

Omaha Christian Academy

# News & Notes

January 29, 2010

## TO BE EDUCATED

If I learn my ABC's, can read 600 words per minute, and can write with perfect penmanship,  
but have not been shown how to communicate with the Designer of all language,  
**I have not been educated.**

If I can deliver an eloquent speech and persuade you with my stunning logic,  
but have not been instructed in God's wisdom,  
**I have not been educated.**

If I have read Shakespeare and John Locke and can discuss their writings with keen insight,  
but have not read the greatest of all books - the Holy Bible -  
And have no knowledge of its personal importance,  
**I have not been educated.**

If I have memorized addition facts, multiplication tables, and chemical formulas,  
But have never been disciplined to hide God's Word in my heart,  
**I have not been educated.**

If I can recite the Gettysburg Address and the Preamble to the Constitution,  
but have not been informed of the Hand of God in the history of our country,  
**I have not been educated.**

If I can play piano, the violin, six other instruments, and can write music that moves men to tears,  
But have not been taught to listen to the Director of the universe and worship Him,  
**I have not been educated.**

If I can identify a Picasso, describe the style of da Vinci, and even paint a portrait that earns an A+,  
but have not learned that all harmony and beauty comes from a relationship with God,  
**I have not been educated.**

If I become a good citizen, voting at each election and fighting for what is moral and right,  
but have not been told of the sinfulness of man and his hopelessness without Christ  
**I have not been educated.**

However, if one day I see the world as God sees it, and come to know Him, Whom to know is life eternal, and glorify God by fulfilling His purpose for me,

**THEN, I have been educated!**

Enroll Now for the 2010-2011 School Year!  
Online at [www.sycamoreeducation.com](http://www.sycamoreeducation.com)

<b>School Calendar</b>	
Feb. 1	Quiz @ ESU #3 - 9:00 am
Feb. 1	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
Feb. 2	JV/V B BB vs Bergan @ College of St. Marys - 6:00/7:30 pm
Feb. 3	Preschool to Petco - 9:30 am
Feb. 3	Limo Lunch - 11:30 am-1:30 pm HS to Western Bowl; K-8th to CiCi's
Feb. 4	JV/V G&B BB vs St. Peter Claver @ Grace U. - 4:30/5:15/6:30/8:00 pm Senior Night
Feb. 5	District Spelling Bee @ Bellevue Christian School
Feb. 5	MS G BB @ Prague - 4:45 pm
Feb. 5	V G&B BB @ Prague - 6:15/8:00 pm
Feb. 6	Build Your Own Valentine Candy House - OCA Cafeteria 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Feb. 8	American Republic to Douglas County Court House - 8:15 am-12:00
Feb. 8	NFC Speech @ Prague - 1:30 pm
Feb. 8	Jr. Cheer Clinic - 3:15-5:00 pm
Feb. 9	JV/V G&B B vs Concordia @ Grace U. - TBA <b>This is a home game for Concordia</b>
Feb. 10	Jr. Cheer Clinic - 3:15-5:00 pm
Feb. 11	7th Grade to Family Fun Center - 9:00 am-12:00pm
Feb. 11	Jr. Cheer Clinic - 3:15-5:00 pm
Feb. 12	NO SCHOOL Faculty In-Service
Feb. 12	JV G/V G&B BB vs Mead @ College of St. Marys - TBA NHS Servant Auction Pack the Gym Night Bucks for Baskets Jr. Cheer Performance
Feb. 13	JV/V B BB vs Sterling @ College of St. Marys - 4:00/5:30 pm



# Senior Night



**Thursday, February 4**  
**Varsity Basketball Games**

**Come out and support your Eagles and honor the Seniors and their families as they take on St. Peter Claver.**

## BUILD YOUR OWN

### VALENTINE CANDY HOUSE!

Check out the display in the case outside of the teacher's lounge. Sign up for this fun class that will take place Saturday morning, February 6. You will take home your own house complete with mailbox for tiny Valentines.

