

Omaha Christian Academy

# News & Notes

November 6, 2009

## From the Director

Accreditation by a well-recognized agency is a seal of quality on an educational organization. The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) promotes the value and worthiness of accreditation and encourages each school to continuously pursue excellence. Omaha Christian Academy has been accredited by ACSI since 1992. The “accredited” seal denotes a school/program that has met institutional standards of quality and that verifies a commitment to strategic improvement and ongoing accountability.



A C C R E D I T E D

ACSI accreditation is a highly effective way for a Christian school/program to evaluate itself in light of its unique educational mission. An authentic Christian school/program may be thought of as involving the four interwoven educational strands of (1) academic ideas and thinking; (2) skills for life and living; (3) biblical worldview grounding; and (4) personal character, values, and spiritual formation.

Accreditation is:

- A *process* of study and analysis to prepare a school for systematic improvement.
- *Involvement* of students, parents, teachers and the school community in a unified approach to advance the school.
- A *comparison* of schools with established standards of *quality*.
- An *assessment* of a school’s operation in light of its stated mission and vision.
- The *recognition* of an organization with the wisdom to be accountable to continuous school improvement.

OCA’s current term of ACSI accreditation expires in 2010. This school year we will all be working toward the process of becoming re-accredited. Our administration, faculty and staff will have extra responsibilities in producing the required documentation and in preparing for an evaluative team visit in 2010. I hope you will join with us in praying for this endeavor – and in being willing to help if called upon.

[Adapted from ACSI REACH Accreditation Manual]

Tim Thompson  
Director



<i>School Calendar</i>	
Nov. 8	HS Band @ Temple Baptist Church - 6:00 pm
Nov. 9	HS Winter Sports Meeting - 7:00 pm
Nov. 13	Harvest Party - Kdg., 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade - 2:00 pm
Nov. 14	Quiz Bowl @ Bryan HS - 9:00 am
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	Booster Club Meeting - 8:00 am
Nov. 20	MS Ice Skating Party @ Tranquility Ice Rink - 2:00-4:00 pm
Nov. 20	One Act Play @ OCA Cafeteria - 7:00 pm
Nov. 23	NFC One Act Play @ Cedar Bluffs
Nov. 26-27	No School Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 3	JV B/V G&B BB vs College View - 4:45/6:15/8:00 pm - Location TBA
Dec. 4	V G&B BB @ Bancroft-Rosalie - 6:15/8:00 pm
Dec. 7	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
Dec. 8	Elementary Christmas Concert @ OCA - 6:30 pm
Dec. 10	Christmas Dinner for Faculty/Staff/Board @ 7:00 pm
Dec. 11	Spelling Bee - Grades 1-8
Dec. 11	V G&B BB vs Parkview Christian @ College of St. Marys - 6:15/8:00 pm
Dec. 12	JV/V G&B BB vs Weeping Water @ Colleg of St. Marys - Times TBA
Dec. 14	MS/HS Christmas Concert @ OCA - 7:00 pm

**ORDER YOUR OCA SPIRIT WEAR FOR CHRISTMAS NOW!**

OCA SPIRITWEAR is available now. Order your hoodies, sweatpants, gym bags, fleece jackets, wind shirts, tote bags, drawstring bags, t-shirts, polos... the perfect gifts for all OCA Eagle Fans!

Look for the 2009-2010 Spirit Wear Order Form in this *News & Notes* or pick up an order form at the school office. Please turn in your orders by November 16 as that will be the last day to place orders.

We are now offering a navy hoodie screen printed with "OMAHA CHRISTIAN" on the chest (see below). It can also be matched with our new sweatpants that have the OCA Eagle Head screen printed on the upper thigh.

Order now and show your OCA spirit!

**Don't forget to have your completed order form and check in to the school office by November 16th.**

Questions? PAN Jan Schulz.



