

Omaha Christian Academy

# News & Notes

October 9, 2009

## From the Director

Research shows that one of the most important factors that affect a child's performance in school is parental involvement. All too often, parents assume that just sending their children to school and looking at their report cards is enough. Not true! With Parent/Teacher Conferences coming up on Monday, October 19 this is a good time to look at some ideas for parental involvement.

(Adapted from *Adprima: Education Information for New and Future Teachers*)

### Ideas for Parents in Getting to Know Their Child's School Better

- As appropriate, call, e-mail or PAN your child's teachers.
- Take time to read the school newsletter, *News & Notes*.
- It may not always be convenient, but try to attend school functions.
- Communicate with your child about school. This includes talking to him about his friends, activities, teachers, and assignments.
- Show enthusiasm about school.

### How Parents can Help with their Children's Homework

- Set realistic goals for your child, and then focus on one at a time.
- Help your child get organized. Break down assignments into smaller, more manageable parts.
- Set out needed items (clothes, homework, permission slips, etc.) the night before to avoid last-minute rushing around in the morning.
- Provide a quiet study corner in your home complete with paper, markers, a ruler, pencils and a dictionary.
- Never do your child's homework! Check with your child's teacher about correcting homework.

- Expect, and praise genuine progress and effort. Be specific when you do praise something.
- Focus on your child's strengths in school.
- Build associations between what is taught and what your child already knows and understands.
- Incorporate concrete materials and examples whenever possible, especially with younger children. Try to help your child learn about the subject in more than one way, using as many senses as possible.
- Separate your child's school weaknesses from your child. If your child fails a test, that is all the child fails. He or she is not a failure.

### Questions to Ask at a School Conference

- Is my child performing at grade level in basic skills? Above/Below?
- What are the objectives my child is supposed to attain? How do these objectives lead to the overall goal for the course/grade?
- What are my child's strengths and weaknesses in major subject areas?
- What subject does my child enjoy most?
- Can we together go over some examples of my child's class work?
- Does my child need special help in any academic subject?
- How does my child interact with other children?
- Has my child regularly completed assigned homework?
- Has my child attended class regularly?
- Have you observed any changes in learning progress during the year? Has learning improved or declined during the year?

Tim Thompson  
Director

<i>School Calendar</i>	
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. 12	JV VB vs ISD @ Westroads Club - 4:30
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 - Juniors - 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
Oct. 19	C Team/JV VB vs Concordia @ Westroads Club - 4:00/5:00 pm
Oct. 19	School Picture Retakes
Oct. 20	NFC VB Tournament
Oct. 21	6th Grade to TAC Air & John Millers Vintage Cars - 8:05 am
Oct. 21	Kindergarten to Bellevue Berry Farm - 12:20 pm

**NO SCHOOL NEXT**  
**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY**  
*Due to*  
**TEACHER'S CONVENTION**

**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.

**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 for your child(ren). 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.



**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 retake request for new or absentee students or technical problems, such as closed eyes, etc. may be taken with no extra charge.



**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.

**HOMECOMING AFTER-PARTY**

**Approximate Schedule:**

- 7:45-8:15 Capture the Flag\*
- 8:20-8:40 Mission Impossible
- 8:45-9:45 The Incredibles Movie
- 9:50-10:20 Inner Tubes\*
- 10:25-11:25 The Incredibles Movie
- 11:25-11:30 Clean-up and go home

\*These are outdoor events, so come prepared!

**Snack Responsibilities:**

- Seniors: Salty Snacks - Crackers, Pretzels, Chips, etc. No Popcorn!
- Juniors: Sweets - Cookies, Brownies, etc.
- Sophomores & Freshman: 2 two liter bottles of pop or a 12 pack of water



**ADOPT-A-STAFF MEMBER**

Each year school families adopt OCA faculty and staff members and serve as their "secret family" during the school year. You will receive a "Favorites" list for the staff member that list their favorite snack, gum, beverage, etc. You may surprise them with small gifts and pray for them throughout the year. If you would like to Adopt-a-Staff member please contact Patricia Lempeotis on her cell phone, 941-320-1367.



*Mr. Wirges vs Mrs. Colegrove in a game of Volleyball!  
Who will win?*

Come support the Lady Eagles on Tuesday evening, October 13 at Grace University beginning at 5:30 pm with a JV game. Varsity will play at 6:30 pm.

- **In-Between-Games Entertainment...** will consist of OCA Faculty vs Volleyball Parents for a 10 minute volleyball match.

First 25 OCA students wearing Navy will receive a FREE candy bar.

*Concessions will not be sold.*

**MAGAZINE SALE  
and OCA's LIBRARY**



The State of Nebraska requires our school library to have at least 25 magazines at the high school level and at least 10 magazines at the middle school level. The number required for elementary depends upon teachers' requests and needs.

