


# OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

# NEWS & NOTES

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! What a week we have just completed! We had a Spelling Bee and a Science Fair. There were three nights of home basketball games, with special activities connected to each one. We had big crowds in our small gym and some entertaining basketball to watch. As I stopped to reflect over all the activities I was again amazed at the parental support that is demonstrated on a continual basis at OCA. During the week we had two different fund raisers for the musical groups, the concession stand runs all the time during the games, people for taking tickets, parents who allow their younger ones to participate with the cheerleaders, pep band that includes some parents and then other parents who need to bring their children to allow them to play, and we had a parents night. All in all, it was a very busy week but you parents were here and supportive of your children and the school. Thank you! A person witnesses it in small communities, but certainly in all the Christian schools I've been associated with, parents show their love for their children in supportive ways, and walk worthy.

THE ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT HAS BEEN CANCELED.



## SPELLING BEE RESULTS

These students will advance to the ACSI District Spelling Bee on Friday, February 4th at Cornerstone.

- Grade 3 - Erin Clifton & Claire Benedict
- Grade 4 - Olivia Lovgren
- Grade 5 - Mark Clifton
- Grade 6 - Taylor Elrod & Nikki Tulsie
- Grade 7 - Luke Henkenius & Jonathan Andrews
- Grade 8 - Chris Kersey & Candace Yong

## 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" and return it by Friday, January 21st. Please contact Joe Turco via email if possible at [joe.turco@optimumdata.com](mailto:joe.turco@optimumdata.com) if you have any questions.

## SNOW MAKE UP DAY



We have used one more snow day than was in our schedule. To make this day up, **there will be school on March 29th.** Mark your calendars now!



## WHERE 2 OR 3 ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN HIS NAME...

On January 1, 2005, a small group of us thought it would be good to get people together to pray for the school. We began calling to ask people to meet us the very next day in the school library at 2 p.m. We attempted to contact everyone in the school directory.

On January 2nd, the school library became filled with people coming to pray. We were amazed that so many people could come on such a short notice. When we arrived at our homes, there were phone messages from others that weren't able to come to the school, but prayed from where they were. It was AWESOME! It was God!

Thank you to all that helped and to all that participated! We are excited to see what God will do as He brought us together to pray.

# CALENDAR



**THIS WEEK** - Tuesday/Friday week  
Jan 20 - G BB @ Boystown - 6:00/7:30 PM  
Jan 22 - Conf BB Tour @ NE Lutheran

**NEXT WEEK** - Monday/Thursday week  
Jan 24 - Conf G BB Tour @ NE Lutheran - 4:30 PM  
Jan 25 - Conf B BB Tour @ NE Lutheran - 4:30 PM  
Jan 27 - Conf BB Tour @ NE Lutheran - 3:00 PM  
Jan 28 - BB @ NE City - 4:00/5:15/6:30/8:00

## LOOKING AHEAD



Feb 4 - ACSI Spelling Bee @ Cornerstone  
Feb 10 - Association Meeting - 7:00 PM  
Feb 21 - NO SCHOOL

**WEEK OF 1/18 THRU 1/21**

Jan 18	Fried Chicken Baby carrots Tropical fruit Cornbread w/honey Frosted Graham	Salad Box w/shrimp Tropical fruit Cornbread w/honey Frosted Graham
Jan 19	Hot Dog Baked Beans Mini banana Lay's popcorn munchies	Cold chicken picnic box Baked beans Mini banana Lay's popcorn munchies
Jan 20	Spaghetti w/meatballs Italian lettuce salad Pineapple Garlic bun Sponge cake	Meat & cheese sand. Italian lettuce salad Pineapple Garlic bun Sponge cake
Jan 21	Hot ham & cheese sand. Broccoli w/ranch dip Apple Pudding cup	Chef Salad Apple Pudding cup

**WEEK OF 1/24 THRU 1/28**

Jan 24	Beef & Bean Burrito w/cheese sauce Corn Grapes Snickerdoodle Cookie	Shrimp Salad Sand. Corn Grapes Snickerdoodle Cookie
Jan 25	Mac & Cheese Beets Orange Smiles Tea Roll Cookie Bar w/fudge topping	Chef Salad Orange Smiles Tea Roll Cookie Bar w/fudge
Jan 26	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Gorp Rice Krispie Treat	Meat & Cheese Bagel box Lettuce Salad Gorp Rice Krispie Treat
Jan 27	Creamed Chicken over mashed potatoes Cherry glazed bananas Biscuit Choc. cake	Bologna & Che. Sand. Cherry glazed bananas Biscuit Choc. cake
Jan 28	Campfire Stew Carrot sticks Midnight pears Hot Roll Smores	Turkey & cheese roll-up Carrot sticks Midnight pears Smores

**\*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.**

**Calendar:**

- Jan. 13 - Metro Community College Rep Visit
- Jan. 21 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for the Feb. 12 Test
- Feb. 7 - SAT Registration Deadline for the March 12 Test
- Feb. 16 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for the March 12 Test

