

OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NEWS & NOTES

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ISSUE 3

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Blessings! All of our students have officially started at this point. It was great to see the elementary students on Wednesday and the Kindergarten children arrive on Thursday. The younger students always have that bright look of expectation on their faces. I have heard somewhere that it is at the third grade level when children start to change their attitude about school. That's sad. Is that when we stop doing as much "hands on" work? Is that when expectations are higher? Is that when they start mimicking the attitude of their older siblings? I really don't know the answer to the above questions. I do know that it is fun to see students coming in to school with that look that they are anxious to learn. We will do our best to maintain that enthusiasm through the years.

Tuesday night is the final orientation meeting for parents. I know that some of you have been here several evenings already. The open houses were for the children, so that they may be comfortable coming the first day of school with a new situation and teacher. **Tomorrow night is for the parents.** It gives you some time with the teachers to learn of their expectations for your child, their classroom management style, and the amount of help they are going to need from you. Also special about this evening is that there is the opportunity for you to hear from some of the organizations that we have on campus, and for you to give some indication of how you would like to help the school through the year. Please resist the feeling that coming tomorrow night is not worth the effort. We have very few times when all the faculty are available to you, and by hearing from the teachers some misunderstandings can be avoided in the future. Keep praying for the school and keep walking worthy of the calling!

BEFORE SCHOOL CHILD CARE

If you need to use the Before School Child Care, please contact Melody Simmons at 216-5758 or 399-9565. Since no one has signed up for the Before School Childcare, **there will be no drop in service available until further notice.**



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 this 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) this Friday *following* the 4:00 pm game. Coaches and waterboys will also be introduced at this time.



SURPLUS COMPUTERS FOR SALE

Due to some recent upgrades and donations, the school has several surplus Pentium I computers that are no longer needed. The computers are in working condition and can be purchased for \$20. They are being sold as-is, and can be viewed plugged in and running in the lower level hallway near the band room. Although not well-suited for internet use, they could be fine computers for keyboarding practice, paper writing, and game playing.

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - Monday/Thursday week

- Aug 30 - Magazine turn-in day
 - Board meeting - 6:30 PM
- 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

NEXT WEEK - Tuesday/Friday week

- Sept 6 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- Sept 7 - Magazine turn-in day
 - JV FB vs Mead - 4:00 PM
 - VB @ Macy - 6:00 PM
- Sept 9 - Magazine turn-in day
 - VB @ Parkview - 5:30/6:45 PM
- Sept 10- Magazine Prize store day
 - FB @ Mead - 6:30 PM

LOOKING AHEAD



- Sept 14- Association Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Sept 23- School Pictures
- Oct 5-8 - Book Fair
- Oct 5 - Grandparent's Day

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	NO COLD LUNCH
Sept 2	Smart Sub Cucumber & Tom. Salad Mixed Fruit Pudding Cup	NO COLD LUNCH
Sept 3	Mac & Cheese California Veggies Fresh Fruit Cake Soft Pretzel	NO COLD LUNCH

WEEK OF 9/6 THRU 9/10

Sept 6	NO SCHOOL	
Sept 7	Hot Dog Carrot Sticks 1/2 Apple Sugar Cookie	Turkey & Ch. Sand. Carrot Sticks 1/2 Apple Sugar Cookie
Sept 8	Chunky chicken Gravy Mashed potatoes Plum Hot Roll Shape-up	Salad Box w/egg & ch. Plum Shape-up
Sept 9	Turkey Club w/lettuce, tomato, pickles Peaches Rice Krispie Bar	Chicken Salad Sand. Peaches Rice Krispie Bar
Sept 10	Nachos w/meat 1/2 Banana Snickerdoodle	Salad Box - turkey & ch. 1/2 Banana Snickerdoodle

***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

- Seniors interested in attending Washington University in St. Louis may be eligible for scholarship opportunities. Contact the guidance office if interested.
- Nebraska Methodist College will be hosting a Senior Visit Day on Friday, Sept. 17, at 1:00 p.m. or Friday, Nov. 12, at 1:00 p.m. RSVP by contacting the Admissions Office at 354-4879 or on the web at www.methodistcollege.edu.
- Scholarship opportunities are available at Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa for any seniors who are interested in attending. Contact the guidance office for more information.
- **Calendar:**
 - September 7 - SAT Registration Deadline for the Oct. 9 Test
 - September 8 - Nebraska Methodist College Rep Visit
 - 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 - Northwestern College (Minnesota) Rep Visit
 - September 17 - ACT Registration Deadline for the Oct. 23 Test
 - September 22 - PLAN (pre-Act) Testing for all Sophomores
 - October 1 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for the Oct. 23 Test
 - October 6 - Hillsdale College Rep Visit
 - October 13 - PSAT Testing for Juniors
 - October 29 - William Jewell College Rep Visit

