


NEWS & NOTES

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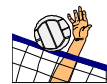
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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! I was standing outside the room in which I was to deliver my seminar at the ACSI convention last Tuesday. My cell phone vibrated and since the presenter of the seminar immediately before mine was just finishing I answered the phone. It was Mrs. Kliever from the office informing me that Mr. Thompson was in the hospital awaiting four by-passes. It certainly caused my focus to go a little out of whack. I gave my seminar, left Kansas City to drive back to Hutchinson for my father-in-law's surgery, hoping that this by-pass thing was not contagious (attempt at humor?). At the present time things seem to be going as well as can be expected for my father-in-law and for Mr. Thompson. Looking back, all of us realize the amount of prayers that were being offered up on behalf of both the men. Certainly from the believer's point of view these things are made easier, realizing that God has our life in his hands and if He desires us to come home, how much the better. As the Apostle Paul stated, "For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you" (Phil. 1:23, 24). I am very grateful that God has seen fit to allow both men to be with us for a longer amount of time. The families of the men certainly see the need for that. I am also grateful that God has granted us this simple way of understanding and living through these situations.

ALL-CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL TEAM



Two varsity players were voted onto the first and second All-Conference teams. Nebraska Frontier Conference volleyball coaches vote on players to represent the NFC. Senior *Michaela Schroeder* is on the first team All-Conference. Senior *Marissa Wells* is on the second team All-Conference. Congratulations!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

If you are interested in playing basketball, please attend a meeting after school on Tuesday, November 8th, in Mr. Thompson's room.



LET'S ALL ENCOURAGE OUR BROTHER & SISTER IN CHRIST, MIKE & JUDY THOMPSON

We are thankful to the Lord for seeing Mr. Thompson successfully through his surgery and we as his OCA Family want to give everyone an opportunity to encourage and lift up the Thompson's. Your child's teacher will have available envelopes which your child can put any donations into, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and then we will be tying all the envelopes onto a "Money Tree" which will be presented to the Thompson Family. This would be a wonderful way to give a gift from all of his OCA Family in lieu of many flowers, balloons, etc. Please remember to send a love gift with your children this week.

PARENT CONNECTION

Parent Connection meetings are on the second Monday of every month, not the first. There is no Parent Connection meeting tonight, it is next week.

GREAT HELP APPRECIATED

Thank you to Dwight Eveland and his companion (4 legged), Snooper, for helping install the new fence behind the portables. You both did a Pro-job! Pete Smagacz

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - A Week

Nov 7 - JH girls health to luncheon - 9:45-11:45
 Nov 10 - Moms in Touch Prayer Group - 8:30-9:30 AM
 Nov 11 - Elementary Harvest Parties

NEXT WEEK - B Week

Nov 14 - HS basketball practice begins
 - Parent Connection - 7:00 PM
 Nov 15 - Conf. Vocal Honor @ PVC - 11:15-9:30
 - JH Boys BB vs Mead - 6:30 PM
 Nov 16 - Physics Field Trip - 9:00-3:15
 Nov 17 - Booster Club - 8:00 AM
 - Moms in Touch Prayer Group - 8:30-9:30 AM
 Nov 18 - Housing Field Trip - 8:50-10:36
 Nov 19 - JH boys BB @ Mead - 9:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD



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 11/7 THRU 11/11

Nov 7	Hamburger w/bun Potato Rounds Orange Smiles Pudding Cup	Crispy Chicken Salad Box Oranges Smiles Pudding Cup
Nov 8	Teriyaki Chicken w/rice Oriental Veggie Salad Pineapple Fortune Cookie	Tuna Salad Sand. Oriental Veggie Salad Pineapple Fortune Cookie
Nov 9	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Peaches Choc. Chip Cookie	Oriental Chicken Salad Lettuce Salad Peaches Choc. Chip Cookie
Nov 10	Chili w/crackers Corn Banana Cinn. Roll	Salad Box w/tuna Banana Cinn. Roll
Nov 11	Hot Dog or Chili Dog Fries Apple Cake	Turkey & Cheese Sand. Fries Apple Cake

WEEK OF 11/14 THRU 11/18

Nov 14	Mac & Cheese Green Beans Orange Sherbet Cup Mini Pretzel	Smart Box Orange Sherbet cup Mini Pretzel
Nov 15	Pancake w/link sausage Potato Rounds Juice Cup Donut Holes	Salad Box w/shrimp Juice Cup Donut Holes
Nov 16	Tony's School Pizza Corn Mixed Fruit w/banana School Fuel	Ham & Cheese Sand. Corn Mixed Fruit w/banana School Fuel
Nov 17	Sliced turkey Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Cranberry Sauce Fruit Fluff Hot Roll Pumpkin Cake w/topping	NO COLD LUNCH
Nov 18	Taco Hot Pocket Salsa Baby Carrots Applesauce Snicker Doodle Cookie	Turkey/Lettuce/Tom. Sand. Baby Carrots Applesauce Snicker Doodle 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.

