

News & Notes

September 11, 2009

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OCA SERVE-A-THON & FALL FESTIVAL

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On September 18th, OCA launches its **1st Annual Serve-a-Thon** where students, faculty and staff will be sharing Christ with their hands and voices through community service. Matthew 5:16 says, *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

- Mail or hand out your sponsor forms - *Your participation is vital to the success of this hands-on learning and fundraising project.* If you need more sponsor forms, contact the school office, 399-9565.
- **Important** - Monday your child will bring home a field trip permission slip. This must be signed and returned by Thursday, September 17 or your child will not be able to leave the school campus. The permission slip will state where your child is going and times they are leaving school and returning.
- Every student will receive a FREE Serve-a-Thon t-shirt on Friday morning, September 18 to wear while serving.
- Each student will receive a coupon for a FREE ice cream treat redeemable at Fall Festival at 8:45 pm immediately following the live auction.
- RSVP for the dinner at Grandpa's Farm by Monday, September 14
- Please see the attached flyers containing detailed information about the following:
 1. Fall Festival
 2. Live Auction
 3. Operation Christmas Child

Thank you in advance for your willingness to support the efforts of OCA students as they make a difference in our community through Christian service.

School Calendar	
Sept. 11	FB vs Lyons-Decatur @ Elkhorn MS - 7:00 pm
Sept. 12	V VB Triangular @ Boys Town - 9:00am
Sept. 15	Geography Field Trip (Mrs. Wiese's class) to Fashion Cleaners - 12:00 pm
Sept. 15	Association Meeting - 7:00 pm
Sept. 17	JV/V VB @ Brownell-Talbot - 6:00/7:00
Sept. 18	Serve A Thon
Sept. 18	Fall Festival
Sept. 19	V VB Cedar Bluffs Invite @ Midlands Lutheran College in Fremont - TBA
Sept. 21	JV FB @ Concordia - 4:00 pm
Sept. 22	ASVAB Test - 11th grade - 8:00 am
Sept. 22	MS FB @ Parkview - 4:00 pm
Sept. 24	Ribbon Cutting - 9:30 am
Sept. 24	MS VB vs Cedar Bluffs @ Westroads Club - 5:00 pm
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. 1	MS VB @ DC West (Waterloo) - 4:00/5:00 pm
Oct. 1	MS FB @ Woodbine, IA - 4:30 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
Oct. 3	V VB Triangular @ College of St. Mary's - 10:00 am vs Concordia - 12:00 pm vs NE Lutheran

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Thursday, September 24
9:30 am

Dedication Service
Sunday, September 27
4:00 pm

ASSOCIATION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
7:00 PM

OCA CAFETERIA

You may review the minutes of the February 2009 meeting posted on Sycamore Education.

IMPORTANT PRESS CONFERENCE

What: Nebraskans Speak Out on Education Reform. You are invited to attend a press conference to hear the results of a Nebraska survey taken on the topic of education reform. The survey was taken by the Indianapolis-based Friedman Foundation.

When: Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Hilton in downtown Omaha at 1001 Cass Street at 10 a.m.

Who: All OCA parents wishing to show support for education reform

What: The complete results of the survey with summary documents will be available.



HEY EAGLE FANS

Come and support your football team at this year's first home game **tonight**, Friday, September 11 at 7:00 pm at Elkhorn Middle School, 500 Hillcrest Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022. Don't forget to wear your navy blue spirit wear.

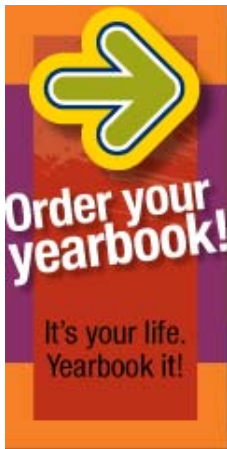
Congratulations

Thank you to all students who participated in the 1st Annual Serve-a-Thon T-shirt design contest. There were 34 entries submitted. The following students are our winners:

- 1st Place Winner: Holly Sly (11th grade)
- 2nd Place Winner: Ki Hun Kang (10th grade)
- Honorable Mention: Serenity Bryce (5th grade)



Winning Design



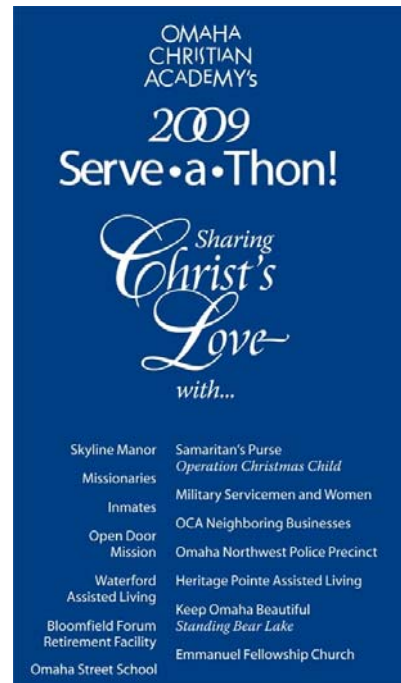
ORDER YOUR 2010 YEARBOOK

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*).

2008 Yearbooks are also available to purchase for \$35.00. You may purchase them in the cafeteria after school next week Monday-Thursday.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL SPORTS

Football

OCA middle school football team will be coached by Mike Lewis, a graduate of OCA and a former player for the eagles. Regular practices will be held Thursday and Friday at Emmanuel Fellowship at 8345 Crown Point. They will run from 4:00-6:00.



Volleyball

OCA middle school volleyball team will be coached by Mr. Andy Smith, an OCA parent. Practices will generally be held at the Westroads Club, located at 1212 N. 102nd Street at 4:00 pm.



