


OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NEWS & NOTES

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ISSUE 10

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! The teachers have enjoyed (?) a work day to work on determining the nine week grades for your children and work on curriculum guides for me. The grades are turned into the office and then transferred to grade sheets which will be given to you next Monday at Parent/Teacher conferences. These conferences are obviously very important to you and us. It is the main way for the communication to take place between parent and school regarding the effort that is being put forth by the child. I would expect there to be no surprises. It is important to us that you have been kept informed about the progress of your child. When you come to the conference the teacher will have several things to discuss with you. We hope that you will come with several questions or comments so that the conference will be an efficient use of time. Middle school and secondary student conferences are only to be eight minutes long so that all the parents who want to see a particular teacher will be able to do so. The exception to that being the fifth grade conferences which are scheduled by the office and last longer. The elementary grades are also scheduled in the office and are held for fifteen minutes. It is only through parents and school working together that the best education possible can be enjoyed by the student. For the secondary parents I would suggest, if it is at all possible, to come as early as possible. The night hours are usually quite busy for the teachers. We also want to let you know that each teacher will take a short break between 5 and 6:30. Please realize that talking from twelve to eight can be exhausting and that they need a short break for supper. So if you have been waiting for a while and the teacher gets up to leave when it is your turn, be considerate of his/her need for a break. Thanks.

CONCESSION & GATE WORKERS

Oct 26- VB vs Scribner-Snyder-5:30/6:30/7:30

Gate Worker - start at 4:45 - Springer

Concession - start at 5:15 - Sandquist



NOTES FROM THE BOARD

We are making progress!! We are actively working on a picturesque, easily accessible property that will meet the requirements of the school and allow room for growth. Please pray that everything will come together this week. Once the land is secured and we have Association approval we will immediately kick off our capital campaign to raise the money necessary to start our building project. So, be in prayer about what your part will be in helping with the capital campaign.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, October 25 from 12:00 to 8:00 pm. Parents are required to attend these conferences. Report cards will be given out.

Kdgn – 5th Grade: Please call the school office to schedule a 15 minute conference with your child's teacher.

6th – 12th Grade: These conferences will be in the gym on a first come basis.

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - Tuesday/Friday week

Oct 19 - JH FB vs BT - 4:00 PM

- NFC VB Tournament @ CVA

vs CVA-5:30 & vs Parkview- 6:30

Oct 20 - Cosmic Bowling - 9-12th qualifiers

- Cheerleading Tryouts - 4:00 PM

Oct 21 - NFC VB Tournament @ Parkview - TBA

Oct 22 - Preschool to Wenn. Farm - 9:30-2:30

- K to Bellevue Berry Farm - 12:20-3:00

- FB @ BT - 4:00 PM

NEXT WEEK - Monday/Thursday week

Oct 25 - NO SCHOOL

- Parent/Teacher Conf. - 12:00-8:00

Oct 26 - Preschool to Wenn. Farm - 8:30-10:30

- VB vs Scribner/Snyder-5:30/6:30/7:30

Oct 27 - K-3 to Symphony - 9:00-10:45

- Limo lunch - K-8 qualifiers

Oct 28 - 8th grade to Fort Atkinson - 9:40-2:55

- Board Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD



Nov 5 - Elementary Harvest Parties - 2:00 PM

Nov 6 - Skating Party - 5:00-7:00 PM

Nov 25-26 - Thanksgiving Vacation

WEEK OF 10/19 THRU 10/22

Oct 19	Smart Sub Baby Carrots Mini Banana Rice Crispy Bar	NO COLD LUNCH
Oct 20	Salisbury Steak Mashed Pot. & gravy 1/2 Orange Elf grahams Bread & spread	NO COLD LUNCH
Oct 21	BBQ Pork Sand. Cole Slaw Pears Lay's Munchies Snack Mix	NO COLD LUNCH
Oct 22	Italian dunkers Lettuce Salad Peaches Frosted grahams	NO COLD LUNCH

WEEK OF 10/25 THRU 10/29

Oct 25	NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conf.	
Oct 26	Fried Chicken Green Beans Cantaloupe Angel Food Cake Biscuit	Salad Box w/crab meat Cantaloupe Angel Food Cake
Oct 27	Pizza Hut pizza Lettuce Salad Raisins Pudding Cup	Cold chicken picnic box Raisins Pudding Cup
Oct 28	Open faced turkey sand. Mashed Pot. w/gravy 1/2 peach Choc. choc. chip cookie	Stuffed tom. w/crab salad 1/2 peach Choc. choc. chip cookie
Oct 29	Smart Sub Fresh veggies w/ranch Mixed fruit Candy corn cake	Salad box w/turkey & ch. Mixed fruit Candy corn cake

***Students may choose yogurt & cheese stick as a main dish alternative.**

Milk will be served with all meals.

