


# OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## NEWS & NOTES

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### ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

 Blessings! My wife has said in the past that the way that I think is rather strange. She sometimes wonders where in the world I come up with some of the things that I comment about. The reason that she said that in the past is that we have been together long enough now that she knows where I'm coming from, and even throws in a few from left field herself on occasion. One of the things that she has learned is that I tend to have a coaches mentality about things. For instance, the Bible is the play book. Everything we need to know about how to do this life right and be successful for our Lord is found in that book. We just need to study it. The quarterback at Nebraska, when confronted with the new play book presented him, carried around note cards and reviewed them whenever he had a chance. Perhaps some of us should take our play book that seriously, and carry around note cards that remind us of the things that are most important. I've seen Greek students at Grace carry around vocabulary words. While in a Bible memorization course once, Alice and I carried around our packet of verses. I guess the question is, how well do you know the play book? Walk worthy.

Just a quick reminder, the Association Meeting is tomorrow night. I know you will see reminders in other places in this newsletter. I just wanted to put in my personal invitation for you to come, whether or not you are an Association member. If you have an interest in the school, the Board is interested in your input. We have tried to keep you informed of any possible developments in regards to facilities, but the best way for you to have your questions answered is to come tomorrow night. See you there.

### CHAPEL SPEAKERS

**Sept 15** MS - Mr. Mark Dommel  
**Sept 16** HS - Mr. John Meyer  
Elem - TBA  
**Sept 22** MS - Mr. Dale Powell  
**Sept 23** HS - TBA  
Elem - TBA



### ASSOCIATION MEETING

The annual Association Meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday, September 14, at 7:00 PM in the cafetorium. The primary purpose of this meeting is to present for Association approval the 04/05 working budget. In addition, the Board will inform OCA families regarding the progress in the search for a facility. There will be a time of prayer as well as an update on the feasibility study done this summer.

All OCA parents are welcome to attend the meeting. However, to have voting privileges, you must be a member of the Association. Note that Association membership is renewed July 1st of each year. Membership applications are available in the office and will be available at the meeting.

## CALENDAR



### THIS 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 15- "See you at the Pole" - 7:00 AM  
Sept 16- K to Rose Theatre - 12:00-3:00 PM  
- JV VB vs BT - 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

### NEXT WEEK - Tuesday/Friday week

Sept 20- JV FB @ BT - 4:00 PM  
- Board Meeting - 6:30 PM  
Sept 21- JV FB vs BT - 4:00 PM  
Sept 23- School Pictures  
- VB C Team Scrimmage - 4:00  
- VB vs Mead - 6:30/7:30 - Parents Night  
Sept 24- Platte River AQ - 9:00-3:15  
- FB @ Lourdes - 7:00 PM



### LOOKING AHEAD

Oct 5-8 - Book Fair  
Oct 5 - Grandparent's Day  
Oct 9 - Craft Fair  
Oct 18 - NO SCHOOL

**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

**WEEK OF 9/20 THRU 9/24**

Sept 20	Hamburger Potato Puffs 1/2 Apple Brownie	Chef Salad 1/2 Apple Browine
Sept 21	Smart Sub Pasta Salad Gorp Tortilla Chips	Crab Salad Sand. Pasta Salad Gorp Tortilla Chips
Sept 22	Spaghetti w/meat sauce Lettuce Peaches Garlic Bun Sugar Cookie	Ham & Cheese Sand. Lettuce Peaches Sugar Cookie
Sept 23	Soft Chicken Taco Corn Fresh Pear Vanilla Pudding Cup	Bologna & Cheese Sand. Corn Fresh Pear Vanilla Pudding Cup
Sept 24	Egg & Cheese Omelet Tri Tator OJ Cereal	Salad Box w/chicken OJ Cereal

**\*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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**WELCOME BACK TO A FORMER STUDENT**



In the year 2000, Dan Ginn broke several records in track and also played on the football team, which ended that year with a winning 5-4 season. A former student and athlete of OCA is back once again, but this time as part of the staff.

