


# OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

# NEWS & NOTES

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! Personally, I am giving up on any major snow amounts in the city of Omaha. I know there were some who were praying that we could get a significant amount today. That did not happen. So, what are we going to do with the snow days that are built into the schedule every year? Here is the plan. We are going to add an additional day to the beginning of Spring Break. We will not be attending school on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April. Therefore, the break will be from April 12 through April 17, with school beginning again on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>. We are going to drop a day at the very end of the school year as well. The finals for the secondary students will be moved to Tuesday and Wednesday, May 23 and 24. The last day of school will be the 24<sup>th</sup>, and not the 25<sup>th</sup> as it shows in your calendar. All the other end dates and activities at the end of the school year will not change. I am hoping that with this advanced notice, the change in the calendar will not create a hardship on anyone.

## SCIENCE AWARDS



The Metropolitan Science and Engineering Fair was held Saturday, March 11, at the Scott Conference Center. Six students from OCA were able to participate, and received the following awards:

Honorable Mention in Computer Science and Engineering  
**- Zach Lahm**

Honorable Mention in Consumer and Household Chemistry  
**- Josh Bebee and Tori Sorensen**

Honorable Mention in Earth and Environmental Sciences  
**- Marcus McLean**

Honorable Mention in Simple Machines - **Kyle Krumwiede**  
First Place in Botany - **Shannon Neal**

In addition, **Zach Lahm** received an award from the Junior Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association for an excellent project related to electronics, communications and computers.

This competition included entries from both public and private schools throughout the city of Omaha. Congratulations to all our winners.

## 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



## CONGRATULATIONS METRO SENIORS SHOW WINNERS!

Bellevue University is proud to announce that **Julianna Schulte** and **Chantelle Steggerda** have artwork that has been selected for exhibition in the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Metro Seniors Show. The show runs March 6-31 in the Gilbert M. and Martha H. Hitchcock Humanities Center. They will be honored on Wed., March 15<sup>th</sup> at the opening reception.

The amount of artwork that was submitted for the show was tremendous. The jury selected what they deemed the best work from all the submissions. Congratulations to Julianna & Chantelle on their achievement. Their success is an honor for them as well as for our whole school.

## CALENDAR



### THIS 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
- Mar 18 - Wesleyan Track Invite - 9:30  
- Thomas Jefferson Quiz Bowl

### NEXT WEEK - A Week

- Mar 20 - Health Screening  
- Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Mar 21 - SMART Meet
- Mar 23 - 4th grade to Lincoln - 8:15-3:15
- Mar 24 - NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conf.
- Mar 31 - Middle School Lock-in - 7:00-9:00

### LOOKING AHEAD



- Ap 7-8 - Garage Sale
- Ap 13-17 - Spring Break
- Ap 20 - Tom Osborne Event
- May 12 - K-6 Track & Field Day

### WEEK OF 320 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	

### WEEK 3/20 THRU 3/24

March 20	Corn Dog Corn Cantaloupe Pudding Cup	Cot. Ch. & Cantaloupe Corn Cantaloupe Pudding Cup
March 21	Chicken Fried Chicken Mashed Pot & Gravy Orange Smiles Tea Roll Brownie	Han & Cheese Roll-up Mashed Pot. & Gravy Oranges Smiles Tea Roll Brownie
March 22	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Peaches School Fuel	Salad Box - chicken Peaches School Fuel
March 23	Grilled Chicken Steamed Broccoli Grapes Biscuit Yellow Cake w/Frosting	Cot. Ch & Eng. Muffin Steamed Broccoli Grapes Biscuit Yellow Cake w/Frosting
March 24	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.

### 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.

### GUIDANCE CORNER

- ☞ Congressman Lee Terry will be hosting an All Academy Day Seminar for high school students and their parents on Sat., March 25, from 9:00-12:00. It will take place at the Westside Community Center. The seminar will focus on providing freshman, sophomore, and junior students with the information and advice about the academies and the nomination process. Representatives from the academies will be at the seminar to present information and answer questions. If interested in attending contact Dean Mathisen at 397-9944.
- ☞ The Assistance League of Omaha will be offering an ACT Review Course. The course consists of 2 classes or 3 if taking the writing portion of the ACT. All classes must be attended to receive full coverage. The first class will be held on Mon., April 3 or Tues., April 4 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The second class will take place on Wed., April 5 or Thurs., April 6 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The third class, the ACT Writing Test Course, will be held on Thurs., April 6, from 6:30-8:30 pm. There is a \$30 fee for the 2 class course and a \$40 fee for the 3 class course. A \$5 late fee will be applied to registrations after March 30.
- ☞ Nebraska Wesleyan Univ. will be hosting Prairie Wolf Days to give high school students an opportunity to visit campus. It will be held on Sat., March 25 or Sat., April 1. If interested in attending or for more information go to [admissionsnebrwesleyan.edu](http://admissionsnebrwesleyan.edu) or call 800-541-3818, ext. 2218.
- ☞ Seniors interested in attending Iowa Western and majoring in the Computer Studies field may be eligible for scholarship opportunities. Deadline is April 3.
- **Calendar:**
- March 13 - UNK Rep Visit
- March 14 - College of St. Mary's Rep Visit
- March 15 - Pensacola Rep Visit
- March 17 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for April 8 Test
- March 20 - Central Christian College Rep Visit
- March 22 - Iowa Western Rep Visit
- April 3 - SAT Registration Deadline for May 6 Test
- April 3-6 - Spring Achievement Testing for students in grades 2 - 11
- April 12 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for May 6 Test
- ☞ **If you have any questions regarding this information, see Mrs. Jenkins, Guidance Counselor.**



