

# NEWS & NOTES

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! I pray that you had an enjoyable and relaxing weekend and holiday. The University of Nebraska and OCA have something in common!

We both scored decisive victories in our first football game of the season. Perhaps it is good if that is the only thing we have in common. The volleyball team opens tonight at Macy against Omaha Nation.

I know that we are constantly reminding you to pray. I hope that you do not become frustrated with that. We have brought to your attention the needs of the school, especially in the area of facilities, and have asked you to pray that the land, money, or building would become available. Perhaps we should state it another way, in your praying would you be mindful of our facility needs? Would you also pray for each teacher that deals with your child? Not only the teachers, would you pray for the office staff, the administration, the staff in the kitchen, the day care providers, and the Board members. I know that I have said it before, but a ministry is only as good as the number of people who stand behind it in prayer. Do you want a situation or a person to improve at school, are you praying about it? Would you like to see a situation continue to go well, do you pray about it? We have a very important association meeting coming on the 14<sup>th</sup>, will you pray about it? Walk worthy.



## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR ADOPT-A-FAMILY!

Whether you are new or returning to OCA this year, you can be a part of our Adopt-a-Family program. This is a great way to get to know another OCA family that you might not otherwise meet. For new families, it is helpful to have someone to call with questions and see a familiar face at school events. For returning families, you can help someone new feel like this is their school too! To be a part of this fun program, complete the information sheet included in this week's News & Notes, and return it to the school office by this Friday. Family matches will be made early next week.



## LAST DAY TO TURN-IN MAGAZINE SALES IS THURSDAY!

For each order turned in, your child will receive a ticket to the prize store and a candy bar coupon. This is the last day to turn in orders and receive tickets, to qualify for doughnuts, homework pass, Limo Lunch, Cosmic Bowling or to meet OCA's goal to raise \$18,000! If your child needs one more to qualify for something, think about cd's as Christmas gifts or purchasing a magazine for the library! 40% of all sales go to OCA!

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that there is a "Did You Know" booklet available for your convenience? It is a quick reference for all kinds of information such as the lunch schedules, bell schedule and the high school sports schedules. This booklet is highly recommended for all for new families! If you didn't get one at the Parent Orientation, please stop by the office and pick one up!

## CALENDAR



### THIS WEEK - Tuesday/Friday week

- Sept 7 - Magazine turn-in day
  - JV FB vs Mead - 4:00 PM
  - VB tri @ Macy - 7:00 & 8:00 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

### NEXT WEEK - Monday/Thursday week

- Sept 13- JV FB vs NE City - 4:00 PM
  - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
  - Parent Connection - 7:00 PM
- Sept 14- Association Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Sept 16- K to Rose Theatre - 12:00-3:00 PM
  - VB - JV vs C team - 4:00 PM
  - VB vs Waterloo & BT-5:30/7:30 PM
- Sept 17- FB vs Humbolt/Table Rock - 4:00 PM
- Sept 18- VB @ Cedar Bluffs - 8:30 AM

### LOOKING AHEAD



- Sept 23- School Pictures
- Oct 5-8 - Book Fair
- Oct 5 - Grandparent's Day

### WEEK OF 9/6 THRU 9/10

Sept 6	NOSCHOOL	
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

### WEEK OF 9/13 THRU 9/17

Sept 13	Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Fresh Grapes Jello Biscuit	Taco Salad Box Fresh Grapes Jello Cake Biscuit
Sept 14	Mac & Cheese Fresh Broccoli w/dip Applesauce cup Cinnamon roll	Salad Box Applesauce cup Cinnamon roll
Sept 15	Pizza Hut Lettuce Salad Apricots Choc. Chip Cookie	Cheese Sand. Lettuce Salad Apricots Choc. Chip Cookie
Sept 16	Bean & Beef Enchilada Mexi Rice 1/2 Banana Cinn. Crumb Cake	Cott. Ch w/fruit Mexi Rice 1/2 Banana Cinn. Crumb Cake
Sept 17	Fish Strips French Fries Melon M&M Cookie Garlic Bun	Egg Salad Sand. French Fries Melon M&M Cookie

**\*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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### CHAPEL SPEAKERS

<b>Sept 8</b>	MS	- Mr. Clifton Tulsie
<b>Sept 9</b>	HS	- Mr. Clifton Tulsie
	Elem	- Mr. Koehn
<b>Sept 15</b>	MS	- Mr. Mark Dommel
<b>Sept 16</b>	HS	- Mr. John Meyer
	Elem	-TBA

### 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.**



### CUB SCOUT CORNER

Cub Scout Pack #415 is chartered to OCA. Our leaders are: Webelos - Steve Hempel; Bears - Bob Richardson; Wolves - Matt Stukenholtz; Tiger cubs - Dave Taylor. Our dens will be having their first meetings of the year on September 13 and 20.

Our next Pack meeting will be on Monday, September 27 at 6:30 PM. We will meet in the cafetorium. New this year - please enter the building on the west side! All parents and family members are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in Cub Scouting, it's not too late! Please call Mary Sorensen at 551-4685 for more information.

