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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! What a great week this is going to be for Spring Break! The temperatures are to be around 80 throughout the week with some rain thrown in around Thursday. It looks like a great time for you to put your children to work around the house, out in the yard, or wherever you can keep them busy while they are home. I am looking forward to being in Kansas on Friday and Saturday, and then back home for Easter Sunday. I look forward to Easter for many reasons. I will be attending the early service at church to hear the choir sing their cantata. Then I have the privilege of preaching at a different local church. After that, the whole family is getting together for a meal. It does not get much better than that; good music, being able to teach, and then relax with food and family. All of this happens because Jesus rose from the dead to assure our salvation. The message of the music, both in word and in arrangement, is beautiful as it proclaims the message of the resurrection. The message of the Word is life, as we speak of the eternal life in Christ that is ours due to the resurrection. Time with family is a joy, we are assured that we will be together forever because of the resurrection. It is going to be a great day and I pray that you all enjoy it as much as I am going to. If you do, it will be because of the resurrection!



BIG PROBLEM

We are getting complaints from the church that too many parents are dropping off and picking up students in the back parking lot. **Please, never** drop off or pick up your child(ren) in the back. Only faculty and staff are permitted to use the back parking lot.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school is published in several different places. The green calendar listing all important dates for the year is incorrect. This calendar has the last day for MS listed as May 19th. **This is wrong!** The last day for Middle School is May 23. Sorry for the confusion.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INVITATIONS

All students in 10th–12th grade with a **cumulative GPA** of 3.25 or higher received a qualification letter, inviting them to apply for membership in the National Honor Society. If interested, they will need to pick up a packet from Mrs. Jenkins or Mrs. Lovgren. In order to be considered for membership, all completed packets are due **NO LATER THAN** Friday, April 21 at 4:00 PM. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All completed applications will then be reviewed by the Faculty Council. Students and parents will be notified of the induction at a special chapel to be held on Tuesday, May 9.



CHANGE IN LOCATION & TIME

Tuesdays soccer games will be held at the High School in Gretna rather than the Middle School. The boys game is at 5:00 and the girls game is at 7:00. The address for Gretna High School is 11335 S. 204th.

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK- B Week

- Ap 10 - B Soc vs. Elkhorn - 5:00 PM
- Ap 11 - Read-in - 2:00 PM
 - Track @ Lewiston - 9:00 AM
 - G&B Soc @ Gretna - B 5:00 / G 7:00
- Ap 12-17 - Easter Break

NEXT WEEK - A Week

- Ap 17 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Ap 18 - Track @ Syracuse - 10:00 AM
- Ap 19 - Smart Meet @ EBC
- Ap 20 - Booster Club Mtg. - 8:00 AM
 - Tom Osborne event
 - G Soc vs Mercy - 5:00 PM
- Ap 21 - District Music @ Oakland Craig
- Ap 22 - Track @ Yutan - 9:00 AM
 - JH Track @ ISD - 1:00 PM
 - Quiz Bowl @ Firth

LOOKING AHEAD



- Ap 25 - Elem/MS Spring Concert - 7:00
- Ap 28 - Jr/Sr Banquet
- May 2 - HS Performing Arts Concert - 7:00 PM
- May 11-12 - Melodrama
- May 12 - Track & Field Day
- May 19 - Last Day of School - Elem & Seniors
- May 21 - HS Graduation
- May 23 - Last Day of School - Middle School
- May 25 - Last Day of School - High School

WEEK OF 4/10 THRU 4/14

April 10	Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Diced Peaches Pudding Cup	NO COLD LUNCH
April 11	Meat & Cheese Hoagie Baby Carrots Apple Doritos	NO COLD LUNCH
April 12-14	SPRING BREAK	

WEEK OF 4/17 THRU 4/21

April 17	SPRING BREAK	
April 18	Pancakes & Sausage Potato Rounds Juice Cup Cinn. Crumb Cake	Chef's Salad Box Juice Cup Cinn. Crumb Cake
April 19	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Medley Sugar Cookie	Turkey & Cheese Roll-up Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Medley Sugar Cookie
April 20	Hard Shell Tacos Refried Beans Corn Banana Cinn. Bread Stick	Smart Box Refried Beans Corn Banana Cinn. Bread Stick
April 21	Mac & Cheese Veggies w/ Dip Pears Soft Pretzel Choc. Cookie	Taco Salad Box Pears Soft Pretzel Choc. 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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

BOOSTER CLUB SEEKS LEADER

The term limits have hit the Booster Club and the current President cannot be re-elected. If you have leadership skills and would like to use them to benefit the sports & performing arts departments here at OCA, this is YOUR opportunity! The term is for one year with a limit of serving two terms. This position is open to a man or woman and the other positions are filled with highly capable, self starting, motivated people. Please call if you have questions or want to volunteer!
 Becky White at 397-3523.