The class will meet from 10:30 am -12:30 pm. All supplies are included in the price of the class. All ages are welcome including adults, however, children under 10 should come with an older helper. (Helper and child can attend for one fee). The cost is \$15.00. If you bring a non-OCA friend to the class, you can each build your own house for \$12.50. Check at the office for a registration slip or see Mrs. Arant.

## ART CLASS

### Wanted:

- Baby food jars with lids
- Old T-shirts
- Yogurt containers

If you have been in the OCA cafeteria recently, you probably noticed the large Eagle design on the wall. It's a paper mock-up of this year's art class service project. The students will paint the design directly on the wall about mid April. As expounded in Exodus 35 and the Psalms, beauty is inherent in all God's creation. ~Jim Dods

## Follow these steps to re-enroll online:

Login to your family account on Sycamore Education.

Click, "My Re-enrollment" - Your Sycamore Education Login and password should be pre-entered on this page.

Click, "Next" when you are ready to begin.

**Step 1:** Family contacts are listed on this first page. Please confirm the personal information for each contact by clicking on each name. Note the distinction between "legal guardians" (usually parents) and emergency contacts (indicated by the red cross on the left-hand column). At least one emergency contact is required in addition to legal guardians. You may add a contact by clicking "Add Contact" at the bottom of the page. Once you have checked and updated all personal information, click "Next".

**Step 2:** Your child(ren) is listed on this page. Please check and update personal information by clicking on each name. Please click on the "Medical" column for each student to update that information. When you are finished with this page, click "Next".

**Step 3:** This page asks for family medical information. Please fill in as completely as possible. Click, "Next" when you are ready to move on.

**Step 4:** This page allows you the option of requesting that your phone number or address not be published in the Sycamore Education school directory. Click "Next" when you are ready to move on.

**Step 5:** This is a verification page that gives you the ability to confirm one last time the information you have entered. You may also print out this information. Click "Next" when you are ready to move on.

**Congratulations** you have completed the re-enrollment process EXCEPT for one last step. Please mail a check for the Registration Fee to OCA (or you may drop it by the school office). A down payment of \$50 per student will confirm your re-enrollment. The balance is due by June 1. Registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

**WELCOME TO OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011!**

## Guidance Corner

- ⇒ The Assistance League of Omaha is offering an ACT Review Course at Westside High School. The review includes two, three-hour sessions with an optional third session addressing ACT writing. Each session of the basic review covers different information. Students should attend both sessions to receive full coverage of the material. The first session will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 3 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The second session will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The optional writing review will be held on Thursday, Feb. 5 from 6:30-8:30 pm. There is a \$30 fee for two sessions and \$40 for all three sessions. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.
  - ⇒ Five \$500 scholarships are available from the Omaha Chapter of National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors to area high school seniors who wish to further their education toward a college degree. Preference will be given to candidates interested in courses of study such as education, business/management/finance, marketing/sales, or actuarial studies; and preference given to those who attend a Nebraska university, college, or community college. Applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 12.
  - ⇒ UNK will be hosting their Spring Senior Day on Monday, February 8. Students will have the opportunity to tour the campus and meet with financial aid, residential life, athletics, and undergraduate research. You may register online at unk.edu. From the homepage, type Admissions Calendar of Events in the search field. You can then click on Feb. 8 to register. Reservations will be accepted until Feb. 3 at 5:00 pm.
  - ⇒ The Virginia and Tom Pierce Memorial Scholarship is being offered to students with a physical disability, or if a parent of the student has a physical disability. Application forms are available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 1.
- Calendar:  
 Feb. 4 - SAT Reg. Deadline for March 13 Test  
 Feb. 18 - Late SAT Reg. Deadline for March 13 Test

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## Spring Soccer ~ K-8 Sign-ups