# QUIZ BOWL

OCA was able to take three teams to the Ralston Quiz Bowl Meet on October 31st. The team consisting of Luke Henkenius, Josh Buckingham-Weibel, Steven Hamiton, Kathryn White, and Sean West brought home the third place trophy in a field of sixteen teams. Congratulations to them!! First place went to the Norris team from Firth NE and second place went to Bellevue West. Top scorers for the day on our other two teams were Kendra Strasser (Advanced team) and Cameron Deckett (Novice team). Our next meet is November 14th at Bryan High School. ~Coach Arant

## Old Chicago "PizzaPalz" For Sale By High School Band Members!

High School Band students are now selling Old Chicago coupons for pizza, called PizzaPalz. Each coupon sells for \$11.00, and is good for one large pizza, maximum value of \$22.00. Please see a band student, or call the office for this great value. Proceeds will help fund next year's HS band tour.



## WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH ALL OF YOUR UNWANTED CANDY?



You could donate it to OCA. Elementary teachers would like to use it as a reward for lining up quietly at lunch time. Please turn in your candy to the school office.



## OCA YOUTH SPORTS BASKETBALL SIGN- UPS



### K-6TH Grade

*Season: 1/9/10 to 2/28/10*

*Registration: 10/30/09 to 11/13/09*

**Important Change:** In order to receive the team rate of \$51.00, OCA must field 4 or more teams per season.

Cost: \$51.00 - OCA Team Rate

Cost: \$72.00 - West YMCA Non-member Rate

Cost: \$41.00 - YMCA Members - Register & pay at West YMCA

Parents may send the registration form to the school office or parents may mail the registration and fee to Joyce West (*see information below*) Mailed registrations must be postmarked 10/30/09-11/13/09.

- Make checks payable to: Youth Sports
- Checks will be deposited no sooner than Saturday, November 14, 2009
- Mail registration form & check to:  
Youth Sports, c/o Joyce West, 6813 N. 102nd Circle, Omaha, NE 68122
- OCA families receive first priority, but neighbors, friends, etc. are welcome to register.
- Consider being a coach; Each OCA team needs a coach
- If an OCA team cannot be fielded your check will be shredded (unless you send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your Registration Form.

**Parents talk to the other parents in your child's class and encourage them to sign-up! We would love for OCA to have a team from each grade.**

**Sign Up Today!**

## Guidance Corner

- ⇒ Gallup is offering a \$500 scholarship to seniors who have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and leadership skills and work orientation as demonstrated through participation in extracurricular activities and/or part-time employment. Applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 5, 2010.
- ⇒ The AK-SAR-BEN Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals is offering scholarships worth up to \$500 for seniors planning to pursue a career as an administrative office professional. You must have a GPA of 3.0 or above and attend an accredited Nebraska or Iowa college, university, or business school. Applications are available in the guidance office or may be obtained at their web site at [www.iaap-aksarben.org](http://www.iaap-aksarben.org). Deadline is February 15, 2010.
- ⇒ Central Community College in Hastings has scholarship opportunities available to seniors interested in becoming Heavy Construction and Agricultural Diesel Technicians. Contact the guidance office for more information.
- ⇒ The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, is offering its annual \$500 scholarships for seniors planning to enroll in a Nebraska college, university or technical school. Applicants must be sons or daughters, grandchildren or great-grandchildren, adopted or stepchildren of members of Department of Nebraska, The American Legion or POW, MIA, KIA, or any veteran that was a current American Legion member at time of death. Application forms are available in the guidance office or applications may also be downloaded from their website at [www.nebraskalegion.net](http://www.nebraskalegion.net). Deadline is March 1, 2010.
- ⇒ The Nebraska Academy of Sciences is sponsoring a number of scholarships for seniors planning to attend colleges or universities in Nebraska. Scholarships may vary from \$100 to \$1,000. More detailed information is available on their website at: [neacadsci.org/Info/Scholarship.htm](http://neacadsci.org/Info/Scholarship.htm). Postmark deadline is March 1, 2010.
- ⇒ 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 class addressing ACT writing. The first class will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 6:30-9:30 pm. The second class will be held on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 6:30-9:30 pm. The optional third session will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 6:30-8:00 pm. There is a \$30 fee for two sessions and \$40 for all three sessions. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

### Calendar:

- Nov. 6 - ACT Deadline for Dec. 12 Test
- Nov. 11 - UNK Rep Visit
- Nov. 12 - Late SAT Reg. Deadline for Dec. 5 Test
- Nov. 20 - Late ACT Reg. Deadline for Dec. 12 Test

## Missed Ordering Your Magazine?



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.

