


OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NEWS & NOTES

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! I know that there has been some of our constituency concerned about health issues at the new location. Here is what I know up to date. Concerning a possible mold issue, we have had a lab check out the amount of mold spores in the air as well as the mold on the ceiling. That report told us that we are well below any possible problem with mold in the air in any of the classrooms. The only room that approaches a number that might be a concern is the room where a green shag carpet was left. My thinking is that once the carpet is removed, the number in that room will match the other rooms. As far as the ceiling is concerned, there was no mold found of the type that causes problems for people. The count of that mold was found at 130 cfu. The count on your front lawn is 50,000. We will get a final asbestos report soon from the same lab. Every indication from a City Code Inspector that was on the floor is that it is a very low grade of asbestos that we will be able to clean up ourselves. Regardless, the asbestos will be either cleaned out or contained by the time your children start the next school year. There has been an indication that there are those that believe we are avoiding these health issues just to be able to move into that facility. We are not. A safe, healthy environment for your child is a part of the total educational environment that we try to maintain at a high level at OCA. It is one of the ways that we attempt to walk worthy.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE QUIZ BOWL TEAM!

On Mon., April 4th, the team took 1st place at the Peru State College Quiz Bowl for Division III schools in the novice division. There were a total of 15 teams in our division, coming from Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri. The team members who participated in the day-long event were: Caleb White (captain), Alex West, Steve Schulman, Pam Zimmerle, Laura Henkenius and Julia Warnke.



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.

TRINITY SPRING FESTIVAL

The times of performances will be sent home with your student. Check the backpack.

CALENDAR



THIS 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 14 - B Soccer vs Omaha South - 4:30
- Ap 15 - Trinity Spring Festival

NEXT WEEK - Monday/Thursday week

- Ap 18 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Ap 19 - Track @ Syracuse - 10:00
 - B Soccer @ NE Lutheran - 5:00
- Ap 20 - Worship Team to Trinity - 8:00-10:30
 - Pre4 to Children's Museum - 9:30-11:00
- Ap 21 - G Soccer @ Mercy - 5:00
- Ap 22 - District Music Contest
 - 2nd grade to zoo - 9:30-3:00
- Ap 23 - Flower Sale pick-up
 - Track @ Yutan - 9:30 am
 - JH track @ ISD - 1:00

LOOKING AHEAD



- Ap 26 - Spring Concert - 4th-8th grade - 7:00 PM
- Ap 29 - Jr/Sr Banquet
- May 2 - Middle School Awards - 7:00 PM
- 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
- May 17-18 - Finals
- May 18 - Last day of HS

WEEK OF 4/11 THRU 4/15

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| 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 |

WEEK OF 4/18 THRU 4/22

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| April 18 | Riblet Sandwich on bun French Fries Apple M&M Cookie Bar | Cott. Ch & fruit French Fries Apple M&M Cookie Bar |
| April 19 | Little Smokies Crudites Grapes Cheese & Crackers Zebra Brownie | Tom. stuffed w/cot ch. Crudites Grapes Cheese & Crackers Zebra Brownie |
| April 20 | Beef Tacos Corn Mini Banana Pineapple upside down cake | Smart Box Mini Banana Pineapple upside down cake |
| April 21 | Creamed Chicken w/ Mashed Potatoes Strawberries Biscuit Choc. Choc. chip cookie | Bologna & Cheese sand. Strawberries Biscuit Choc. Choc. Chip cookie |
| April 22 | Baked Pot. w/ch & ham Edamame Watermelon Hot Roll Dirt Cake | Taco Salad Box Watermelon Hot Roll Dirt Cake |

***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.

Boxes! We need boxes with lids!

THANKYOU!

A BIG Thank You to everyone who helped with the OCA Garage/Bake Sale! Thank You to the teachers and staff for being accommodating concerning the gym all week and volunteering their time. The Garage Sale generated \$12,307.86. Combined with the profit from the "Good Eats Cafe" and Bake sale, the total is \$13,881.95. The Lord is Good!

TABLE & BUFFET

We had a lovely Thomasville table with 3 leaves & 4 chairs with a matching buffet donated to the Garage Sale. It did not sell. If you are interested in making an offer, call Becky White ASAP at 397-3523

THIS WEEK

SPRING FEVER RELIEVER WEEK

Monday - Blast from the Past Day

Tuesday - TV Star/Movie Character Day

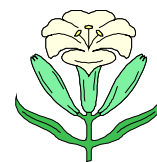
Wednesday - Pajama Day

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.



