

OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Blessings! At no time in the history of Omaha Christian Academy, let me rephrase since I really can not be sure of that; at no time in my history at Omaha Christian Academy, that is only two years so I'll try again; registrations are **very** important this year. You will see in News and Notes and other places around the school that there is an emphasis on registrations. So much of what we are counting on for next year depends on how many students are involved at the school. At the last Association meeting, I was asked if the move to a new location that was under discussion would affect our program in any way. I answered negatively. Some of what we do may have to be done in some creative ways, but it can be done. What can affect the programs we offer is the amount of students that are enrolled. There has been a lot of support and a positive spirit regarding the location that we are trying to finalize, and I really appreciate that. Some of you may be waiting to register after the location is finalized, and I can understand why you would like to do that as well. I am hoping that you will put your concerns aside and go ahead and register, save your fifty dollars, and help us to make realistic plans for the future. Thanks to all of those who have already registered, 143 students so far, and thanks to those of you who have not as yet for considering this appeal. Walk worthy.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTIONS

The Omaha Christian Academy chapter of the National Honor Society would like to introduce the following new inductees chosen on the basis of Leadership, Scholarship, Service, and Character: Seniors Brian Push and Dirk Ruyf; Juniors Katie Vohnout, Laura Johnson, Amber Castonguay, and Michaela Schroeder; and Sophomores Tabitha Hamilton, Elizabeth Putman, Aaron Nilius, Danielle Gingrich, Laura Peterson, Lee Simmons, Camille Stortenbecker, Leighton Sybrant, Stephanie Thompson, Julia Warnke, Alex West, Jared Williams, Loni Willis, and Cale Schulz. Congratulations new members!

REGISTER NOW & SAVE

Registration for classes next fall is in full swing. Returning families receive a **\$50 discount** per child off the registration fee if registered **before March 1st**. To make sure that your child has a place in next year's class, register today.



New families may begin registering on Tuesday, March 1st at 8:00 AM. Registration is on a first come basis.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR MAGAZINES?

Everyone that ordered magazines or CD's should be receiving them by now. If not, please call 1-800-678-2673 (QSP Customer Service) to rectify the situation. Sometimes there is an address problem or a back-order situation. If there are some magazines that you wish you had ordered, you may do so online! Go to "www.qsp.com" and order it! You may designate "Omaha Christian Academy" to receive 40% of the sale!

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - Monday/Thursday week

- Feb 23 - 4th-6th grade to Symphony-9:15-11:15
- Feb 24 - JH G BB @ Essex Tournament - 6:00 & 7:15
- Feb 25 - 7th grade to zoo - 10:30 - 3:00
- Feb 25-28 - Worship team to SD
- Feb 26 - JH G BB @ Essex Tournament - TBA
- Feb 26 - NSAA Speech @ Dodge

NEXT WEEK - Tuesday/Friday week

- Feb 27 - HS Band to Grace Baptist - 6:00 PM
- Feb 28 - 8th grade to County Court House-9:00-12:30
- Steering Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Mar 1 - Kindergarten Round-up - 7:00 PM
- Mar 4 - 5th grade to Sac Museum - 9:15-3:00

LOOKING AHEAD



- Mar 10 - End of 3rd Quarter
- Mar 10-13 - Band Tour
- Mar 11 - NO SCHOOL
- Mar 16-20 - Senior Trip
- Mar 19 - Skating Party
- Mar 25-28 - Spring Break
- Ap 8 & 9 - Garage Sale

WEEK OF 2/21 THRU 2/25

Feb 21	NO SCHOOL	
Feb 22	Breaded Chicken patty w/bun Baby Carrots Midnight pears Rice Krispie Bar	Tuna Salad Sand. Baby Carrots Midnight pears Rice Krispie Bar
Feb 23	Pizza Hut pizza Green Beans Apple Choc. Chip cookie	Crispy Chicken Salad Green Beans Apple Choc. Chip cookie
Feb 24	Nachos w/beef & cheese Mexi Corn Banana Blue Jello	Salad box w/tuna Banana Blue Jello
Feb 25	Grilled Cheese Sand. Tomato Soup Orange Smiles pudding Cup Crackers	Taco Salad Orange Smiles pudding Cup

WEEK OF 2/28 THRU 3/4

Feb 28	Hamburger French Fries Apples Oatmeal Raisin Cookie	Salami & Cheese Roll-up French Fries Apples Oatmeal Raisin Cookie
Mar 1	Ham & eggs Potato Rounds OJ Blueberry Muffin Square	Shrimp Salad box OJ Blueberry Muffin Square
Mar 2	Chili Fresh Veggies Pineapple Crackers Cinn. Roll	Egg Salad Sand. Fresh Veggies Pineapple Cinn. Roll
Mar 3	Fried Chicken Potato Salad Mixed Fruit Hot Roll Elf Grahams	Shrimp Salad on croissant Potato Salad Mixed Fruit Elf Grahams
Mar 4	Meatless Pizza Hot Pocket Lett. Salad w/Italian Dres Peaches pudding Cup	Picnic Box Lett. Salad w/Italian Dres Peaches pudding Cup

***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.

GUIDANCE CORNER

☞ Any juniors who may be interested in attending one of the U.S. Service Academies need to be aware of several important dates. The process begins with a written request to a U.S Senator and/or Member of the House of Representatives requesting a nomination to a service academy. Detailed information is available in the guidance information.