Each year we have met these goals through the generous donation of subscriptions by our students and families.

Again this year we need your help. There will be magazine orders already filled out in the school office. You can contribute by adding your student's name and a check to pay for the subscription. Your student may turn this order in for prize credit.

Complete instructions will be in the office Tuesday, October 13 when the Magazine Sale Kicks Off. Please do not order magazines for the library without going through the office.

Thank you for your support.

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## FAN OF THE GAME

The Booster Club would like to thank all OCA fans for supporting our Eagles by wearing navy blue to football and volleyball games. You look awesome! We would also like to congratulate the September winners of the "Fan of the Game" drawings, Pam Adams, Erin Clifton, Kim Stiansen, and Kelly Lyle. Keep wearing your navy blue to the games to place your name in the drawing, and YOU could be the next FAN OF THE GAME!

### Gate/Concessions/Clean-up

#### Volleyball

Tuesday, October 13 @ Grace Univ.

Gate: Stella Lim

Clean-up: Annette Williams  
Freshman Families



Thursday, October 15

Gate: Marge Anderson

Clean-up: Kim Stiansen

#### Football

Friday, October 16 @ Roncalli

Gate: Steve & Becky White

Tim & Kimber McLean

Concessions: Jeffrey & Anne Bebee

Thomas & Robin Theroult

Clean-up: Rhonda Deckett

Freshman Families

## School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Oct 12	HOT— Chicken Nuggets COLD—Soybutter & Jelly Sandwich	Cucumber Chips Pears Dinner Roll Brownie
Oct 13	HOT— Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce COLD—Crispy Chicken Salad Box	Green Beans Grapes Garlic Bread Stick Chocolate Chip Cookie
Oct 14	NO SCHOOL	FALL BREAK
Oct. 15	NO SCHOOL	FALL BREAK
Oct. 16	NO SCHOOL	FALL BREAK

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.



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

*Psalm 136:1*

### 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



# Attention boys in first through fifth grades

Is it too late for my boy to join Cub Scouts?!?



**No!**  
*We're still looking for a few good ~~men~~ boys to join the OCA Cub Scout Pack!*

Weekly Den Meetings are starting now!

Tiger Cubs (1<sup>st</sup> grade)  
Wolf Cubs (2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
Bear Cubs (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)  
Webelos (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

Next Pack is meeting Monday, November 2.

For more information, contact Nancy or Dave Taylor,  
493-2783, or e-mail [drt357@cox.net](mailto:drt357@cox.net)



October 1, 2009

## **SMART Points. SMART Reward.**

Dear Parents,

Help our school win a SMART Board™ interactive whiteboard! SMART Board™ interactive whiteboards engage students in exciting new ways, inspiring a higher education within a more creative environment.

Every \$20 of Procter & Gamble products\* purchased at Hy-Vee, in a single transaction, earns you 100 SMART Points to donate to our school. Printed on your receipt will be a promotional code to be entered on [www.Hy-VeeSMARTPoints.com](http://www.Hy-VeeSMARTPoints.com). Once the code is entered, you can choose to donate your points to our school.



More than 125 schools with the most points will win!\*\* Visit the promotional website to find the schools that are competing against us to win a SMART Board™ interactive whiteboard. Earn SMART Points by visiting Hy-Vee from September 1, 2009 – October 31, 2009.

We encourage you to share the details of this promotion with your friends and family during the promotional period, and invest in the future of our school.

Sincerely,

*Tim Thompson*  
*Executive Director*

\* Participating P&G Brands: Align®, Always®, Aussie®, Bounce®, Bounty®, Braun®, Camay®, Cascade®, Charmin®, Cheer®, Clairol®, Cover Girl®, Crest®, Dawn®, Downy®, Duracell®, Era®, Febreze®, Fixodent®, Gain®, Gillette®, Gleem®, Head & Shoulders®, Herbal Essences®, Hydrience®, Iams®, Infusium®, Ivory®, Joy®, Kandoo®, Luvs®, Max Factor®, Metamucil®, Mr. Clean®, Natural Instincts®, Nice & Easy®, Noxzema®, Olay®, Old Spice®, Oral B®, Pampers®, Pantene®, Pepto Bismol®, Prilosec OTC®, Pringles®, Puffs®, Pur®, Safeguard®, Scope®, Secret®, Swiffer®, Tampax®, Tide®, Vicks®, Zest®.

\*\* Qualified schools will be grouped according to geographic location. Point totals will be divided by the number of students enrolled in each of the participating schools. Qualifying schools with the most points per grouping wins. Program ends 10/31/09. See website for official rules.

# Our Annual Fall Magazine Fundraiser will officially start on Tuesday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>!



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 13<sup>th</sup>, so be on the lookout for your student's sales packet that day. Please remind your child to bring it home! Inside will be all the information on the 3 ways that students can participate. Look for the 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 Sale 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.*

