


OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! There have been times that I get the opportunity to preach at various churches in the area. I believe that I have mentioned that in the past. This weekend was special because my oldest son, his wife, and my granddaughter, came to town for a relatives wedding. The whole weekend was hectic with various activities, some being washed out. In preparation for Sunday I was reading Spurgeon's "Treasury of David," on the 119th Psalm. Spurgeon writes regarding this Psalm, "This sacred ode is a little Bible, the Scriptures condensed, a mass of Bibline, Holy Writ rewritten in holy emotions and actions. Blessed are they who can read and understand these saintly aphorisms; they shall find golden apples in this true Hesperides, and come to reckon that this Psalm, like the whole Scripture which it praises, is a pearl island, or, better still, a garden of sweet flowers." It is language like this that makes reading Spurgeon so much fun. I believe that it is a shame that we are losing thousands of words every year that were being used in the English language. We seem to want to be more to the point, concise, succinct, and using email language in our use of a language that was meant to paint beautiful pictures with words and how those words are strung together. Maybe it is just a personal thing with me, but I am glad our students struggle with those vocabulary word lists and are asked to read literature that will make them work to comprehend what they are reading. Perhaps we can replenish some of those words that are being lost, perhaps one of our students will be someone who pens beauty onto a page.

REGISTER NOW



Registration for classes next fall is in full swing. If you have not registered your student(s) for the 2006-2007 school year, please register now. **Registration is on a first come basis and classes are filling up.** Don't Delay!

If you are responsible for the enrollment of a new family to OCA, you will receive a \$100 credit to your account after the new student(s) completes their first semester at OCA.

JUMPROPE FOR HEART



Thank you to all the students who participated in the Jump Rope For Heart fundraiser. OCA raised \$1486.50 for the American Heart Association. Students will receive their thank you gifts before the end of the school year.



TUITION AID FOR 2006-2007

Tuition Assistance applications are available in the office for pastoral families & families who qualify for assistance. All applications need to be returned to the office by May 31.

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - A Week

- May 1 - 1st grade to zoo - 9:15 AM - 3:00 PM
- Track Meet @ Utica - 1:00 PM
- May 2 - Kdg. to Retirement Center/Firestation - 8:30
- Spanish 3/4 to El Alamo - 11:35-1:35
- HS Performing Arts Concert - 7:00 PM
- May 3 - Spanish 2 to El Alamo - 11:35-1:35
- May 4 - B Soc @ NE Lutheran - 5:00 PM
- May 5 - 2nd grade to zoo - 9:30 AM - 3:15 PM
- Track @ NE City

NEXT WEEK - B Week

- May 8 - JH Track @ Bergan Fremont - 3:00 PM
- May 9 - NHS Induction - 9:36 AM
- May 11 - 6th grade to Desoto Wildlife Refuge
- Spring Melodrama - 6:00 PM
- District Track Meet
- May 12 - Track & Field Day - 1:00 PM
- Spring Melodrama - 6:00 PM
- May 13 - MS Band to Adventureland
- Spring Melodrama - 6:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD



- May 16 - 5th grade Recital - 1:45-3:15 PM
- Sports Awards - 7:00 PM
- May 18 - Kindergarten Graduation - 7:00 PM
- May 19 - Last Day of School - Elem & Seniors
- Elementary Awards - 8:30 AM
- HS Awards - 7:00 PM
- May 21 - HS Graduation
- May 23 - Last Day of School - Middle School
- MS Awards & 8th Grade Promotion - 7:00 PM
- May 25 - Last Day of School - High School

