

News & Notes

August 28, 2009

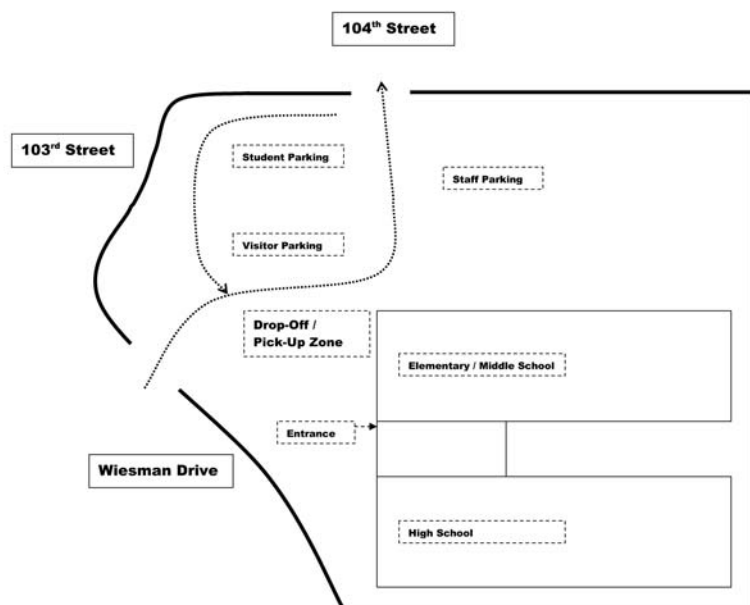
REVISED PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

These rules have been REVISED and apply to ALL students and parents:

- 1) To drop off or pick up students, cars may enter OCA's parking lot ONLY from Wiesman Drive and exit ONLY onto 104th Street.
- 2) Cars may line up along the right hand side of Wiesman Drive waiting to enter into OCA's parking lot, but drivers must stay in their vehicle (this is according to the City of Omaha).
- 3) The designated "drop-off" zone and traffic flow is indicated on the REVISED chart below. Please note that traffic flows in one direction ONLY within the parking lot.
- 4) Elementary students are dismissed for parent pick-up in the afternoon according to a family numbering system (see attached).
- 5) Middle School and High School students are dismissed at 3:30 and may go directly outside for parent pick-up (or to their vehicles if they drive).
- 6) Safety Patrol, as well as a teacher, will be on duty in the parking lot during the afternoon pick-up time. Please respect their directions.
- 7) Students must park in the designated area — the southwest section of the parking lot nearest 103rd Street.
- 8) Parents and students please use the main entrance into the building.
- 9) Please respect the handicap parking spaces.



Thank you for your patient cooperation. Please remember that our procedures are developed with our students' safety in mind.



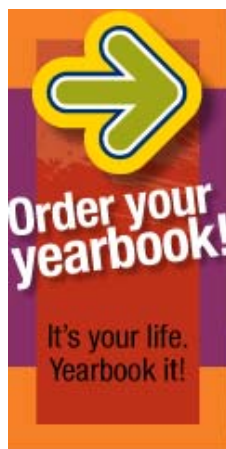
**Omaha Christian Academy
Parking & Drop-Off Plan**

School Calendar	
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. 1	Preschool to Hefflinger Park - 6:00 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	Booster Club Meeting - 8:00 am
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 - 9:30 am
Sept. 24	JV/V VB @ Mead - 6:00/7:00 pm
Sept. 25	FB vs Concordia @ Concordia - 4:00 pm
Sept. 26	AP English to UNO Library
Sept. 27	Dedication Service - 4:00 pm
Sept. 28	JV/V VB @ Omaha Nation - 6:00/7:00
Sept. 29	EXPLORE Test - 8th Grade - 8:00 am
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
Oct. 2	FB @ Mead - 7:00 pm

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.



ORDER YOUR 2010 YEARBOOK

The 2009-2010 yearbook will be an all-inclusive preschool through 12th grade book. It will have 48 more pages than the 2008-2009 yearbook. The cost of the 2009-2010 yearbook is \$40.00. We are working hard to have coverage of all OCA events and organizations. There will be more elementary coverage as well. You may order your yearbook now, and Jostens will send you a bill in the mail later. You may pay for this book in one, two or three payments. An order form is attached to this *News & Notes*. Please turn this in to the school office (*you do not have to submit payment now*).

If you ordered a 2009 Yearbook and did not pick it up at "Back to School Day", please see Mrs. Tulsie.

2008 Yearbooks are also available to purchase for \$35.00. No pre-sales were taken for the 2008 yearbook. Please see Mrs. Tulsie to purchase a copy.

OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

RIBBON CUTTING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
9:30 AM

DEDICATION SERVICE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
4:00 PM

Guidance Corner

- ⇒ The Assistance League of Omaha is offering an ACT Review Course at Westside High School. The course includes, two, three-hour classes with an optional third session addressing ACT writing. The first session will be held on Tuesday, September 8 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The second session will be held on Thursday, September 10 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The optional third session will be held on Wednesday, September 9 from 6:30-8:30 pm. There is a \$30 fee for two sessions and \$40 for all three sessions. Registration forms are available in the guidance office or may be accessed at the following website--
www.omaha.assistanceleague.org.
- ⇒ Seniors interested in attending Washington University in St. Louis should contact the guidance office for scholarship opportunities.

Calendar:

- Aug. 31 - College of St. Mary Rep Visit
Sept. 8 - UNL Rep Visit
Sept. 9 - SAT Registration Deadline for Oct. 10 Test
Sept. 18 - ACT Registration Deadline for Oct. 24 Test
Sept. 22 - ASVAB Program for 11th grade
Sept. 23 - Late SAT Reg. Deadline for Oct. 10 Test
Sept. 29 - EXPLORE Test for 8th grade
Oct. 1 - Dordt College Rep Visit
Oct. 2 - Late ACT Reg. Deadline for Oct. 24 Test

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OFFICERS

- President: Nathan Lyle
Vice President: Parker Adams
Secretary: Kaneesha Reed
Treasurer: Emily Lovgren
Chaplain: Sean West

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

- President: Sean West
Vice President: Emily Lovgren
Secretary: Katy Schulz
Treasurer: Stephen Jay
Chaplain: Zach Lahm

ATTENTION PARENTS

Photographer Jeffrey Bebee, owner of Flatland Photography has a great website full of photos of OCA students at sporting events, music events and school activities. Go to www.flatlandphoto.com and order your prints today!

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. 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.

ATTENTION PARENTS

If you have made plans to have someone else pick up your child from school, please send a note in the morning or PAN or email your child's teacher.

Save your Box Tops and turn them into the school office.



OCA ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

FOOTBALL

Sept. 11 - 7:00 pm @ Elkhorn Middle School

Needed: 1 person to work the scoreboard
2 people for chain crew

Sept. 25 - 4:00 pm @ Concordia

Needed: 1 person to work the scoreboard
3 people for chain crew

Oct. 9 - 7:00 pm @ Roncalli

Needed: someone to work the scoreboard
2 people for chain crew

Oct 16 - 7:00 pm @ Roncalli

Needed: someone to work the scoreboard
2 people for chain crew

VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 17 - JV 5:30 - Varsity 6:30

@ Grace University
Needed: 2 line judges for JV game, score book & scoreboard person for both JV & Varsity Game, announcer for both games

Oct. 3. 10:00 am - Triangular

@ College of St. Mary
Needed: several line judges, scorebook & scoreboard person for all games, announcer for all games

Oct. 5 - 4:00 pm - Scrimmage

@ Westroads Club
Needed: 2 line judges

Oct. 13 - 5:30 pm - JV - 6:30 Varsity

@ Grace University
Needed: 2 line judges for JV game, score board, scorebook & announcer for both games

Oct. 15 - 6:30 - JV - 7:30 Varsity

@ Grace University
Needed: 2 line judges for JV game, 1 line judge for Varsity game, scoreboard, score book & announcer for both games

Oct. 19 - 4:30 pm Scrimmage @ Westroads Club

Needed: 2 line judges

Oct. 22 - Conference Tourney

@ Grace University
Needed: line judges, announcer, scoreboard & scorebook person, we will also need donations of food for hospitality room

Oct. 27 - 5:30 pm Triangular

@ College of St. Mary
Needed: several line judges, scoreboard & scorebook person for all games, announcer for all games

Contact: Rhonda Deckett 213-4502, 733-2137,
PAN or e-mail at rdeckett@cox.net

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

For His mercy endures forever".

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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

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.



ATTENTION PARENTS

Please refer to the attached information provided to our school by the Douglas County Health Department regarding H1N1 virus.



School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
August 31	HOT— Popcorn Chicken COLD—Cottage Cheese and Jelly Sandwich	Salsa Corn Apple Wedges Rice Krispie Bar
Sept. 1	HOT— Beef Gordita with Texas Ranch COLD—Crispy Chicken Salad Box	Lettuce & Cheese Cup Salsa Mixed Fruit School Fuel
Sept. 2	HOT— Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Taco Salad Box	Lettuce Salad Atomic Blue Apple Slices Chocolate Chip Cookie
Sept. 3	HOT— Rotini and Cheese COLD—Cottage Cheese and Tomatoes	Peas and Carrots Fresh Seasonal Fruit Dinner Roll White Cake with Pink Frosting
Sept. 4	HOT— Teriyaki Chicken over Rice with Chow Mein Noodles COLD— Chicken-Gordita Wrap with Texas Ranch Dressing	Oriental Vegetables Pineapple Chocolate Chop Sticks

Students may choose yogurt & cheese stick as a main dish alternative.

