

# News & Notes

October 5, 2009

## *From the Superintendent*

### **TEAMWORK RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOME AND SCHOOL**

I don't think there is a better way to spell out teamwork than Paul has already done in Romans 12:4-8 where teamwork in the church is equated to our bodies and how the diverse parts function in different roles for one purpose.

The Bible makes reference to three institutions: the home, government and church. We at OCA must be of service to all three, but particularly the home. Parents must understand that the parent/teacher partnership is the heart of Christian education, and I believe that we as teachers and administrators have the good of your child at heart. God has given the responsibility of education to the parents. The Christian school is a fellowship of Christian families united to teach your child the truth.

Chuck Swindoll has stated, "Home is where life makes up it's mind. Parents are the pattern makers for Christian living and attitudes toward life." We cannot duplicate the parents' love and support or replace the spiritual influence of parents. We can have an education that is Bible-based and God-centered, positive and truthful. The ultimate goal at OCA is to develop students who are wise. Wisdom is looking at and reacting to life from God's perspective.

What parents cannot expect from OCA (or any Christian school for that matter):

1. You should not expect Christian schools to shelter children from all worldly influences. This is unrealistic and potentially dangerous. The Christian school should equip youngsters to know what they believe and to stand firm against the inevitable cultural challenge.
2. We cannot provide a conflict free environment. Human nature isn't checked at the Christian school doorstep; however, staff should promote Godly conflict resolution.
3. We cannot spare children the pains of growing up. No one can; however, the Christian school can help children negotiate the rough terrain toward adulthood.
4. We cannot make exceptions to state, federal and school regulations at will. No one is exempted from laws.
5. We cannot exercise favoritism based on church, school or community stature. However benign, favoritism is unbiblical and damages a school's reputation.

Things parents should expect from OCA:

1. Evidence that the Lord Jesus Christ is preeminent in all things. Rules, discipline, business procedures, counseling, activities, curriculum, etc. all reflect a clear Biblical philosophy.
2. A statement of purpose that helps students develop a God-centered worldview.
3. A staff who loves the Lord, are Godly role models, and pray with and for their students.
4. Academic curricula integrated with the Word of God and with the Creator in mind — one that relates the Bible to all of life and refuses to accept mediocrity.
5. Well defined guidelines for inappropriate behavior designed to teach children responsibility for their actions and to develop Christ-like character.
6. Opportunities for parent involvement such as prayer groups and volunteers in the classroom.

7. Extracurricular activities that mirror a Biblical philosophy and are designed to develop each student's talents and abilities.

Our responsibility at OCA is to provide Biblical training that supports the home and church, helping parents experience the reality of III John 4: "There is no greater joy than to see my children walk in truth."

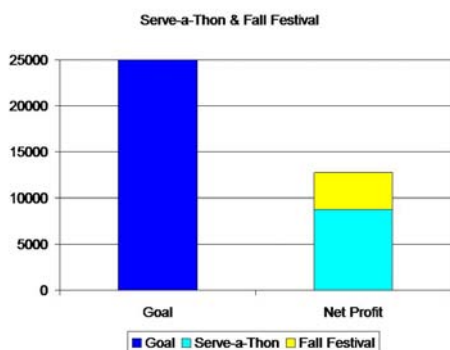
~Gene Bentley  
Superintendent

### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, October 19 from 12:00 noon—8:00 pm. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend these conferences. Report cards will be available to be picked up on that day.

**K-5th grade:** Please call the school office at 399-9565 to schedule a 15 minute conference with your child's teacher.

**6th-12th grade:** These conferences will be held in each teacher's classroom on a first come, first serve basis. These conferences will be limited to 10 minutes in length.



### SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

School picture retakes are Tuesday, October 20. If a student missed Picture Day they should have their picture taken. If a student would like their picture retaken they may have that done as well. A re-take request for new or absentee students or technical problems, such as closed eyes, etc. will be no charge.



