


OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NEWS & NOTES

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! Only three days this week and then Christmas break. We expect our students to continue to work hard during those three days. First semester is drawing to a close and there are some of our students who need to make the best use of their time and abilities to finish strong this semester. I was the coach for the seventh and eighth grade boys basketball team. As we broke the huddle to take the floor before the game and after time outs we all got our hands together and said, "For the Lord." There were times during the season that I felt I needed to remind the young men of what they said. It seemed that they were saying the words but not playing as though they had meant them. If we do all things as "unto the Lord" then they will get our very best effort. Before we break for the Christmas holidays, my prayer is that our students will finish these three days as for the Lord. Then they can enjoy their Christmas holiday. Speaking for the staff and faculty at Omaha Christian Academy, our desire for you and your families is to have a very, merry Christmas.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, Jan. 3 - School Resumes
- HS Basketball @ Grace
(810 Pine Street)
Mon. & Tues., Jan. 9-10 - Semester Finals



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

There are OCA cookbooks for sale in the office for \$12.00 or 2 for \$20.00. Hundreds of tried and true recipes will make the perfect gift for the "Betty Crocker" on your list. Stop by the office and do a little shopping.



LOST & FOUND

All lost & found items are on the tables by the school office. We have coats, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, gloves/mittens (lots of them), and much more. Items not claimed by Wed., Dec. 21st will be donated to the Good Will.



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING PARENTS!



Mark your Calendars for Parent's Night!

Parents and their son or daughter will be recognized at the Jan. 3, 2006 basketball game vs Weeping Water at Grace University. Parents will be asked to come down onto the sidelines between the boys and girls Varsity games to be recognized.



SYCAMORE EDUCATION

During the Christmas Break, parents who have an email account registered at OCA will be receiving an email from Mr. Koehn. This is an invitation for you to begin using Sycamore Education. If you want your email address added to our list, please notify Mr. Koehn of that intent.

Sycamore Education is a web system that teachers and staff have been using since the beginning of the school year. As a parent, you will have access to your students grades, attendance record, menus and much more. Also, you will be able to Pass-A-Note to any teacher or staff person or OCA family online. If you do not have a registered email account, we will be mailing you a paper copy of your invitation. We will have a get-acquainted with Syc Ed class in early January for all families that are interested.

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - A Week

Dec 19 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
Dec 21 - Sr. English to library - 9:45-3:15
- Elementary Christmas Parties - 2:00 PM
Dec 22 - NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break begins

DURING BREAK

Dec 29 - V girls BB @ Mead - 2:00 PM
- V boys BB @ Mead - 7:15 PM
Dec 30 - V girls BB @ Mead - 2:00 or 5:30 PM
- V boys BB @ Mead - 3:45 or 7:15 PM

LOOKING AHEAD



Jan 3 - Classes resume
- BB vs Weeping Water @ Grace University
4:00/5:15/6:30/8:00 - Parent's Night
Jan 9-10 - Semester Finals
Jan 10 - End of 1st Semester
Jan 16 - NO SCHOOL

WEEK OF 12/19 THRU 12/23

Dec 19	Hamburger w/bun Potato Rounds Melon Shape-Up	Meatloaf Sandwich Potato Rounds Melon Shape-Up
Dec 20	Beef Brisket Potato Latke Applesauce w/blueberries Sugar Cookie	Egg & Cheese Salad Box Applesauce w/blueberries Sugar Cookie
Dec 21	Pizza Hut Lettuce Salad Raisins Pudding Cup	NO COLD LUNCH
Dec 22	NO SCHOOL	
Dec 23	NO SCHOOL	

WEEK OF 1/2 THRU 1/6

Jan 2	NO SCHOOL	
Jan 3	TBA	
Jan 4	TBA	
Jan 5	Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Orange Wedges Tea Roll Pudding Cup	Bologna & Cheese Sand. Green Beans Orange Wedges Tea Roll Pudding Cup
Jan 6	Grilled Che. & Tom. Soup Baby Carrots Peach Cup Chocolate Chip Cookie	Crispy Chicken Salad Box Peach Cup Chocolate Chip 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.



