


NEWS & NOTES

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! SNOW!! Since we have now had the first snow fall of the season, let me address a few things that have come to mind because of the white stuff. First of all, if there is a need to cancel school, the four major television stations and radio stations KGBI, KCRO, KFAB, and KKAR are notified. Last year I had a hard time having someone answer at KGBI so they may not be the most reliable source. Due to the fact that we needed to compress our schedule because of the move at the end of the year, we have fewer snow days built into our schedule. In fact, only one per semester. If we are able to make it to the Christmas holidays without a snow day, we will take the snow day off the first semester and place it in the second semester. Because of some of the phone calls I received last year, let me assure you of some things that will hopefully help you to keep your mind at ease when it begins to snow. I do pay attention to the fact that it is snowing. I have the internet up to a page that updates all the school closings or delays so I know where Districts are concerned regarding snowfall. I assume that we are one of the largest geographical districts in the state, that some students and parents travel longer distances to come to OCA then to other schools. That assumption is always on my mind when travel becomes difficult. I really do care about the safety of our students. If Westside District 66 closes, it is difficult for us to have school because of food service. I also want you to know that as parents, you have the final say whether your child comes to school or not. If you believe that the roads are too treacherous for your son or daughter, or you, to drive, then keep them at home. Once here at school, we do not plan on closing school due to the weather. Due to parents who work or have other obligations, often they can not get to the school other than the normal dismissal time. That is a lesson I learned last year. However, if at any time you feel that your child should leave school due to the weather, call the office and we will dismiss him/her or you can come and retrieve your student. Knowing this should help you to make decisions regarding your student on snowy days

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PARENT MEETING

There is a meeting for all parents on Monday, December 13 at 7:00 PM in the cafetorium. At this time, the Board will inform all on the most recent developments regarding OCA's home next year. Childcare will be provided by the 8th grade class.



COME TO OUR OPEN DRESS REHEARSAL!

Too Many Doctors, our one-act competition play, will give an open dress rehearsal Monday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. For just two dollars, enjoy a hilarious play and cheer our one-act team to victory at district competition on December 1.

OFFICE CLOSED

The OCA office will be closed December 22, 23 & 24th. Plan accordingly.

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - Tuesday/Friday week

- Nov 30- 1st grade to Rose Theater - 12:15-2:30 PM
- Pep Band Rehearsal - 3:00-4:30 PM
- Dec 1 - NSAA District One-Act @ Murdoch
- Dec 2 - JH B BB @ Lighthouse vs Bell. Mus. - 5:30 (4423 Bancroft)
- B BB @ CVA - 6:15/8:00 PM
- Dec 3 - V BB vs Bancroft-Rosalie-6:15/8:00 PM
- Dec 4 - G BB @ Lewiston - 5:45/7:30 PM

NEXT WEEK - Monday/Thursday week

- Dec 6 - Biology to DeSoto Bend - 8:15-3:30
- Dec 7 - Christmas Concerts
- K-2nd grades - 6:30 PM
- 3rd-6th grades - 7:30 PM
- Dec 8 - Ensemble to Midwest - 11:00-1:30
- Dec 10 - V BB @ Parkview - 6:15/8:00 PM
- Dec 11 - JH B BB @ Scribner Tour.. - TBA
- BB vs Essex - 4:00/5:15/6:30/8:00

LOOKING AHEAD



- Dec 13 - Parent Meeting - 7:00 - cafetorium
- Dec 16-17-HS Christmas Musical - TBA
- Dec 20-21 - Semester Finals
- Dec 21 - Elementary Christmas parties
- End of 2nd quarter
- Dec 22 - Jan 2 - Christmas break
- Jan 3 - Classes resume