School Calendar	
Oct. 5	JV FB @ Cedar Bluffs - 5:00 pm
Oct. 6	PLAN Test - 10th Grade - 8:00 am
Oct. 6	MS FB @ Cedar Bluffs - 5:00 pm
Oct. 6	JV/V VB @ Prague - 6:30/7:30 pm
Oct. 8	JV/V VB @ Winnebago - 6:00/7:00 pm
Oct. 9	Booster Club Meeting - 8:00 am
Oct. 9	FB vs Conestoga @ Roncalli HS - 7:00 pm - HOMECOMING
Oct. 10	MS VB Tournament @ Scribner-Snyder
Oct. 10	JV VB Tournament @ Mead
Oct. 10	Homecoming Dinner @ Grisanti's - 6:30 pm; After Party @ OCA
Oct. 12	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
Oct. 12	JV FB @ East Butler - 6:30 pm
Oct. 13	Magazine Sale Kick-off
Oct. 13	4th Grade Field Trip to Lewis & Clark in Bellevue - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Oct. 13	JV/V VB vs Cedar Bluffs @ Grace U. - 5:30/6:30 pm
Oct. 14-19	NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
Oct. 14	PSAT Test - 10th & 11th Grade - 8:00 am
Oct. 15	JV/V VB vs College View @ Grace U. - 6:30/7:30 pm
Oct. 16	FB vs Johnson-Brock @ Roncalli - 7:00 pm
Oct. 17	Quiz Bowl Meet @ Lincoln Northeast - 9:00 am
Oct. 17	MS VB @ Brownell-Talbot - 1:00 pm
Oct. 17	V VB Triangular @ College of St. Marys - 4:00/6:00 pm
Oct. 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences - Noon-8:00 pm



# HEY EAGLE FANS

Join us for a **TAILGATE PARTY** before the Homecoming Game Friday Night, beginning at 5:30 pm. Meal Deals will be available. Look for more information in an upcoming email.

## Spirit Week Days

- Monday, Oct. 5 - Pajama Day
- Tuesday, Oct. 6 - Super Hero Day
- Wednesday, Oct. 7 - Class Color Day
  - **Preschool: Princess or Super Hero T-shirt**
  - **Kindergarten - Orange**
  - **1st Grade - Red**
  - **2nd Grade - Blue**
  - **3rd Grade - Purple**
  - **4th Grade - Green**
  - **5th Grade - Red, White & Blue**
  - **6th Grade - Blue**
  - **7th Grade - Pink**
  - **8th Grade - Black**
  - **9th Grade - Red**
  - **10th Grade - Blue**
  - **11th Grade - Black**
  - **12th Grade - Green**
- Thursday, Oct. 8 - Sweats, Shorts & Crazy Hair Day
- Friday, Oct. 9 - Blue & Gold Day

## TUG-OF-WAR AT HALFTIME

### Homecoming Football Game

Don't miss out on the fun! Join in to help your team in the four-way Tug-of-War.

**Team 1: Football Dads**

**Team 2: High School Students**

**Team 3: Alumni**

**Team 4: Middle School Students & Staff**

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

### Homecoming Dinner

Homecoming Dinner will be held at Grisanti's, 10875 W. Dodge Road on Saturday, October 10 at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be on sale until October 6.

Choose from the following dinner choices:



1. Fettuccine Alfredo: Ribbon pasta served in traditional parmesan cream sauce - \$18.00
2. Spaghetti with Meat sauce: Made from Momma's special recipe - \$18.00
3. Classic Lasagna: Layers of four cheeses, fresh pasta, and house-made meat sauce - \$20.00
4. Chicken Parmesan: Hand breaded chicken breast topped with mozzarella, parmesan and marinara sauce. Served with spaghetti, marinara and fresh vegetables - \$22.00
5. 10 oz. Top Sirloin: Grilled center cut sirloin served with roasted garlic mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables - \$24.00

*Each meal includes Grisanti's Signature Salad, Tuscan-style garlic bread, zesty marinara sauce and a refillable drink.*

### School-Sponsored After-Party



The "After-Party" will be held at OCA. A school van will shuttle non-driving students from Grisanti's to OCA. Students need to reserve a seat on the shuttle with Mr. Lovgren by noon on Friday.

