


# OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

# NEWS & NOTES

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! This is the week for testing. Our students will be taking the Stanford test to determine academic achievement. The reason that we take this test is because it allows for a Bible test and it is normed against other students who are in ACSI schools. That is why, when you get the results, you see a percentile/stanine column against the national norm, and a percentile/stanine column for the ACSI norm. While not being a believer that solid educational decisions can be based on the results of one of these tests, I do think that a person can look at the results over time and determine some answers to questions regarding a student's academic achievement or how well the school is doing in a certain academic area. In educational jargon, I do not question the reliability of the test; I do question whether or not valid inferences can be made on the results of one test. While working at Grace University, I taught a class named Educational Assessment. During that class I taught students how to explain the results of a normed test to parents. I think that we are doing a disservice to you by just sending the results home over the summer and not giving adequate information on how you ought to interpret the results. Next summer, when the results are mailed, I would be happy to have a night to do an explanation for parents who are interested. Perhaps this is something that we need to adjust in the future. Until then, please stress to your children that they need to do their best work on the test. We need the students **at school and on time** for the next several days to be able to complete the tests in a timely fashion. Thank you for your help in this matter.

## POWER LIFTING COMPETITION



Andrew Minich placed first in the 165 lb. division at the Peru State Powerlifting Meet. He set meet records in the bench at 245 lbs, squat at 370 lbs, and 410 lbs in the dead lift. He was second overall in the meet in all weight classes. Congratulations Andrew!



## ELEMENTARY SPEECH MEET RESULTS

The following students placed 1st in their category:

1st	Poetry	- Mitchell Francis
	Bible Mem	- BreAnna Green
2nd	Poetry	- Bethany Wollman
	Bible Mem	- Branden Perkins
3rd	Poetry	- Morgan Myers
	Bible Mem	- Bradley Stukenholtz
4th	Poetry	- Richard Sweeney
	Bible Mem	- Shye Wirges
5th	Poetry	- Jesse Wirges
	Bible Mem	- Julianna Meyers
	Patriotic Oration	- Aaron Lindsey
	Dramatic Bible Prose	- Olivia Lovgren
6th	Poetry	- Meredith Roberts
	Bible Mem	- Stacia Howell
	Patriotic Oration	- Heather Rozema
	Dramatic Bible Prose	- Cody Pearson
	Original Speech	- Thien Che

## CALENDAR



### THIS WEEK - A Week

- Ap 3-6 - SAT Testing
- Ap 3 - B Soc vs Ralston - 5:30 PM
- Ap 4 - G&B Soc vs Boystown - 4:30/6:00
- Ap 6 - Conf. Quiz Bowl @ CVA - 4:00 PM
- Ap 7 - Garage Sale - 5:00-8:00
- Ap 8 - Garage Sale - 9:00-2:00

### NEXT WEEK - B Week

- Ap 10 - B Soc @ Elkhorn - 5:00 PM
- Ap 11 - Read-in - 2:00 PM
- Track @ Lewiston - 5:00 PM
- G&B Soc @ Gretna - 5:00 PM
- Ap 12-17 - Spring Break

### LOOKING AHEAD



- Ap 17 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Ap 19 - Smart Meet @ EBC
- Ap 20 - Tom Osborne event
- Ap 21 - District Music @ Oakland Craig
- 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 - Graduation
- May 23 - Last Day of School - Middle School
- May 25 - Last Day of School - High School

### WEEK OF 4/3 THRU 4/7

April 3	Teriyaki Chick w/rice Steamed Oriental Veggies Celery Sticks Pineapple Fortune Cookie	Cot. Ch & Fruit Box Steamed Oriental Veggies Celery Sticks Pineapple Fortune Cookie
April 4	Salisbury Steak Mashed Pot. w/gravy Hot Roll Orange Sherbet	Oriental Chicken Salad Mashed Pot. w/gravy Hot Roll Orange Sherbet
April 5	Pizza Hut Pizza Green Beans Raisins School Fuel	Cot. Ch & Jelly Sand. Green Beans Raisins School Fuel
April 6	Lasagna Lettuce Salad Peaches Hard Roll Jello Cake	Salad Box w/egg Peaches Jello Cake
April 7	Meatless Taco Hot Poc Potato Rounds Apple Toastio Bar	Egg Salad w/croissant Potato Salad Apple Toastio Bar

### WEEK OF 4/10 THRU 4/14

April 10	Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Diced Peaches Pudding Cup	NOCOLD LUNCH
April 11	Meat & Cheese Hoagie Baby Carrots Apple Doritos	NOCOLD LUNCH
April 12-17	SPRING BREAK	

\*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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## HIGH SCHOOL MATH STUDENTS COMPETE

Nine OCA high school math students competed in a math competition at Iowa Western Community College on Feb. 15th. All participating students took a one-hour national AMC written math test.

Ninety nine juniors & seniors took the AMC 12 test at the competition. Cale Schulz placed 10th; Josh Laughlin 19th; Justin Richards 34th; Brian Jay 41st; and Julia Warnke 44th out of 99.

One hundred and six freshmen and sophomores took the AMC 10 test at the competition. Caleb White placed 7th; Pam Zimmerle 28th; Lauren Strasser 36th; and Laura Henkenius 63rd out of 106.

Congratulations to all the participants for their excellent overall showing in the competition!



### SEE YOU AT THE SALE!

The Annual Garage Sale starts Friday, April 7, at 5 pm! A big **THANK YOU** to all who have volunteered to help! Stop and shop Friday night until 8 pm or Saturday, April 8, 9 am-2 pm. Remember that this year's sale is at a **NEW LOCATION** at 136<sup>th</sup> and Q (Deerfield Place near Baker's), and will include a bake sale, too!

There is still time to volunteer your time, and students needing community service hours can earn them by helping before and during the sale; sign-up sheets are in the office. Working a shift entitles you to shop through Thursday before the public sale (**no sales Friday before 5 pm**).

**Signs** - One way to help is to place a yard sign in your neighborhood. Signs will be available to pick-up before and after school in the lower parking lot through Wednesday (you may bring your donations while picking up a sign).

**Donations** - Drop off your donations at the site of the sale through Thursday (**no donations on Friday**). Drop-off times are April 3-4, 8 am-3 pm & 4-6 pm; April 5, 8 am-3 pm; & April 6, 8 am-3 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. Don't forget that we need hangers, sacks, boxes & newspapers, too.

**Prayer** - Please continue to pray for good weather and that the sale would not only benefit the school, but also serve the community. Questions? Call Becky White, 397-3523.



### BAKERS NEEDED

We've got the space and the plans to set up a great "**Good Eats**" **Bake Sale** this year along with the Garage Sale. We just need your baked items! Cakes, cookies, bars, pies, rolls, breads, muffins, donuts - all are needed. (No items requiring refrigeration.) How about asking your grandmother to bake? Drop off your items on Friday in the cafeteria or at the Garage Sale site. (Items may also be brought to the Garage Sale site on Sat. morning.) Call the office if you have questions, 399-9565.

# SPRING


## 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).

## 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.

## BOOSTER CLUB SEEKS LEADER

The term limits have hit the Booster Club and the current President can not 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.

## GOOD EATS CAFE

Plan to pick-up your meal & snacks at the Good Eats Cafe while shopping or working at the Garage Sale. The menu includes BBQ pork sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, pop, water & candy bars.



## REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

Three OCA students traveled to Chicago, ILL to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee. Out of 49 contestants, Luke Henkenius finished 7th, Nikki Tulsie 11th and The Che 12th. Congratulations students! You represented OCA admirably.