### BRING ELEMENTARY ARTWORK!

Elem. 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 by Mon., **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.



### CLASS PICTURES

The class group pictures that were recently taken for K through the 5th grade can be viewed through Sycamore Ed. by clicking on "home" then "photos." The display photos are somewhat low resolution. If you wish to order a 5x7 print of your child's class framed in a cardboard easel frame, please send \$5 to the school office labeled with your child's name and grade. (Please make checks payable to Craig Wollman).



### CONGRATULATIONS JOSLYN STUDENTS ART EXHIBITION WINNERS!

Joslyn Art Museum is proud to announce that **Lexie Bryce, Jennette Cosgrove, Jenny Gowen, and Rachel Maurer** have artwork that has been selected for exhibition in the Joslyn Art Museum Association Student Art Exhibition. Their work will be on exhibit in the Museum's Fountain court, March 24-April 2, 2006. They will be recognized at a ceremony on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Over 450 works were considered and only slightly over 100 pieces were selected. Congratulations to the students on their achievement and diligence in class. Our school is honored to have them be a part of this show.



### ATHLETIC FIELD NEED

The Football/Soccer field needs to be regularly maintained. This year, we are looking for donations to help keep the field looking great. There are 6 different times that we need to fertilize:

- 1 = Early Spring (Now)
- 2 = Late Spring
- 3 = Early Summer
- 4 = Late Summer
- 5 = Early Fall
- 6 = Late Fall

The cost for one time is approximately \$150.00, or you may choose to donate funds for more than one time. If you would be willing to donate to the "Athletic Field Need", send the check or cash to the office making sure it is clearly designated. If you have any questions, speak to one of the coaches.



### RED WHEEL FUNDRAISER UPDATE

With your help, the Red Wheel Fundraiser yielded a little over \$3000.00 for the purchase of football field bleachers. We would like to congratulate the top three sellers in this event. They are: 1st - Jenna Couzzo, 2nd - Joyce Koch, 3rd - Helen Cloyd. Thanks again to all who participated this year and remember that orders will be ready for pick up after school on Thursday, March 16th.

Attention Booster Club members, there will be a short meeting on Thursday, March 16th at noon, prior to the Red Wheel delivery.



### SIGN-UP AND SHOP EARLY!

The OCA Garage Sale is less than a month away! This year's sale will be held at 5318 S. 136<sup>th</sup> St., (Deerfield Plaza, near Baker's) on April 7-8. Please be sure to stop by the office and sign-up to help. It's fun and a great way to get to know other school families! 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).

This is an important fund raiser for all school families to participate in, so please consider how you can contribute. 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, 397-3523. We will also need trucks to haul tables to and from the sale on March 31, April 1 and April 8. Baked goods, hangers, sacks, boxes and newspapers will also be needed.

Look for drop-off hours in future editions of *News and Notes*. We will also pick up donations on April 1. OCA families are our best advertisers. Copies of a flyer announcing the garage sale are available in the office. Please post them in your church, office or neighborhood.



### SPRING ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

Spring achievement testing is right around the corner. All students in grades 2nd - 11th will participate. Testing will take place the week of April 3rd. Please do not plan on taking your child out of school during this week as it is difficult to make up testing.

### ELEMENTARY & MS RECITAL RESULTS

- Nachia Olsen - Superior
- Bryce Taylor - Superior
- McKenna Lewis - Superior
- Hanna Lindsay - Superior
- Brooke Mott - Superior
- Mia Morton - Superior
- Ashley Petersen - Superior
- Kiera Taylor - Superior
- Jared Saiz - Superior
- Drew Sorensen - Superior
- Lauren Abell - Superior
- Olivia Lovgren - Superior
- Julianna Meyers - Superior
- Caitlin Ostry - Superior
- Micaela Myers - Superior
- Stacia Howell - Superior
- Tori Sorensen - Superior
- Jonathan Howell - Superior
- Luke Henkenius - Superior
- Nikki Tulsie - Superior
- Emily Lovgren - Superior
- Janelle Ostry - Superior
- Morgan Myers - Superior

### MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

Middle School STUCCO announces a Lock-In on March 31 from 7-9pm. See the handout sent home today with your child for more information.