WEEK OF 5/1 THRU 5/5

May 1	Hamburger French Fries Apple Pudding Cup	Jelly Sand. & Cot. Cheese French Fries Apple Pudding Cup
May 2	Crispito w/ Cheese Corn Kiwi Cinn. Crumb Cake	Chicken Salad Sand. Corn Kiwi Cinn. Crumb Cake
May 3	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Cherries Choc. Chip Cookie	Salad Box w/ Chic. Salad Cherries Choc. Chip Cookie
May 4	Scrambled Egg w/ Ham Tri-Tator Apple Slices w/ straw. Cinn. Roll	Turkey & Cheese Roll-Up Tri-Tator Apple Slices w/ straw. Cinn. Roll
May 5	Taco Bowl Refried Beans Banana Sugar Cookie	Cottage Cheese w/ Fruit Refried Beans Banana Sugar Cookie

WEEK OF 5/8 THRU 5/12

May 8	Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Tea Roll Orange Wedge Orange Sherbet	Taco Salad Box Tea Roll Orange Wedge Orange Sherbet
May 9	Sloppy Joes Baby Carrots Pineapple Oatmeal Cookie Bar	Crispy Chicken Salad Pineapple Oatmeal Cookie Bar
May 10	Little Smokies Crudite Grapes Cheddar Goldfish Zebra Brownie	Salmon Salad Croissant Crudite Grapes Cheddar Goldfish Zebra Brownie
May 11	Open Face Turkey Sand. Mashed Pot. & Gravy Cherries Yellow Cake w/ Sprinkles	Smart Box Cherries Yellow Cake w/ Sprinkles
May 12	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Broccoli w/ Ranch Dress. Peaches School Fuel	Turkey Sandwich Broccoli w/ Ranch Dress. Peaches School Fuel

***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.



TRP ORDER DATES

TRP orders will be placed on May 8th. Please have your order and money to the office no later than NOON on TRP turn-in days. The most current order form number is #32 found in the lower left hand corner of the order form.

GUIDANCE CORNER

☞ Brown Univ., Columbia Univ., Cornell Univ., Rice Univ., & the Univ. of Chicago are hosting a special program on Tues., May 9, at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at the Doubletree. Students & their families will receive an introduction to the institutions & a discussion of the admission & fin. aid processes.

☞ Southeast Community College will be hosting an Open House at their Milford Campus on Sun., May 7, from 11- 4 pm. For more info: www.southeast.edu/milfordopenhouse.htm.

☞ EducationQuest Foundation & the Great Plains Association for College Admission Counseling will be sponsoring the 4th Annual Omaha College Affaire on Mon., May 1, from 6:00- 8:00 p.m. It will be held at the Millard North HS Gym.

Calendar:

- May 2 - Hillsdale College Rep Visit
- May 4 - AP Exam, 8:00 am
- May 4 - ACT Registration Deadline for June 9 Test
- May 10 - Late SAT Reg. Deadline for June 3 Test
- May 18 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for June 9 Test

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

The OCA Booster Club will be awarding four \$300.00 scholarships to four graduating seniors; two boys and two girls. For information about requirements and an application, please see Mrs. Jenkins. Completed applications must be turned in to Mrs. Jenkins by May 8th.

OMAHA COLLEGE AFFAIR

EducationQuest Foundation and the Great Plains Association for College Admission Counseling will be sponsoring the fourth annual Omaha College Affaire on Monday, May 1, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. It will take place at the Millard North High School Gymnasium. Over 100 colleges and universities are expected. Two financial aid sessions will be given at 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for juniors, sophomores, and their parents to research colleges.

FALL SPORTS SIGN-UPS



Sign-ups for K-6 Co-Ed Fall Soccer, 5th & 6th Flag Football, and 5th & 6th



Volleyball are on Thursday, May 18 from 3:15-5:30 p.m. in the downstairs foyer. Registrations will be open until June 30 for new students. The season is from Aug. 19-Oct. 14. Teams will be formed according to your child's grade level. The fee is \$49.00. For more information, call Terri Zimmerle at 493-2850 or email at tzimmerle@aol.com. Next week there will be a registration form in the *News & Notes*.

SCIENCE FAIR - SMART MEET RESULTS!