GUIDANCE CORNER

- ☞ The UNO College of Information and Science Technology at The Peter Kiewit Institute will be hosting their first Explorer's Hardware Sandbox Day for any high school students interested in a computer related field. This event will take place on either Saturday, April 16 or Saturday, April 23 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. In order to participate you will need to complete a registration form (available in the guidance office), select your first choice of dates and return it with a \$7.00 registration fee by Tuesday, April 12. Space is limited.
- ☞ Any high school student interested in pursuing a computer related career may want to participate in the Metro Community College Computer Exploring Post. The first meeting will be on April 14, 7:00 p.m., at the Metro Fort Omaha Campus (located at 30th and Fort). All meetings will be from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. and will be held in one of their Classroom/Labs, Room 201, Building 8 (library). There is a \$15 registration fee.
- Calendar:**
- 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 14 - Seniors Graduate, 10:00 a.m.
- May 20 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for the June 11 Test
- ☞ If you have any questions regarding this information, see Mrs. Jenkins, Guidance Counselor.

Thank You!

We want to thank the following businesses for their donations to the OCA Garage Sale "Good Eats Cafe"!!!

- Bag & Save
- Baker's
- Coca-Cola
- Peony Park Hy-Vee
- No Frills Supermarket
- Sam's Club

As a result of the donations of these businesses, the "Good Eats Cafe" brought in \$1074.09 profit. As you have opportunity while shopping at these area businesses, thank the management for their generous support to our concession booth for the year's annual garage sale.

In addition, thank you for responding so generously with your bake sale items. The Bake Sale generated \$500.00. The Zweibachs were snatched up immediately and Ivy Koehn's "doll cakes" were a big hit.



STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The National Day of Prayer Committee for the City of Omaha is looking for High School Volunteers to be hosts/hostesses for the city wide church sponsored event on May 5th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at King of Kings Church. 11615 I Street.

Host and Hostess Responsibilities:

- Greet people attending the event with a warm welcome
- Hand out the bulletin for the event
- Direct to the worship center, restroom facilities, etc.
- Answer general questions about the event
- Dress in clean and modest clothing attire. If possible please wear dark pants/skirt with a white shirt.
- Arrive around 6:00 pm on the night of the event and able to leave around 7:45

This event does require a school permission slip release form, since the students will be representing their schools at this event. This does fulfill community service hours. If you are interested in acting as a host or hostess please contact Tara Rye at 934-5707 or at tararye@cox.net



PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT REMOVAL

The plan is to remove the playground equipment on Saturday, April 23rd from 8:00 am - noon. The removal of the poles from the ground will be on Sat., April 30th from 8:00 am - noon. Please bring pick-ups and cordless drills along with mechanic's tools.



FLOWER SALE ENDS WITH A BANG!

Thank you OCA families for all your hard work. We needed a big finish and the Lord provided our best turn-in day yet. We were able to reach what we did last year and then some. Because of the hard work of many students, the scholarship fund will receive approximately \$8,000 to help families send their children to OCA. Thank you for helping your fellow students, parents, and teachers and for teaching me yet another lesson in our God's awesome faithfulness.

And, now that you have stretched your muscles working on the garage sale, you can continue to get in shape for the big move by helping out on the flower delivery days! Sign-up sheets are in the office for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 21, 22 and 23. We will need the most help on Saturday. Anyone volunteering on Saturday will be able to pick up their flowers on Friday from 5-7 PM. It's a beautiful thing to see the gym full of all those colors. Saturday's pick-up hours are 9-4 and lunch will be provided. You can work in the morning, afternoon or both! Students are welcome and can get credit for the time they volunteer.

Flower winners are:

Top class- Mrs. Stukenholtz - They reached 112% of their class goal and will earn a class party. Way to go 1st grade!

Top sellers: Elementary-Josiah Wyatt; Middle School-Meredith Roberts; High School-Nina Koch

These students will get their prizes during chapel.

Top Family- Meredith Roberts family - They will be going to the Great Wolf Lodge!

Students will be able to redeem their tickets at the prize store soon. Once again, THANK YOU and you all did a great job!!! Any questions about volunteering, call Beth Drowne at 573-9291.

ENROLLMENT FOR 2005-2006

| SCHOOL YEAR | | | |
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| Kindergarten | -16 | 7th Grade | -24 |
| 1st Grade | -19 | 8th Grade | -28 |
| 2nd Grade | -19 | 9th Grade | -20 |
| 3rd Grade | -18 | 10th Grade | -32 |
| 4th Grade | - 25 | 11th Grade | -28 |
| 5th Grade | -21 | 12th Grade | -23 |
| 6th Grade | -24 | Total | -297 |
| | Preschool | - 20 | |