

Omaha Christian Academy

News & Notes

From the Director

February 19, 2010

I am writing to the OCA family to let you know that I have resigned as director of Omaha Christian Academy to be effective at the end of this school year. It has been a very difficult decision, but I believe in my heart that I am following the Lord's direction.

My, how time flies! I know it's a cliché, but it certainly seems all too true, doesn't it – especially the older we get. My three years here at OCA have gone by so quickly! It has been an honor to be here during these years – historic, exciting years! OCA has purchased land, remodeled and built a building and moved into its first permanent home in 38 years of existence. Enrollment has turned around from several years of decline and OCA is finally growing again! I believe that God has better things in store and that the future is bright for Omaha Christian Academy!

While we are uncertain at this point as to exactly where we will be going after OCA, it is our desire to be closer to our families. I am confident that God has a plan and that He will make that clear in His perfect time. I would very much appreciate your prayers as we seek His will.

I pray for only the very best for OCA – and expect that, indeed, OCA will continue to be a leader in excellent Christian education in the Greater Omaha area!

Tim Thompson

Executive Director

School Board president Keith Strasser said "I want to thank Tim for his service and leadership at OCA during this transitional time. He has done a great job in the many tasks we have worked on here at the school. While I would like to see him stay, I do understand his desire to be closer to family."

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

Psalm 136:1

School Calendar	
Feb. 19	JV/V B BB @ Omaha Nation - 6:00/7:00 pm
Feb. 20	Cheerleading Competition @ Grand Island - 8:00 am
Feb. 21	HS Band @ Benson Baptist Church - 6:00 pm
Feb. 22	V B BB Sub-districts @ David City - 7:00 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
March 1	Quiz Bowl @ Bellevue U. - 9:00 am
March 4	Elementary Speech Meet - 9:00 am
March 5	Family Fun Center Event - 5:30 pm
March 11	Elem./MS Music Festival
March 12	4th Grade to NE Capitol and Museum in Lincoln - 8:30 am
March 13	Kindergarten Round-up - 10:00 am
March 13	Quiz Bowl @ Elkhorn HS - 9:00 am
March 15	NFC Band Clinic @ Parkview - 2:00 NFC Band Concert @ Parkview Christian HS - 7:00 pm
March 17	HS Music Festival
March 20	Track Meet @ NE Wesleyan
March 26	5th Grade to SAC Museum- 10:30am
March 29	NFC Quiz Bowl @ NE Lutheran - 4:00 pm

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

Agenda

- Approve Minutes from September 2009 Meeting
You may review the minutes of the September 2009 meeting posted on Sycamore Education.
- Reports:
Tim Thompson
Kathy Larsen
- Treasurer's Report and Budget
Financial Report
Approve Planning Budget
- Board Member Election

Adjourn

A NEW and FASCINATING WORLD...

When you host a foreign exchange student, your entire family will discover a new, exciting world. Through the exchange program families can:

- Find out something new about your own culture and point of view by seeing it from a fresh perspective
- Gain better understanding of another country and its culture
- Build lasting friendships with people from other cultures
- Feel confident and comfortable with people from other cultures

We invite you and your family to join other families in this memorable cultural experience. By sharing your home, you will learn about the cultural differences and similarities.

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

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.

RED WHEEL KEEPS ROLLING

Mmm...creamy Raspberry Swirl Cheesecake, Chicken and Cheese Burritos, warm and gooey Triple Chocolate Cookies. If any of these sound good to



you, check out the flyer for the Red Wheel Fundraiser going on now at OCA. Placing a Red Wheel order will satisfy your cravings and help our students in the performing arts and athletic programs get equipment they need.

Don't forget, a \$50 Visa Card goes to this year's top salesperson. And for every 15 items sold, you will receive one free chocolate chip cookie dough or a combo pizza. If you need an order form, you may pick one up in the office. Turn-in day for orders is March 3rd.

*This year OCA's High School
Commencement will be at
Westside Baptist Church
on Saturday, May 29 at 10:00am.*

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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STUDENT ARTISTS- FLASH!!!!

OCA has been selected to create drawings to be used in a Regional Wildlife Awareness Program, co-sponsored by Natural Resources District and the city library. Drawings of various Nebraska plant and animal wildlife are needed in simple, black-line form. The drawings will be printed in a booklet and turned into metal engravings that will be posted throughout the city for a city-wide GPS-type treasure hunt. **Hurry** and see Mr. Dods for details.



Coach Trevor Herweyer and his family would like to thank OCA and the football players and their families for their thoughts, prayers and kindness after the loss of his brother.

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.

School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Feb 22	HOT— Hot Dog on a Bun COLD—Cottage Cheese Cup with Fruit	Baked Beans Sliced Peeled Apples Oatmeal Scotty Bar
Feb 23	HOT— Creamed Turkey over Mashed Potatoes COLD—Garden Green Salad with Bacon, Cheese and Croutons	Cherries Dinner Roll Butterscotch Cookie
Feb 24	HOT— Pancakes and Sausage COLD—Cottage Cheese and Fruit	Hash Brown Casserole Strawberry Glazed Bananas Blueberry Muffin Square
Feb 25	HOT— Teriyaki Chicken over Rice with Chow Mein Noodles COLD—Chef Salad with Romaine Lettuce	Japanese Carrot Salad Mandarin Oranges Iced Ginger Cookie
Feb 26	HOT— Breaded Mozzarella Sticks with Marinara Sauce COLD—Oriental Chicken Salad Box	Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit Chocolate Cake with White 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.



*We made our goal for
Bucks for Baskets!*

We have reached our goal for Bucks for Baskets. Last Friday night, OCA raised \$20,000 for the future purchase of a minibus. We will be celebrating at Family Fun Center at 71st & Dodge on Friday night, March 5, from 5:30-10:00. All OCA students will receive two free attractions and 10 free tokens at the door. Ask for the "student deal" for family and friends for \$8.00 which will also include two attractions and 10 tokens. Plan now to attend the party! If you have any questions, please contact Julie Richards at 573-1708.

**Special Deals for the evening: 24 tokens for \$5.00
Large Pizza for \$9.00**