


# OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## NEWS & NOTES

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### ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! This is the last News and Notes of the school year. Kindergarten through eighth grade end the year this Friday and commencement for the seniors is Saturday morning. Ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders still get to come for three days next week to finish up and take finals. You will find the final schedule elsewhere in this edition. Wow, what a year. As I reflect on all that was done over the school year it is quite amazing. There were all the extra Board meetings, praying over land, praying inside buildings, being excited about possibilities, being deflated when you knew that all that had to happen was for God to step in and things would be finalized and then not seeing that happen. Besides all of that, there were the normal activities of school. I think we have had a very good year. Always there will be times when you are disappointed in students' behavior or how something on campus transpired, but those times were minimal when considered against the exceptional job our students do in curricular and extra-curricular activities. Now we have our transitional location and there is still a lot of work to do and planning to be done on how everything is going to work when we are able to move in. Thank you to faculty and students for the good year. Thank you staff for getting things done behind the scenes that allow teachers and administration to get their jobs done. Thank you parents for the support, help, encouragement, and manual labor you provide when called upon. Thank you Board for giving far beyond what was expected of you in time and energy to find this new location. Finally, a special thank you to Mr. Fordyce, who is going to the east coast to put his administrative training to the test, thank you for the exceptional job you do in the classroom and the willingness to do more to help others. May God bless your move and may you continue to walk worthy, as those of us who remain at OCA desire to do.

### LUNCH TICKETS



Please bring in your unused tickets to the office by Friday, May 13th for refunds. Any unused tickets will be posted as a credit on your school account. Any tickets not returned will be obsolete on May 14, 2005.



### ADOPT A TEACHER/STAFF MEMBER

Don't forget to reveal yourself to your adopted teacher or staff member this week!! Thanks for your participation in the program.

### ATTENTION: K-6TH GRADE AWARDS, PICNIC & TRACK & FIELD DAY MAY 13TH

- ☞ Awards Assembly - 1st-4th grade - The assembly will start at 10:00AM in the gym
- ☞ Picnic - Lunch will be served at 11:30AM.
- ☞ Track & Field Events will start at 12:15 PM on the track with a bicycle parade by the kindergarten classes
- ☞ Fee for the days events is \$2.00 per person. - Please send the money to the school office by Wed., May 11th

#### When do I come to school this Friday?

- ☞ Kindergarten - If you come for lunch be here at 11:30 AM, otherwise be at school by 12:15 PM for the bike parade.
  - ☞ 1st-4th graders - Arrive at 10:00 AM for the Awards Assembly, lunch at 11:30 AM followed by field events
- Please do not send your children to school before 9:45am as there will be no one to supervise them before that.**
- ☞ 5th-6th graders - Be here at 8:00 for class, lunch will be at 11:30AM followed by field events.

## CALENDAR



### THIS WEEK - Tuesday/Thursday

- May 9 - 7th/8th grade track @ Fremont Bergan-3:30
- May 10 - HS Sports Awards Night - 7:00
- May 11 - District Track @ David City - 9:30AM
- May 12 - Kindergarten Graduation - 7:00 PM
- May 13- 1st-4th grade awards @ 10:00AM
  - Elementary Track & Field day - 12:15
  - MS classes as usual
  - Last day of MS, Elem, & seniors
  - High School Awards - 7:00 PM

May 14 - Graduation - 10:00AM

### NEXT WEEK

- May 16-Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- May 17-Physics class to World's of Fun
- May 17-18 - Finals
- May 18 - Last day of HS

### LOOKING AHEAD



- Aug 10 - Teachers Report
- Aug 17 - HS classes begin
- Aug 22 - MS classes begin
- Aug 24 - Elementary classes begin

WEEK OF 5/9 THRU 5/13		
May 9	California Burger French Fries Apricot Elf Grahams	Chef Salad Apricot Elf Grahams
May 10	Mini Corn Dogs Cucumber & Tom. Salad Peaches Gelatin Cake	Cottage Cheese & fruit Cucumber & Tom. Salad Peaches Gelatin Cake
May 11	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Dried Fruit Medley Pudding Cup	Tomato stuffed w/tuna Dried Fruit Medley Pudding Cup
May 12	Fried Chicken Mashed Pot. w/gravy Tea Roll Strawberries Shortcake w/whipped cr.	Tuna Salad Sandwich Mashed Pot. w/gravy Tea Roll Strawberries Shortcake w/whipped cr.
May 13	NOLUNCHES SERVED	
*Students may choose yogurt & cheese stick as a main dish alternative.		
Milk will be served with all meals.		
<b>Cost:</b>	\$2.40 (K-4)	<b>Tickets:</b> \$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.		

