

Omaha Christian Academy

# News & Notes

February 12, 2010

## *From the Director*

The issue of worldview is extremely important in Christian schooling: not just the development of a worldview but a focus on the development of a biblical or Christian worldview. This is a driving focus of Omaha Christian Academy.

We believe that students give evidence of a biblical worldview not only as they develop a deeper understanding of biblical concepts but also as they then give expression to those concepts. For example, students would understand the worth of every human being as created in the image of God, possess apologetic skill to defend their faith in God, and have the ability to articulate and defend their own biblical worldview while having at least a basic understanding of opposing worldviews.

A biblical worldview is manifest in myriad ways through daily living. It is expressed as individuals embrace and practice justice, mercy, and peacemaking in family and society; as they understand that work has dignity as an expression of the very nature of God; and as they appreciate languages and cultures of other peoples—dispelling prejudice, promoting interethnic harmony, and encouraging biblical hospitality for the “alien” or “stranger.”

The teaching, training, and nurturing of students toward their development of a continuously maturing worldview should also foster in them a commitment to lifelong learning—a desire to continue to explore, learn about, and experience God’s creation and provision for His people. You see, the formal Christian school experience is not intended to be a culmination of learning but rather a motivation to grow and learn throughout an entire lifetime.

Be assured, your child is developing a worldview. Your choice of a distinctively Christian education is a great enhancement toward the nurture and development of a particular worldview—a biblical one. But, again, as in academic/thinking development, your role as an appropriately engaged parent is vitally important. Please consider some rather straightforward questions: What role does God’s Word have in your home? Do your children see you embracing Scripture as a meaningful part of life? Do you grasp any of the opportunities to discuss the ideas that vie for your child’s mind in the entertainment media? Could you talk about how these varying ideas either reflect or reject biblical concepts?

What your children witness in these areas will give evidence to the level of your desire and willingness as an engaged parent, in partnership with your Christian school, to strengthen your child’s development of a biblical worldview. You will be astounded at the effectiveness of this engagement!

<b>School Calendar</b>	
Feb. 13	JV/V B BB vs Sterling @ College of St. Marys - 4:00/5:30 pm
Feb. 15	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
Feb. 15	V G BB Sub-Districts @ David City - 6:30 pm
Feb. 17	4th & 5th grade to Holland Performing Arts to hear the Omaha Symphony - 9:00 am
Feb. 18	Enrollment Rally - 6:30 pm
Feb. 19	Kindergarten Roundup - 1:30 pm
Feb. 19	JV/V B BB @ Omaha Nation - TBA
Feb. 20	Cheerleading Competition - 8:00 am
Feb. 21	HS Band @ Benson Baptist Church - 6:00 pm
Feb. 22	V B BB Sub-districts @ David City - 6:30 pm
Feb. 23	Association Meeting - 7:00 pm
Feb. 24	Art Class to The Hot Shop - 12:30 pm
Feb. 26	No Preschool Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb. 26	Storybook Theater - OCA Cafeteria - 2:00 pm
Feb. 26	HS Activity @ Mahoney State Park - 4:00-8:30 pm
Feb. 27	District Speech Contest @ Meridian HS - 6:00 am - 6:00 pm
Feb. 27	Quiz Bowl Meet @ Thomas Jefferson HS - 9:00 am

## IT'S RED WHEEL TIME!



OCA's annual Red Wheel Fundraiser begins today. Red Wheel offers a variety of yummy selections from pizza and burritos to cookie dough and pies.

You can enjoy them as a snack on a cold night in, or as a quick and easy dinner for your family on a busy night on the go. Proceeds from the sale are used to support OCA's performing arts and athletic programs. In previous years, Booster Club has used Red Wheel proceeds to purchase bleachers for the football field, chairs for the music room and scholarships for OCA seniors.

This year's top salesperson will receive a \$50 Visa gift card. And for every 15 items sold, you will receive one free chocolate chip cookie dough or combo pizza. Parents of preschool-6th grade students should watch their child's backpack for information. Order forms were handed out at last night's basketball game to parents of 7th-12th grade students. If you were not at the game, you will receive an order form in the mail. If you do not receive an order form, or would like extras, you may pick them up in the office. Turn-in day for orders is March 3rd. Thank you for supporting our performing arts and athletics programs by participating in the Red Wheel Fundraiser.