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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 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.]

## GREAT PHOTOS



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!



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

*Psalm 136:1*

## School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Nov 9	HOT— Hamburger on a Bun COLD—Taco Salad Box	Tator Tots Apple Slices Rice Krispy Bar
Nov 10	HOT— Baked Rotini with Meat Sauce COLD—Deli Bagel Box with Strawberry Cream Cheese	California Vegetables Orange Wedge Garlic Bun Berry Crisp
Nov 11	HOT— Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Southwestern Chicken Wrap with Red Pepper Aioli	Hashbrown Patty Orange Wedges Blueberry Muffin Bar
Nov 12	HOT— Monterey Chicken COLD—Field Greens topped with Grilled Chicken with Blackberry Vinaigrette	Rice Pilaf Grapes Ghirardelli Chocolate Surprise
Nov 13	HOT— Cheesy Enchilada Casserole COLD—Green Garden Salad with Bacon, Cheese and Croutons	Corn Kiwi Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Frosting

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



Den Meetings will be held after school on Mondays.

Next Pack Meeting will be December 7 at 6:30 pm in the Preschool Room.

Omaha Christian  
Academy  
Presents

*A  
One-Act  
Comedy  
Festival*



*All In Disguise*

*By*

*Gene Trayler  
And  
James Michael Elrod*

*and*

*Oh, What a Tangled Web*

*By*

*John P. Carroll*

**A Dessert Buffett will be served during an intermission between the two plays.**

**A donation to the Omaha Christian Drama Department is requested for dessert.**

**When?: November 19 & 20 7:00 pm**

**Where? Omaha Christian Academy  
10422 Wiesman Drive  
Omaha, NE 68134**

**How Much? Students - \$3.00  
Adults - \$4.00**



OCA/West YMCA Winter Youth Sports

K – 6 Basketball

Registration Form

Season: January 9, 2010 – February 28, 2010

REGISTRATION: Sign-up at school on Monday or Tuesday, November 2nd & 3rd in the cafeteria from 3:00-4:00 pm or Mail your registration Post Marked: October 30th to November 13th No Late Registrations Accepted Send Completed and Signed Forms to: Youth Sports, c/o Joyce West, 6813 N. 102nd Ave. Cir. Omaha, NE 68122

IMPORTANT CHANGE: In order to receive the team rate of \$51.00, OCA must field 4 teams per season. This will take parent involvement, please talk to your child about Basketball sign-ups.

PRACTICES: You will be contacted about practices the week before games begin. Practices will be at various Public schools around town. Before the season starts the Y allows 2 practices a week. After the season starts only one practice is allowed to be held per week. Team coaches will pick the night and time for practices at the coaches meeting through a lottery system.

MISC INFO: Teams are formed by current grade level of each child. Boys K-6th grade teams will play on Saturdays. All OCA teams K-6 will be co-ed playing against boy teams on Saturdays. Unless girls' team only (1-6) is requested on registration form and marked Yes to YMCA team. Girls' teams that are playing on a YMCA team will play their games on Sundays.

WEST YMCA INFO: The YMCA will provide game balls. K: mini ball, 7' basket; 1 & 2: junior ball, 8' basket; 3 & 4: Women's ball, 9' basket; 5 & 6: women's ball, 10' basket. Everyone will play at least one half of every game, there will be an emphasis of participation, teamwork, and fair play. At the YMCA and the Youth Sports programs, winning is not emphasized at the recreational level. You must provide your players own medical insurance and personal equipment as needed. Basketball shoes required.

COACHES: There must be a volunteer coach for every OCA team! Sports specific knowledge is helpful to be a coach, but not mandatory. Enjoying children, wanting to teach, and being a positive role model is the most important qualifications. Each coach must be able to hold practices once a week. If there is not an OCA team coach and you want your player to be on a Y team; you must mark Yes to YMCA.

SHIRTS: All Basketball players must have a number on their shirt. If you have a navy and gold shirt with a number on it, you're all set. If not, you will need to purchase an OCA shirt. This shirt will be worn for all OCA team sports through Youth Sports. Shirts will be delivered the week games begin. Youth Sizes: YS 6-8, YM 10-12, YLG 14-16 Adult Sizes: AS, AM, AL, AXL If your child is on a Y team, you must acquire a Y shirt through the West YMCA.

