


OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! I pray that you all had a good day yesterday. I am assuming that your children did. Some of them are happy when they do not have to come to school; I do not understand that. The teachers were at an in-service. Dr. Keenan, the vice-president for academic affairs for ACSI was the presenter. Several of the Christian schools in Omaha sent their teachers to hear him speak on the integration of the Biblical worldview in all that is taught, communication, and having joy in the workplace. While each presentation was profitable, the most time was spent on the integration subject. Dr. Keenan used Isaiah 48:17 as a starting place. The verse reads, "Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: 'I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way you should go.'" Dr. Keenan used the phrase, "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you," several times during the day. Ultimately it is the Lord that teaches, and teachers who stand in the front of the room stand in His place and should teach from His perspective. In educational circles, one of the continual debates revolves around the issue of whether we can say teaching occurs if learning does not. As I contemplate Dr. Keenan's text, I would have to fall on the side that one can teach without learning taking place. If it is true that the Lord God teaches, the people of Israel often did not show any application of that teaching in how they lived. I am afraid that the same can be said of those in our society. The Lord still teaches but there are those that hear but do not learn from it. May we be a people who not only hear what the Lord teaches, but put it into practice, demonstrating what we have learned from Him. It is the simple thing to do.

FIRST RATE DRUMMER!



Colton Valasek performed in a percussion contest on Dec. 30th, sponsored by JD Music. There were 6 contestants who were age 20 and older. Colton was the youngest contestant (13 yrs.) and received 1st place and a prize of a Pearl Snare Drum. Colton practices an average of 2 hours per day, and has become an excellent percussionist! Congratulations, Colton!



SINCERE APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for your prayers, your support, the many cards and notes, the hugs, and the many gifts and kindness you have given to me and my family throughout Ed's illness and his death. It has not been difficult to return to teaching because of your continued prayers and support. Thank you, too, for the gifts given to Omaha Christian Academy in his memory. These gifts will benefit the new building in a way yet to be determined. One thing Mr. Cloyd was very passionate about for our own children and for all Christian families was Christian Education. It was his decision that the memorials should go to OCA. God truly is a God who can be trusted. He is good - all the time!

Mrs. Cloyd



ELECTION TIME

The OCA Association shall hold elections for 3 seats on the Board of Director at its February meeting. Board candidates must be members of the OCA Association (see the office for details on Association membership if you do not already belong). The OCA Board asks that you prayerfully consider serving on the board for a 3 year term from 2006-2009. If you are interested, stop by the office and pick up a "Prospective Board Member Questionnaire". Please contact Joe Turco at 575-3000 (W) or 556-8565 (H) or email him at joe.turco@optimumdata.com if you have any questions.

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - B Week

- Jan 19 - Booster Club - 8:00 AM
- G BB vs Boystown @ Grace - 6:00/7:30
- Jan 20 - Science Fair - 7:00 PM
- Jan 21 - Conf. Tour. @ Grace - B-5:15 & G-7:00

NEXT WEEK - A Week

- Jan 23 - Conf. Tour. @ Grace - G-4:30 or 7:45
- Jan 24 - Conf. Tour. @ Grace - B-4:30 or 6:00
- Jan 26 - Kindergarten to Rose Theatre-12:30-2:30
- Conf. Tour. @ Grace - TBA
- Jan 27 - JH G BB @ BT - 4:00/5:00 PM
- G & B BB vs NE City @ Turning Pt- 4:00/5:15/6:30/8:00

LOOKING AHEAD



- Feb 7 - Association Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Feb 14 - Elementary Valentine Parties
- Feb 20 - NO SCHOOL
- Feb 28 - Kindergarten Round-up

WEEK OF 1/17 THRU 1/20

Jan 17	Pancakes & sausage Potato Rounds OJ Cinn. Crumb Cake	Taco Salad Box OJ Cinn. Crumb Cake
Jan 18	Fried Chicken Baby Carrots Biscuit & Honey Frosted Graham	Salad Box w/tuna Biscuit & Honey Frosted Graham
Jan 19	Spaghetti w/meat sauce Lettuce Salad Pineapple Garlic Bread Stick Choc. Choc. Chip Cookie	Chicken Picnic Box Pineapple Garlic Bread Stick Choc. Choc. Chip Cookie
Jan 20	Crispito Mexi Corn Mini Banana Snicker Doodle Cookie	Tuna Salad Sandwich Mexi Corn Mini Banana Snicker Doodle Cookie

WEEK OF 1/23 THRU 1/27

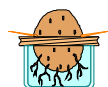
Jan 23	Cheeseburger French Fries Orange Smiles Pudding Cup	Turkey Cheese Roll-up French Fries Orange Smiles Pudding Cup
Jan 24	Creamed Chicken w/rice Peas & Carrots Strawberries Shortcake w/topping	Shrimp Salad Box Strawberries Shortcake w/topping
Jan 25	Pizza Hut Lettuce Salad School Fuel Raisins	Salad Box w/chicken Raisins School Fuel
Jan 26	BBQ Rib Sandwich Potato Salad Pears Sugar Cookie	Chicken Salad Sand. Potato Salad Pears Sugar Cookie
Jan 27	Chili w/crackers Baby Carrots Mini Banana Cinn. Roll	Shrimp Salad on croissant Baby Carrots Mini Banana Cinn. Roll

***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.



MS SCIENCE FAIR Friday, January 20, 7:00 PM



Come and see the work of our young scientists. Information you will gain is: Find out if the new Tide-on-the-Go really works, which chocolate chip cookie tastes best, how long you can keep milk after the expiration date, how accurate are the local weather forecasters, which paper towel is the strongest, which paint covers permanent marker best, is ethanol cost effective?