Cost: \$2.40 (K-4) **Tickets:** \$24.00 (K-4) 10 Lunches
 \$2.55 (5-12) \$25.50 (5-12) 10 Lunches
 \$1.00 Extra Entrees \$10.00 - 10 Entrees

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

CHANGE OF DATE

Cheerleading tryouts have been changed to Wednesday, October 20th at 4:00.



FALL BOOK FAIR TOTALS

The totals for this fall's Library Book Fair look great! Both book fairs were prosperous and well-attended. Together they raised almost \$4,000! From that amount, the OCA library received \$443.00 in cash and over \$400.00 in books. It is difficult to estimate the exact number of books since so many are donated and/or given directly to the teachers for their classrooms.

A **BIG** thank you to all who supported the book fair in any way. I especially want to thank these parents and teachers who took time to cover a shift throughout the week: Jean Hempel, Melissa Zank, Terri Zimmerle, Connie Henkenius, Joyce West, Sharon Berg, Georgene Lahm, Linda Gingerich, Becky White, Cathy Clifton, Barb Saiz, Lisa Byal, Margie Thierstein, Nancy Pierce, Joyce James, Lisa Strasser, Lisa Bower and of course, Mrs. Jeanne Johnson with Family Books. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as the students will be enjoying the books. Mrs. Randall



SPIRIT WEEK FUN

Last week, many OCA students enjoyed getting into "spirit week" to show support for their school and their teams.

After spending the weekend decorating the halls to fire up OCA for the big homecoming games, the students enjoyed a different sort of "dress code" for spirit week. On Monday, the students survived a wild round of nerds and farmers who came strolling through the halls. They saw some hillbillies, bums, farmers in overalls and a whole lot more. Some students were mistaken for having worn their regular clothes for Nerd/Farmer day! On Tuesday, the students blasted to the past with everything from afros to knights in shining armor. On Wednesday, Sidekick Day, there were not too many sidekicks around, but the students heard rumors flying about paintball and Peter Pan. On Thursday, many students just hopped out of bed, not bothering to get out their PJ's. Students discovered Mr. Fordyce has a striped bath robe. Of course, it had to be Pajama Day. The final day, Friday, was blue and gold day! Time to uncover the ultimate spirit of OCA!



CD PLAYER NEEDED

A stereo CD player is needed for volleyball game music and occasional chapel use. Any newer CD player with RCA or 1/8" output jacks would work fine.

Walk Worthy

Omaha Christian was fired up for an awesome 2004 Homecoming Game, dinner, and after party. Go Eagles!



WORLD HERALD RECOGNITION

Several volleyball players have been recognized as Nebraska high school volleyball statistics leaders in Omaha area schools. On Friday, October 1, Laura Johnson was noted for averaging 3.4 set assists per game and 4 digs per game (dpg). The following were also recognized for defensive digs: Bethany Begg with 3 dpg and Michaela Schroeder with 2.8 dpg.

On Friday, October 15, Lauren Phillips was honored for averaging 0.6 ace serves per game, with 19 aces this season so far. Laura Johnson (3.6 dpg) and Bethany Begg (3.5 dpg) are leaders in defensive digs. Way to go, ladies! - Coach Friesen



LADY EAGLE VOLLEYBALL

The JV and Varsity teams played at College View Academy on Thursday. In the first game, the JV team kept the lead until tied at 18-18. College View pulled ahead to win both games 20-25 and 14-25.

The Varsity team lost the match, but really pulled it together for the third game, taking turns in the lead. The score was tied at 19-19, and College View pulled ahead 19-24. The Lady Eagles got the side out and Marissa Wells served 2 ace serves to bring the score to a close 22-24. College View ended up winning the match 9-25, 4-25, and 22-25. Marissa Wells and Laura Henkenius each had 2 ace serves. Michaela Schroeder led the team with 5 kill attacks. Bethany Begg led the team with 10 defensive digs; and Shayla Patterson had 14 excellent serve receive passes. The ultimate highlight was after the match when both teams joined hands to pray.

