

OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NEWS & NOTES

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ISSUE 2

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Blessings! The High School and Middle School are under way and we are thanking God for a good beginning. We are looking forward to the elementary children being in school on Wednesday. Those teachers are still working hard in preparation for the arrival of their students. As you will see elsewhere in *News & Notes*, an elementary open house is being held tonight from 6:30 until 8:00. This is a time for parents to bring their children in grades K-4 to meet their teachers and find their desk and locker so their entry on Wednesday, Thursday for Kindergartners, will be smooth. We are now planning a orientation meeting for Tuesday, August 31. **This meeting will be for parents only.** It is a time for the parents to meet all the teachers, hear the teachers' expectations for the year, and to learn about and sign up for different activities which allow parents to contribute to the school in very practical ways.

I was reminded of the first chapter of Joshua last week. The phrase repeated several times is God telling Joshua to be "strong and courageous." One such time that phrase was uttered, God added to it and told Joshua to "observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go." Something to take note of today as well, true? Let us keep our noses in the Book so that we know what we are doing. Knowing that our walk is guided by the Bible will help us to stay strong and courageous in that walk. Let's continue to walk worthy.

HELP WANTED IN BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We need help in our Childcare program. It is a flexible job and is only a few hours a day. You will be responsible for the safety of the children (K-6th grade) and interacting through conversation, playing games, etc. We need help from 7:00 am - 8:15 am and 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm. Please contact Melody Simmons at OCA for more information.



PARENT ORIENTATION

Parent Orientation is **Tuesday, August 31. This evening is for parents only.** Beginning at 6:30 pm, parents are encouraged to browse the "booths" in the cafetorium. There will be information on numerous activities and volunteer opportunities. Booster Club calendars and the Family Directory will be handed out and athletic passes for all home high school sporting events will be sold. At 7:00 in the gym, there will be a program with an opportunity to meet the teachers and staff. Additional information will be given regarding the Magazine Sale, Association meeting, and much more. Following the program, parents will have an opportunity to talk to their child's teacher regarding expectations in the class room. High School and Middle School parents will "follow in the child's steps" during a typical day at school. Mark your calendars, get a baby-sitter, and plan now to attend!

Help!

Mrs. Randall will need help again in the library this year. Can you help reshelve books at the beginning of the day or when pick up your student? Please let her know the time and days you would be available to help. Thanks!

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - Tuesday/Friday week

- Aug 23 - Elementary Open House - 6:30-8:00 PM
- Aug 25 - Elementary classes begin
 - JH & HS Band @ Grace - 9:45-11:45
- Aug 27 - Magazine fund-raiser begins
 - VB scrimmage - 4:00
 - FB scrimmage - 5:00

NEXT WEEK - Monday/Thursday week

- Aug 30 - Magazine turn-in day
- Aug 31 - Parent Orientation - 6:30 PM
- Sept 2 - Magazine turn-in day
- Sept 3 - Magazine prize store day
 - FB vs NE Lutheran - 4:00 PM-Parents Night

LOOKING AHEAD



- Sept 6 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- Sept 14- Association Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Sept 23- School Pictures
- Oct 5-8 - Book Fair
- Oct 5 - Grandparent's Day

WEEK OF 8/23 THRU 8/27

Aug 23	Mini Corn Dogs Corn Cobette Applesauce Cupcake	Chef Salad Box Applesauce Cup Cupcake
Aug 24	Creamed Chicken over Mashed Potatoes Grapes Hot Roll	Bologna & Ch. Sand. Grapes Rice Krispie Bar
Aug 25	Rice Krispie Bar Pizza Hut Lettuce Salad Trail Mix Cookie	Chef Salad w/chicken Trail Mix Cookie
Aug 26	Spaghetti w/meat sauce Green Beans Melon Bites Garlic Bun Brownie	Cottage Ch. w/fruit Green Beans Garlic Bun Brownie
Aug 27	French Bread Pizza Baby Carrots w/dip Peaches Cookie	Salad Box w/egg & Ch. Peaches Cookie

WEEK OF 8/30 THRU 9/3

Aug 30	Burger w/lettuce & tom. French Fries 1/2 Apple Oatmeal Scotch Cookie	Bologna & Ch. Sand. French Fries 1/2 Apple Oatmeal Scotch Cookie
Aug 31	Fried Chicken Potato smiles Orange smiles Frosted grahams Bread & Butter	Tomato stuffed w/cot. ch. Orange smiles Frosted grahams Bread & Butter
Sept 1	Beef Taco Corn 1/2 banana Snickerdoodle	NOCOLDLUNCH
Sept 2	Smart Sub Cucumber & Tom. Salad Mixed Fruit Pudding Cup	NOCOLDLUNCH
Sept 3	Mac & Cheese California Veggies Fresh Fruit Cake Soft Pretzel	NOCOLDLUNCH

***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

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GUIDANCE CORNER

UNL College of Engineering and Technology and the Society of Women Engineers will be hosting an Engineer Day on Oct. 11. For more information contact Ann Koopmann at akoopmann1@unl.edu or Amy McKinney at amy_mckinney01@hotmail.com.