GUIDANCE CORNER

- ☞ Seniors interested in attending Iowa State University may be eligible to apply for the ACACIA Leadership Scholarship. The scholarship is designed to identify and reward seniors who have demonstrated their ability to excel in the field of academics, extra-curricular school activities, and community involvement. Application forms are available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 1.
- ☞ UNO will again be hosting the Summer Scholars Program, a college preparation program for high school juniors. The goal of this scholarship program is to expose participants to the dynamics of a college campus environment through a five-week precollege summer session, June 5 to July 7, 2006. Students will experience and/or learn about: college academic course work, faculty and staff interaction, time management, college admissions, ACT/SAT preparation, college scholarships and financial aid, career exploration, community service and engagement and social and cultural awareness. The cost is paid by scholarship. To qualify students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, be a resident of the Omaha metropolitan area and be a junior in high school. Application deadline is March 4.
- ☞ Seniors interested in attending Washburn University should contact the guidance office for scholarship opportunities. Deadline is Jan. 20.
- ☞ Seniors interested in attending Gordon College are eligible to apply for the Gordon College Presidential Scholarship. Deadline is March 3.
- ☞ Missouri State University will be hosting the Precollege Summer Academy for high school juniors. Participants are encouraged to register for up to eight hours of general education classes and will also have the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities planned by the college to help students get to know each other and enjoy the Ozarks region. The tuition is free but students will need to pay for their housing. Summer classes will meet Monday through Thursday during the eight weeks of the summer term (June 12 - August 4). Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and have taken at least one nationally normed exam (PLAN or PSAT, ACT or SAT). Application deadline is April 28.
- ☞ The Independent Insurance Agents of NE Foundation is now accepting applications for the Chet Linder Memorial Scholarship. It is a \$750 scholarship. Applicants must demonstrate scholastic application and intend to continue his/her education. The selection committee will also consider the applicant's participation and leadership in school and community activities, and education goals. It is recommended that the applicant intend to major in business or a business-related field. Deadline is April 3.
- ☞ The Assistance League is offering an ACT Review Course. The course consists of 2 classes or 3 classes if taking the writing test. The classes will take place on Tues., Feb. 7, and Wed., Feb. 8. Both classes will run from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The third class for the writing portion of the test will be on Thurs., Feb. 9, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All classes must be attended to receive full coverage. There is a \$30 fee for the 2 classes & \$40 for the 3 classes.
- Calendar:**
 - Jan. 20 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for Feb. 11 Test
 - Jan. 23 - Grace Univ. Rep Visit
 - Feb. 24 - SAT Registration Deadline for April 1 Test
- ☞ If you have any questions regarding this information, see Mrs. Jenkins, Guidance Counselor.**



SPELLING BEE RESULTS

OCA held their school wide Spelling Bee on Wed., Jan. 11th. The students' hard work in preparation was evident as we listened to them spell word after word correctly.

Grade 1 – 1st Madison Vesely, 2nd Brianna Farrington, Grant Rye, Erin Weightman, Dalton Wirges, Madison Taylor

Grade 2 – 1st Branden Perkins, 2nd Mary High, Russell Phillips, Bethany Wollman, Bryce Taylor, Joshua Colbert

Grade 3 – 1st Hannah Lindsey, 2nd Brad Stukenholtz, Mia Morton, Brooke Mott, Kiera Taylor, Rachel Lee

Grade 4 – 1st Erin Cliffton, 2nd Rachel Walter, Zach Lee, Thomas High, Amanda Krehbiel, Mikayla Rye

Grade 5 – 1st Olivia Lovgren, 2nd Lauren Abell, Reid Jenkins, Jonathan Hempel, Thinh Che, Landon Folkers, Ibk Awodele

Grade 6 – 1st Mark Cliffton, 2nd Thien Che, Jonathan Howell, Elizabeth Lempeotis, Heather Rozema, Stacia Howell

Grade 7 – 1st The Che, 2nd Nikki Tulsie, Tori Sorensen, Josh Buckingham-Wiebel, Marcus McLean, Collin Arant, Rachael Kustka, Brendan Byal

Grade 8 – 1st Luke Henkenius, 2nd Sean West, Stephen Jay, Katy Schulz, Marissa Lindsey, Kathryn White

The winners in grades 3 - 8 will advance to the ACSI District Spelling Bee held on Fri., Feb. 10th at Cornerstone. The following are the students going to districts.

Grade 3 – Hannah Lindsey

Grade 4 – Erin Cliffton

Grade 5 – Olivia Lovgren

Grade 6 – Mark Cliffton

Grade 7 – The Che and Nikki Tulsie

Grade 8 - Luke Henkenius



HAS YOUR MAGAZINE ORDERS ARRIVED?

If your magazine order has not yet arrived, call QSP @ 1-800-678-2673 (Monday-Friday, 7 am-6 pm CST) They will fix the problem.



BOOSTER CLUB

OCA Booster Club will meet at the school this Thurs., Jan. 19 at 8:00 am. The upcoming Red Wheel Fund-raiser will be discussed.

HY-VEE RECEIPTS

Hy-Vee receipts dated Sept. 5, 2005 to Dec. 31, 2005 need to be placed in the Hy-Vee box outside the office as soon as possible. Remember OCA receives \$1 for every \$150 in receipts we submit. The last day to turn in receipts is Friday, Jan. 27.

Kathy Nilius



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

K – 8th Grade Spring Soccer Sign-ups are Tues., Jan. 31st! The season is from March 25th through May 20th. More information will be in the next “News & Notes”!

BE LISTENING

The 1st grade class at OCA is on KGBI radio reciting pledges. These will be aired all week at 6:10 AM. Be listening!