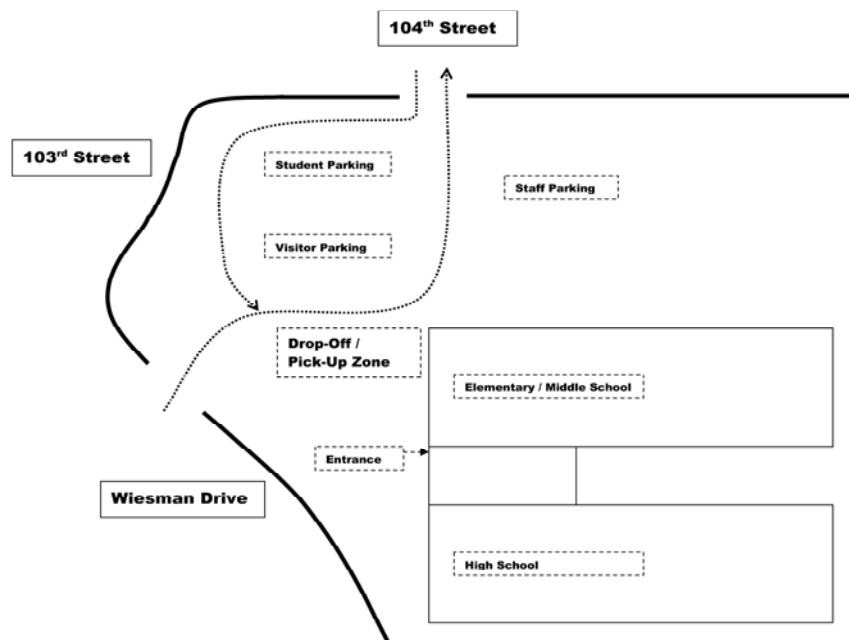


## **STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PLAN**

Procedures for Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up is a “work in progress”. Please be patient and tolerant as we work out the quickest and safest procedure. Please refer to the diagram below.

These rules apply to ALL students and parents:

- 1) To drop off or pickup students, cars may enter OCA’s parking lot from either Wiesman drive or 104th Street; please exit ONLY onto 104th St.
- 2) The designated “drop-off” zone and traffic flow is indicated on the chart below. Please adhere to this.
- 3) Students must park in the designated area — the south west section of the parking los nearest 103rd Street.
- 4) Parents picking up students in the afternoon may line up in the parking lot, but please do not block the entrances to, or the exit from the parking lot. Also, please do not line up on the streets surrounding our campus.
- 5) Parents and students please use the main entrance into the building.
- 6) Please respect the handicap parking spaces.
- 7 Please have patience when picking up children — safety is our chief concern.



**Omaha Christian Academy  
Parking & Drop-Off Plan**

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## PIANO REGISTRATIONS



Reminder, piano registrations are due by September 1st.

## SMILES FOR EDUCATION

Enter at your local Hy-vee for a chance to win \$5,000 for your school plus a new white MacBook laptop computer for yourself!



It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Each week, register your school and (K-12) student
2. Shop and save with smiles for education products throughout the store
3. Ten winners each week: school receives \$5,000; winning student receives a new white MacBook laptop computer

Registration forms are available in-store or online at [www.hyvee.com](http://www.hyvee.com)

## STORAGE SPACE NEEDED

Storage space is needed for extra library shelves. Half of a single car garage space is the amount of space needed. Please call Pete Smagacz at 399-9565 if you would be willing to store the shelving.