OCA ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed at the volleyball home games for scorebook and scoreboard.. Please refer to the following dates:

October 3 @ College of St. Mary's - 10:00 am

October 5 @ Westroads Club - 4:00 pm

October 13 @ Grace University - 5:30/6:30 pm

October 15 @ Grace University - 6:30/7:30 pm

October 19 @ Westroads Club - 4:30 pm

October 22 @ Grace University (Conference Tournament) - TBA

October 27 @ College of St. Mary's - 5:30 pm

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

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!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR ART ROOM

1. Baby Food Jars with Lids
2. Coffee Cans with Lids
3. Ice Cream Pails
4. Several 5 Gallon Buckets with Lids
5. 1 Gallon Plastic Jars with Lids



Guidance Corner

Calendar:

- 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

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

Psalm 136:1

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Excellence in Christ-centered Education

Calling All Kindergarten & First Grade Girls!



Daisy Girl Scouts is getting ready to start. Forms have been sent home. If you are interested, please return the form to school or contact Kelley Hayes for more information at 680-3533.

Daisies play and work together developing values as they discover what it means to be a Girl Scout. As a Daisy, you will take field trips, do arts & crafts, learn songs and games, and so much more!

Cub Scout Corner

Attention Parents of First through Fifth Grade Boys! Come find out about Cub Scouts.

When: September 14th
Time: 6:30-7:30 pm
Where: OCA cafeteria

For more information, please contact Dave & Nancy Taylor.
493-2783 (home)
drt357@cox.net (Dave)
ntaylor@ocamail.org (Nancy)

School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Sept 14	HOT— Crispy Tacos COLD—Lettuce Salad with Hard Boiled Egg	Lettuce & Cheese Cup Mexi-Tots Pears Cinnamon Crumb Cake
Sept. 15	HOT— Cheese Bacon Ranch Chicken Patty COLD—Taco Salad Box	Broccoli with Ranch Dressing Berry Fruit Cocktail Cookies & Cream Brownie
Sept. 16	HOT— Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Spicy Chicken Wrap	Lettuce Salad Peaches Chocolate Chocolate chip Cookie
Sept. 17	HOT— Home-made French Toast with Sausage COLD—Egg Salad on Whole Wheat Bread	Banana Orange Juice Berry Muffin Square
Sept. 18	HOT— BBQ Boneless Chicken Wings COLD— Deli Sandwich	Corn Red & Green Grapes Sweet Corn Bread with Honey Sauce Sweet Potato Pie

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.

Library Volunteers Needed

We need 4 volunteers to man the library for 1/2 day each — Tuesday and Thursday mornings and afternoons. Please call the school office, 399-9565 for more information.



Parents & Students,

Friday, September 18 is our 1st Annual Serve-A-Thon. As one of our many service projects, we are participating in Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. OCA wants to make a difference in the lives of these children. Therefore, we are collecting items to fill 30 shoe boxes. We are asking each student in every class to bring in a particular item(s).

Items Each Class is Asked to Bring

- Preschool - 1 small toy
- Kindergarten - 3 boxes of 24 count crayons
- 1st Grade - 1 small toy
- 2nd Grade - toothbrush
- 3rd Grade - toothbrush
- 4th Grade - 1 comb & 1 small toy
- 5th Grade - 1 comb & 1 small toy
- 6th Grade - 1 bag hard candy individually wrapped & 1 small ball
- 7th Grade - 1 bag hard candy individually wrapped & 1 small ball
- 8th Grade - 1 flashlight with batteries
- 9th Grade - 1 hair brush
- 10th Grade - 2 bars of mild soap & 1 pencil sharpener (hand held)
- 11th Grade - 1 pair white socks - elementary size
- 12th Grade - 1 tube of toothpaste



Please turn in your item(s) by Thursday, September 17

FALL FESTIVAL

5:00 PM ON FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

GRANDPA'S FARM

Bring your family to Grandpa's Farm for an old-fashioned night of **FREE** fun for your entire family. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet other OCA families.

All activities are **FREE**; however, a fundraising dinner will be served for a minimal cost from 5 PM—7 PM followed by a live auction at 7:30 PM.



Map to Grandpa's Farm
 6782 State Hwy 133
 Blair, NE 68008
(12 miles north of the Irvington exit at I-680)



You must **REGISTER** for the dinner only by Monday, September 14th by calling 399-9565 or email Kathy Larsen at klarsen@ocamail.org. Dinner payment will be collected at the door.

Hog Roast Dinner \$5/person or \$25/family (2 adults & dependent children). Children under 5 **FREE!**



Pony Rides



Hayrack Rides



Old Fashioned Kettle Corn



Bouncy Obstacle Course



Old Fashioned Corn Grinding



Rope Making



Ice Cream Truck arrives 8:45 PM!!

Live Auction at the Fall Festival



Get ready for a FUN auction that runs from 7:30– 8:45 PM during the Fall Festival at Grandpa's Farm. All items are OCA related—things made by your children or special offers from teachers and administrators.

Bring your wallet, check book or credit card and support a good cause—your Christian school!

Consider these....

- An afternoon of Christmas cookie baking for four children during Christmas break with Mrs. Eveland
- A box of candy and a movie ticket for your child go to a movie with the Preschool teachers while you go Christmas shopping
- A cookie jar created by the 4th grade containing their favorite cookie recipes
- One month of premiere, designated parking at school
- A chance for your child to learn what it is like to be Principal for a Half-Day
- Handmade greeting cards made by the 5th grade class
- Mrs. Cloyd's famous pecan caramel rolls from her secret recipe