JH GIRLS VOLLEYBALL UNIFORMS

If you haven't turned in your **clean** uniform, please take it to Mrs. Lovgren's room as soon as possible.

REMINDER: YOUTH SPORTS ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS TOMORROW!

When: Tuesday 11/8, 3:15 - 5:45 pm

Where: In the foyer on the first floor.

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 w/News & Notes last week), 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.

NOTE: Registrations may be made by a parent, child, carpool person, friend, or anyone that can stand in line and hand in a completed, signed registration form with the registration fee. If a team falls short to make an OCA team, the students will still be given an opportunity to play and will be given an option to be put on a Y team. (Still receiving the OCA discounted price, but will need a YMCA Basketball shirt.)



HY VEE SMILES UPDATE

The Hy Vee at 51st & Center was the first Hy Vee to draw for the Smiles for Education, therefore, it is highly unlikely that location will draw a second time. The other Hy Vee locations in our area that have already had drawings are 108th & Fort & 96th & Q locations. Several area Hy Vee managers are certain that a store in Omaha will still have another drawing or drawings since Omaha has 10 locations.

Hy Vee managers dump the registrations out each week and start over each Monday after the drawing for that week. Families need to register our OCA students each week. The last drawing will take place on Dec. 12th, however the last day you can register that week is Dec. 7th. This will be a short week for registrations which means fewer names in the bucket.

You must be 18 years or older to nominate a student and school and you must list a daytime phone number where you can be reached. The drawing will take place after 10:00 AM and the store will attempt to call only two times before going on to another draw.

If OCA is drawn, the school will receive a donation of \$7,500 from Hy Vee and the student nominated will receive an iPod. Please consider taking time each week to register OCA students at the Hy Vee customer service counters at our area stores. Thank you.



BOOK FAIR IS WRAPPING UP

Hate to fight those crowds at the mall? Make your Christmas shopping a little easier this year while benefiting the library. Our "Take-Home Book Fair" offers a wide array of books, CD's, DVD's, etc. through the catalog and 40% of the proceeds go to our library.

Parents of preschoolers through 6th graders: Watch for the devotional coming home with your child today. Thomas Nelson Publishing wishes to encourage family devotions and awards a small prize to students whose families participate and return the signed form on the back page of the devotional this Friday, Nov. 11th.

Reminders:

*Teacher "wish-lists" are available in the office for families who would like to purchase a book in their child's name for a special teacher or for the library.

*Did you know that Thomas Nelson offers gift certificates to our teachers based on class participation in this sale? Help your teacher by simply putting in an order, even 1 item counts!

*The bracelets prize for selling 3 items has been extended until Tuesday, Nov. 8th. Parents need to sign the form and send it back with their child tomorrow.

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK OF OUR BOOK FAIR; ORDERS AND PAYMENT NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY THIS FRIDAY, NOV. 11th. THANK YOU!



QUIZ BOWL TEAM FORMING SOON!

High School students who might be interested in joining the OCA Quiz Bowl team should meet in Mrs. Arant's classroom (2nd floor) on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 3:30 for a short information session. Once formed, the team meets once a week for practice and competitions begin in March. Questions during competition cover history, science, geography, math, art, music and current events. You don't need to be strong in all areas to be a great team player! See you Thursday the 10th. Mrs. Arant

PRAYER CORNER

Mrs. Koehns family

Mr. Dommels family

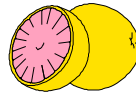
Mr. Mike Thompson - Speedy recovery

Two students injured over weekend:

Danielle Gingrich & Andrew Bebee

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL LEADERS

Seniors *Michaela Schroeder*, *Marissa Wells*, *Laura Johnson*, and Sophomore *Laura Henkenius* were recognized on Friday, October 28 in the *Omaha World Herald* for leading in stats in the Omaha Area. Michaela Schroeder is ranked third in digs, hustling to dig up 155; she is averaging 2.6 digs per game. Marissa Wells is a leader in stuff blocks with 34 blocks on the season. Laura Henkenius is ranked third in the ace serve category with a total of 38 aces this season. Laura Johnson is a leader in three categories: set assists, defensive digs, and ace serves. Laura has 224 set assists (setting a new OCA school record!), is ranked first in defensive digs with 183, and has aced 27 serves.



SENIORS CHEESE & FRUIT SALE

The senior class will be selling assorted cheeses and fruits this week. A senior will contact you concerning your interest in making a purchase. A flyer is attached that contains the products and the prices. All purchases will arrive in time for Christmas. This is a great opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for relatives, friends, and co-workers. Would you consider helping the senior class with this fund-raiser? Say "yes" when the senior calls on you.



ATTENTION VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

All high school volleyball players need to return uniforms to Coach Friesen. The post-season party is scheduled for Saturday, November 12. Also, we have free tickets to a Creighton volleyball game on November 11. Be sure to sign up to attend both party and game on the volleyball board!