### ENROLLMENT FOR 2005-2006

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>7th Grade</b>	<b>-24</b>
<b>1st Grade</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>8th Grade</b>	<b>-30</b>
<b>2nd Grade</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>9th Grade</b>	<b>-22</b>
<b>3rd Grade</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>10th Grade</b>	<b>-32</b>
<b>4th Grade</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>11th Grade</b>	<b>-28</b>
<b>5th Grade</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>12th Grade</b>	<b>-23</b>
<b>6th Grade</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>-303</b>
<b>Preschool</b>	<b>- 20</b>		



### 7TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS

Students who would like to purchase a lunch on Friday, May 13th need to order it and pay for it by Wednesday, May 11th in the school office. Lunch will cost \$2.00 for a hot dog, chips and pop. Ala Carte items will be available on May 13th too.



### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting May 25th, office hours will be 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The new mailing address for the school is 5612 L Street, 68117. Pay attention to N&N & your email on how to communicate with us. We do not have an exact day when the office will be up and running at the new building.



### CONGRATULATIONS ELEMENTARY ARTISTS!

The artwork created by Omaha Christian Academy's elementary artists looked spectacular at the show recently held at Trinity.

**Best of Show:** Rachel Walter (1)

**Blue Ribbon winners:** Zackery Culbertson (1), Lauren Abell (4), Erin Clifton (3), and Noe Guzman (2), Hannah Lindsey (1), Renee Ullrich (2), Mia Morton (1), Jesse Richards (2), Jared Saiz (1), Zoe Suatos (2), Josiah Wyatt (2), Madison Vesley (1), Annalea Suatos (2), Richard Sweeney (2), Mikayla Rye (4), Grant Rye (3), Claire Benedict (2), Shye Ann Wirges (3), Rachel Walter (9), Nathan Costello (1), Mike Perry (1), Drew Sorensen (1), Tori Sorensen (1), Brendan Byal (1), Reid Jenkins (1), Jesse Wirges (1), Meredith Roberts (1).

**Red Ribbon winners:** Zachery Culbertson (2), Erin Clifton (2), and Noe Guzman (1), Jesse Richards (2), Zoe Suatos (1), Josiah Wyatt (1), Mikayla Rye (2), Claire Benedict (2), Nathan Costello (1), Skyler Koehn (1), Tori Sorensen (2), Reid Jenkins (1), Jesse Wirges (2), Caitlin Fillmore (1), Daniel Hempel (1), Jon Hempel (1).

Their success is a reflection of their diligence and effort to do their best for their Heavenly Father.

### BOARD OPENING

There has been a vacancy created by the resignation of Cameron Elrod and we are accepting applications for his replacement. If you are interested in being a board member, stop by the office and pick up a Board Member Questionnaire form. The deadline to return the forms is May 10th. The Elrod's are moving out of state & will be greatly missed at OCA.



### SUMMER NOTES

As soon as it is possible, when the office is ready at the other building, we will start sending out administrative comments by email for the summer months. Until then, check the school's web site for information about work opportunities at the other site.

### PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC AWARD CLARIFICATION

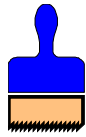
According to the criteria of the award, it is to be given out at the last grade of each school level. Because we have gone to middle school, elementary school ends at 4th grade, middle school ends at 8th grade and high school at 12th grade. Therefore, according to criteria of the award, we can only hand out this award at the 8th and 12th grade level.



### TUITION AID FOR 2005-2006

Tuition Assistance Applications are available in the office for pastoral families and families who qualify for assistance. All applications need to be returned to the office by May 31. Families that qualify will be notified in June. Remember, the office will be closed from May 25th until we get moved to the new building. Get your application in early!

Lisa Strasser is coordinating the volunteers for this project, and will schedule the work when the building is ready for painting. Since we don't know the exact date, this request is for people who are interested in being called later this summer. Please contact Lisa at 491-3910, or by e-mail at [kastrasser@cox.net](mailto:kastrasser@cox.net).



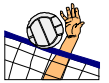
### GLOSS IT OVER

We are looking for someone with interest in auto body work to remove and spray paint the restroom dividers in our new building. Later this summer, we will also need many volunteers to paint rooms in our new facility. All of the walls on the third floor need a good fresh paint job. The paint will be provided. You can volunteer to paint a room for a certain teacher, or just help throughout the building. We plan to paint before the flooring is completed, so you won't have to worry about drips on the floor.