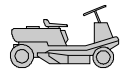
- Calendar:**
- September 7 - SAT Registration Deadline for the Oct. 9 Test
 - September 14 - ASVAB Testing for all Juniors
 - September 14 - UNL Rep Visit
 - September 15 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for the Oct. 9 Test
 - September 17 - ACT Registration Deadline for the Oct. 23 Test
 - October 1 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for the Oct. 23 Test
- If you have any questions regarding this information, see Mrs. Jenkins, Guidance Counselor.**

SUNDAE SUNDAY



An important informational meeting for First Grade parents will be held at Pipal park (78th & Center) on Sunday, Aug. 29th, from 2:00-3:30. The entire family is welcome to come and build an ice cream Sundae, enjoy fellowship and get the "scoop" for a great 1st grade year. Mrs. Stukenholtz's class is to bring the toppings and Mrs. Vesely's class is to bring the cookies and bars. Child supervision will be provided during the informational part of the afternoon.

WANTS & NEEDS LIST



-Riding Lawn Mower to mow the football field.
 If you have an riding mower in excellent condition which you are willing to donate, see John Meyer.

OR

-Funds to purchase a new riding mower (approximately \$1,300).

DO YOU WANT TO BE ON OCA'S EMAIL LIST?

Currently, OCA has an email list that is being updated for the school year! This email list will be used for special notices, reminders, school closings, and *News & Notes* (in PDF format). You need to have "Acrobat Reader, version 5 or 6 to read the News & Notes in PDF. You may download Acrobat Reader from the OCA web page at the link on the *News & Notes* page. You will also be able to print out just the page of information you need, like the calendar or lunch menu. To be added to the mailing list please email: info@omahachristianacademy.com. If you were on the list last year, you still need to email and let us know that you would like to be put on the list this year! You may add more than one email address for your family. Your email address will not be seen by others on the emails. If you are emailed the *News & Notes*, it will not be sent home with your K-6 grade child.

**WELCOME BACK
 ELEMENTARY STUDENTS!**



MAGAZINE SALES LAUNCH FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

On Friday, August 27th, your child will attend an assembly about "Magazine Sales" and will bring home a packet of information. This will include: a magazine sales booklet, order forms, yellow receipts from last year's sales (if your child sold here last year), store prize list, goal and turn-in information! **Please ask your child to see this!** We need to make a great effort this year! Out of the orders, 40% of the income will go to the school's general fund! If you would like to help with the prize store or tabulating the sales, please email Terri Zimmerle at: terri.zimmerle@omahachristianacademy.com or call her at 493-2850. Please help make this year's Magazine Sales a success!

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM (TRP)

TURN-IN DATES

August 30

September 20

October 11

November 1

November 29 - (Last order before Christmas)

Attached to *News & Notes* is information regarding the TRP, sign-up form, and order form. If you have any questions, call Tammy Krumwiede at OCA.



MOMS IN TOUCH

The "Papillion/BellevueArea" Moms in Touch prayer group will begin this Thursday, Aug., 26 at 9:00 am in the home of Rhoda Phillips - 603 Woodbine Drive - Papillion. Please call Rhoda (537-0829) for directions or just show up.

Any interested mom or grandma who would like to join us in one hour of prayer each week for students, teachers, and the school is very welcome to check us out. We use a simple 4-step process that is easily learned: praise, confession, thank you, intercession. Questions? Call Debbie Pedersen 331-5331 or Candy Willis 592-1727 for more information.

CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Aug 25 MS - Mr. Koehn

Aug 26 HS - Mr. Koehn

Elem - Mr. Koehn

Sept 1 MS - TBA

Sept 2 HS - TBA

Elem - Mr. Koehn



"TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER"

The OCA Board is asking the families of OCA to join with us in prayer and fasting for the School. We have many issues to pray about for this year. Some of which are: future location of the school, wisdom for the Board, Parent Association, teachers, and the administration. Please share OCA's needs in your church during prayer meetings, Bible studies, and during individual/family prayer times. We know God holds the future, and we need to express our desire to know His will. Fasting/Prayer Matthew 6:16-18, 33, Luke 18:10-14

HELP NEEDED FOR MAGAZINE SALES!

Thursday, August 26th, 8:15am for 2-3 hours. Help count out magazine booklets to get them ready for distribution on Friday, August 27th. Also, help staple and sort the yellow sales slips from last year.