WEEK OF 11/29 THRU 12/3

Nov 29	Hot Dog Baked Beans Apple Baked Chips	Salami & Cheese Sand. Baked Beans Apple Baked Chips
Nov 30	Chicken & Noodles Carrots Fresh Pear Choc. chip bar w/fudge Hot roll	Salad box w/egg & cheese Fresh Pear Choc. chip bar w/fudge
Dec 1	Breaded Beef patty Green Beans Mini Banana Rice Krispy Bar	Turkey & Cheese sand. Green Beans Mini Banana Rice Krispy Bar
Dec 2	Nachos w/meat & cheese Jicama Slices Peach Cup Cinn Crumb cake	Cottage Cheese & fruit Jicama Slices Peach Cup Cinn Crumb cake
Dec 3	Smart Sub Pickle Spear Cherry Crisp Ice Cream Cup	Chef Salad Box Cherry Crisp Ice Cream Cup

WEEK OF 12/6 THRU 12/10

Dec 6	Cheeseburger Corn Cobette Pears Choc. Chip Cookie	Meat & Cheese Sand. Corn Cobette Pears Choc. Chip Cookie
Dec 7	Quesadillas Baby Carrots Cinn. Applesauce Rooty Tooty Bars	Chef Salad Box Cinn. Applesauce Rooty Tooty Bars
Dec 8	Pizza Hut Lettuce Salad Dried Fruit Medley Sugar Cookie	Cottage Cheese & Fruit Lettuce Salad Sugar Cookie
Dec 9	BBQ Riblet Sand Potato Rounds Fresh Apple Brownie	Turkey & Cheese Sand. Potato Rounds Fresh Apple Brownie
Dec 10	Egg & Cheese Omelet w/Canadian bacon Tri Tator OJ Cinn. Roll	Smart Box Tri Tator OJ Cinn. Roll

***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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

HELP

Please encourage your children and students to return silverware and not to throw it away or take it home. We are losing around **thirty** pieces each week. If you have extra forks and spoons at home that you are willing to donate, please send them to school with your child.

GUIDANCE CORNER

- ☞ Seniors who work an average of 15 hours per week and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher are eligible to apply for the Burger King Scholarship. The deadline is December 15. Please contact the guidance office if you meet these requirements.
 - ☞ Seniors who have a GPA of at least 3.5 are eligible to apply for one of three scholarships available through the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation. Nominations are due January 15. Please contact the guidance office for more information.
 - ☞ The Assistance League of Omaha is offering an ACT Review Course at Westside High School. The course consists of two classes. Both classes must be attended to receive full coverage. Class #1 will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Class #2 will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.
 - ☞ EducationQuest Foundation and the Nebraska ETV Network will be hosting a live call-in show, Countdown To College, on Thursday, December 9, at 7 p.m. During this one-hour program, experts in the areas of college planning, admissions and financial aid experts will answer viewers' questions on the air. You can submit questions now or the evening of the show by calling 800-666-3721 or e-mailing them to countdown@educationquest.org. You'll receive an answer on the air or via e-mail.
 - ☞ The Metro Omaha Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society is offering two \$500.00 nursing scholarships to Metro Omaha area high school seniors planning to pursue careers in nursing. To be eligible you must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher and actively participate in both school/community activities. Deadline is March 15, 2005. Application forms are available in the guidance office.
- Calendar:**
- Dec. 6 - Senior Class Fundraiser Christmas Party, 7:00 p.m., OCA Cafeteria
 - Dec. 20 - SAT Registration Deadline for the Jan. 22 Test
 - Dec. 29 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for the Jan. 22 Test
- ☞ If you have any questions regarding this information, see Mrs. Jenkins, Guidance Counselor.**

RECYCLING TIME



The Foods classes are in desperate need of your plastic containers . . . whipped topping, margarine, sour cream, etc. Any size is appreciated.

WANTS AND NEEDS LIST

☞ Electric, self-cleaning oven for Home Ec room

SPIRIT WEAR



A variety of OCA "Spirit Wear" is for sale in the school office. Sweatshirts, polos and T-shirts can be ordered and if the order is placed this week, it will be here before Christmas.

Also, there are OCA cookbooks for sale for \$12.00. Hundreds of tried and true recipes will make the perfect gift for the "Miss Betty Crocker" on your list. Stop by today and do a little shopping.

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and not be reliant upon decisions made by the school.