Season: March 27 to May 23

Registration Sign-ups: January 4 to January 31

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

- **Cost: \$51.00 ~ OCA Team Rate**  
(5 OCA Teams required for this rate)
- **Cost: \$72.00 ~ West YMCA Non-Member**
- **Cost: \$41.00 ~ YMCA Members**  
(for either of the 2nd options, you may Register at the West YMCA)
- Registration forms are accepted now through January 31st.
- Checks made payable to: Youth Sports
- Mail Registration form and check to:  
Youth Sports, c/o Joyce West  
6813 N. 102nd Avenue Circle  
Omaha, NE 68122
- No late registrations accepted
- OCA families receive first priority, but all are welcome to register - neighbors, friends
- Checks will be deposited no sooner than February 1, 2010
- Please consider coaching
- If an OCA team cannot be fielded, your check will be shredded or you may send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your registration form.

**Thank you for your support of Youth Sports**



## School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Feb 1	HOT— Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup and Crackers COLD—Cottage Cheese Box	Pickle Spear Cherries Sugar Cookie
Feb 2	HOT— Chicken Sandwich COLD—Tuna Salad on a Bed of Lettuce	Potato Gems Orange Wedges Cake
Feb 3	HOT— Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Tuna Salad Sandwich	Lettuce Salad Peaches Apple Crisp
Feb 4	HOT— Turkey Pot Pie COLD—Chef Salad Box	Peas and Carrots Berry Mixed Fruit Dinner Roll White Cake with Pink Frosting
Feb 5	HOT— Cinnamon glazed French Toast COLD—Ham & Cheese Sandwich	Sausage Patty Orange Juice Cherry Cobbler

**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.

## Gate & Concessions

**Tuesday, February 2 at College of St. Marys**

**Gate:** Kimber McLean

**Concessions:** Pam Adams and Kelley Wirges

**Thursday, February 4 at Grace University**

**Gate:** Kimber McLean

**Concessions JV Game:**

Jim Sly & Matt McDermott

**Concessions Varsity Game:**

Pat and Lisa McDonald



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## 2010—2011 Tuition & Fees Schedule

### REGISTRATION FEE

(Registration fees are non-refundable)

**Pre-School \$50.00 per student**

**New Student \$250.00 per student**

(\$50.00 discount if registered before April 16, 2010)

**Returning Student \$225.00 per student**

(\$50.00 due at registration, with balance due prior to June 1)

(\$50.00 discount if registered before March 19, 2010)

### TUITION

#### Pre-School

5 full days \$525.00 per month

5 half days \$275.00 per month

3 full days \$325.00 per month

3 half days \$165.00 per month

(3 full days are Monday/Wednesday/Friday)

(half days are mornings)

#### Kindergarten

\$4,100.00 per year—1st child

\$3,900.00 per year—2nd child

\$3,700.00 per year—3rd child

No charge—4th, 5th child

#### 1st—5th Grade

\$4,650.00 per year—1st child

\$4,450.00 per year—2nd child

\$4,250.00 per year—3rd child

No charge—4th, 5th child

#### 6th—8th Grade

\$5,300.00 per year—1st child

\$5,100.00 per year—2nd child

\$4,900.00 per year—3rd child

No charge—4th, 5th child

#### 9th—12th Grade

\$6,100.00 per year—1st child

\$5,900.00 per year—2nd child

\$5,700.00 per year—3rd child

No charge—4th, 5th child

### MUSIC

Instrument Rental \$85.00 per year

Percussion Rental \$25.00 per year

### BOOKS: Kindergarten—12th Grade

Textbooks for required classes are property of Omaha Christian Academy. The rental fee for these books is included in the tuition fee. All textbooks used for elective classes and consumable workbooks must be purchased prior to the beginning of the semester.

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

\$7.25 per student per day

HOURS: 3:15pm—5:30pm

STUDENTS: Pre-School—5th Grade

### TUITION PAYMENT PLANS:

1. If full year's tuition payment is paid by July 15, a three percent discount will be applied.
2. Semester tuition payments are due July 15 and January 15.
3. Tuition payments paid in monthly installments are due on the 1st of each month. Accounts must be paid in full by June 1, 2011. An accounting fee of \$25.00 per semester will be charged for monthly installments.