The Lady Eagles are gearing up to play College View and Parkview on Tuesday night in the Frontier Conference Tournament.



YOUR RESPONSE IS APPRECIATED THIS WEEK

We are gathering data for the renewal of our State Accreditation. One piece of information that we need from our school families is: **How many OCA families use carpools regularly?** If you use a carpool on a regular basis (more than once a week), please cut and return this form by this Friday, October 22, 2004. If you do not use carpooling regularly, do not return this form.

Family Name _____

Carpool regularly with _____

SEALING ANOTHER VICTORY

The Lady Eagles played Omaha Nation on Tuesday night. The Kindergarten class enthusiastically cheered the Lady Eagles on to a victory. The JV team won 25-12 and 25-15. Stephanie Thompson led the team with 7 ace serves, and Laura Henkenius had 3.

The Varsity team also won their match versus Omaha Nation. They won the match in three games 25-18, 25-11, 25-22. Lauren Phillips had 4 blocks and 4 ace serves; and Marissa Wells had 8 ace serves and 3 blocks. Shayla Patterson led the team with 6 kill attacks. Michaela Schroeder and Marissa Wells were close behind with 5 kills each. Laura Johnson had 17 set assists. Bethany Begg and Michaela Schroeder hustled to get 16 digs a piece. Chantelle Steggerda followed closely with 10.

LETTER JACKETS

OCA Letter jackets are available to high school students. There are two different styles on display in the school office. The company we have chosen to use is Hauff Sports at 12th & Capital. By purchasing them from one company, all the jackets will be uniform in color and lettering.

A letter jacket would be an ideal birthday or Christmas present. Delivery is approximately 6 weeks after the order is placed so plan ahead. More information and order forms are available in the school office.

CHAPEL SPEAKERS

- Oct 20 MS - Ken Begg
- Oct 21 HS - Ken Begg
- Elem -Dale Powell
- Oct 27 MS -Eric Geyer
- Oct 28 HS -TBA
- Elem -TBA

GUIDANCE CORNER

☞ Seniors interested in attending UNK should contact the guidance office for scholarship opportunities.

☞ High school students interested in careers in the health field may want to participate in the Children's Hospital Exploring Group.

A kick-off meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 14, at 6 p.m., at Children's Hospital. The meeting will take place in the Glow Auditorium, which is located on the third floor of the hospital.

There is a \$15 registration fee. If you have any questions call Dannee Hartley at 955-6954.

☞ Covenant Cedars Bible Camp in Hordville, Nebraska is offering several Winter Camp opportunities for students in grades 3-12.

If interested, contact the guidance office for more information.

☞ The Omaha Area College Fair will be held on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Sapp Fieldhouse on the UNO campus.

Approximately 180 colleges from around the country will be represented at this fair. EducationQuest Foundation will conduct financial aid sessions at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. in the HPER Building next door to the Fieldhouse. Attendees will learn how to apply for financial aid, what types of aid are available, and where to go for free help with the financial aid application.

☞ High school students interested in a law enforcement-related career may want to participate in the Omaha Police Department's Law Enforcement Explorer Post. There will be two information sessions to acquaint you and your parents with the program.

They will take place on Monday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Northeast Precinct (30th & Taylor St.) or Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m. at the Southeast Precinct (2475 Deer Park). There is a \$30 participation fee. For more information contact Officer Todd B. Crankovich or Officer Joe Hodges at 444-6518.

☞ South Dakota State University will be hosting several visitation days. If interested in visiting call 800-952-3541 or go to www.sdstate.edu.

☞ UNK will be hosting their 4th Annual University of Nebraska at Kearney Senior Day on Friday, Oct. 29. If interested in attending contact the guidance office. Reservations will be accepted through Oct. 25 at 5 p.m.

☞ Seniors interested in attending Wayne State College may be eligible for some scholarship opportunities. Contact the guidance office for more information.

Calendar:

Oct. 21 - Metro College Rep Visit

Oct. 28 - Senior Student/Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 29 - SAT Registration Deadline for the Dec. 4 Test

Oct. 29 - William Jewell College Rep Visit

Nov. 5 - ACT Registration Deadline for the Dec. 11 Test

Nov. 10 - Grace University Rep Visit

Nov. 10 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for the Dec. 4 Test

Nov. 11 - Ed.Quest Fin. Aid and College Planning Night, 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 18 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for the Dec. 11 Test

☞ **If you have any questions regarding this information, see Mrs. Jenkins, Guidance Counselor.**