


OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! "Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy- meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you." These words were written by the apostle Paul to the Philippian church. They are a good reminder to keep our minds on positive, right thoughts and our actions as those people who desire to serve God. It is in this light that I remind you of Omaha Christian Academy's position on Halloween. We do not celebrate the holiday in any way. Because the day has become a day to celebrate or honor or at least display characters that are not wholesome, or virtuous, and because it gives license for young people to be mischievous and even do those things that are outside the law, it is best that the school does not recognize the day. Your position as a family may be different than ours. We are not condemning or criticizing whatever decisions that you make as a family. Please do not condemn or criticize the position of the school. Just be informed of the reason that we do not have Halloween parties or allow the children to dress up in costumes during this time. The children certainly took advantage of that opportunity during Home Coming week. The school does not wish to offend, our desire is to live simply with sincerity for God in our world.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES



Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, October 28 from 12:00-8:00 pm. Parents are required to attend these conferences. Report cards will be given out.

K-4th grade: Please call the school office to schedule a 15 minute conference with your child's teacher.

5th-12th grade: These conferences will be in the cafeteria on a first come basis.

Autumn



TAKE-HOME CHRISTIAN BOOK FAIR

The OCA library is have a "Take-Home Christian Book Fair" this year through Thomas Nelson Publishing. 40% of all sales comes back to our school in products and cash. Students will be bringing home a catalog full of character building and wholesome quality product for the entire family on Thursday, October 27th. A display table with some of the books, CD's, and DVD's will be set up outside the cafeteria on Friday, the 28th, during Parent-Teacher conferences so that parents may see a sample of what is being offered. The sale will last from October 27th through November 11th. What a great opportunity to get Christmas gifts for your loved ones while helping OCA!

PRAYER CORNER

1st grade students-Death of several grandparents
Jared Parsons - Sudden death of grandmother
Mrs. Koehns family
Mr. Dommels family
Football team at State Play-offs
Volleyball team at Districts

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - A Week

Oct 24 - Steering Comm. Mtg - 7:00 PM

Oct 25 - 6th grade to NE City - 8:00 AM

- PreK to Wenn Farm - 8:00-3:20

- Am. Rep to Ft. Atkinson - 10:30-3:20

- VB Tri @ Scribner - 6:30/7:30 PM

Oct 26 -Moms in Touch Prayer Group- 8:30-9:30 AM

Oct 27 - FB Districts @ Howells - 7:00 PM

Oct 28 - NO SCHOOL - Parent-Teacher Conferences

NEXT WEEK - B Week

Oct 31 - NO SCHOOL - ACSI Convention

Nov 1 - NO SCHOOL - ACSI Convention

- VB Subdistricts @ Elmwood Murdock-TBA

LOOKING AHEAD



Nov 11 - Elementary Harvest Parties

Nov 14- HS basketball practice begins

Nov 24-25 - Thanksgiving Break

Dec 6 - Christmas Concert - Grades K-6 - 7:00 PM

Dec 16 - Christmas Concert - Grades 7-12 - 7:00 PM

Dec 21 - Elementary Christmas Parties - 2:00 PM

Dec 22 - Jan 2 - Christmas Break

Jan 3 - Classes resume

WEEK OF 10/24 THRU 10/28

Oct 24	Hamburger w/bun French Fries Apple Tollhouse Bar	Cottage Cheese w/fruit French Fries Apple Tollhouse Bar
Oct 25	Mac & Cheese Green Beans Grapes Soft Pretzel	Chicken Salad on croissant Green Beans Grapes Soft Pretzel
Oct 26	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Peaches Choc. Cookie	Stuffed Tomato w/cot. ch. Peaches Choc. Cookie
Oct 27	Creamed Turkey Mashed Pot. w/gravy Strawberries & Bananas Hot Roll Ice Cream Cup	Salami & Cheese Sand. Mashed Pot. w/gravy Strawberries & Bananas Hot Roll Ice Cream Cup
Oct 28	NO SCHOOL	