<i>School Lunch Menu</i>		
	Entree	Sides/Dessert
August 24	HOT— Bean and Beef Burrito COLD—Turkey & Bacon Club Sandwich	Salsa Corn Apple Wedges Rice Krispie Bar
August 25	HOT— Spaghetti with Meat Sauce COLD—Tuna Salad Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread	Lettuce Salad Peaches Italian Iced Bread Stick
August 26	HOT— BBQ Pork COLD—Soybutter & Jelly on Whole Wheat Bread	White Rice Macaroni Salad Kiwi Pineapple Upside Down Cake
August 27	HOT— Fried Chicken COLD—Salad Box with Scoop of Tuna Salad	Baked Beans Melon Wedges Biscuit and Honey Chocolate Chip Cookie
August 28	HOT— Corn Dog COLD— Chicken Picnic Box	Fresh Broccoli with Ranch Dressing Pears Blondie
<p><b>Students may choose yogurt &amp; cheese stick as a main dish alternative.</b> Milk will be served with all meals. <b>Cost:</b> \$2.60(Pre-K-5); \$2.75 (5-12); \$1.00 Extra Entrees This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</p>		

# *Omaha Christian Academy Student Servathon & Fall Festival*



*Friday, September 18, 2009, is a date to mark on your calendar as a day packed with activity for your student(s) and for your entire family.*

*The day begins with classroom instruction on stewardship for students of all ages and the importance of putting our faith into action.*

*Giving to and caring for others are two basic Christian concepts OCA desires to instill and strengthen in the hearts of our students. To underscore this commitment to Christian service, a servathon called, "Students in Action," will take place for all students (preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) where they are provided opportunities to perform acts of service in and for others.*

*Student service projects will typically last from 3-4 hours and might include making something special for someone, learning to share, visiting the elderly, tutoring peers, cleaning up neighborhoods, etc. As a result, OCA students will experience the satisfaction of contributing to their community while also raising funds to help their school.*

*OCA students will invite friends and family to sponsor them in advance of the servathon day, September 18<sup>th</sup>. These tax deductible financial gifts further strengthen OCA's commitment to academic excellence and character development.*

*To celebrate student accomplishments, an evening of family fun and festivities is planned that same evening, at Grandpa's Farm, where the day's celebration will culminate with a hog roast fundraiser and live auction.*

*Mark your calendar and watch for additional information coming soon!*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy J. Larsen".

*Kathy J. Larsen, MA, CFRE  
Director of Development & Outreach*

*"Freely you have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8*



## Update on School (K – 12) and Child Care Programs: Interim CDC Guidance in Response to Human Infections with the Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus

May 22, 2009, 2:30 PM ET



*This document provides interim guidance to child care programs and schools on suggested means to reduce the spread of the novel influenza A (H1N1) virus in their programs and facilities. However, recommendations may need to be revised as more information becomes available.*

*This document updates the previous document by reorganizing the information into information for K-12th grades versus child care programs. However, this document does NOT make any changes in guidance for these settings.*

### Background

This document provides updated interim guidance for schools and child care programs regarding the prevention of the spread of novel influenza A (H1N1) virus. For the purpose of this guidance, “child care programs” will be used to refer to both licensed and unlicensed child care programs providing family home or center-based child care. “Schools” will refer to both public and private institutions providing grade K-12 education to children and adolescents in group settings. Although child care programs and schools share common characteristics, there are differences between the two and some specific recommendations for child care programs are given in this guidance.

Initial cases of novel influenza A (H1N1) in the United States included school-aged students and were associated with travel to Mexico and school-based outbreaks. Early information from Mexico indicated that many previously healthy young adults were hospitalized with rapidly progressive pneumonia, frequently resulting in respiratory failure requiring mechanical ventilation and death.

Based on this initial information, CDC recommended consideration of school and child care program closure as an option to lessen the risk of infection with this novel influenza virus in order to protect students, staff, parents and other caregivers from a potentially severe disease as well as limit spread into the community.

New information on disease severity and the extent of community spread led to a revision of the school and child care program closure guidance. The large number of confirmed or probable cases of novel influenza A (H1N1) reported from almost states, with numerous disease clusters, indicates spread within communities that makes individual school and child care program closure less effective as a control measure. Most U.S. cases have not been severe and are comparable in severity to seasonal influenza. CDC and local and state health officials will continue to closely monitor the severity and spread of this novel H1N1 influenza outbreak.

