

# NEWS & NOTES

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! Christmas is coming! Oh, you knew that already? Everyone is looking forward to the time with family and friends and perhaps getting away for awhile. But, before that time comes, there is still work to be done. I certainly recognize that we are asking a lot from our high school students. There have been programs, and ballgames; there are ballgames and a Christmas musical still coming. Of course there are the practices that are associated with those events. On top of that we expect their best effort on finals coming up on Monday and Tuesday of next week. I know that the schedule is hectic before the holidays. Pray for your kids, help them to prioritize their time, and help them to stay focused these last six days of school. That last line would include all parents. For different reasons, our younger students lose focus during these days before Christmas as well. Remind them that their effort is for the Lord in all things and to walk worthy.

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

OCA Middle School Science Fair is coming, Jan. 13, 2005. We are in need of people to interview students and judge their projects. More specific guidelines and criteria will be given to judges prior to the date of the science fair. One does not need to be a scientist to judge. Those who are interested in our students qualify.

Times Judges are needed:

7:30-9:30	8:00-10:00	9:00-11:00
9:30-11:30	11:00-1:00	11:30-1:30



Our students are working hard on their science fair projects, and we would like to reward those who do excellent work. In order to do this we are seeking individuals who would be willing to donate money for prizes. A total of \$100 would be appreciated.

Interested person should contact Deb Dommel.

## PARENT MEETING

(Note the time)

There is a meeting for all parents on Monday, December 13 at **6:30 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.



## CHRISTMAS BUFFET A SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who attended the Christmas Buffet. It was a successful evening for the Band, thanks to your support. The band would also like to thank all of the parents who contributed to the salad and dessert bars, as well as helping in various areas. The High School Band raised over \$1500.00 for their band tour in March.

## NHS CANNED FOOD/COAT DRIVE



The National Honor Society is having its annual canned food drive. This year, we will also be collecting coats. Please make sure the coats are clean and in good condition. All proceeds go to the Open Door Mission.

*Joy to the World*

## CALENDAR



### THIS WEEK - Tuesday/Friday week

- Dec 13 - Parent Meeting - 6:30 - cafetorium
- Jr/Sr Worship Team to Open Door - 7:30 PM
- Dec 14 - GJV & V BB @ Cedar Bluffs - 4:30/6:00/7:30
- Dec 16-17-HS Christmas Musical - 6:00 PM
- Dec 16 - Booster Club Meeting - 8:00 AM
- Dec 17 - 2nd gr. to Gingerbread House Display-1-3:00

### NEXT WEEK - Monday/Thursday week

- Dec 20 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Dec 20-21 - Semester Finals
- Dec 21 - Elementary Christmas parties
- Dec 22 - Jan 2 - Christmas break

### LOOKING AHEAD



- Dec 29-30 - V BB @ Mead Tourn. - TBA
- Jan 3 - Classes resume

**WEEK OF 12/13 THRU 12/17**

Dec 13	Chicken Patty w/bun Green Beans Pear Sugar Cookie	Crab Salad Sand. Green Beans Pear Sugar Cookie
Dec 14	Baked Rotini w/meat sauce Italian Salad Pineapple Choc cake w/choc frosting Bread Stick	Crispy Chicken Salad Box Pineapple Choc. cake w/choc frosting
Dec 15	Walking Taco Corn Mini Banana Oatmeal butterscotch bar	Salad Box Mini Banana Oatmeal butterscotch bar
Dec 16	Roast Turkey Mashed Pot. w/gravy Cranberry Fluff Snowman Shape-up Hot Roll	NO COLD LUNCH
Dec 17	Chicken Giggles Potato Smiles Orange Smiles Cookie Smiles	Smart Box Orange Smiles Cookie Smiles

**WEEK OF 12/20 THRU 12/24**

Dec 20	BBQ Riblet Sandwich Potato Rounds Fresh Apple Brownie	Turkey & Cheese Sand. Potato Rounds Fresh Apple Brownie
Dec 21	Creamed Chicken over rice Marinated Cal. Veggies Peaches Pudding Cup	Salad box - crispy chicken Peaches Pudding Cup