**GUIDANCE CORNER**

- ☞ Seniors interested in attending Southeast Community College may be eligible for some scholarship opportunities. Deadline is March 1. If interested contact the guidance office.
- ☞ Ten (10) \$500 scholarships are available from the Omaha Chapter of National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors to area high school seniors who wish to further their education toward a college degree. Candidates must have an above-average GPA and demonstrate good character and leadership. Preference will be given to those interested in courses of study such as education, business/management/finance, marketing/sales, or actuarial studies; and preference given to those who attend a Nebraska university, college, or community college. Deadline is Feb. 11.
- ☞ Any senior who has not already applied for one of 24 \$500 Union Bank & Trust Company scholarships should do so. Complete application and scholarship details are available online at [www.ubt.com](http://www.ubt.com), [www.asapubt.com](http://www.asapubt.com) or [www.journalstar.com](http://www.journalstar.com), and will be accepted now through March 15. One scholarship will be awarded weekly with each recipient featured in Wednesday's Lincoln Journal Star.
- ☞ Seniors interested in attending Iowa State University may be eligible for scholarship opportunities. Contact the guidance office for more information.
- ☞ Best Buy is sponsoring a scholarship opportunity to high school students dedicated to helping their communities. To learn more, visit [www.BestBuy.com](http://www.BestBuy.com) and click on Community Relations. Deadline is Feb. 15.
- ☞ The Nebraska Dept. of Education is currently accepting applications for the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship. Nebraska seniors who are selected will receive up to \$1,500 a year for a total of four years. Approx. 40 new scholarships are awarded each year, in addition to funding renewal applicants. To be eligible a student must have a minimum ACT score of 30, have applied or been accepted for enrollment (or acceptance pending) as a full time student at an institution of higher education, and have filed a Statement of Selective Service Registration Status with the institution the applicant plans to attend. Applicants will need to access the application packet online at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/byrd>. Deadline is March 15.
- ☞ The K-State Alumni Association will be hosting a student program, Just For Juniors, in Omaha on Monday, Jan. 24, at the Omaha Marriott at 6:30 p.m. The program, focused towards high school juniors and their parents, encourages students to think about college and how it will differ from high school. If interested in attending call the K-State Alumni Assoc. at 1-800-600-ALUM.
- ☞ High school students interested in a career in law may want to participate in the Creighton University School of Law Exploration Program. The event will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 16, starting at 10:30 a.m. If interested in attending pick up a registration form at the guidance office. Space is limited to 50 students.
- ☞ The Assistance League of Omaha will be offering an ACT Review Course at Westside High School. The course consists of two classes and both must be attended to receive full coverage. Class #1 will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Class #2 will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 9, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee. A \$5 late fee will be applied to registrations after Feb. 1. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

## OCA MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

This past Thursday, our young scientists displayed their projects for all to see. During the day about 20 judges interviewed students and evaluated projects.

Thank you to all our judges, and those who contributed to the prizes!

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Ryan Plummer

”Shape Strength” – Architectural design

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Cody Pearson - "Iron in Cereal"

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Stacia Howell - "Plants in Various Soils"

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Brendan Byal - ”Are You Really Getting What You Pay For” – Photo Paper Comparison

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Carson Wirges - "Does Processing Fresh Frozen Corn, Canned Corn or Store Bought Corn Produce More Gas?"

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Nicole Tulsie - ”Grass Attack” Removing grass stains from jeans

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Sean West - ”Got Salt” – Growing Grape Caulerpa plants in various concentrations of salt water

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Jacob Richards - ”The Grape Juice Remover” – Removing grape juice stains from carpet

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Emily Lovgren - ”Is Warmer Better” – How temperature of yeast affects how the bread rises.

### Overall Science Fair Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Brendan Byal

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Sean West

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Jacob Richards

Congratulations to all our winners.



### TURN IN HY-VEE RECEIPTS

Over the past several months, we have been collecting Hy-Vee receipts. OCA receives cash for every dollar spent at Hy-Vee. The final turn-in date for these receipts is January 28th. Don't forget!



### DID YOU KNOW?

The most heavily recruited athlete in the Women's National Basketball Association is Mrs. Michelle Eveland, kindergarten teacher at OCA. She was immediately sought out after she effortlessly sank a half point basket last Tuesday at OCA. She has declined all offers because she would rather teach kindergartners at OCA. Mrs. Eveland, your reaction when that ball went in the hoop was priceless!

### SAVE YOUR STUFF!



Just a reminder that the annual OCA garage sale is less than 3 months away. Last year the school made \$14,000 from good quality donated items. Our theme this year is “Trading Spaces” and our expectation is that this will be the biggest sale yet. So while you sort out old toys and clothes after Christmas, please keep the best to give away for your child’s school.