WEEK OF 10/31 THRU 11/4

Oct 31	NO SCHOOL	
Nov 1	NO SCHOOL	
Nov 2	Crispito w/cheese sauce Corn Orange Wedges Cinn. Crumb Cake	Chef Salad Box Orange Wedges Cinn. Crumb Cake
Nov 3	Spaghetti w/meat sauce Lettuce Salad Strawberries Garlic Cheese Stick Brownie	Cottage Cheese & Fruit Lettuce Salad Garlic Cheese Stick Brownie
Nov 4	Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Fresh Pear Bread & Spread Rice Krispie Bar	Salad Box w/egg & cheese Fresh Pear Bread & Spread Rice Krispie Bar

***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.

ATTENTION VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

The team hoodies are in! If you ordered one, pay Coach Friesen \$24 to receive your shirt! Please make checks payable to Debbie Friesen. Also, all C and JV players need to return uniforms to Coach Friesen.

FOOD

Parents who have volunteered to bring food for teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences may take it directly to the cafeteria. Thanks!



JH VOLLEYBALL

The JH Volleyball girls had their last match against Brownell-Talbot. Tori Sorenson had 7 consecutive points. Nikki Tulsie completed two spikes and had three successful sets. We lost both matches, however I'm proud of the girls' accomplishment this year. They have all improved their volleyball skills and have continued to be encouraging to one another. I have enjoyed getting to know all of the girls. Parents should be proud of their girls' Christian walk. I would also like to thank the parents for their willingness to support the team and myself and for transporting the girls to practices, and bringing snacks. The team members include: Emily Lovgren, Alexandria Hutcherson, Katy Schultz, Kathryn White, Anna Wyatt, Nikki Tulsie, Kendra Strasser, Tori Sorenson, Annie Svatos, and Cassi Dowling.



STUDENTS & PARENTS

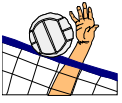
You can help OCA with an opportunity to receive a donation of \$7500.00 from HyVee by enrolling in the "HyVee Smiles for Education" during the next 9 weeks! Every week, 10 schools will receive \$7500.00 from HyVee and the student who registered their school will receive a MP3 player.

How do you participate? At the customer service counter at each HyVee store, you can register OCA and your students who attend OCA every time you are in the store. You fill out a form and there is no purchase necessary to participate. Every Monday, a new drawing will take place from now until December 12th. However, the last day to register will be December 7th. Each week they start over by throwing out all the registrations forms from the previous week.



HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL LEADERS

Seniors *Laura Johnson*, *Shayla Patterson*, *Michaela Schroeder* and Sophomore *Laura Henkenius* were all recently recognized in the *Omaha World Herald* for leading in stats in the Omaha Area. Laura Johnson is a leader in three categories: set assists (with 133 total for an average of 3.5 per game), defensive digs (with 129 for an average of 3.4), and ace serves (with 24 for an average of 0.6). Shayla Patterson was noted for being a leader in ace serves with 19 so far this season (averaging 0.5 ace serves per game); and Laura Henkenius is ranked second in the ace serve category with an average of 0.7 ace serves per game (a total of 29 aces this season). Michaela Schroeder was noted for hustling to get 99 digs to average at 2.5 digs per game. Keep meeting your goals, Lady Eagles!



THIRD PLACE IN NFC TOURNAMENT!

The Lady Eagles soared through the week of Nebraska Frontier Conference Tournament games. They defeated Parkview Christian in 5 games on Tuesday: 18-25, 25-19, 25-20, 19-25, and 15-10. Because of this sweet victory, they played Prague immediately after. The Lady Eagles lost the match to Prague, but fought hard especially in the first two games. In the first game, the Lady Eagles took the lead 12-6, but Prague fought back to tie the game at 14-14. Prague ended up on top 20-25. The second game had the same beginning: the Lady Eagles took a quick lead 9-5. Prague pulled ahead to nearly finish the game 18-23, but the Lady Eagles were not through fighting. Laura Henkenius stepped back to serve an ace serve and the team fought to bring the score to a close 22-23. Unfortunately, Prague pulled ahead to win 23-25. Prague advanced to the championship game, and OCA advanced to play College View for third place on Thursday night. Parkview would then play for fifth place.