Clerical Help is needed for tabulating the sales on turn-in days! Hours, 8:30 – 3:00 with a lunch break with your child if you want! (We may finish sooner.) The days we need your help are, Monday – August 30th, Thursday – Sept 2nd, Tuesday – Sept 7th, Thursday – Sept 9th.

Helping all days is great, but if you can help one or two of those days, that is good too!

Prize Store Help: I have a prize store coordinator, but more help is needed! I need workers to help set up the store and work it! The time of the prize store will be 11 am (set up at 10:30 am) until 4:00 pm. Yes, the times are different this year, but we won't have as many days! The Prize Store days will be Fridays, Sept 3rd and Sept 10th.

Data Entry workers: Data entry people are needed to help input the sales in the computer and do the deposit. Some of this may be done at home. (The evenings of the tabulating days.)

Please call Terri Zimmerle at 493-2850 and leave a message or email her at tzimmerle@aol.com if you can work some of these days! Many workers (at least 20) are needed to pull off a successful magazine sales drive. Volunteering is also a great way to meet other parents!



PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

Attached are the procedures for the parking lot, including the drop-off and pick-up rules. Please obey the safety patrols (when present) and the adult supervisors. The number of vehicles necessities following the rules to make it safe for all. **Reminder:** Students are only to be dropped off and picked up in the parking lot, not on Robertson Drive. Also, there is no parking in the pick-up lane.



CHANGES IN LUNCH ROOM

- 1) Remember, we have new lunch and milk prices (look under the menu in *N&N*)
- 2) Orders have to be placed by 8:30 am. We do not order extra lunches.
- 3) Middle School and High School are ordering at the beginning of their first hour class the day of lunch. Only High School students coming in second hour need to order in advance (the day before).



WEBSITE

OCA's website has up-to-date information on the "Bulletin Board" link. It has lunch menus, sports schedules and much more! Magazine Sales Turn-in dates are posted and *News & Notes* can be accessed! Many have confessed to printing out sport schedules, lunch menus or the "Bulletin Board" to put on their refrigerator. Besides being a tool to tell others about OCA, it is to provide information for the OCA parents. The website does not replace the *News & Notes*, but complements it. You may access the website at: www.omahachristianacademy.com.



FOOTBALL PARENT'S NIGHT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2004

Do you want to match players with their parents? Would you like to figure out who's who under the helmet and pads? You won't want to miss Parent's Night a week from Friday! Over 20 young men are out for football this season.

Parents of the JV and Varsity football players will be recognized with their son(s) a week from Friday **following** the 4:00 pm game. Coaches and waterboys will also be introduced at this time.



ART EXHIBITION

This past June, several of our Omaha Christian Academy students exhibited their artwork in the Summer Arts Festival as part of the Young Artist Exhibition. Chantelle Steggerda and Justin Richards each received an honorable mention for their portraits. They also exhibited other work. Nate Thompson, Dirk Ruyf, Amber Castonguay, Rachel Meredith, Lexie Bryce, Evie Rodriguez, Rachel Colegrove, Katie Arant, Cassandra Barrick, Candace Yong, Andrew Bebee, Jennie Cosgrove, Joanna Anderson and Tabitha Hamilton were all selected to exhibit their self portraits, batiks, or paintings. Congratulations to all these talented young artists for their hard work.

Mrs. Isaacson

2004-2005 BAND OFFICERS

President: Andrew Meyer
 Manager: David Bebee
 Secretary: Laura Johnson

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

T.R.P.

What is TRP? (Tuition Reimbursement Program) It is gift certificates or gift cards purchased through OCA at a discount to you.

How does it work? The vender discounts gift certificates to our school. The money saved in discounts will be applied to the families' tuition or other designated program at OCA. For example: JC Penney's offers a 5% discount on the gift certificates. (A \$100.00 gift certificate cost OCA \$95.00). You buy the gift certificate from the school at face value (\$100.00) and \$4.50 (90% of 5%) will be applied to the designated account you have chosen, and OCA will keep \$.50 (10% of 5%) for shipping and handling. Saved amounts will be credited quarterly.

Why are we doing this? With tuition cost increasing, this is a great opportunity for families to reduce tuition by simply purchasing the gift certificates through OCA for the places of business you normally patronize.

Where and when can I buy TRP certificates? You may order using an order form found in the OCA office, on the school web site, or attached to *News & Notes*. Your orders along with your money (cash or a personal check made payable to OCA) are to be turned in to the office by 12:00 noon on the designated Mondays. The gift certificates will be ready for pick-up on Friday of the same week they were ordered.

Who can buy them? ANYONE (grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors, co-workers) may purchase gift certificates. The profit from these orders can then be applied to your account.

We have made a great start in making use of the program, but I would like to see more of our families make use of it. If I can be of assistance in answering questions, please call me at school.
 Mrs. Krumwiede