

OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NEWS & NOTES

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ISSUE 8

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Blessings! In the teacher devotions on Friday mornings we are reading through the Songs of Ascents in the book of Psalms. Friday we were ready for Psalm 126. The commentaries that I read indicated that the Psalm refers to times when the nation of Israel, "Zion", was in captivity but the Lord brought them out. Historically Israel was in captivity many times to other nations. Then the Lord would bring them out and their, "mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing." The next verse states that the nations would say, "The Lord has done great things for them." Then Israel would agree, "the Lord has done great things for us." So after a time of distress, the nation would see the deliverance of the Lord and there would be great joy. Also, there was a recognition by the nations around Israel that their God had done great things for them. One of the reasons I believe that the Lord is going to maintain the ministry of Omaha Christian Academy is not only the great joy it will bring to all of us who are connected with the school, but also the testimony that it will have on the community of Omaha. Those outside the Christian community, or perhaps those Christians who do not support Christian education will realize that our God has done marvelous things. The last two verses of the Psalm remind us that there is tears in sowing but joy in reaping. We have a time of work a head of us, perhaps a time of frustration and anxiety and confliction. But we need to look beyond that, to the joy of the harvest, to the completion of a new home for OCA and the ministry continuing. Walk worthy.

OCTOBER 11-15 SPIRIT WEEK

In celebration of homecoming, **Spirit Week is next week!** Student Council encourages all students to participate in the following "themes" for the day.

- Monday, Oct. 11 - Nerd/farmer day
- Tuesday, Oct. 12 - Blast from the past
- Wednesday, Oct. 13 - Side-kick day
- Thursday, Oct. 14 - PJ/Crazy hair/food in class day
- Friday, Oct. 15 - Blue & Gold Day



LOST & FOUND

Is your child missing shoes, jeans, bags or the kitchen sink? If so, we have it in lost & found. Many of the items come from the locker rooms (middle school). There is a small finder's fee to reclaim the items. Student & parents, come check it out!

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - Tuesday/Friday week

- Oct 4 - JV FB vs Waterloo/Concordia - 4:00 PM
- Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Oct 5-8 - Book Fair
- Oct 5 - Grandparent's Day
- JH FB @ Parkview - 4:00 PM
- C VB Scrimmage - 4:00
- VB vs Prague - 6:30/7:30 PM
- Oct 6 - 2nd grade to Sweeny Farm - 11:00-3:00
- Oct 7 - JH VB @ Heartland Christian - 6:00 PM
- C vs JV VB Scrimmage - 4:00
- VB vs Winnebago - 6:00 PM
- Oct 8 - FB @ Waterloo/Concordia - 4:00 PM
- Oct 9 - Craft Fair
- JV VB @ Mead vs Waterloo - 10:15 AM
- JH VB @ Scribner - TBA

NEXT WEEK - Monday/Thursday week

- Oct 11-15 - Spirit Week
- Oct 11 - JV FB @ Cedar Bluffs - 6:00 PM
- Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Parent Connection - 7:00 PM
- Oct 12 - JH FB vs Waterloo - 4:00 PM
- C Team Scrimmage - 4:00 PM
- VB vs Omaha Nation - 6:15/7:15 PM
- Oct 14 - Booster Club Meeting - 8:00
- VB @ CVA - 6:30/7:30 PM
- Oct 13 - 4th grade to Gifford Farms - 11:45-3:00
- Oct 15 - End of 1st Quarter
- FB vs FC Sacred Heart- 4:00 PM
Homecoming

LOOKING AHEAD



- Oct 18 - NO SCHOOL
- Oct 25 - NO SCHOOL
- Nov 5 - Elementary Harvest Parties - 2:00 PM
- Nov 6 - Skating Party - 5:00-7:00 PM

WEEK OF 10/3 THRU 10/7

Oct 4	Hamburger Baby Carrots Applesauce cups Brownie Dill pickle spear	Salami & Cheese Sand. Baby Carrots Applesauce cups Brownie Dill pickle spear
Oct 5	Chicken Giggles Potato smiles Cookie smiles Bread & butter	Salad box Orange smiles Cookie smiles Bread & butter
Oct 6	Beef & bean enchilada Corn 1/2 banana Churro	Salad box 1/2 banana Churro
Oct 7	Creamed chicken Mashed potatoes 1/2 pear Spice cake	Cot. Ch. & Fruit Mashed potatoes 1/2 pear Spice cake
Oct 8	Scrambled eggs Tri Tator OJ Cereal	Smart box OJ Cereal

