

Omaha Christian Academy

# News & Notes

October 23, 2009

## Six things the established generation must possess to pass the faith to the next generation:

### 1. A firm commitment to Christian beliefs

The emerging generation is asking: "Does you really believe this?"

### 2. Evidence of ongoing process in personal relationship with God

The emerging generation is asking: "Does this matter to you personally enough that it is a source of constant growth?"

### 3. A well developed Christian worldview

The emerging generation is asking: "*Are there genuinely good reasons for believing that God's worldview applies to every area of life?*"

### 4. Openness to differing points of view

The emerging generation is asking: "*Are you defensive or resentful? Or have you carefully listened to others before forming your views?*"

### 5. Richness of Christian insights and wisdom

The emerging generation is asking: "*How does an understanding of God's truth enable us to see the world more clearly?*"

### 6. Strength in the unchanging wisdoms of our faith

The emerging generation is asking: "*Is your faith just one part of your life, or is it the thing that gives you strength to live in every area of your life?*"

(from "Passing the Baton" by Jeff Myers)

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

*Psalm 136:1*



<b>School Calendar</b>	
Oct. 23	FB @ Cedar Bluffs - 7:00 pm
Oct. 26	Last Day to turn in Magazine Sale Orders
Oct. 26	Geography "A Class" to Hitchcock Nature Center - 8:00 am
Oct. 27	V VB Triangular @ College of St. Marys - 5:30/7:30
Oct. 28	8th Grade to Fort Atkinson & Washington County Historical Museum - 8:00
Oct. 29	FB Playoffs 1st Round
Oct. 30	HS Band Clinic @ Grace U. - 1:49 pm
Oct. 30	HS Band Festival @ Grace U. - 7:00 pm
Nov. 2	VB Sub-Districts @ David City
Nov. 3	VB Sub-Districts @ David City
Nov. 3	7th Grade to Omaha World Herald & First National Bank - 9:30 am
Nov. 4	FB Playoffs - 2nd Round
Nov. 6	MS Field Trip to Opera Omaha - 9:15 am
Nov. 10	FB Playoffs - 3rd Round
Nov. 13	Harvest Party - Kdg., 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade - 2:00 pm
Nov. 16	FB Playoffs Semi-Finals
Nov. 17	NFC Vocal Clinic @ NE Lutheran - 2:00
Nov. 17	NFC Vocal Concert @ NE Lutheran - 7:00 pm
Nov. 19	One Act Play @ OCA Cafeteria - 7:00 pm
Nov. 20	One Act Play @ OCA Cafeteria - 7:00 pm
Nov. 23	FB Finals
Nov. 23	NFC One Act Play @ Cedar Bluffs
Nov. 26-27	No School Thanksgiving Break

## ATTENTION PARENTS

Report cards that were not picked up at Parent/Teacher Conferences will be sent home with the youngest child in the family on Friday, October 23.

Also, you may access your child's report card at any time on Sycamore Education. Follow these steps:

1. Login on Sycamore Education using your family login and password.
2. In the left column, click on "My Students"
3. In the main window, click on your child's "code" number.
4. In the window that pops up, click on the "Documents" tab.
5. Click on the "2009-2010 Grade Card - Q1" (you will need Adobe Reader to open this file).

You may follow this procedure each quarter to view your child's report card.

# Thank you!

Thank you to all of the parents who contributed food for the soup supper provided for teachers and staff during Parent/Teacher conferences.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## 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.



## MAGAZINES

### Your Support is Important!



ORDER NOW! Time is running out to order or renew magazines and music for your home. These items also make thoughtful gifts – and they're shipped directly to the recipient, so you don't have to wait in post office lines! OCA gets 40% of each sale, so **use this source for all your Christmas gift-shopping.** Thank you for your continued support of this program that benefits our school by helping fund student activities and programs.

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

## CONGRATULATIONS... OCA VOCAL STUDENTS



Each year, over 2000 of the best high school musicians in the state audition for the Nebraska All-State Band, Chorus, Jazz Band and Orchestra which are sponsored by the Nebraska Music Educators Association. Selection as a member of one of these groups is one of the highest musical honors attainable in Nebraska. Mr. Kelly Meyer, Chair of Choral Affairs for the Nebraska Music Educators Association, is pleased to announce that **Steven Hamilton - Bass 2, Stephen Jay - Tenor 1, Czarina Lim - Alto 2, and Katy Schulz - Alto 1, all from Omaha Christian Academy**, will be among the 442 students selected to be a part of the 2009 All-State Chorus. Guest conductor for the group will be Elena Sharkova, Artistic Director of the Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale, San Jose, CA. The chorus will rehearse Wednesday, November 18th through Friday, November 20th on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus, the host site of the 2009 NMEA Conference/Clinic. A final public concert will be held on Friday, November 20th at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Nebraska-campus. **Nikki Tulsie** who was chosen as alternate - **Soprano 1.** Congratulations, OCA Vocal students!