At this time, CDC recommends the primary means to reduce spread of influenza in schools and child care programs focus on early identification of ill students and staff, staying home when ill, and good cough and hand hygiene etiquette. Decisions about school and child care program closure should be at the discretion of local authorities based on local considerations, including public concern and the impact of school or child care program absenteeism and staffing shortages.

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### Interim Recommendations: K-12 Schools

- School dismissal is not advised for a suspected or confirmed case of novel influenza A (H1N1) and, in general, is not advised unless there is a magnitude of faculty or student absenteeism that interferes with the school’s ability to function.
- Students, faculty or staff with influenza-like illness (fever with a cough or sore throat) should stay home and not attend school or go into the community except to seek medical care for at least 7 days even if symptoms resolve sooner.
- Students, faculty and staff who are still sick 7 days after they become ill should continue to stay home from school until at least 24 hours after symptoms have resolved.

- Students, faculty and staff who appear to have an influenza-like illness at arrival or become ill during the day should be isolated promptly in a room separate from other students and sent home.
- Aspirin or aspirin-containing products should not be administered to any confirmed or suspected ill case of novel H1N1 influenza virus infection aged 18 years old and younger due to the risk of Reye syndrome. Refer to pediatric medical management for guidance regarding use of any medications, especially those containing aspirin. (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/clinicians/>)
- Parents and guardians should monitor their school-aged children, and faculty and staff should self-monitor every morning for symptoms of influenza-like illness.
- Ill students should not attend alternative child care or congregate in other neighborhood and community settings outside of school.
- School administrator's should communicate regularly with local public health officials to obtain guidance about reporting of influenza-like illnesses in the school
- Schools can help serve as a focus for educational activities aimed at promoting ways to reduce the spread of influenza, including hand hygiene and cough etiquette.

Students, faculty and staff should stringently follow sanitary measures to reduce the spread of influenza, including covering their nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or coughing or sneezing into their sleeve if a tissue isn't available), frequently washing hands with soap and water, or using hand sanitizer if hand washing with soap and water is not possible.



## Interim Recommendations: Child Care Programs

*As for schools, closure of child care programs is not currently recommended due to novel H1N1 influenza in the community or the child care facility. Child care programs should follow the above recommendations for schools along with the other recommendations in this section.*

- Child care programs should work closely and directly with their local and State public health officials to make appropriate decisions and implement strategies in a coordinated manner.
- Child care providers should conduct daily health checks on all children. Although daily health checks have been recommended for child care programs before the current H1N1 flu situation, programs that do not conduct routine daily health checks should institute this practice. (See Caring for Our Children Standards 3.001 and 3.002 for information on how to do this <http://nrckids.org/>)
- Ill children should stay home and not be taken out of one child care program and put into another child care program even temporarily.
- Childcare facilities should clean and sanitize frequently-touched surfaces, (such as desks, doorknobs, computer keyboards, toys) routinely and if they become visibly soiled.

[http://nrckids.org/CFOC/HTMLVersion/Chapter\\_3.html#1076310](http://nrckids.org/CFOC/HTMLVersion/Chapter_3.html#1076310) ([http://nrckids.org/CFOC/HTMLVersion/Chapter\\_3.html#1076310](http://nrckids.org/CFOC/HTMLVersion/Chapter_3.html#1076310))

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/qa.htm> (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/qa.htm>)

<http://www.epa.gov/oppad001/influenza-disinfectants.html> (<http://www.epa.gov/oppad001/influenza-disinfectants.html>)

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## Additional Links:

[H1N1 Flu \(Swine Flu\): Resources for Parents and Caregivers \(/h1n1flu/parents/\)](#)

[Questions and Answers: H1N1 Flu \(Swine Flu\) and You \(/h1n1flu/qa.htm\)](#)

[\*\*\*\(/h1n1flu/guidance\\_homecare.htm\)\*\*\*](#)

