


# OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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### ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! The church that I attend had its annual missions conference this past weekend. As in most such conferences, some of the missionaries that the local church supports are back to share what God is doing on the field. One of the missionaries that I was able to hear was from Niger and is the brother of Mr. Schmidt, our science teacher. Each year at the conference the church takes a special offering for a need of one of the missionaries. This year the offering was going to the work of Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt. While Niger is predominately an Islamic country, Christian school teachers are respected. We were told that 50% of the population of Niger is fifteen or under. Therefore, the Schmidt's are planning a conference to train the Christian teachers who are in the schools how to teach from a Christian worldview. Mr. Schmidt said that worldview will be taught from the perspective that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the Bible is the ultimate source for truth. Almost sounds a little familiar, does it not? Mr. Schmidt was very excited about this opportunity. He saw it as a way to reach young people before their hearts were hardened in the belief of Islam. He stated that if you could teach the youth from a Christian perspective, what a difference that would make in the culture ten years in the future. What a concept! Teaching and training young people from a Christian worldview so that they may impact their culture. Wouldn't it be nice if more Christians in our country had that perspective?

### "OUR FAMILY" UPC LABELS

OCA collects "Our Family" UPC's labels for a refund of 5 cents per UPC. For UPC's turned in by Friday, March 10th, we will receive 15 cents per label. Please go through your pantry and cut **just** the UPC from all "Our Family" products and turn them into the office.

### URGENT REQUEST!!!!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for HEALTH SCREENING

Dates: March 13 & 20 - We need your help!!

Please call Marie Williams for more information at 502-2171 or pass her a note.

### THANK YOU! THANKYOU!

A **HUGE** thank you to all parents who made Teacher Appreciation Week possible. The luncheon for the teachers/staff was a success thanks to the parents who donated food. Also, thanks to all parents who participated in the week by doing special things, giving or donating for gifts. Please remember to thank our teachers/staff through out the school year. Pray for them daily as we are so **blessed** to have them teaching our children.

Nancy Taylor

### SPEECH MEET

Here is the Speech Meet schedule for Tues., March 14th.

8:15-9:30	- 6th grade	- Chapel room
9:30-11:30	- 4th grade	- Chapel room
12:15-1:30	- 5th grade	- Chapel room
1:30-2:45	- 3rd grade	- Chapel room
12:30-1:45	- 1st grade	- 2nd floor Auditorium
1:45-3:00	- 2nd grade	- 2nd floor Auditorium

### JOB OPENINGS

There is a **full-time** secretarial position open in the OCA office. If you are interested in applying, stop by the school for an application.

There is a job opening in Afterschool Care. The hours are 3:00-5:45. Come have fun interacting with school-aged children. Contact Tammi Colegrove at 515-2267.

## CALENDAR



### THIS WEEK - A Week

- Mar 7 - District Speech Meet
- Mar 8 - Worship Team to Cornerstone - 7:30
- Mar 9 - Elem/MS Music Recital

### NEXT WEEK - B Week

- Mar 13 - Health Screening
- Mar 14 - Elementary Speech Meet
- Mar 15 - 7th grade to Museum - 8:10-3:20
- Mar 16 - Booster Club - 8:00 AM
- HS Music Recital
- Mar 17 - NO SCHOOL
- End of 3rd quarter

### LOOKING AHEAD



- Mar 21 - SMART Meet
- Mar 24 - NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conf.
- Ap 7-8 - Garage Sale
- Ap 13-17 - Spring Break
- Ap 20 - Tom Osborne Banquet

**WEEK OF 3/13 THRU 3/17**

March 6	Pork Tenderloin w/bun Green Beans Orange Smiles Dirt Cup	Egg Salad Sandwich Green Beans Orange Smiles Dirt Cup
March 7	French Toast Sticks w/ Little Smokies Tri-Tator Warm Apple Crisp Vanilla Ice Cream	Chef Salad Box Warm Apple Crisp Vanilla Ice Cream
March 8	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Raisins Brownie	Turkey Sandwich Raisins Brownie
March 9	Nachos with Beef & Ch. Corn Mini Banana Snicker Doodle	Salmon/Cream Ch. w/bagel Corn Mini Banana Snicker Doodle
March 10	Grilled Cheese Sand. & Tomato Soup Celery Sticks Pears Rice Krispy Bar	Taco Salad Box Pears Rice Krispy Bar

**WEEK OF 3/20 THRU 3/24**

March 13	Chicken Nuggets French Fries Apple Tea Roll Pudding Cup	Salmon Salad Sandwich French Fries Apple Pudding Cup
March 14	Turkey & Cheese Sand. Baby Carrots Applesauce Cup Choc. Choc. Chip Cookie	NO COLD LUNCH
March 15	Hamburger w/bun Potato Rounds Banana Rainbow Sprinkle Cookie	NO COLD LUNCH
March 16	BBQ Rib w/bun Green Beans Mixed Fruit White Cake w/frosting	NO COLD LUNCH
March 17	NO SCHOOL	