A movie will be shown in the cafeteria. The movie is "The Incredibles". Students attending After-Party are asked to bring:

Seniors - Salty Snack: Crackers, pretzels, chips, etc. (Not Popcorn)

Juniors - Sweets: Cookies, brownies, candy, etc.

Sophomores & Freshman: Drinks - 2-2 liters or a case of bottled water.

This event will end at 11:00 pm.

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## Gate/Concessions/Clean-up

### Football

**Friday, October 9 @ Roncalli**

Gate: Steve & Becky White  
Tim & Kimber McLean

Concessions: Lisa McDonald  
Deanne Jenkins  
Tammy Krumwiede

Clean-up: The Deckett's & Sophomore Families  
Chain Crew: Ched Deckett, Brad Updike, Mark Krumwiede



## ATTENTION PARENTS

If you have not already done so, please turn in Health Update forms, Health Physicals, Immunization Records and Emergency Plan of Action for special health conditions. This information should be turned in to the school office. All of this information is required by the State of Nebraska for school attendance. Health Update forms are available in the school office.



## ITEMS WANTED FOR ART CLASS

1. Baby Food Jars with Lids
2. Empty Tin Cans
3. 1 Gallon Plastic Jars with Lids
4. Scrap Plywood for Masonite Craft Projects



## School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Oct 5	HOT— Breaded Mozzarella Sticks with Marinara COLD— Oriental Salad Box	Green Beans Berry Cup Tollhouse Cookie Bar
Oct 6	HOT— Pancakes with Sausage Links COLD— Chicken Salad Box with Veggies and Crackers	Hashbrown Patty Banana Blueberry Muffin Square
Oct 7	HOT— Hamburger on a Bun COLD— Garden Salad with Cheese, Bacon & Croutons	Potato Smiles Orange Smiles Smiley Cookie
Oct. 8	HOT— Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheese Stick & Crackers COLD— Ham & Swiss Cheese on Whole Wheat	Baby Carrots Peaches White Cake with Pink Frosting
Oct. 9	HOT— Navajo Tacos COLD— Chicken Salad on a Croissant	Corn Mixed Fruit Pumpkin Bars

**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.

## Cub Scout Corner

**Pack Meeting**  
**October 5 - 6:30-7:30 pm**

**Meetings are held in the OCA cafeteria**



## Our Annual Fall Magazine Fundraiser is just around the corner!

Each fall, we kick-off our Magazine Subscription Fundraiser to benefit our students and Omaha Christian Academy. For over 15 years parents have been renewing their magazines, and their families' and friends' magazines to benefit OCA with 40% of those purchases. It is nice knowing that the magazine companies are not getting 40% of those subscription costs, OCA is! The funds raised will help support educational, academic and extracurricular programs for our students.

We will be kicking off our Magazine Sale, October 13th, so be on the lookout for your student's sales packet that day. Inside will be all the information on the 3 ways that students can participate. Look for the new Magazine Sale Booklet, your yellow receipt copy of any sales you had last year and an information sheet about turn-in days, etc.

However, you can get started right now!

Save Paperwork. Go Online.

Go to [www.qsp.com](http://www.qsp.com)

Under "Register Now", (in the middle of the page) Click "Just Shopping"

Enter account number # **425000527**.

Renew your current magazine subscriptions and/or order new subscriptions on-line.

When you checkout, you can credit your student and their class with your purchase.

As with past Magazine Sales drives, all sales earn tickets for a prize store.

This year, ALL internet sales and Christian magazines and CD's will receive 2 tickets!

All other sales will earn one ticket for the prize store. The internet sales will be for any orders placed online since school started, until October 26<sup>th</sup>.



*Your support is met with much gratitude and appreciation.*