WEEK OF 10/10 THRU 10/14

Oct 11	Mini Corn dogs Fresh Veggies w/ranch Mixed Fruit Rice Krispy Bar	Chicken Salad Plate Fresh Veggies w/ranch Mixed Fruit Rice Krispy Bar
Oct 12	Vegetable lasagna roll-up Garlic bun Marinara Sauce Grapes Jello Cake	Salad box w/shrimp Garlic bun Marinara Sauce Grapes Jello Cake
Oct 13	Pizza Hut pizza Lettuce Salad Dried Fruit Medley Snickerdoodle	Salad Box Dried Fruit Medley Snickerdoodle
Oct 14	Tater Tot Casserole Green beans Kiwi Ice Cream Cup Hot Roll	Ham & Cheese Sand. Green beans Kiwi Ice Cream Cup
Oct 15	Walking Taco Salsa Corn Mixed berries Choc. chip cookie bar	NO COLD LUNCH

***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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Walk Worthy



GRANDPARENTS DAY

OCTOBER 5TH - 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Invitations have been sent home with the students. Grandparents will be able to visit classrooms, have refreshments, and visit the Book Fair. Call to remind your grandparents of this special time just for them. Here are the suggested times for visitation:

- 8:30-9:00 - Kindergarten
- 9:00-9:30 - 1st & 2nd grades
- 9:30-10:00 - 3rd grade
- 10:00-10:30 - Assembly in gym
- 10:30-11:00 - 4th grade

Anytime in the morning - Middle School

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.

FIRST GRADERS TAKE A FIELD TRIP

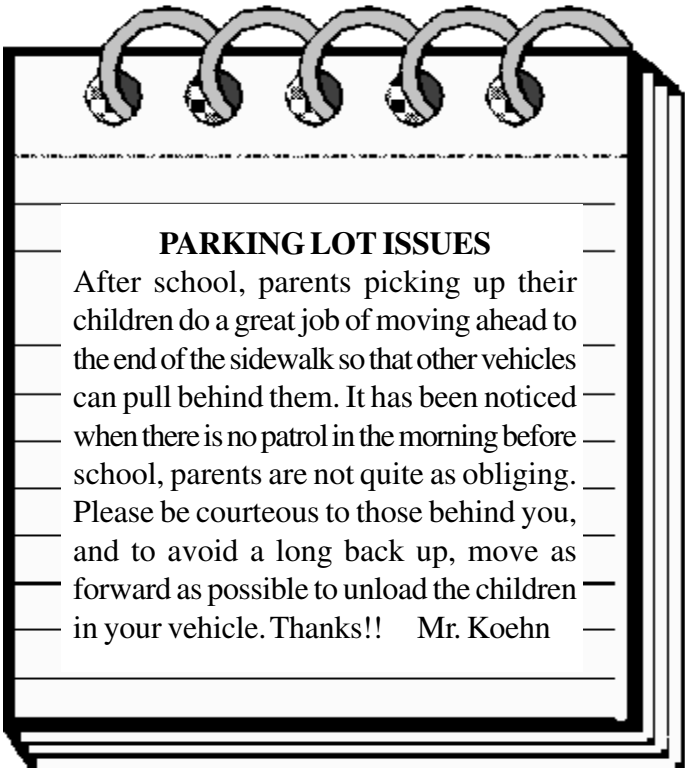


The first graders had a great time at Platte River State Park and the Aksarben Aquarium on Friday, September 24th. First, the kids used their five senses to look for evidence of animals on a nature hike. The kids enjoyed hiking around the waterfall, climbing over a tree, and seeing the bugs and birds.

Then they had a picnic lunch in the park. Finally, the group of twenty-six children and fourteen adults drove to the aquarium, where they saw native Nebraska fish and watched a movie on animal defenses. They learned that God has made some unique animals. One of the kids commented, "We smelled a skunk and it stinks."