The other issue that must be addressed at this time of the year has to do with the basketball season. The school appreciates the support of parents and fans during the basketball season. As you know, the entrance into and out of the gym is quite small and the space between the bleachers and the playing floor is minimal. Therefore the movement in and out of the gym during contests should be kept to a minimum. Young children should not be allowed to run underneath the bleachers or in and out of the gym. It is not safe to be under the bleachers and a child could easily get run over by a player or official or hit by an errant pass when moving in front of the bleachers. Students who need to be reminded that they are here to watch the ball game will be asked to sit with their parents. If the parents are not here, they will be given the opportunity to call home so that the parents can come and pick up the child. As was stated, we enjoy having a big crowd to cheer the Eagles, but students should be here to cheer the teams and not play in the halls or cafeteria. Another reminder is appropriate to all of us. We all come to the games to cheer on the team by being positive and encouraging. Other schools who visit our gym need to see the representation of Christ in our team as they play and in our fans in how they conduct themselves. As an ex-official, I can honestly say that I heard extremely little of what the crowd was yelling. As a fan, you do not have an impact on what the official is going to call, so leave him/her alone. Yell at our players, they have you tuned out too, but at least all those sitting around you will hear your encouraging words and be prompted to do the same. Regardless of what the professional crowds think, buying a ticket does not give you any rights other than to come and enjoy the ball game, so do that, and walk worthy.

CONCESSION & GATE WORKERS

Dec 3- V BB vs Bancroft-Rosalie-6:15/8:00

Gate Worker - start at 5:30 - Galvin

Concession - start at 5:45 - Minich/Binko

Dec 11- BB vs Essex-4:00/5:15/6:30/8:00

Gate Worker - start at 3:15 -TBA

- start at 6:00 -TBA

Concession - start at 3:30 -TBA

- start at 6:00 -TBA

- start at 6:30 - Perkins

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.

ELECTION TIME

The OCA Association shall hold elections for 3 seats on the Board of Directors at its February meeting. Board candidates must be members of the OCA Association (see the office for details on Association membership if you do not already belong). The OCA Board asks that you prayerfully consider serving on the board for a 3 year term from 2005 through 2008. If you are interested, stop by the office and pick up a "Prospective Board Member Questionnaire". The Board also asks current Association members to serve on the Board's Nominating Committee. Please contact Joe Turco via email if possible at joe.turco@optimumdata.com if you have any questions.



CHRISTMAS BONUS

During this season of thanksgiving and remembrance, the OCA Board asks for financial contributions to honor our teachers and staff. Our employees sacrifice significantly to work at our school and this is a small token of appreciation for that sacrifice. The amount given will be divided equally among all employees based on their full/part time status.

Make your checks payable to OCA and note "Christmas Bonus". Your gifts are tax deductible. May the Lord richly bless you for your sacrifice.



PRAYER REQUEST

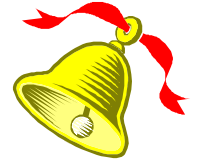
God has seen fit to take home two different men who have connections to our school. Mr. Thierstein, a preschool dad, passed away quite suddenly and unexpectedly last week. Mrs. Larrick's father passed away after a long illness today. Please be in prayer for both of these families.

PEP BAND NEWS!

NO Pep Band practice Tuesday. We are rehearsing Pep Band Music during Middle School Band all week. Our first game is Friday! Give your \$9.00 to Mrs. Cloyd for your Pep Band T-shirt, and show up at 5:30 Friday evening to play before the girl's game!



You're invited
to the



SENIOR FUND-RAISER CHRISTMAS PARTY

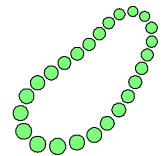
Come help support the seniors with their last fund-raiser!



Monday, December 6th at 7:00 PM
OCA Cafeteria

Featuring a Premier Designs Jewelry
fashion show!!

Refreshments will be served.



Special Christmas Music by John Meyer
& The Senior Class

Questions? Call Mrs. Jenkins at 399-9565 or Mrs.
Meyer at 680-5487.