On Thursday, the Lady Eagles decided that instead of winning another close 5-game match, they would dominate from the start to win in three games. This is exactly what they did when they conquered College View: 25-21, 25-20, and 25-20. This victory awarded them with third place in the tournament! The team prayerfully gave all glory to God immediately after each victory this past week. Laura Johnson set 64 assists in the tournament. Combined match stats from the tournament week are as follows (aces-kills-blocks-digs-serve receive): Marissa Wells (0-25-11-8-0), Shayla Patterson (3-22-3-8-25), Laura Johnson (0-5-0-33-0), Chantelle Steggerda (2-1-0-19-18), Bethany Begg (0-0-0-21-20), Tabitha Hamilton (1-6-7-28-23), Michaela Schroeder (1-14-3-22-36), Laura Henkenius (8-5-1-12-11), and Pam Zimmerle (0-0-0-26-15).

The Lady Eagles anticipate playing their best, no matter what opponent they face as they finish the regular season on Tuesday and burst into post-season play next week. They will continue to claim their 2005 team verse: "...But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:29-31

YOUTH SPORTS ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS!

When: Tuesday, November 8 from 3:15 - 5:45 PM

Cost: \$47.00



Season: 1/7/06 – 2/25/06

Who: K-6th Grades, Boys & Girls (K may be Co-Ed)

Need: Signed Registration Form, (attached on the next News & Notes), or is currently available on the internet at: www.omahachristianacademy.com, then click on the "Youth Sports" link on the left, and look for the "Basketball" and click it for a form.



EAGLE FOOTBALL VICTORY

The Eagles defeated Brownell-Talbot 28-27 on Friday night. Scott Nilius scored two touchdowns, kicked an extra point, and ran for a two-point conversion in the fourth quarter as the Eagles rallied from a 13-27 deficit. Chance Rohlfing added 126 yards on 11 carries with one score for the Eagles.

JH BOYS BASKETBALL



A letter will be coming home shortly with your JH boys who intend to play BB. This letter will give info concerning practice times and game times.



SPECIAL CHAPEL

A steel drum band from Trinidad will be in chapel at OCA on Wednesday, November 2nd. Chapel dress will be expected.

FOUND

A seat cushion was left at the Football game Friday night. Please pick it up in the office.

Attention OCA Parents

OCA participates in several different programs that give OCA either free merchandise or cash. Please recruit family, friends, and neighbors to also save for OCA.

Here's how it works:

COLLECT:

- *Campbell's Labels for Education* ~ **please clip ONLY THE FRONT LABEL as this really saves time with counting and bundling. Some products require saving the UPC – see the package for reminder symbol.**
- *“Our Family” Labels for Learning* ~ **Please clip only the UPC from “Our Family” products. Each UPC is worth 5 cents. These products can be purchased at Bag & Save, HyVee, and No Frills.**
- *General Mills Box Tops for Education* ~ **Each box top is worth 10 cents to OCA. Clip closely around the box top coupon (it saves A LOT of time later!). DO NOT submit any Betty Crocker coupons/points. Box Tops also offer online shopping and a Visa charge card which generates a percentage back to OCA.**
- *Target Visa Card* ~ **Use your card and Target will send a certain percentage to OCA**
- *HyVee Receipts – Cash for Education* ~ **Monday, September 5, 2005 to Saturday, December 31, 2005 OCA will receive \$1 for every \$150 spent so bring your receipts to the school. They may not have the yellow marking as in the past!**
- *Inkjet/Laser/Fax Cartridges* ~ **recycle virgin cartridges in the box outside the office.**

Place your labels/boxtops/receipts/UPC's in the collection boxes outside the third floor office or in a marked envelope inside the OCA Mailbox on the first floor

Thank you for your help supporting OCA and for the time spent trimming to box tops and labels. Please feel free to call Kathy Nilius if you would like to help or have questions on these programs – 492-8777.