### YOUTH SPORTS FALL SIGN-UPS

**K-6 co-ed soccer, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> flag football, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> volleyball**



Sign-ups were on Thursday, May 5th! If you missed it, please mail your registration with fee to: Terri Zimmerle, 5610 N 142<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Omaha, NE 68164, **by July 1<sup>st</sup>!** **This is your final reminder.** Forms are on the OCA website, [www.omahachristianacademy.com](http://www.omahachristianacademy.com), then click "Youth Sports". For more information, call Terri Zimmerle at 493-2850 or email her at 'tzimmerle@aol.com'.

## Sports Awards Night

High School students who have participated in any athletic event this school year (2004-2005), are invited with their families, to the Sports Awards Night on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the cafetorium. Chapel dress is required.

**Admission price is one pie per family. (excluding seniors)**  
(Senior parents are to set up, serve and clean up)

# Order your **2005 Yearbook** today!

Two OCA yearbooks will be available for purchase:

### Junior Eagle

- Preschool - Eighth Grade
- 48 pages - **Full Color!**
- soft cover bound
- class group pictures
- +over 300 candid photos
- Price: **\$20** (\$25 after May 10)

### The Eagle

- 9th -12th Grades
- 76 pages - **Full Color!**
- hard cover bound
- individual pictures of each student
- +over 500 team, action, and candid photos
- Price: **\$35** (\$40 after May 10)



"A book where our students are the stars!"

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Eagle Yearbook(s) @ **\$20** (\$25 after May 10) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Yearbook(s) @ **\$35** (\$40 after May 10) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return order to the school office. Make checks payable to OCA.) Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(The yearbooks will come in August or September. Students no longer attending OCA will be notified when books are available to be picked up.)



## OCA MOVE UPDATE

To volunteer, call Pam Schroeder at 468-5253 or sign up in the office

Tues., May 17 - 4:00 PM - Load band, choir, kitchen, gym-lower level of school & load elementary & middle school

Thurs., May 19 - 4:00 PM - We will use this night if there is anything left from Tuesday evening.

Sat., May 21 - We will use this day if there is any unforeseen things to be taken care of

Mon. & Tues., May 23-24 - 4:00 PM - Move HS and office. Hopefully most of the work can be done on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Key days for back labor- May 7<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

COMPUTER CREW - 4-6 guys needed each night to pack, load and transport computers into new location.

Wed. May 11, Thurs. May 12, Tue. May 17<sup>th</sup>, Thurs. May 19<sup>th</sup>, and Sat. May 21<sup>st</sup> if needed. Moving computers involves going between buildings, so please call and let me know which nights and the time so you can be let into the building.

Please bring a dolly when you come to help move boxes and fixtures.

## BOOSTER CLUB CALENDAR ADVERTISING

It's that time of year when the Booster Club of Omaha Christian Academy is looking for 2005-2006 Calendar Advertising Sponsors. Would you please consider this promotion for OCA as well as your company?

Your ad would help promote the Performing Arts and Athletic Departments of OCA and also provide scholarships to four seniors who will be continuing their education.

The Advertising Agreement is available by calling Cindy Nilius - 431-8552 or Keri Phillips - 571-6904 ~ \$50 for one month ad, \$100 for two months. The Advertising Agreement and money deadline is Wednesday, June 1, 2005.

One OCA Events Calendar is given to each school family at no charge. The calendar will feature selected photography from the 2004-2005 OCA activities. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

## LOST & FOUND

Lost & Found items are on a table in the down stairs foyer. Please stop by and check it for lost items. These things will be disposed of after the last day of school.

## Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh Grade Parents

### Important Information

The schedule for next week, Monday - Wednesday is shown below. Monday will be a regular school day. The teachers would rather not split the ninth hour for testing. This would make for a long day on Tuesday, but a shorter day on Wednesday. Unless the office hears numerous complaints we will work off of the following schedule. If the following schedule presents definite hardships for numerous parents, we will go back to the normal times for the school day and will split one of the hours between the two days.

### Proposed Schedule

#### Monday - Regular class schedule

#### Tuesday

8:00 - 9:33 First hour

9:36 - 11:08 Second hour

11:08 - 11:30 Lunch

11:30 - 1:02 Third hour

1:05 - 2:37 Eighth hour

2:40 - 4:12 Ninth hour

#### Wednesday

8:00 - 9:33 Fourth hour

9:36 - 11:08 Fifth hour

11:08 - 11:30 Lunch

11:30 - 1:02 Sixth hour

1:05 - 2:37 Seventh hour

When students have their check-out sheet signed they will be dismissed at after 2:37 on Wednesday. For the classes that follow the "A"/"B" schedule, the first part of the testing block will be the "A" class and the second part the "B" class. All classes will meet either Tuesday or Wednesday and students are expected to be in that class regardless of a test being scheduled. All of our classes must meet to maintain the instructional units needed for the State report. Students who have first, ninth, fourth, or seventh hour study halls may come late or leave early.