Dec 22 - Jan 2 - **Christmas Vacation**

**\*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.

**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](mailto:joe.turco@optimumdata.com) if you have any questions.

**GUIDANCE CORNER**

- ☞ Iowa Western Community College is offering three types of scholarships to students who are interested in pursuing computer studies. If interested contact the guidance office for more information.
  - ☞ Seniors whose career plans will take them into computing related fields may be eligible to apply for The Omaha Chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals Scholarship. They will be offering several \$1,000.00 scholarships. Deadline is April 6, 2005. For an application go to [aitpomaha.org](http://aitpomaha.org).
  - ☞ High school students interested in an Army career may benefit from participating in the Army Explorer Program. The first meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 15, at the Offutt Base Theater on Beale Circle. There is a \$17 registration fee. If interested in attending RSVP via telephone to either Martin Hanson at 553-5277 or Danielle VanNorman at 431-9272.
  - ☞ A Career Exploration program is being sponsored by the local trade unions of Electrical Workers, Sheet Metal Workers, Ironworkers, Carpenters, Steamfitters and Plumbers for any high school students interested in a career in one of those fields. The first meeting will take place on Monday, Dec. 13, 6:00 p.m. at 8960 L Street. There is an \$18 registration fee. For more information contact Danielle VanNorman at 431-9272.
  - ☞ Seniors interested in attending Midland Lutheran College and pursuing a career in the Performing and Fine Arts should be aware of their Fine Arts Scholarship Weekend, Feb. 18-19, 2005. For more information contact admissions at [www.mlc.edu/admissions](http://www.mlc.edu/admissions) or call (800) 642-8382 x6501
- Calendar:**
- Dec. 20 - SAT Registration Deadline for the Jan. 22 Test
  - Dec. 29 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for the Jan. 22 Test
  - Jan. 7 - ACT Registration Deadline for the Feb. 12 Test
  - Jan. 13 - Metro Community College Rep Visit
  - Jan. 21 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for the Feb. 12 Test
- ☞ If you have any questions regarding this information, see Mrs. Jenkins, Guidance Counselor.**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

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



**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.

Please have all your donations to the office by noon on Monday, December 20th. Make your checks payable to OCA and note "Christmas Bonus". Your gifts are tax deductible. May the Lord richly bless you for your sacrifice.

## SEMESTER TESTING SCHEDULE

The class schedule for High School and the Middle School students on December 20th & 21st has been altered to allow for extended testing periods.

### HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

#### Monday, December 20th:

8:00 - 9:36 1st hour  
9:39 - 11:14 2nd hour  
11:17 - 11:39 Lunch  
11:42 - 1:17 8th hour  
1:20 - 2:55 3rd hour  
3:00 - 3:44 9th hour

#### Tuesday, December 21st:

8:00 - 9:36 4th hour  
9:39 - 11:14 5th hour  
11:17 - 11:39 Lunch  
11:42 - 1:17 6th hour  
1:20 - 2:55 7th hour  
3:00 - 3:44 9th hour

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

#### Monday, December 20th:

8:00 - 9:36 1st hour  
9:39 - 11:14 2nd hour  
11:17 - 12:00 8th hour - A week  
12:03 - 12:28 MS Lunch  
12:31 - 1:17 8th hour - B week  
1:20 - 2:55 3rd hour  
3:00 - 3:44 9th hour

#### Tuesday, December 21st:

8:00 - 9:36 4th hour  
9:39 - 11:14 5th hour  
11:17 - 12:00 6th hour - A class  
12:03 - 12:28 MS Lunch  
12:31 - 1:17 6th hour - B class  
1:20 - 2:55 7th hour  
3:00 - 3:44 9th hour

For the classes that follow the "A"/"B" schedule, the first part of the testing block will be the "A" class and the second part the "B" class. Students, please note that all classes will meet either Monday or Tuesday. **Students are expected to be in attendance for every class whether an exam is scheduled or not.** On Monday, Dec. 20th, students who do not have a class 1st period or have a study hall during first period may arrive at 9:35 AM. On Tuesday, Dec. 21st students who have a study hall 4th period may arrive at 9:35 AM. Students serving as aides to elementary teachers should inform your teacher in advance of this change in schedule. There is absolutely **no** 7th-8th grade basketball practice during these days.



### PRACTICE BEGINS

The 7th/8th grade girls who desire to play basketball this year will begin practicing on January 3rd from 3:00-4:00. Please come prepared.