


# NEWS & NOTES

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! Welcome back! I pray that you all had a most enjoyable holiday season. Now it is back to work, for you and your children. For those in high school, we have one week and then finals on Monday and Tuesday of next week. We wish this timing could be a little more convenient, but for the instructional units needed per semester, and starting and getting out of school when we are used to, the placement of finals for first semester happens at a rather strange time. Several other items are happening at semester of which you need to be made aware. We are splitting the freshmen class into two sections. We added a freshmen late in November and will be adding another at semester. Because of the addition of these students, the freshmen class is too large for one classroom. Therefore, we are dividing the students into two sections. We are all aware of how class size affects individual learning. Having two sections of freshmen at around sixteen per class will be beneficial for the students and for the teacher. There is another article in News and Notes giving a few more details of this change. Another change that has actually already started is the access that parents have to Sycamore Education. Sycamore Education, we call it "syc. ed." for short, which is our web based school management system. It allows us to keep attendance, print news items, keep documents and other important things for the school. It also allows parents to come into the system and see the school calendar, look at lunch menus for the month, check on student grades, and pass notes to teachers or other families. We feel this is a great way to improve communication within the school. There is another article in this News and Notes that gives more information. I'm looking forward to an interesting and profitable second semester, please pray with me that all continues to go well at OCA, it is a simple and sincere thing to do.



## ATTENTION SOPHOMORES

Sophomore students and their parents who are in attendance at the basketball games tonight are scheduled to clean up the gym after the game. Please do your part!



## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADER PARENTS!



### Tonight is 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.

## FRESHMAN CLASS TO BECOME TWO SECTIONS

Due to the growth of the freshmen class, it will be split into two sections after semester finals. It is widely accepted that smaller classes make for a better educational environment. The ninth grade class has grown to a level that makes a positive learning environment difficult in the size of the classrooms that we have. Therefore, for the sake of the students and the teachers, we will split the class. For the schedule to accommodate this action, both of the freshmen English classes will be taught by Mrs. Rozema. The classes will be split for geography; one of the classes will be taught by Mr. Thompson, the other will be taught by Mrs. Smagacz. Thank you for your cooperation during this change, as stated, it will be best for all involved. The new schedule and teacher assignments will be given to the students by Monday of next week.

## CALENDAR



### THIS WEEK - B Week

- Jan 3 - Classes resume
- BB vs Weeping Water @ Grace University  
4:00/5:15/6:30/8:00 - Parent's Night

### NEXT WEEK - A Week

- Jan 9-10 - Semester Finals
- Jan 9 - Board/Employee Meeting - 4:00 PM
- Parent Connection - 7:00 PM
- Jan 10 - BB @ Concordia - 4:00/5:15/6:30/8:00
- Jan 11 - 2nd semester begins
- Spelling Bee
- Jan 12 - Family Inservice for Syc Ed - 7:00
- Jan 13 - BB @ BT - 4:00/5:15/6:30/8:00
- Jan 14 - Conf BB Tourney @ Grace - TBA

### LOOKING AHEAD



- Jan 16 - NO SCHOOL
- Feb 7 - Association Meeting - 7:00 PM

### WEEK OF 1/3 THRU 1/6

Jan 3	Beef Soft Taco Corn Kiwi Cinn. Roll	NO COLD LUNCH
Jan 4	Meatball Sub Lettuce Salad Peaches Rice Krispie Bar	NO COLD LUNCH
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

### WEEK OF 1/9 THRU 1/13

Jan 9	Corn Dog Corn Apples Shape-up	Cottage Che. w/fruit Corn Apples Shape-up
Jan 10	Baked Ham Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Salad Biscuit & Honey Red Velvet Cake	Chef Salad Fruit Salad Biscuit & Honey Red Velvet Cake
Jan 11	Pizza Hut Lettuce Salad Applesauce Oatmeal Raisin Cookie	Salad Box Applesauce Oatmeal Raisin Cookie
Jan 12	Sloppy Joe Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit Brownie	Cottage Cheese & Fruit Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit Brownie
Jan 13	Chicken Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Mini Banana Tea Roll Choc. Cake w/frosting	Turkey & Cheese Sand. Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Mini Banana Tea Roll Choc. Cake w/frosting

**\*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

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### SYCAMORE EDUCATION

Many parents received emails over the break inviting them to get online with Sycamore Education. If you save the address in your "Favorites" on your tool bar you will be able to get to the log-in box quickly. Then type in your family code for the user name and the password that was sent to you. The password is case sensitive and you can change it once you are on site. If there is an error, another box may show up asking for a school ID number. That number is 1109. For those of you that we do not have email addresses for, you will be getting a printed invitation. Please ask your child for that slip of paper today. When you get on syc ed you can browse through the site and become comfortable with it. Feel free to call the office with questions. Parents who are Parent Connection members have been using the system since November. You could contact any one of them to answer your questions as well.

On Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month, we will be having a get acquainted with sycamore education meeting here at the school at 7:00 pm. We can get you on a computer at school and acquaint you with the system.



### FINAL SEASON VOLLEYBALL LEADERS

*Marissa Wells, Michaela Schroeder, Laura Johnson, and Laura Henkenius* were all leaders in the *Omaha World Herald* for the Omaha Area final-season stats. Marissa Wells led in blocks with 38 total blocks (an average of 0.6 per game). Laura Johnson and Michaela Schroeder were the top two leaders in digs. Laura was ranked first with 198 digs (an average of 3.2 per game), and Michaela was ranked second with 162 digs (an average of 2.6 per game). Laura Henkenius was recognized for being a leader in service aces. She had 38 ace serves for the season, averaging 0.7 per game.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

OCA appreciates the gifts given in memory of Mr. Edward Cloyd.

### ALL-STATE VOLLEYBALL

Three seniors were given All-State Honorable Mention for the 2005 season: *Laura Johnson, Michaela Schroeder, and Marissa Wells*. Congratulations, ladies!

# 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.