


# OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## NEWS & NOTES

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### ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! At the beginning of Mark 6 our Lord calls His twelve closest followers to Him and gives them instruction in evangelism and sent them out two by two. Later on in the chapter, verse 30, the disciples gathered back together with Jesus and told Him all that had happened. His advice to them was to get away and rest for awhile, "For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat." The story goes on to say they got into a boat but people recognized Jesus and followed them to a deserted place. There Jesus and the disciples had the pleasure of feeding over 5,000. I guess there is no rest for the good. We have less than a month and a half of school. The calendar looks extremely busy and as we get closer to the end of school, the busier it looks. Besides the activities that you want to be at because your children are involved, we will be asking you to help in other ways as well. Westside is allowing us to take \$6,000 dollars off of our May lease payment if we will be out of the building by the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. That is our goal. So, beside your family activities and the school activities, plan ahead to help out with the packing of this building or the prep work at the other one. You know, there is no rest for the good. Walk worthy.

### NEXT WEEK

#### SPRING FEVER RELIEVER WEEK

**Monday** - Blast from the Past Day

**Tuesday** - TV Star/Movie Character Day

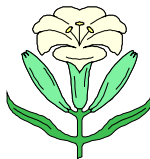
**Wednesday** - Pajama Day

**Thursday** - Twin Day

**Friday** - Relaxed Day (shorts\* & sweats)

\*shorts need to be knee length

Student Council does not condone in any way activity and/or behavior which is prohibited or any other way discouraged by the OCA Handbook or the OCA mission statement. Though Student Council has obtained the right to a relaxed dress code, the skin rules as set up in the OCA handbook still apply.



### OCA'S TRADING SPACES 2005

The OCA Family Garage/Bake Sale starts Friday 5 PM! We need plastic grocery bags. We still need help on Saturday during the sale. After the sale, we need help with clean up, taking down tables and signs. **A HUGE THANK YOU** to all that have signed up to help so far! Please continue to pray for good weather, energetic workers and all the customers who come.

Students, don't forget to sign up for **Student Service hours**. It is now open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> students. **Last drop off** for donations is Thursday. If you have signed up to work, you may come in and shop anytime Monday - Thursday, April 4-7. **NO SALES ON FRIDAY BEFORE 5 PM!** We appreciate your willingness to help OCA!

The sale is Fri., April 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 & Sat., April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-3:00. Questions?? Please call Becky White @ 397-3523.

## CALENDAR



### THIS WEEK - Monday/Thursday

Ap 4 - Peru State Quiz Bowl - 8:00 AM

Ap 5 - Pre3 to Children's Museum-9:30-11:00  
- G&B Soccer @ Boystown - 4:30/6:30

Ap 7 - Conference Quiz Bowl@CVA - 2:00 PM  
- Last turn-in day for flower sale

Ap 8 - Garage Sale - 5:00-9:00 PM

Ap 9 - Garage Sale - 9:00-3:00

### NEXT WEEK - Tuesday/Friday week

Ap 11-15 - Spring Fever Reliever Week

Ap 12 - Track @ Pawnee City - 9:30 AM

- G & B Soccer vs Gretna - 4:30/6:00 PM

Ap 13 - Worship Team to Trinity

Ap 15 - Trinity Spring Festival

### LOOKING AHEAD



Ap 22 - District Music Contest

Ap 26 - Spring Concert - 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade - 7:00 PM

Ap 29 - Jr/Sr Banquet

May 3 - Performing Arts & Awards Appreciation  
Concert - 7:00 PM

May 6-7 - Drama Variety Show - 7:00 PM

May 10 - Sports Awards Night - 7:00

May 12 - Kindergarten Graduation

May 13- Last day of MS & Elem

- Secondary Awards - 7:00 PM

May 14 - Graduation - 10:00 AM

**WEEK OF 4/4 THRU 4/8**

April 4	Hot Dog Baked Beans Fresh Apple Ice Cream Cup	Salami & Cheese Sand. Baked Beans Fresh Apple Ice Cream Cup
April 5	California Burger French Fries Raisins Rice Krispie Bar	Chef Salad Box Raisins Rice Krispie Bar
April 6	Chicken Nuggets Fresh Broccoli w/ranch Peaches Tea Roll White Cake	Tomato Stuffed w/tuna Peaches Tea Roll White Cake
April 7	Spaghetti w/meat sauce Lettuce Salad Pears Garlic Bun Brownie	Salad Box w/chicken Pears Garlic Bun Brownie
April 8	Soft Chicken Taco Corn Mini Banana Churro	Tuna Salad Sandwich Corn Mini Banana Churro

**WEEK OF 4/11 THRU 4/15**

April 11	Turkey Club Sandwich Potato Salad Applesauce Doritos	Chicken Taco Salad Box Applesauce Doritos
April 12	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Pot & gravy Bread & Spread Strawberries Shortcake w/wh. cream	Turkey & Cheese Sand. Mashed Pot. & gravy Strawberries Shortcake w/wh. cream
April 13	Pizza Hut pizza Lettuce Salad Apricots Sugar Cookie	Salad Box Apricots Sugar Cookie
April 14	Ham & Egg sandwich Potato Rounds OJ Choc. Chip Muffin Square	Cottage cheese & fruit Potato Rounds OJ Choc. Chip Muffin Square
April 15	Rotini cheese bake Green beans Orange Smiles Garlic bun Pudding cup	Egg Salad Sandwich Green beans Orange Smiles 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.**



**MATH RESULTS**

Thirty students from OCA represented their school at the math competition part of the SMART Meet held at Grace University on March 22nd. Those placing in the math competition were:

4th grade - Computation: Think Che - 3rd place

Reasoning: IBK Awodele - 2nd place

5th grade - Reasoning: Sarah Reinholz - 3rd place

6th grade - Computation: Sam Turco - 1st place

Reasoning: James Yong - 1st place

Brendan Byal - 2nd place

7th grade - Computation: Sean West - 1st place

Reasoning: Ben Deaver - 3rd place

8th grade - Reasoning: Kyle Nordstrom - 1st place

Fourth grade students will be awarded their ribbons at the elementary chapel on Thursday, April 7th at 2:30 PM.