### 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.

## SPAGHETTI FEED FUNDRAISER AND SILENT AUCTION FOR ERIC LEE

Eric Lee, 35, was diagnosed with bladder cancer in June 2004. Eric and his wife Amy are OCA parents with four young children at OCA— Josh, 11; Zachary, 8; Rachel 7; and Samantha, 3.

Eric is undergoing treatment and has been unable to work for several weeks. An upcoming spaghetti feed fundraiser and silent auction will greatly benefit this family as they journey through this time of challenge. Please consider coming to the dinner or making a donation:

The dinner and auction are **Sunday, Sept. 26, from 1-6 p.m.** at the Ponca Volunteer Fire Department. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children age 12 and under.

Tickets are available in advance from Julie Sibert (also an OCA parent) at 571-5341. We hope to sell 300 tickets total!

Donations for the Eric Lee Foundation are being accepted at all Omaha locations of US Bank. You may also send checks to the Eric Lee Foundation, care of Julie Sibert, 8115 Camden Ave., Omaha, NE 68134.

Thank you so much for your consideration! We are hopeful and prayerful the dinner and auction will be a tremendous blessing to this family. For more information, call Julie at 571-5341.

## GOD'S LEADING FROM THE AZORES TO OMAHA



Pam Rozema, one of the recent additions to the OCA staff, is following God's leading in her teaching career. From the Azores, she traveled to Omaha with her husband and three children last year.

Rozema embarked on her career after graduating from Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1984. Majoring in English and minoring in theater and drama, she plunged into five years of education at Plymouth Christian Academy in Michigan and Bellevue Christian Academy in Nebraska. After having her first child, she made an ultimate decision to switch to homeschooling, which she enjoyed for ten years.

When she came here, Rozema felt God leading her to resume her talent and use it again in private education. She soon learned about OCA through Mrs. Cloyd, the band and mathematics teacher. Sensing that God was calling her to the school, she applied and was found to be very needed.

Rozema says she is having some challenges, but really enjoys teaching again. She especially appreciates the Christian educational atmosphere and the supportive student body. Her goals are to prepare the students to find a place in God's kingdom, to help people to find who they're made to be, and to build unified dream teams.

As she teaches English for the 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades, drama for the Junior High and High School, and journalism, Rozema sums up this year's theme as "finding out what God has for me, how I can serve this community".

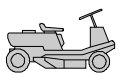
Arielle Berg~Journalism

## 2004 HARVEST CRAFT FAIR



The Senior class of 2005 invites you to the 9th annual Craft Fair to be held at OCA on Saturday, October 9th, from 9 am to 4 pm. It is always a great way to be a testimony to the community and begin your Christmas shopping, too! This year over half of our crafters are new to OCA! So come and see the big variety of crafts and have fun with us. There are a few open spaces. So if you or any of your "crafty" friends would like a table, just call Keri at 571-6904.

## WANTS & NEEDS LIST



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

## OCA APPAREL



Scheels Sports on 168th & Dodge has carried Omaha Christian Academy apparel such as sweatshirts, hats and t-shirts. Some merchandise has been on sale. Please stop by the store and check it out. Also, let the manager know you appreciate them carrying the apparel so hopefully, they will continue. In addition, the school office has merchandise promoting OCA such as polo's, long-sleeved t-shirts and sweatshirts. Letter jackets can be ordered. Stop by and purchase a "cling-on" for your vehicles for only \$1.00. We need to spread the word about OCA and wearing and displaying OCA merchandise is a great way to do it.



## **BOOSTER CLUB INFORMATION & MEETING**

At **8:00 AM on Thursday, September 16**, the Booster Club Officers invite you to come to a regularly scheduled meeting to help plan for the 2004/2005 year. The Booster Club is **YOU** if you have a High School child in any of the performing arts or sports at OCA. We depend on volunteers for all OCA events and could use some fresh ideas and input for this year. Meetings are about an hour long and we will be meeting in the choir room. If you have questions, please feel free to call one of us. If you simply want to help in some way and are unable to attend the meeting, *let us know!*

Becky White, President	397-3523
Julie Richards, Vice President	573-1708
Pam Schroeder, Treasurer	468-5253
Jan Schulz, Secretary	334-5298
Cindy Nilius, PR	431-8552

### **ASBESTOS UPDATE 2004-2005**

All identified asbestoses events were found to be in good condition at the time of the 2004 three year asbestos re-inspection performed by an independent contractor at the Westbrook campus.



## **MOMS IN TOUCH GEARS UP**

"I love the LORD, because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live." Psalm 116:1-2

Moms In Touch is comprised of OCA moms who gather for one hour, once a week to pray. One feature of this group is that we spend time covering our own children in prayer along with OCA needs. We have been called to prayer by the Board and by Mr. Koehn and we know that many of you are praying at home but there is something so moving when we pray with like-minded moms. Won't you consider joining us by committing to a weekly, biweekly, or monthly hour in prayer? The time zips by and I never, ever regret the time I spend before the throne of the Almighty God.

This year we are meeting in my home at 600 S. 76th St. This is about five minutes from the school. We start praying at 8:30 AM on Wednesdays . If you are a High School mom and need somewhere to hang out after you drop off your child and before we pray, come on over - the coffee's on!  
Becky White 397-3523

### **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.**