~Nina Koch-Journalism





PARKING LOT ISSUES

After school, parents picking up their children do a great job of moving ahead to the end of the sidewalk so that other vehicles can pull behind them. It has been noticed when there is no patrol in the morning before school, parents are not quite as obliging. Please be courteous to those behind you, and to avoid a long back up, move as forward as possible to unload the children in your vehicle. Thanks!! Mr. Koehn

JUNIOR HIGH EAGLES PLAY HARD

The JH Eagles Volleyball Team played against the Waterloo Panthers Monday, September 27. The A team lost their first game, 23-25, but won their second, 25-23. Despite hard work and good teamwork, they lost, 15-25. Kylee Higginson had three ace serves.



The B team fell to the Panthers, with scores of 10-25 and 18-25. Allison Rozema helped the scores with a few ace serves.

The C team lost their first game, 11-15, but won the second with a score of 15-8. Caitlin Shoemaker had four ace serves. Way to go Eagles! ~Julianna Schulte-Journalism

LADY EAGLE VOLLEYBALL



The JV and C teams played Brownell-Talbot on Monday, September 27. The C team won the first game of the match 25-20. Lexie Bryce's ace serves scored the 23rd and 24th point, then a kill attack from Cassie West won the game. In the second game, the Lady Eagles lost by the close score of 23-25, and the third game score was 7-15. Ace serves for the match were as follows: Lexie Bryce, 5; Lauren Strasser and Evie Rodriguez, 3; Kara Krumwiede, 2; and Cassie West, 1.

Despite effort given in the JV match, missed serves led to a fall to Brownell-Talbot 16-25 and 17-25. They are gearing up for their next game on Tuesday versus Prague.

MAGAZINE SALES UPDATE

Last Friday, the grades that met their goals (of selling 7 magazines or more per student) received doughnuts! The 1st through 6th grades all got doughnuts! In addition, there were 3 classes that met the goal and they received doughnuts too. They were: Mrs. Eveland's kindergarten, Mrs. Friesen's 7th grade, and Mrs. Cloyd's Geometry class. In all, 17 dozen doughnuts were dispersed!

The Cosmic Bowling/Lunch and the LimoBus/Lunch dates have not been set yet. Right now it looks like the middle of October. Watch the News & Notes for the dates or your child's backpack for the permission slip!

In chapel last week, a class was awarded as "Keeper of the Eagle"! There has been a traveling Eagle statue that goes to the class that has the highest sales per student ratio. This class will also receive a class party. The classes get real fired up about this. Often on the last day of the sale, I am asked who gets the Eagle? Last year there was a battle between the 8th and 4th grades – separated by tenths of a point in average sales. This year there was a class, far above the rest, the 5th grade! They averaged 10.16 sales per student! The class that came the closest to them was the 1st graders, averaging 8.4 sales per student.

The 5th grade class had the top seller, Meredith Roberts, selling 65 items! (Last year she sold 44, a nice improvement!) Behind her there were 2 students selling 34, Taylor Elrod (6th) & Bethany Wollman (1st). We had 69 students qualify for the Limo/Lunch and 16 students qualify for the Cosmic Bowling/Lunch. That is a lot of selling! With their efforts and the rest of the students, we were able to raise over \$15,000 for OCA!

There were many volunteers that also helped make this a success! This year there were far less mistakes, and things ran VERY smoothly! From my end of things, there was a lot less stress, and I contribute that to the workers helping me! T H A N K Y O U !!! Connie Henkenius, Mary Sorensen, Tara Rye, Peter & Cheri Mott, Kristi Reinholz, Andrea Andrews, Joyce West, Julie Siebert, Dorothy Allen, Danielle Fillmore, Dana Elrod, Nancy Taylor, Margie Thierstein, Lois Wollman, Donna Kotchka, Becky White & Pam Howell. With the Lord's help, Terri Zimmerle, Magazine Sales coordinator



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.

Students who are at least 16 years old and looking for employment may be interested in applying to the Family Fun Center. More information along with applications are available in the guidance office.