HONOR ROLL CORRECTION

The 7th and 8th grade students listed on the Gold Honor Roll earned a minimum numeric average of 95%. We apologize for the error in last weeks *News & Notes*.

READ IN



The OCA "Read In" will be held this Tuesday, April 11, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the cafeteria. Bring a blanket, pillow, sleeping bag or other coverings and several good books from home. Grades K-5th will participate. Parents are welcome to attend.



SMART MEET

The SMART Meet has been rescheduled for Wed, April 19 at Evangelical Bible Church, 7820 Fort Street. All events are planned just as they had been previously scheduled. If you had signed up to drive, please contact the office if you will not be available.



JUMPROPE FOR HEART

On April 24-28 our school is holding a Jump Rope For Heart Event in honor of OCA's Athletic Director Mr. Thompson. Students will jump rope during their regular scheduled PE classes to raise funds for the American Heart Association. Jump Rope For Heart is a fun event! Our students will learn jump-rope skills while raising money to fund lifesaving research and educational programs. Our school also earns gift certificates for physical education equipment.

Tomorrow, Tuesday, April 11, envelopes will go home with all students grades K-8. Please sign the permission slip which is attached to the envelope, so your child can take part in Jump Rope For Heart. A form is available in the office if you choose to collect donations through e-mail. **Envelopes need to be returned by April 24.**

OCA has set a goal for each child to raise \$25.00. Thank you for helping your child participate in this worthwhile event.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the Garage and Bake Sale possible! Thank you to all who volunteered their time to serve in the many ways needed: donating, picking up donations, hauling tables, posting signs, folding, sorting, cashiering, cleaning, customer service, and praying for the event, to name just a few. Thanks to all who donated delicious bakery items, too, and to the OCA staff who set up and ran an inviting and tasty "Great Eats Café" for customers and volunteers. If you missed participating, you missed some great fun and fellowship, so plan to be involved next year! Proceeds from the sale are still being determined, so look for an update in the next *News & Notes*.



**TOM OSBORNE EVENT
THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH, 6:30 P.M.**

Come one and all to hear Congressman Tom Osborne speak to the OCA family at Liberty Christian Center. The Congressman will be speaking on "Christian Character in our Community". Feel free to bring family, friends, and neighbors. The dress for the evening is Business Casual – no jeans or tennis shoes.

If you personally invited your pastor to the reception, please follow up with them to make sure they are coming.

FOREIGN STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

OCA is interested in participating in a foreign students exchange program for the 2006-2007 academic year. The students that come will be between 4th-8th grade. This would be a growing experience for both the Korean students and OCA students, as they experience an exciting cultural exchange and form friendships with someone from the other side of the world.

To participate in this program, we need host families whose children attend here, or staff members who will commit to providing room and board to a Korean child for an academic year. Tuition and all expenses are fully paid by the Korean parents. The exchange students are carefully screened for English language ability and character, and are given orientation about American school & family life.

If you would like more information about this program, or about being a host family, please come to our office to pick up the brochure and talk to Karen Gingerich or call Mrs. Mison Cowell, the local area coordinator for Koam Education Alliance at 402-991-4616(h)/402-301-5257(cell).



**K-8 YOUTH SPORTS BASEBALL/
SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS!**

In the past we have had little interest in the Y baseball program. This program is great for the child that is not ready for the competitiveness of "Little League". **The season is from June 3 - July 29. Registration will be taking place now through April 25th.** Please drop your registrations off at the office in an envelope marked "Summerball Registration for Youth Sports". The cost is \$49.00 per child, and the late registration fee is \$10.00 on April 26th. If you are interested, SIGN UP! If there are not enough to make an OCA team, your child can still play on a Y team with OCA's school rate! There is a form attached with more information in this week's News & Notes or on the school's website/Youth Sports link. If you have questions please call Terri Zimmerle at 493-2850 or email her at tzimmerle@aol.com.