


NEWS & NOTES

NOVEMBER 21, 2005

ISSUE 14

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! Basketball season is upon us! Next week the high school teams begin play. The 7th and 8th grade played in a tournament at Mead over the weekend and play at Brownell tonight. As you know, we are a school without a gym. That makes it even more imperative that when we do have home games students who come to the game, watch the games and are in the bleachers when the games are being played. As of this writing, our home games are being played at three different locations, Millard North Middle School, Turning Point, and Grace University. Our ability to keep contracts with these locations depend on our stewardship of the building while we are there. Our younger students can not be going places where they are not supervised. If a student needs to be reminded to sit and watch the game, they will be told to sit with their parents. If your child comes to you and states that he/she has been sent, please keep your child with you for the rest of the night. If the parents are not at the game, the child will be told to call the parents so that he/she can go home. We desire the whole school family to come and enjoy the games. The locations that we will be in will allow for that, there is plenty of seating. The key phrase is "enjoy the games," not enjoy being at the location. Parents, please help us in supervising your children. And, since we are talking about enjoying the games, please remember that we represent our Lord as a school. The athletes are aware of this and the fans need to be aware of it as well. Please remember to be positive and cheer for your players. Calls by the officials will not be changed no matter how much attention you call to yourself. Let the coaches handle the team and the officials, you enjoy the game, cheer for the team, and represent the Lord. It's the simple thing to do.

PARENTS

In our agreement with the church, **all students are to dropped off and picked up at the front (West) entrance.** Only faculty and staff children may use the back (East) entrance when coming or leaving with their parent. Thank you for your cooperation. Mr. Koehn



MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEAM RESULTS

OCA competed with 24 other schools (26 teams), and tied for 3rd Place in Central High School's Math Contest! There were 4 different tests, with each team member taking a 40 minute test, then coming together for the oral team test. In the Sprint Round, Josh Buckingham-Weibel and Sean West scored 33 points; in the Target test, Luke Henkenius and Stephen Jay scored 64 points; and in the Leapfrog Test, Peter Drake and Ben Deaver scored 12 points. The Team came together to get 7 out of 10 oral questions correct (2nd highest score!) Stephen Jay received the 3rd Place Medallion for the Target Test (2nd highest score). Congratulations Stephen and the OCA Middle School Math Team!

MIDDLE SCHOOL HARVEST PARTY

The OCA Middle School students (grades 5-8) are having a Harvest Party on Saturday, December 3 from 3:00-7:00 PM. It will be at Grandpa's Farm in Blair. See the blue note sent home with your child today for more details! We look forward to seeing you there!

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - A Week

- Nov 21 - JH Boys BB @ BT - 6:00/7:00 PM
 - Conf One Act Play - 12:15 PM
 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Nov 23 - Physics Field
- Nov 24-25 - Thanksgiving Break

NEXT WEEK - B Week

- Nov 30 - District One Act Play @ Johnson-Brock-12:15
- Dec 1 - Biology class to DeSoto - 8:00-3:15
 - JV/V boys BB @ CVA - 6:15/8:00
- Dec 2 - V BB @ Bancroft - 6:15/8:00
- Dec 3 - Board/Staff Christmas Party - 9:00 AM
 - MS Party @ Grandpa's farm - 3:00-7:00
 - JV/V Girls BB vs Lewiston @ Grace - 5:45/7:30

LOOKING AHEAD



- Dec 6 - Christmas Concert - Grades K-2 - 6:30 PM
 - Christmas Concert - Grades 3-6 - 7:30 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 11/21 THRU 11/25

| | | |
|--------|---|---|
| Nov 21 | Mini Corn Dogs Corn Kiwi Cool Ranch Chips | Shrimp Salad on croissant Corn Kiwi Cool Ranch Chips |
| Nov 22 | Chicken Pot Pie Baby Carrots Pears Choc. Choc. Chip Cookie | Smart Box Pears Choc. Choc. Chip Cookie |
| Nov 23 | Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Dried Fruit Medley Pudding Cup | NOCOLDLUNCH |
| Nov 24 | HAPPY THANKSGIVING | |
| Nov 25 | NOSCHOOL | |

WEEK OF 11/28 THRU 12/2

| | | |
|--------|---|---|
| Nov 28 | Hot dog Potato Rounds Apple Baked Cheetos | Meat & Cheese Sand. Potato Rounds Apple Baked Cheetos |
| Nov 29 | Chicken Parmesan Green Beans Orange Smiles Buttered Noodles Zebra Brownie | Salad Box Orange Smiles Zebra Brownie |
| Nov 30 | Beef & Bean Burrito Corn Banana & Strawberries Shortcake w/topping | Egg Salad Sand. Corn Banana & Strawberries Shortcake w/topping |
| Dec 1 | Hot Ham & Cheese Celery Sticks Applesauce Choc. Chip Cookie | Crispy Chicken Salad Box Applesauce Choc. Chip Cookie |
| Dec 2 | Chicken Soup w/pasta Baby Carrots Five Cup Salad Goldfish Crackers | Ham & Cheese Sand. Baby Carrots Five Cup Salad Goldfish Crackers |

*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

The last TRP order before Christmas will be called in on Monday, December 5th. Please have your orders in the office by noon on Monday. Attached you will find an updated TRP order form #31 with several new additions. A few retailers have been taken off for various reasons. These gift cards make great Christmas gifts! The next TRP order will be called in on February 6, 2006!