**\*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.

**ALL CONFERENCE BASKETBALL TEAM**

The following OCA students made the All Conference Basketball Teams:  
1st Team - Shayla Patterson  
2nd Team - Michaela Schroeder & Josh Laughlin  
**Congratulations!**



**BRING ELEMENTARY ARTWORK!**

Elementary student artwork will be displayed at the Trinity Spring Festival April 28<sup>th</sup>. If any student has already done a project at home or at school and would like to enter the work into the meet, bring the entry to the office. Students may submit several entries. **Each work needs to be matted or can be mounted onto a stiff piece of mat board or paper.** The competition accepts all types of media: pencil, watercolor, collage, tempera, pastel, sculptures, clay, etc. Bring the student's artwork and sign up in the office immediately. We submit the number of entries and fee on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Each entry is \$2.00, but the office will bill all events that your child is participating in at one time. The artwork will be delivered to Trinity and judged the week of the meet.  
Thanks, Mrs. Isaacson

**TOM OSBORNE IS COMING!**

Many questions have been asked about the April 20th event featuring Congressman Tom Osborne. First of all, there are several things it isn't! It is *not* a banquet. It is *not* a fundraiser. It is *not* the kick off event for our capital campaign - and no surprise announcements or unveiling of plans are on the agenda. So what is it?

There are several goals that the OCA Board is working to achieve and Step One is to raise community awareness of the excellence of the education we provide. Since we see the area pastors as key to the Christian community, they are the target audience for this event. We want them to come, see, and hear first hand how OCA builds Christian character through a Christ centered community for learning. So this is an evening of excellence, showcasing OCA to pastors.

The initial part of the evening is an invitation only reception for the pastors and their wives. All OCA families and friends are invited to the program which starts at 6:30 PM featuring Congressman Tom Osborne. The Sanctuary doors will open for seating at 6:30 PM Because this is to be a showcase for the excellence of our school, and to show respect for our congressman, the dress for this event is business casual – no jeans or tennis shoes!

We want to hand deliver invitations to the pastors if possible. A personal invite from a member of the congregation will carry more weight than one that comes in the mail. If you would like to do so for your pastor(s) please call Carol Johnson in the school office.

Thank you to the those who have already volunteered with this upcoming event. More help is needed in decorating and set up. Please call Jan Schulz at 334-5298 if you are available.

## **NEW LOCATION FOR OCA GARAGE SALE!**

We're thankful to God for answered prayer as a location for the OCA Garage Sale has been found! The sale will be held at 5318 S. 136<sup>th</sup> St., next to Bakers on April 7-8.

Now that we've secured a location, we need your help to make the event a success! This is an important fund raiser for all school families to participate in, so please consider how you can contribute. It's fun and a great way to get to know other OCA families! Sign-up sheets to volunteer can be found in a binder in the school office. Volunteers who work a shift any time during April 1-8 will be entitled to shop early April 1-6 (no sales will take place during the day on Friday, April 7, in order to complete preparations for the public sale). We will also need trucks to haul tables to and from the sale on March 31, April 1 and April 8.

OCA families are our best advertisers, so please post the attached flyer at your office, church or in your neighborhood. Extra copies are available in the office.

Please continue to save your donations for this event, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. GOOD QUALITY items are needed. We cannot accept donations such as tires and chemicals; for questions about the suitability of an item, please call Becky White at 397-3523. Look for drop-off hours in future editions of News and Notes. We will also pick up donations on April 1.



## **ALL-STAR GAME**

Scott Nilus has been invited to participate in the Nebraska Eight-Man Football Coaches Association All-Star Football game in June. In order to participate, Scott must have a minimum of 10 signature ads at \$30.00 each. If you would be willing to help Scott, make your check payable to NEMFCA and turn it into the office. The deadline is Mon., March 13th. Thank you for your support.

## **CUB SCOUT CORNER**

Pack 415 celebrated it's annual Blue & Gold Banquet last Friday evening with a dinner, entertainment, and awards. We were honored to have guests from Boy Scout Troop 812 as well as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends.

Denise Lewis from Raptor Recovery Nebraska gave a presentation about how injured or sick birds of prey are rescued and nursed back to health. She brought with her a peregrine falcon and a great horned owl. The birds were awesome, and we all learned a lot about them.

A Round of Applause to the following Scouts who received awards:

TIGER CUB RANK BADGE: Mitchell Francis

WOLF RANK BADGE: Bryce Taylor, Matt Kempkes, Joey Anderson, Carl Ekstedt, Daniel Hempel

WEBELOS RANK BADGE: Curtis Byal, Thomas High, Andrew Richardson, Drew Sorensen

"GOD AND FAMILY" FAITH KNOT: Curtis Byal, Thomas High, Andrew Richardson, Drew Sorensen

CRAFTSMAN AND ATHLETE PINS: Zach Lee, Curtis Byal, Drew Sorensen, Andrew Richardson, Thomas High

GRADUATION INTO BOY SCOUTS: Jon Hempel

Adults recognized for their service to the Den were Rob High, Julie Sibert, Dave Taylor, Bob Richardson, and Mary Sorensen.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events: March 27 — Pinewood Derby

March 25 and April 1 — Scouting for Food