### PENALTIES:

1. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged to your account after the 10th of the month for late payments
2. Returned checks will be assessed a \$25.00 fee. A second returned check will require all amounts due to be paid in cash or cashier's check.
3. Consumable workbooks, elective textbooks and incidental fees are due payable by the last day of the following month.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

This assistance is need based and includes Christian Ministries. Applications must be filed prior to May 30. Limited funds are available every year.

### RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE:

If you are responsible for bringing a new student to OCA, \$500.00 will be credited to your account when he/she completes his/her first semester.



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## RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION

The registration fee is \$225.00 per returning student. All students registered by March 19 will receive a \$50 discount. To reserve a place on the class roster a \$50 deposit per student must accompany this form. The balance of the registration fee is due by May 31.

Name of Student(s)			Social Security #	Grade Entering	Birth Date
First	Middle	Last			
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Full name of both parents or guardians with whom student lives:

Father or Guardian			Mother or Guardian		
Father's work place	&	Phone Number	Mother's work place	&	Phone Number
Home Address _____	City _____	Zip _____	Home Phone _____		
Cell phone _____	E-Mail address _____				
Emergency Contact _____	Phone _____				
Emergency Contact _____	Phone _____				
Church you attend _____					
Address _____					
Pastor's Name _____					

I understand that photos, videos, etc. of my child may be taken by the school and used for school publicity purposes. If you **do not** grant Omaha Christian Academy the right to use your child's image and name for publicity purposes check this box .

**I understand that the registration fee is non-refundable.** Upon request, refunds are made only if the family moves outside a commutable distance or if application for student admission is unapproved.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Bookkeeper Information:

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

*It's time for the Booster Club's Annual*

# Pack the Gym!

Friday, February 12, 2010

College of St. Mary's

OCA Eagles vs Mead Raiders

## Fan of the Game

**Come dressed in OCA spirit wear or in your navy shirts and you will be placed in a drawing for Fan of the Game.**

## The Great Shoot-Out

**A chosen student from each Middle school and High school class will have a chance to shoot a free throw, a 3 pointer, and a half court shot for prizes for his/her class! The Shoot-out will happen during the Varsity Boys' Halftime.**

## Horseback Relays

**Grab one of your parents for a "horseback ride" down the court - Make a basket and win a prize! This relay will take place during the Lady Eagles' Varsity halftime. For Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

# Spirit Buttons

Spirit buttons will be for sale for those of you graduating with the Class of 2010 through the Class of 2023!

Cost is \$1.00 per button.

# Junior Cheerleaders

Come cheer on our Junior Cheerleaders as they do their new routine for you during the Eagles' Varsity halftime.

# Bucks for Baskets

Help us raise \$15,000 for a new minibus. Can OCA earn \$100/point for the Eagles girls' and boys' jr. varsity and varsity games?

More details following in News and Notes.

# National Honor Society

Need some help around the house? Need a babysitter? Someone to help wash windows? Come bid on one of our National Honor Society students. The auction will take place before the Girls' and Boys' Varsity Games.

# Many more prizes

We will have prizes to be given away all evening. So come join in the fun and cheer on the Lady Eagles and the Eagles to a victory over Mead!



It's time to sign up for the Omaha Christian Academy Junior Cheerleading clinic! The Eagles cheerleaders will be hosting the annual clinic which is open to all girls in preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The clinic will be held after school on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-5:00p.m. During this time, the cheerleaders will teach the basics of cheerleading, jumps, chants and the fight song pom routine. On Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, the Junior Cheerleaders will perform at the half time of either the girls or boys game. More information will be provided regarding admission and game time performance. The cost of the cheer clinic will be \$25.00 which includes:

- \*Over 5 hours of instruction

- \*Snacks

- \*T-shirt

- \*Pom-poms

- \*Admission to the game

- \*Half Time performance

- \*Group photo

Please return the registration form and payment to the OCA office, no later than Friday, February 5, 2010. Due to the deadline to order T-shirts, no late registrations will be accepted. A limited number of scholarships are available. Please contact Cheer Coach Stacy Ferrel for information at 319-3023.