Mr. Ginn teaches 9th-12th grade Bible, coordinates middle and high school chapels, is the assistant football coach, and will coach high school girls' basketball. His goals for this school year are to minister to the students, grow, and learn as much as possible.

He decided to return to OCA because he enjoys his coworkers and because of his own personal experience here as a student. He first arrived in seventh grade and graduated in 2000. Afterwards, he attended and graduated from Emmaus Bible College with a major in Youth Ministries. Soon after his graduation, he was married to his wife Anna on May 22, 2004.

Not only is he a wonderful husband but is also the middle child of his proud parents, Don and Linda Ginn. He describes his mom as loving, caring and an accomplished physical therapist. He calls his dad loving and crazy; a man that "puts a smile on anyone's face". Welcome back to OCA, Mr. Ginn. by Serenity Gingrich, Journalism



**EAGLES KICK OFF THE SEASON WITH A BLAST!**

OCA Eagles triumphed over the Nebraska Lutheran Knights September 3<sup>rd</sup> with a score of 40 to 8!

Regardless of their lead, they gave it their all throughout the whole game. "The defense played real well," commented Coach Hamilton. Senior Dirk Ruyf made a rare blocked punt, and junior Justin Richards accumulated seventeen tackles.

Senior Brian Push led with three touchdowns, while junior Scott Nilus scored two touchdowns and kicked an extra point. Freshman Wyatt Wirges assisted with an awesome pass to Scott Nilus for another touchdown. Filling in for injured Michael Lewis, Wyatt did a great job quarterbacking the whole game. The whole team really fired up OCA fans for a great season!

by Nina Koch & Arielle Berg, Journalism

**Walk Worthy**

## 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.



## VOLLEYBALL PARENT'S NIGHT Thursday, September 23, 2004

Over 30 Lady Eagles are out for Volleyball – so if you want to see who belongs to whom, then you won't want to miss this great night of volleyball at the OCA Gym!

Parents of the Freshman, JV, and Varsity volleyball players will be recognized with their daughter(s) this Thursday *between* the JV and Varsity games. Parents are asked to step out onto the court with their daughter when their names are announced. Coaches and statisticians will also be introduced at this time.



## JV EAGLES START SEASON WITH LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The JV football team had their first game Tuesday, September 7. The JV Mead Raiders won, 46-6. Mr. Ginn, assistant coach, says it was a learning experience, "There is potential there."

Inside sources say Wyatt Wirges made a great interception, and Aaron Nilius made a touchdown. Despite the loss, the JV Eagles are ready for a winning season.

~ Julianna Schulte and Danielle Gingrich, Journalism



## 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



## BOOSTER CLUB INFO & 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

## GUIDANCE CORNER

The Assistance League of Omaha is again offering review classes for the ACT Test. The ACT review includes two, three hour classes. Students need to attend both classes in order to get full coverage. Class #1 is on Monday, Oct. 11, or Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Class #2 is Wednesday, Oct. 13, or Thursday, Oct. 14 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The classes are held at Westside High School. There is a \$30 fee for the course. Registration forms are available in the Guidance Office.

The Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center and Nebraska's Community Colleges now offer a Nebraska Law Enforcement Associate of Applied Science Degree program. This program will allow students to acquire college credits and complete the state curriculum for Nebraska Law Enforcement Officers. It offers a pathway for students to enter Nebraska Law Enforcement careers, and will appeal to high school graduates who do not yet meet age 21 requirements for appointment as an officer. Students interested in law enforcement careers should take a look at the site [www.nletc.state.ne.us](http://www.nletc.state.ne.us). More information is also available in the guidance office.

High school students who may be interested in taking part in the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program should contact the guidance office for more information.

Three scholarship opportunities are available through the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation. They include the Leadership College Scholarship (Twenty \$10,000 Scholarships), the Community College Scholarship (Ten \$1,000 Scholarships) and the Ike Friedman Leadership Scholarship (Variable Number of Awards and Honorarium). Criteria, eligibility requirements, deadlines, and application forms for each one are available online at [www.aksarben.org](http://www.aksarben.org). Click on Programs, then click the Scholarship program icon and download the appropriate forms.