EMAIL LIST

If you would like to be on the OCA email list, please contact the school with your current email address. School closings, News & Notes and special bulletins are sent to you in a timely fashion for your convenience.

PRAYER CORNER

Mr. Mike Thompson - Speedy recovery
 Mr. Ed Cloyd - Health

GUIDANCE CORNER

- ☞ Grace University is hosting "journey2gu" for seniors interested in attending Grace next Fall. Several dates are still available to choose from including January 27, February 20, March 6 and April 7. The registration deadline for all events dates is seven days prior to the event. You must register by the deadline to attend. To register call 449-2831 or email Admissions@GraceUniversity.edu.
 - ☞ The Omaha Chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals is offering several \$1,000 scholarships to seniors interested in pursuing a career in the computing related fields. Application forms are available at aitpomaha.org. Deadline is April 5.
 - ☞ The Great Plains Association of College Admission Counseling is offering three \$1,000 scholarships for seniors. The primary basis for selection will be an essay; however, students must have their highest ACT score ranging btw. 22 and 28, SAT score btw. 1020-1270 (old SAT), or 1530-1860 (new SAT). Application forms are available at www.gpacac.net. Deadline is Feb. 15.
 - ☞ PRIDE-Omaha, Inc. and the family of Dr. Liz Karnes are offering the annual Liz Karnes Memorial Scholarship for Drug-Free Youth to seniors who have lived, modeled, and promoted a drug-free life-style. It is a \$1,000 scholarship. Application forms are available in the guidance office. Deadline is Feb. 17.
 - ☞ UNL will be bringing the Big Red Show to Omaha on Feb. 26, 2006. It will be held at the Qwest Center. For more information go to www.roadshow.unl.edu.
 - ☞ Southeast Community College has scholarship opportunities for seniors interested in attending next Fall. Application forms are available in the guidance office. Deadline is Feb. 1.
 - ☞ The Knights of AK-SAR-BEN Ike Friedman Student Leadership Award is seeking to recognize high school seniors throughout Nebraska and Southwest Iowa who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership by taking action to satisfy the needs of others, by actively participating in service to their school and community, and by motivating others to become involved. Any high school senior may compete for the award. Application forms are available in the guidance office. Deadline is Feb. 3.
 - ☞ Dana College is offering new Departmental Scholarships designed to reward academically-prepared students who choose one of the specified majors. These renewable scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each year and are based on specific criteria determined by academic departments. For more detailed information regarding specific scholarship requirements, contact the Dana College Admissions Office or check out Dana College department web pages at <http://www.dana.edu>.
- Calendar:**
- Dec. 22 - SAT Registration Deadline for Jan. 28 Test
 - Jan. 4 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for Jan. 28 Test
 - Jan. 5 - ACT Registration Deadline for Feb. 10 Test
 - Jan. 19 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for Feb. 10 Test
- ☞ **If you have any questions regarding this information, see Mrs. Jenkins, Guidance Counselor.**

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

1ST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

January 9 & 10, 2006

Grades 9-12

The class schedule for High School students for January 9 & 10 has been altered to allow for extended testing periods.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2006

8:00 - 9:45 1st hour
9:50-11:28 2nd hour
11:33-12:22 7th hour (1st half)
12:22-12:50 Lunch
12:50-1:40 7th hour (2nd half)
1:45-3:23 6th hour

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006

8:00-8:05 1st hour (Attendance & lunch)
8:05-9:45 3rd hour
9:50-11:28 4th hour
11:33-12:22 8th hour (1st half)
12:22-12:50 Lunch
12:50-1:40 8th hour (2nd half)
1:45-3:23 5th hour

Students are expected to be in attendance for every class whether an exam is scheduled or not. Students having a study hall during 6th period on Monday or 5th period on Tuesday many leave at 1:45 pm if they have written permission from a parent (no phone permissions will be accepted). Students serving as aides to elementary teachers should inform your teacher in advance of this change in schedule.