5th & 6th Grade

Life Science

Meredith Roberts	<i>1st Place-Medallion</i>
Lisa McLean	<i>2nd Place-Blue Rosette</i>
Kelcey Arndt	<i>3rd Place-Red Rosette</i>
Josh Roberts	<i>Blue Ribbon</i>
Julianna Meyers	<i>Red Ribbon</i>

Physical Science

Titus Hamilton	<i>1st Place-Medallion</i>
Steve Putman	<i>1st Place-Medallion</i>
Olivia Lovgren	<i>2nd Place-Blue Rosette</i>
Lauren Abell	<i>3rd Place-Red Rosette</i>
Cody Pearson	<i>Blue Ribbon</i>

7th & 8th Grade

Life Science

Shannon Neal	<i>Red Ribbon</i>
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Physical Science

Brendan Byal	<i>1st Place-Medallion</i>
Kyle Krumwiede	<i>Blue Ribbon</i>
Zach Lahm	<i>Blue Ribbon</i>
Tori Sorensen	<i>Blue Ribbon</i>

FOREIGN STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

OCA is interested in participating in a foreign students exchange program for the 2006-2007 academic year in grades 4-8. Several of our families are looking into this opportunity. Perhaps you have given some thought to this as well.

What's it like to host an exchange student? Hosting an exchange student means that you have added a wonderful new member to your family, much like having an adopted son or daughter from overseas for a year. KoAm students are eager to participate in your family's leisure activities; he or she wants to learn about our country by living as a "native" rather than as a guest. As your student goes through the day-to-day activities of your family and community, you will find a new way of looking at those things you often considered commonplace. Tuition and all expenses are fully paid by the Korean parents.

If you would like more information about this program, Please stop by the office to pick up the brochure and talk to Karen Gingerich or call Mrs. Mison Cowell, the local coordinator for KoAm Education Alliance at 991-4616(h) or 301-5257 (cell).

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD

Congressman Tom Osborne addressed the OCA family on Thursday, April 20, speaking on the issue of Christian Character in our Community. The evening included invitations to the pastors of the many churches represented in our school family, and to the grandparents of OCA Students. Over 100 people were in attendance at an informal reception for Congressman Osborne which preceded his speech.

Osborne, the former NU football coach and current 3rd District Congressman for Nebraska addressed the crowd on the essentials of character. He demonstrated that character is revealed in how a person responds to adversity. His experience reveals that an individual has a choice to make---and that the options boil down to 1) quitting, 2) blaming, or 3) accepting responsibility for your actions and seeing the adversity as a learning opportunity. The most successful men, and he cited Abraham Lincoln as an example, looked at adversity as an opportunity to learn and grow--and definitely not quit.

The congressman also identified one's attitude as being critical when we have character questions. There tend to be two prevailing options---the "what's in it for me?" approach and the "how can I contribute to the team?" mindset. He used the late Brook Berringer as an example of the latter. When Osborne placed Tommie Frazier in the starting quarterback role in 1995, the coach cited Berringer's tremendous attitude as being vital to holding the team's morale together. Had Berringer taken the "me" approach, it likely would have split the team, and Osborne doubts they would have been National Champs that year.

Finally, Osborne pointed out that healthy individuals must have a sense of balance in their lives. The physical is important, as is the intellectual. But without a right spiritual understanding, or foundation, lives are empty. The Greeks were examples of a society that understood the need for excellence in each area. Osborne also used examples of former huskers who didn't have the necessary spiritual perspective, and were lost years later, after the physical glory days had passed them by. In the last years of Osborne's tenure at NU, all the coaches hired were strong men of faith who actively encouraged the young men to become well-rounded, and grounded, in their lives.

The Board of Directors, and the entire OCA family would like to thank the Congressman for taking the time to visit the school and affirm the importance of character in our young people---which is really the pillar of the Omaha Christian Academy foundation. We educate young men and women who will act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God.