No one may sign up more than 2 kids that are not their own. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. OCA families will always have priority. If we can not put your child on a team matching your requirements, your check will be shredded; unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed with your registration form. Help form OCA teams – Sign-Up Early!

OCA Youth Sports Winter Registration Form

Child's Name (one per form please) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ HM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in Coaching or Assistant Coaching? \_\_\_\_\_

Your child will only be moved up a grade, if specified "Yes" on registration: default is NO.

(current) Birth date SEX GRADE Move Up a Grade? Shirt \$9.00? Girls Team Only? / / M F Yes or No Size: Y or A Yes

If your child wants to play on a Y team: YMCA Members (\$41) & Non-Members (\$72) need to register in person at the West YMCA.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Amount, Currency, Total. Rows include OCA TEAM - Basketball Fee (\$51.00), OCA Team - Shirt Fee (\$9.00), and Total.

I have read and understand the above and give my permission for my child to participate:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions? Do not call the school! Call Joyce West, Youth Sports Committee Co-coordinator at 659-0492 or Email: joycewest@workware.com. Watch "News & Notes" for updates!

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## SPIRITWEAR ORDER FORM

	Quantity	Price		Quantity	Price
Please <b>CIRCLE</b> Size			Navy Polo Shirts - OCA Eagle Logo - \$35.00		
			Sizes: Mens: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL	_____	_____
			Womens: S, M, L, XL	_____	_____
Navy Omaha Christian T-Shirts - <b>SHORT SLEEVE</b>			Navy <b>Zip Front</b> Hoodie - OCA Eagle Logo - \$30.00		
<b>Youth Sizes:</b> - \$10.00			Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL	_____	_____
Small, Medium, Large	_____	_____			
<b>Adult Sizes:</b> - \$15.00			OCA Navy Windshirt - Eagle Logo - \$40.00		
Mens: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL	_____	_____	Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL	_____	_____
Womens: S, M, L, XL	_____	_____			
Navy Omaha Christian T-Shirts - <b>LONG SLEEVE</b>			OCA Fleece Jackets - Eagle Logo - \$45.00		
<b>Youth Sizes:</b> - \$12.00			Sizes: Mens: S, M, L, XL, 2XL	_____	_____
Small, Medium, Large	_____	_____	Womens: S, M, L, XL, 2XL	_____	_____
<b>Adult Sizes:</b> - \$18.00					
S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL	_____	_____	Navy Hoodies - OCA Eagle Logo		
			<b>Youth Sizes:</b> - \$24.00		
			Small, Medium, Large	_____	_____
			<b>Adult Sizes:</b> - \$28.00		
			S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL	_____	_____
<b>*NEW*</b>			GYM BAGS - \$23.00	_____	_____
Navy Hoodie Athletic Block "OMAHA CHRISTIAN"			Monogram - \$5.00	_____	_____
<b>Youth Sizes</b> - \$22.00			Name to Monogram _____		
Small, Medium, Large	_____	_____			
<b>Adult Sizes</b> - \$26.00			TOTE BAGS - \$20.00	_____	_____
S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL	_____	_____			
<b>*NEW*</b>			OCA DRAWSTRING BAGS - \$15.00	_____	_____
Navy Hoodie Athletic Block "OMAHA CHRISTIAN"			Sizes 2XL and Up add \$1.50		
<b>Youth Sizes</b> - \$22.00			<b>TOTAL ORDER</b>	_____	_____
Small, Medium, Large	_____	_____	Make Checks Payable to: Omaha Christian Academy		
<b>Adult Sizes</b> - \$26.00					
S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL	_____	_____	NAME: _____ Phone # _____		
<b>*NEW*</b>					
Navy Athletic Sweat Pants - "Eagle Head" Only Design			Check here if this is a Christmas Gift _____		
<b>Youth Sizes:</b> - \$15.00					
Small, Medium, Large	_____	_____			
<b>Adult Sizes:</b> - \$18.00					
S, M, L, XL	_____	_____			