Seniors would benefit from visiting the EducationQuest website. At the site it will match you up with Nebraska scholarships. Visit ScholarshipQuest at www.educationquest.org.

The AXA Foundation is sponsoring the AXA Achievement Scholarship. The program offers \$10,000 national scholarship to 52 students (one in each state, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico) and \$15,000 additional scholarships to 10 national recipients.

To qualify, students should be well-rounded, determined to do their personal best and demonstrated achievement - at a job, sport or extracurricular activity. Deadline is December 15. Contact the guidance office for more information.

High school students interested in pursuing a career in occupational therapy, physical therapy and/or sports medicine may want to participate in the Excel Physical Therapy Exploring Program. The first meeting will be on Oct. 14, 7:00 p.m., at the Excel Work Performance Center (94th and H Court). If interested in attending, RSVP by e-mailing Brian Brunken at brianbrunken@excelpt.com or call him at 593-1734.

Students interested in attending Dartmouth College will want to attend an information session on Dartmouth on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 7:00 p.m., at Omaha Marriott.

Students interested in attending Dana College are encouraged to attend one of two Discover Dana Days this fall. Those dates are Friday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to noon or Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To arrange a visitation call the Admissions office at 800-444-DANA.

The Milford Campus of Southeast Community College will be hosting their 17th annual Technology Careers for Women Day on Wednesday, Oct. 13. The day has been designed to introduce participants to vocational and technical careers. Contact the guidance office for more information.

Doane College will be hosting two Fall Visit Days for students interested in attending Doane. Students may choose to attend on Thursday, Oct. 28 or Friday, Oct. 29 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. If interested go to www.doane.edu.

High school students interested in architecture and engineering may want to participate in the HDR Explorers Group. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m. There is an \$18 registration fee. If planning to attend, e-mail John Savage at John.Savage@hdrinc.com or call Bob Guinn at 399-4831 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

High school students interested in the field of Banking may want to participate in the First National Bank Exploring Program. The first meeting will take place on Oct. 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the

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WinterGarden in the Tower. If you would like to attend, you may call Liz LaSure at 636-6672 or e-mail at elasure@fnni.com on Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Calendar:

October 6 - Hillsdale College Rep Visit

October 13 - PSAT Testing for Juniors

October 13 - Late SAT Reg. Deadline for the Nov. 6 Test

October 15 - UNK Rep Visit

October 21 - Metro College Rep Visit

October 29 - SAT Registration Deadline for the Dec. 4 Test

October 29 - William Jewell College Rep Visit

November 5 - ACT Registration Deadline for the Dec. 11 Test

November 10 - Late SAT Reg. Deadline for the Dec. 4 Test

November 11 - EducationQuest Financial Aid and College Planning Night, 7:00 p.m.

November 18 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for the Dec. 11 Test

If you have any questions regarding this information, see Mrs. Jenkins, Guidance Counselor.

CONCESSION & GATE WORKERS

Oct 4 - JV FB vs Waterloo/Con. -4:00 PM

Gate Workers- start at 3:15 PM

East - Bryce **West** - Push

Concession - start at 3:45 - Laughlin

Oct 5 - VB vs Prague - 6:30/7:30 PM

Gate Worker - start at 5:45 PM - Parsons

Concession - start at 6:15 - Sweeney

Oct 7 - VB vs Winnebago - 6:00 PM

Gate Worker - start at 5:15 PM - Tulsie

Concession - start at 5:45 - Jasso

Oct 12 - VB vs Omaha Nation - 6:00 PM

Gate Worker - start at 5:30 PM - Ruyf

Concession - start at 6:00 - Graves

Oct 15 - FB vs FC Sacred Heart. -4:00 PM

Gate Workers- start at 3:15 PM

East - Zimmerle **West** - Bebee, Phillips

Concession - start at 3:30

- Henkenius, Kuhns

BOOSTER CLUB

The Booster Club Meeting for October has been changed to the 2nd Thursday – October 14th at 8 am. We will meet in the Before/After School Care Room. This meeting is open to all High School parents with students in the Athletic or Performing Arts Programs at OCA. We're always looking for new ideas and suggestions! Plan to come.