If you have any questions regarding this information, see Mrs. Jenkins, Guidance Counselor.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Do you have a special skill or talent? Or maybe you just have a desire to serve the Lord? Do you want to see your children get involved in activities? Then you need to be in prayer about what you can do to help our school. Remember, we are a parent-run school, and that requires a lot of effort and a lot of volunteers, but the eternal rewards for us AND our children will far outweigh anything we could do! Please pray about what the Lord would have you do for our children and stop by the OCA Parent Connection booth on Tuesday night, August 31 to fill our a volunteer form. For questions regarding volunteering see Mitten Taylor on Tuesday night or call 451-8797. Thank you for volunteering. Without hard working parents, the activities of this school could not continue! May the Lord bless you and your families.

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.



Help!

Mrs. Randall needs help in the library again this year. Can you help reshelve books at the beginning of the day or come early before the end of the school day? Please let her know the time and days you would be available to help. Thanks!

PARENT ORIENTATION

Parent Orientation is **Tuesday, August 31. This evening is for parents only.** From 6:30 pm to 6:45 pm, elementary parents can attend an informative session in the room of their child. From 6:50 to 7:05, there will be a second session for elementary parents. Parents who have more than one child in the elementary can visit two classes in that way. If you only have one class to visit, you can begin at the second session. Middle and High School parents are encouraged to come before 7:00 so that they can spend time in the cafeteria and browse through the information stations. 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 7:10 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, at 7:30, Middle school and High school parents will have an opportunity to "follow in the child's steps" during a typical day at school. **Mark your calendars, get a baby-sitter, and plan now to attend!**

6:30 pm – 6:45 pm	Elementary Session
6:50 pm – 7:05 pm	Elementary Session 2
7:10 pm – 7:30 pm	General Session in the Gym
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	MS and HS Schedule
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Information in the Cafeteria

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

Jamie Kimmons is an elementary teacher in training at Grace University. She is on a federal grant to serve as a tutor in schools in the area. She will be helping elementary students primarily, but will be available for other students if her time permits. She has been tutoring in the public schools for the last three years.

MAGAZINE SALE AND YOUR LIBRARY

Your OCA library counts on students and families to help keep its necessary magazine subscriptions current. We are required by the state to have a certain number of magazines available for the students and teachers at all grade levels. We'll need about 45 "gift" subscriptions this fall. Can you help?

If so, the librarian, Mrs. Randall, has already filled out an order sheet for each magazine that is needed at this time. To help out your child **and your OCA library, PICK UP PREPARED ORDER SHEETS IN THE OFFICE.** These already have the correct information on them such as: magazine title, issues, teacher's name and if it is a renewal or new. Add your child's room information, etc., plus a check for the amount and hand it in. **VERY SIMPLE THIS YEAR!** This should avoid the duplicate orders we've had in the past. Be sure to leave a pink copy in the office. Thank you so much!



"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

CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Sept 1	MS	- Mr. Koehn
Sept 2	HS	- Mr. Koehn
	Elem	- Mr. Koehn
Sept 8	MS	- Mr. Clifton Tulsie
Sept 9	HS	- Mr. Clifton Tulsie
	Elem	- Mr. Koehn

WELCOME

These are the students teachers this semester:

Jennifer Jones - Music

Kim Kliewer - Mrs. Vesely

Candace Malone - Mrs. Arant

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

FOOTBALL CONCESSIONS & MENU

Hot off the grill:

Hamburgers

Hotdogs

Polish Dogs

(with all the fixin's)

Nachos

Popcorn

Pickles

Coke Drinks/Powerade/Water

Candy



Parents! No need to plan a meal for Friday. The food and entertainment's right here on the OCA Football field! Plan to stay for the 4 pm game and enjoy the outdoors, family entertainment, refreshments, and cheer on your OCA Eagles!

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

(TRP)

TURN-IN DATES

September 20

October 11

November 1

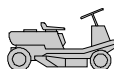
November 29 - (Last order before Christmas)

If you have any questions, call Tammy Krumwiede at OCA.



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).



WANTS & NEEDS LIST

-Riding Lawn Mower to mow the football field.
If you have a 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).