☞ UNO will be hosting their Summer Scholars Program for juniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.0. The Summer Scholars Program provides college-bound high school juniors from the greater Omaha metropolitan area with the opportunity to enroll in classes to earn college credits, prepare for college life, and meet new people. The cost of the program is paid for by scholarship which will cover four credit hours of college tuition for the specified program courses, all student fees, books, and parking permit. The application deadline is March 4. Applications are available in the guidance office.

☞ The Junior League of Omaha offers a scholarship program to support the volunteer and leadership potential of area high school seniors. They will award three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to seniors demonstrating outstanding volunteer performance in the metro Omaha area. Eligible students must participate in volunteer work above and beyond that which may be required for school or church. Applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 20.

☞ The Donna Reed Foundation for the Performing Arts is offering \$4,000 national scholarships for high school seniors who participate in the performing arts including acting, musical theatre, and vocal. For applications and guidelines visit www.donnareed.org. Deadline is March 1.

☞ The Carriage House Foundation is offering a scholarship for students interested in attending one of Nebraska's Community Colleges to study in an automotive related field. A \$1,000 grant will be awarded in each of the six Community College areas in Nebraska for students pursuing training for an automotive career. Deadline is April 8.

☞ The 2005 Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute for high school juniors and seniors will take place July 10-14. It is a five-day event that brings together juniors and seniors from across the state to help build leadership skills, explore new aspects of agriculture, and encourage young people to become more involved with and remain in agriculture. The Institute takes place at the UNL Kaufman Hall, in conjunction with the Nebraska Union. All meals, lodging, and activities are sponsored by the Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture. The only expense for the student is transportation to and from the Institute. If interested in attending applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is April 15.

☞ This summer the UNL College of Architecture will be conducting a workshop for high school students interested in exploring careers in architecture and interior design. The workshop is a residential program and will be held June 12-18. The anticipated cost is \$585 including room, board and all supplies. If interested in attending contact the guidance office for more information. Deadline is April 8.

☞ Seniors interested in pursuing a career in the legal field may be eligible to apply for scholarships offered by the Omaha Legal Professionals Association and the Nebraska Legal Professionals Association. Deadline is March 31. Applications are available in the guidance office.

Calendar:

- March 4 - ACT Registration Deadline for the April 9 Test
- March 16 - Seniors leave for Senior Trip, return on March 20
- March 18 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for the April 9 Test
- March 25 - SAT Registration Deadline for the May 7 Test

ENROLLMENT FOR 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR		
Preschool	-	5
Kindergarten	-	9
1st Grade	-	6
2nd Grade	-	8
3rd Grade	-	9
4th Grade	-	14
5th Grade	-	8
6th Grade	-	9
7th Grade	-	14
8th Grade	-	16
9th Grade	-	9
10th Grade	-	17
11th Grade	-	14
12th Grade	-	5
Total	-	143

Contracts are being held until enrollment increases significantly. Enroll today!

YOUTH SPORTS SOCCER UPDATE



We had over 80 students sign up for K-8th grade Youth Sports Spring Soccer! We were able to put together 7 teams! Two Kindergarten teams, a 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th combo, 5th & 6th combo, & 7th & 8th combo teams. The Y will hold a coaches meeting the week of March 8th, thus allowing practices to start the week of March 14th. From that point, until April 2nd when the season starts, we are allowed 2 practices a week (weather permitting). When the season starts we are limited to one, one hour practice a week. The coaches pick the location and time for practices. If your child ordered a shirt, they will be in before the season starts and will be given to your child at school.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

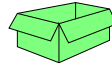


Kindergarten Round-up is next week!!! Tell your friends and neighbors! See the attached flyer.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



Teacher Appreciation Day is March 1st. We will celebrate the week of February 28th. We would like to show appreciation for our secondary teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. One Way you can help is by donating \$5.00 gift certificates from local grocery stores or fast food restaurants. You can also send a monetary donation and I will purchase the certificates. Please have these turned in to the school office by Friday, February 25th. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Taylor at 493-2783.



START SAVING

We will need boxes, lots of them for the move. We are particularly interested in "paper boxes". The ones that come with 10 reams of paper in them. They would be perfect for packing the library books. Save as many as possible and when the time comes, we will ask for them. At this time, we do not have room for storage so if you could help us out, it would be greatly appreciated.



SCHOLARSHIP FUND FLOWER SALE

The Flower Sale is just around the corner! Last year's Flower Sale was fun for students and parents alike. This was because of the prizes so many students took home, including the Grand Prize of a Worlds Of Fun Weekend for the school-wide Top Seller, and because flowers are something that nearly every household purchases as spring approaches.

This year the Scholarship Fund Flower Sale will be trying to **double** the \$18,000 in flowers sold last year, but we need **VOLUNTEERS!!**

We need daytime help one day per week tallying sales and distributing weekly prizes, load-in and setup help on the day flowers arrive and on the pick up day. We also need prizes for the students. Those prizes include candy bars (lots and lots of candy bars), gift certificates, passes of all kinds, and of course the ever popular Prize Closet where they can pick their items.

Several students told us last year that this is the easiest fundraiser they've ever been involved in. Why? Because everybody loves fresh flowers!

If you can give one day per week between March 1st and April 1st; or can help with tarp lay down, table setup and breakdown, plant sorting and carrying for the load-in April 21-23, please contact Beth Drowne at 573-9291 as soon as possible. We need your help!