The Milford Campus of Southeast Community College will be hosting a Computer Electronics Day for all juniors and seniors who are interested. Limited space is available. Contact the guidance office if you would like to attend.

Students who have participated in volunteer community service may be eligible to apply for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Students chosen for this award will receive an unrestricted award of \$1,000, an engrave silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C., next spring. The deadline is Oct. 29. Contact the guidance office for more information.

Any high school junior or senior that meets the following requirements is eligible to apply to The United States Senate Youth Program which will be administered by the Nebraska Dept. of Education. The program brings high school students to Washington, D.C., for a brief on-site introduction to the functions of the federal government and, in particular, the United States Senate. Two students from each state and the District of Columbia, and a first and second alternate from each state and the District of Columbia, will be selected by the office of the chief state or district school officer. Qualifying requirements are: High school junior or senior; student body president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer; student council representative; student representative elected or selected (selected by a panel, commission, or board) to district, regional, or state-level civic or education organization. If interested in applying, please contact the guidance office.

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## Calendar:

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- 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.

## 2004 HARVEST CRAFT FAIR



The Senior class 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.

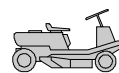


## CUB SCOUT CORNER

Cub Scout Pack #415 is chartered to OCA. Our den 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.



## 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).



### LADY EAGLES FIRST VICTORIES

The Varsity Lady Eagles take off this season with two victories. They played against Omaha Nation and Boys Town at Macy. Beginning with Boys Town, the Eagles had slow start with a 14- 25 score, but came back strong for the rest of the night. They won the next two games with a score of 25-21, and a closer one of 27-25. Bethany Begg led with 18 serves, Michaela Schroeder with 13, Tabitha Hamilton with 9, Laura Johnson with 7, Chantelle Steggerda with 4, and Fauna Patterson and Marissa Wells tied with 3 serves each. Marissa Wells and Michaela Schroeder both came away with 6 kills each in the first game.

The Eagles also claimed a second victory against Omaha Nation with a score of 25-22 and 26-24. Laura Johnson finished up the second close game by serving two aces in a row. Bethany Begg served 17 points with 6 aces, followed by Tabitha Hamilton and Chantelle Steggerda with 10 each, and Laura Johnson, Marissa Wells, and Michaela Schroeder made 4 serves each. Coach Friesen said her girls “played really well” that night. Way to go Eagles!

By Serenity Gingrich



### 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. This is the final week these computers will be available.

### 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!



### SEE YOU AT THE POLE

Students, teachers & parents are invited to participate in the annual See you at the Pole event to be held Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 AM, at our flag pole. (Northeast corner of the building) Please join us in prayer for our school, nation and world. Questions? Contact David Bebee at 345-5428.

### CONCESSION & GATE WORKERS

**Sept 13 - JV FB vs NE City - 4:00 PM**

Gate Workers - start at 3:15 PM

- East - White

- West - Willis

Concession - start at 3:45

- Randy & Bonnie Smith

**Sept 16 - JV VB vs BT - 4:30 PM**

**- V VB vs Waterloo/BT - 5:30/7:30**

Gate Workers - start time 4:45

- Hawk

Concession - start time 5:00

- Perry

**Sept 17 - FB vs Humbolt/Table Rk-4:00 PM**

Gate Workers - start at 3:15 PM

- East - Charles Clark

- West - Williams/Bower

Concession - start at 3:30

- Putman/Rohlfing/Patterson

**Sept 23 - VB vs Mead - 6:30/7:30 PM**

Gate Worker - start at 5:45 PM

- Colegrove

Concession - start at 6:15

- Wirges

### CLASS OF 2008

#### OFFICERS

President - Gabe Jasso

Vice-President - Jared Parsons

Secretary - Katie Arant

Treasurer - Wyatt Wirges

STUCO - Kristin Lewis

- Matt Tulsie

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