Milk will be served with all meals.

Cost: \$2.60(Pre-K-5); \$2.75 (5-12); \$1.00 Extra Entrees

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

After School Pick-Up Guidelines for Students in Grades Preschool—5

In planning our After School Pick-Up procedures, **our one and only goal is to insure the safety of your children.** Our parking lot is smaller than what we were accustomed to at our previous location and there is limited parking. Therefore, in order to get cars in and out of the parking lot as quickly as possible, please follow the guidelines below.

- All students in Preschool—Grade 5 going to **After School Care** will go there immediately after school (the courtyard end of the lunchroom).
 - **All other students in Preschool—Grade 5 will wait near the street end of the lunchroom to be called to go out for pick-up.**
- ⇒ Preschool—Grade 1 will be ready for pick-up at 3:10 each day.
- ⇒ Grades 2-4 will be ready for pick-up at 3:15 each day.
- ⇒ Grade 5 will be ready for pick-up at 3:20 each day.
- Each family has been assigned a number and will be given 2 laminated copies of that number. When the family driver comes into the parking lot, **please have your number ready to show** to the teacher on duty. The teacher on duty will convey that the student(s) from that family are to come out for pick-up. Please load as quickly as possible and continue out of the parking lot. Due to limited parking please try to time your arrival as closely as possible to the correct dismissal time.
 - If a parent needs to come into the building, **please park in the designated visitors area** (the line of parking spaces along the south-east section of the parking lot) and come into the building. You may pick-up your children in the lunchroom.
 - Please note that middle school and high school students are not dismissed until 3:30. If you are also picking up a student in middle or high school please arrive after 3:30.
 - If you are car-pooling with another family please display both numbers upon arrival.
 - At 3:45 elementary students who have not been picked up will go to After School Care.

Please remember that our goal is your child's safety! There procedures are a "work in progress" and may be revised as necessary. Thank you so much for your patient cooperation!



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August 26, 2009

Dear Parent:

Business Administration
(402) 444-7216

Child Care Nurse
Consultant
(402) 444-6426

Epidemiology
(402) 444-7214

Food and Drink
(402) 444-7480

Health Data
(402) 444-7213

Health Promotion
(402) 444-7475

Lead Prevention Program
(402) 444-7825

Public Health Nursing
(402) 444-4639

Sanitation Control
(402) 444-7481

Sanitary Engineering
(402) 444-7485

Vital Statistics
(402) 444-7204

WIC
(402) 444-1770

Health Center Location:
42nd & Woolworth Avenue
Omaha, NE 68105

Immunizations
(402) 444-6163

Dental Services
(402) 444-7349

Laboratory Services
(402) 444-7496

STD Control
(402) 444-7750

Travel Clinic
(402) 444-7207

2008

A new strain of the influenza virus, called the Novel 2009 Influenza A H1N1 virus (also known as "swine flu"), has circulated in our community this summer and into to the new school year. We are aware of cases of influenza, or "flu," in students across the community, but only a small fraction of people with influenza are seen by their provider and tested for flu. Most people with flu simply stay home and recover after a few days. Individual testing is not usually necessary. Recommendations for caring for someone with the new 2009 H1N1 virus are the same as for seasonal influenza.

Every year during flu season, various strains of the flu virus circulate in the community, and most people have some immunity because the viruses only change slightly. The difference this year is that persons under the age of 65 appear to have no immunity to the new flu virus.

The health department is working closely with schools and health care providers to monitor flu conditions and make decisions and recommendations about the best steps to take to protect students and staff.

Here are a few things you can do to help:

- Teach your children to wash their hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.
Teach your children not to share personal items like drinks, food or unwashed utensils, and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues. Covering up their coughs or sneezes using the elbow, arm or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable.
Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.
Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs. Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected.
Do not send children to school if they are sick. Any children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home.
If someone in the household develops flu, keep this person isolated from others in the household; minimize any contact between the ill and healthy persons.

The best way to prevent flu is vaccination. Get your family vaccinated for seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 flu when vaccines are available.

For more information, visit www.douglascountyhealth.com, www.cdc.gov, or www.flu.gov. Or call the Douglas County Health Department at (402) 444-7214 for assistance.

Handwritten signature of Adi M. Pour

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Health Director