# 2010 Omaha Christian Academy Junior Cheer Registration

Due February 5, 2010

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: (Please circle one)

Youth:      Small          Medium      Large          X-Large

Adult:      Small          Medium      Large          X-Large

By signing this registration form I agree to allow my student to participate in the 2010 OCA Junior Cheerleading Clinic and hereby release and hold harmless OCA and the OCA Cheerleaders and Coaches from liability and acknowledgement my voluntary and knowing assumption of the risk of injury or illness.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# EducationQuest Foundation

# College Planning Bulletin

*A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students*

February 2010

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## **It's FAFSA Time!**

If you're a college-bound senior, it's time to get serious about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) - the application for state, federal and college-specific financial aid. February is typically the time to apply as many colleges have a March 1 priority filing date. (Contact the colleges you applied to and ask for their priority date.)

## **Follow these steps to complete the FAFSA...**

### **Step 1: Request a PIN**

Request a Personal Identification Number (PIN) for you and one for a parent at [pin.ed.gov](http://pin.ed.gov). The PIN is your signature for the electronic FAFSA and is used to track your financial aid application.

### **Step 2: Complete your taxes early**

The FAFSA requires current tax information so complete your taxes early.

### **Step 3: Gather these student and parent items:**

- 2009 federal income tax forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)
- 2009 W-2 forms
- Student's driver's license number
- Social Security numbers
- Birth dates
- Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed
- Current cash, savings and checking account balances
- Current investment values (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CDs, etc.) excluding retirement accounts
- Value of business (if more than 100 employees)
- Value of investment farm (Do not include the value of a family farm that you or your parents live on and operate.)
- 2009 child support (paid and/or received)
- 2009 Worker's Compensation
- Other untaxed income in 2009 such as veteran's benefits, housing/food/living allowances for military and clergy
- Alien Registration Number for eligible non-citizens

### **Step 4: Complete and file the FAFSA**

Complete and file the FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov). The colleges you list on the application will receive the results.

If you're filing the FAFSA for the first time and need help completing the form, call the EducationQuest location nearest you to set up an appointment. Call the Kearney office at 800-666-3721, Lincoln at 800-303-3745 or Omaha at 888-357-6300. All services are **free**.

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## Online FAFSA enhancements make it easier to complete

As you and your parents prepare to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), be aware of some enhancements to the online form that may make it easier to complete. They include:

- better “skip logic” which skips unnecessary questions based on individual answers
- a new “help and tips” tool that follows each question
- clearly defined parent and student sessions

EducationQuest has several online tools that also make it easier to complete the FAFSA. They are available in the [“Completing the FAFSA”](#) section at **EducationQuest.org**.

- [“Guide to College Funding” video](#) – explains the financial aid process and the FAFSA
  - [“FAFSA Made Easy” video](#) – demonstrates, in a humorous way, that the FAFSA isn’t as difficult as it seems
  - [FAFSA Checklist](#) – provides a list of items needed to complete the FAFSA
  - [FAFSA Tutorial](#) – explains each FAFSA question
  - [Podcasts](#) – explain the FAFSA - and how to prepare
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## February “To Do” List

Complete these tasks during February to stay on the right college planning track.

### Seniors:

- \_\_\_ Apply for a [Department of Education PIN](#) (one for you and one for a parent).
- \_\_\_ Complete student and parent 2009 tax returns.
- \_\_\_ Complete the FAFSA.
- \_\_\_ Continue to apply for scholarships.

### Juniors:

- \_\_\_ Register by February 4 for the March 13 SAT (SAT Reasoning Test only).
  - \_\_\_ Register by March 10 for the April 10 ACT.
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**For free help with college planning, contact the EducationQuest location nearest you:**

### Kearney

308-234-6310  
800-666-3721

### Lincoln

402-475-5222  
800-303-3745

### Omaha

402-391-4033  
888-357-6300

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