## 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. Some magazines have been ordered for the library, but 21 more subscriptions are still needed. The list of magazines required for the library is available in the school office.

Please do not order magazines for the library without going through the office.

Thank you for your support.

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### Serve-a-Thon

Thank you for the 166 sponsorships you solicited for the 2009 Student Serve-a-Thon! Please check your Syc Ed PANs to find the names of those who sponsored your child(ren). You will want to acknowledge their investment in your child(ren).

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## Middle School Officers

President: Mikayla Rye

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## CHECK THIS OUT!

Log on to Sycamore Education. On the home page you will find a link called "Maps to Athletic Events". On the right hand side of the page under the the blue "Featured" banner click on "Links." Follow the link to Google Maps where you will find a map to the location of OCA athletic events. You can even personalize the directions from your location! [Please keep this link within the OCA family since it discloses the locations of many schools and could potentially be a security risk.]

## 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.

## School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Oct 26	HOT— Teriyaki Chicken Over Rice with Chow Mein Noodles COLD—Taco Salad Box	Japanese Carrot Salad Mandarin & Pinapple Salad Iced Ginger Cookie
Oct 27	HOT— Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Tomato Soup COLD—Oriental Salad Box	Pickle Spear Banana School Fuel
Oct 28	HOT— Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Green Garden Salad with Cheese, Croutons & Bacon	Lettuce Salad Dried Cherries Sugar Cookie
Oct. 29	HOT— Beef Enchiladas COLD—Deli Bagel Sandwich	Corn Apple Wedges Cinnamon Crisps
Oct. 30	HOT— Chicken Fried Steak COLD—Soybutter & Jelly Sandwich	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Kiwi Cookie

**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.

## 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](http://www.flatlandphoto.com) and order your prints today!**

# Magazine Sales Update

The Magazine Sales Launch, on the 13<sup>th</sup>, went well, and your child should have brought home a sales packet of information. The students once again seemed excited. One facet of the Magazine Sales I like is the opportunity for the children to participate and help the school. The name "Magazine Sale" is misleading a little. If you have had the opportunity to look through the sales booklet, besides seeing many magazines, you noticed a lot of Music CD's, some books and things offered by Rick Warren. This sale is also the way we replenish our magazines in the library. If you would like to do this, please ask in the school office, which magazines the library is still in need of.

History is repeating itself with a slow start to our Magazine Sale fundraiser. I hope this also means that history will repeat itself with a BIG turn-in day on Monday. One thing that is different this year, the internet sales are outpacing the handwritten turned in orders! Together so far there are over \$4000 in sales. **I know there are a lot of you that read magazines and have not ordered them yet (myself included). Please take the time this weekend to do so, so that OCA instead of the magazine companies will get 40% of those costs.**



**Yes, you can purchase new or renew magazines online all year long...  
But Monday is the deadline for your child to get rewards for sales.**

Here are some of the rewards:

- ❖ All orders turned in will receive a ticket to be redeemed at the Prize Store.
- ❖ All orders done online will receive 2 tickets to be redeemed at the Prize Store.
- ❖ Sell Sports Illustrated and/or SI Kids and receive a Zeebee!
- ❖ Fill in 10 names and addresses in Postcard Booklet and receive a "Hoodie Key Chain"! (These names are used only to mail a magazine sales packet to them.)
- ❖ Send 12 emails to friends and family at QSP.COM and receive a "Mystery Bag"!
- ❖ Every Christian Magazine or music sale will receive 2 tickets for the Prize Store.
- ❖ All students in K-8 who turn in 14 sales will be invited to a Limo/Pizza Party! (24 sales for those families with more than one student at Omaha Christian Academy)
- ❖ All students in 9-12 who turn in 14 sales will be invited to a Pizza Lunch and Cosmic Bowling! (24 sales for those families with more than one student at Omaha Christian Academy)

So far there has been over 80 email requests sent from the QSP.COM site from OCA students. Many of these will turn into orders. Any orders that come in over the internet after Monday, will still benefit OCA.



**To order online:**

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

Use the School Code: **425000527** and follow the instructions online to place your order.

**Thank you for helping in benefiting OCA with this fundraiser!!**



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