GUIDANCE CORNER

- Iowa Western College will be offering 3 levels of Computer Studies Scholarships. Based upon a senior student's academic status, they may be qualified to apply for 1 of the 3 Computer Studies Scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded to students who will be full-time or four semesters at Iowa Western in a Computer Studies program. Deadline is April 1.
- The Assistance League of Omaha will be offering an ACT Review Course at Westside High School. The course consists of two classes and an additional class for those taking the writing portion of the test. The two classes will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, and Wednesday, Dec. 7, both from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The optional writing class will be held on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. There is a \$30 registration fee for the two classes or \$40 for all 3 classes.
- Countdown to College: A Nebraska Connects Special will air Thursday, December 15 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Central on NET Television (Nebraska's Public Television station). It will feature a panel of college-planning and financial aid experts who will answer viewers' questions on the air.
- **Calendar:**
 - Dec. 22 - SAT Registration Deadline for Jan. 28 Test
 - Jan. 4 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for Jan. 28 Test
 - Jan. 6 - ACT Registration Deadline for Feb. 11 Test
 - Jan. 20 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for Feb. 11 Test
- **If you have any questions regarding this information, see Mrs. Jenkins, Guidance Counselor.**

CHRISTMAS BONUS



During this season of thanksgiving and remembrance, the OCA Board asks for financial contributions to honor our teachers and staff. Our employees sacrifice significantly to work at our school and this is a small token of appreciation for that sacrifice. The amount given will be divided equally among all employees based on their full/part time status.

Make your checks payable to OCA and note "Christmas Bonus". Your gifts are tax deductible. May the Lord richly bless you for your sacrifice.



THANKYOU

The Thomas Nelson Take Home Book Fair was a great success!! We had orders totaling \$4396.00. From that amount our OCA library earned \$1,318.80 and \$440.00 in books!! A great deal of the thanks goes to Mrs. Connie Henkenius who brought the whole thing together. She spent a lot of extra hours at OCA making it all work. Pam Howell, Dianne Jay and Georgene Lahm helped her tabulated the orders. Several teachers earned Thomas Nelson gift certificates for their help involving their students. This was a "new" idea for a book fair with our limited space. The Lord used so many to provide for its success. Stay tuned for next year. Mrs. Randall

DEAR OCA FAMILY,

We want to thank the families of OCA for the prayers, calls and cards, acts of kindness, and generosity showered on our family since my illness and surgery.

It is especially humbling to be so dependent and to feel the prayers and kindness of so many.

We were all overwhelmed by the generosity of the money tree. I was really totally speechless. I am grateful to any one who may have been involved.

I also want to thank those who helped do various parts of my job at school at a time when I was unable to be of any help whatsoever. I think especially of Renee Stukenholtz, Racheal Minich, Mr. Koehn, and Mr. Hamilton. I'm sure there are many more. May God bless you all.

I really miss the students, staff, and others involved in our school. I don't know right now when they will let me return. I continue to appreciate your prayers as recovery is very gradual. Be assured that I pray daily for Omaha Christian Academy. At this Thanksgiving, when I am grateful for so much, all of you folks are at the top of my list.

In Christ,

Mike Thompson

QUESTIONS ABOUT COLLEGE PLANNING?

Tune in to Countdown to College on NET Television Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:00 pm CT for the 7th annual Countdown to College live call-in show. During this one-hour program, experts in the areas of college planning, admissions and financial aid will answer viewer's questions on the air. You can submit questions now or the evening of the show by calling 800-666-3721 or e-mailing them to countdown@educationquest.org. You'll receive an answer on the air or via e-mail. If you miss the show on Dec. 15, watch for a rebroadcast on NET Sun., Dec. 18 at 11 p.m.

CUB SCOUT CORNER

The November Pack meeting will be Monday, November 28th at 6:30 PM at the Fort Street Christian Center.

Congratulations! Every boy sold some popcorn! Please bring any popcorn money you still have to the Pack meeting. See you all there!

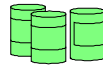


YOUTH SPORTS BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS UPDATE

OCA ended up with enough students to make 4 teams! 1st grade is coached by Matt Stukenholz, 3rd grade is coached by Terry Zank, and the 4th & 8th grade teams are coached by Jim Richards. There is still a lot of room on the 3rd & 4th grade teams. Many more students are going to be on a Y team as there were not enough students or coaches to make OCA teams at all the grade levels. Due to use of public school gyms, practices may not start until after the 1st of January.

I made an error in stating the fee for the 2006 basketball season. The fee actually is \$49 not \$47. If your child is signed up for this basketball season, could you please forward \$2 to the office in an envelope marked 'Youth Sports'. Thank you for helping me out in this matter.

Terri Zimmerle



NHS CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The National Honor Society will be sponsoring the annual food drive November 28 through December 9 with pick up days on Wednesdays and Fridays of both weeks. The class donating the most items at the elementary, middle school, and high school level will receive a class party in January. We are joining with Liberty Christian Center this year. See the article below.



REACHING OUR CITY FOR JESUS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

by Liberty Christian Center

Our goal as a city-wide church is to bring Jesus to our city with the practical gospel of Jesus Christ. We are doing this by reaching out to our local community by collecting food through our Holiday food drive. We encourage our people to reach out to their neighborhoods with paper sacks for the neighbors to fill with food so that we can then give to families in need this holiday season. We are having our annual Great Exchange, which is on Dec. 11th, with a group of children called the Good News Bears and our own church children as a celebration of the Greatest Gift. Finally, we are honoring our local fire and police departments by bringing them Thanksgiving dinner on the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day. In all of this, our goal, this holiday season is to touch people with the love and power of Jesus Christ - For He is the true Reason for the Season.

FB AND VB TEAM PICTURES

If you wish to purchase a football or volleyball team picture, pick up an order form from the office or from Mr. Wollman. 5x7's are \$5, and 8x10's are \$8 in cardboard easel frames.