Middle School students will be awarded their ribbons at a time to be announced.

**GUIDANCE CORNER**

The Assistance League of Omaha will be offering an ACT review course at Westside High School. The course consists of two classes. Both must be attended to receive full coverage.

Class #1 will be held on Monday, April 4 or Tuesday, April 5 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Class #2 will be held on Wednesday, April 6 or Thursday, April 7 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee. Registrations forms are available in the guidance office.

DeVry University is now offering a new Bachelor of Science in Game and Simulation Programming degree. DeVry will be sponsoring an educational workshop to provide seniors and their parents with information regarding this degree and the realities of pursuing a career in this fast growing industry. The free workshop will be held at the Comfort Inn (8736 W. Dodge Rd) on Saturday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m. If interested in attending RSVP at 888-298-6885. There is limited seating.

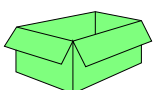
The James M. Cox Foundation is offering \$1,000 scholarships to students who have been academically successful and can demonstrate financial need. Deadline is May 1. Applications are available in the guidance office.

The University of Kearney will be hosting their 2nd annual Junior Day on Friday, April 15. The event is free of charge. Space is limited. Reservations will be accepted through April 11. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

Seniors: Watch your mailbox for the latest edition of *College Prep News — Transition to College* (formerly College Prep News for Seniors). EducationQuest mailed the newsletter last week. The eight-page newsletter will help seniors prepare for college by addressing the following topics: Wrapping up your senior year, What to expect in college, Roommate issues, Selecting a major, Time management, Personal finances / realities of student loans

**Calendar:**

- April 6 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for the May 7 Test
- April 29 - SAT Registration Deadline for the June 4 Test
- May 6 - ACT Registration Deadline for the June 11 Test
- May 11 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for the June 4 Test
- May 20 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for the June 11 Test



**Boxes! We need boxes with lids!**

## KITCHEN POSITION AVAILABLE

There is a part-time kitchen position available beginning April 18th. It is 13-15 hours per week from 10:30-1:30 each day. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to cook, wash dishes and assist with lunch-time serving. If interested, pick up and return an application and necessary forms to the school office. Call Krista Clark with questions after 12:30 PM at the school.



## YUMMY STUFF

Cakes, cookies, bars, yeast breads, nut breads, rolls, zweibachs, pies - we need them all for the "Good Eats Bake Shop" this Friday and Saturday at the Garage Sale. Pies - that's Mrs. Eveland's specialty! She is not only famous as a terrific kdgn. teacher, and for her awesome half-court basketball shot; she can also bake some fabulous pies! In fact, her pies are often spoken for before the sale.

Do your part along with Mr. Koehn and Mrs. Eveland to support the bake sale. Bring items to the office Friday morning if possible.

ENROLLMENT FOR 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR	
Kindergarten	- 17
1st Grade	- 19
2nd Grade	- 19
3rd Grade	- 18
4th Grade	- 26
5th Grade	- 21
6th Grade	- 24
7th Grade	- 25
8th Grade	- 29
9th Grade	- 19
10th Grade	- 31
11th Grade	- 28
12th Grade	- 23
<b>Total</b>	<b>- 299</b>
Preschool	- 20

## ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

Spring achievement testing is right around the corner. Grades 2nd - 11th will be testing the week of April 18th. It is very important that all students participate in the testing. Please make sure that you do not schedule anything that would cause your children to be gone during this week. As always, make sure that your children get plenty of sleep and have a good breakfast.



## OCA DRAMA GOES TO STATE!

Four OCA students were selected to compete in the NSAA State Speech Competition in Kearney, Nebraska. Congratulations go out to Chantelle Steggerda and Justin Richards who made it to finals in Duet Acting this year. They placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the State of Nebraska! Also congratulations to Michaela Schroeder who won a superior rating in Oral Interpretation of Poetry. Our freshman stand-out, Katie Phillips, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in her first round of competition in Persuasive Speech. We are very proud of you all!

Also my (Mrs. Rozema's) deepest apologies go out to Steve Schulman. I inadvertently left him out in my article on our Conference competition. Steve took second place in Entertainment Speaking at Conference helping our team win that competition. Way to go Steve!

Special congratulations also go out to Chantelle Steggerda and Laurelin Sterns who won full scholarships to Camp Orpheum 2005. Chantelle and Laurelin are part of a group of only twenty area students selected to participate. Sixty area high school students auditioned for this opportunity after having been nominated by a drama or music teacher in their school.

Thank-you to all the drama students and parents who helped make this year a successful one for OCA drama. The drama students will perform a variety show of monologues, skits and sketches for our grand finale on Fri., May 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. We hope to see many of you there! Thank-you! Mrs. Rozema and Mr. Fordyce



## SCIENCE AWARDS

Sean West, OCA 7th grader entered the Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair 2005. He received the following awards:

### Junior Division Category:

BOTANY – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Sean West, Got Salt? – Gold Medal

### Junior Division Top Awards:

American Meter Company – Cash awards to the outstanding male and female projects. Sean West - \$500 Cash Award (Top Male Project)

Greater NE Science and Engineering Fair Board – Calculators to top Junior Division Projects - Sean West, Calculator

Overall – Junior Division - Second Place Award - \$100.00 Cash award and \$50.00 Cash Award to Teacher, Mrs. Deb Dommel