## FACULTY / STAFF

## APPRECIATION WEEK



Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week is the first week of March. We will be honoring our faculty & staff throughout the week. Parents are encouraged to send a monetary donation to school (checks made payable to OCA-- this donation is tax deductible). Your donation will be used to purchase gift certificates for faculty and staff to recognize their efforts in the ministry of our children. A luncheon will be provided for all faculty/staff on Tuesday, March 2nd. If you are able to help cover lunch and/or recess duty for the teachers please feel free to contact me. If you would like to help with the luncheon or have any other questions, please contact Margie Thierstein at 763-9978 or via Pass-a-Note.

**Association Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 23,**  
**7:00pm**  
**OCA Cafeteria**

*You may review the minutes of the September 2009 meeting posted on Sycamore Education.*

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOLERS

Student Activity Board presents an Evening at Mahoney on February 26. This event will start at 4:00 pm in the OCA cafeteria with pizza and soda. We will board the school bus and vans at 4:45 pm and traverse to Mahoney State Park Activity Center to run and play rampantly until they close at 8:00 pm. We will return to OCA at approximately 8:45 pm.

Tickets go on sale Tuesday, February 23 and cost \$6.00 which includes 2 slices of pizza, and admission to the Mahoney Activity Center or \$7.50 which includes 3 slices of pizza and admission to the Mahoney Activity Center. There are only 60 tickets available, so don't delay. Purchase your tickets from Mr. Lovgren.

After the tickets are sold out (note: AFTER the tickets are sold out), student wishing to attend the Evening at Mahoney will need to arrange their own transportation and pay their own admission costs. Admission to Mahoney is \$4.00 per vehicle. Admission to the Activity Center is \$2.00 per person.

This event is for high school students only.

\*If you wish to rent skates, there is a \$3.00 charge.

## DISTRICT SPELLING BEE

OCA students competed in the District Spelling Bee. The following students placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their age group.



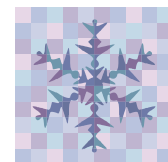
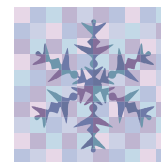
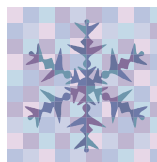
4th Grade: Joanna James - 1st Place

6th Grade: Jeremy James - 3rd Place

7th Grade: Kaitlyn Dick - 2nd Place

8th Grade: Erin Clifton - 1st Place

1st and 2nd Place winners in grades 5th-8th went on to compete in the final bee. Erin Clifton and Kaitlyn Dick competed in this bee. Kaitlyn took 2nd place in the final bee and has the opportunity to go on and compete at the Regional Spelling Bee in Illinois. Congratulations to all of our spellers!



### 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!

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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 basketball games. You look awesome! We would also like to congratulate recent winners of the "Fan of the Game" drawings. Walt Hamilton, Kent Wirges, and Brianna Jasso. 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!

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

In order to promote global awareness in our families and classrooms, we would like to bring more exchange students for the new academic year 2010-2011. The students will be in the 4th through 8th grade and attend school from August 2010 to May 2011. We are looking for host families who would like to experience an exciting cultural exchange and broaden perspectives on the world. It will be a great educational experience for all the people involved, and it will be a lot of fun! The students, who are carefully selected, come to your home hoping to learn and experience American culture, language and values.

Please call the school office, 399-9565 or KoAm Education Alliance's area coordinator, Mison Cowell, 991-4616 or 301-5257 for more information. You can also learn more about our area coordinators and what they do at KoAm's website [www.koameduall.org](http://www.koameduall.org).

## School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Feb 15	NO SCHOOL President's Day	
Feb 16	HOT— Popcorn Chicken Po' Boy COLD—Sunbutter and Jelly on Whole Wheat Bread	Red Beans and Rice Pineapple King Cake
Feb 17	HOT— Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Egg Salad on Whole Wheat Bread	Lettuce Salad Pears Oatmeal Cookie
Feb 18	HOT— Meatball Sub COLD—Crispy Chicken Salad Box	Tater Tots Berry Fruit Cocktail Caramel Bar
Feb 19	HOT— Macaroni and Cheese COLD—Egg Salad on Marble Rye	Green Beans Orange Wedges Soft Pretzel White Cake w/ Pink 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

**Cub Scouts meets on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Mondays of each month.**

**Meetings are held in the preschool classroom from 3:30-4:15 pm.**

**If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, Den/Pack Meetings will not be held.**