

# NEWS & NOTES

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! In the book of Joshua, chapter 24, we read of Joshua's last address to the children of Israel, and then his death. During Joshua's speech to the people, he reminds them of their history and then tells them that they are going to have to make a choice, either serve God, or serve the gods of their fathers. This is where the well known words of Joshua are recorded, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (verse 15). Israel commits to serving the Lord as well, and Joshua puts up a marker as a reminder to the people of their choice. There are probably many of us that have markers that remind us of our commitment. When things get particularly stressful for me, I wear an anchor, which reminds me of Hebrews 6:19 and the hope that we have in Christ. In the Bible study I attend on Sunday nights, we prayed that we would have more of a "God consciousness." We need to be mindful that God is at work in our lives through every circumstance to bring about His good pleasure, even though His will may not seem to be very pleasurable for us at the moment. Perhaps, rather than a bracelet that asks, "What would Jesus Do?" we need something that asks, "What is Jesus doing through me?" So, what is it that you do, or can you do, to provide a marker for yourself, that God is at work, and He is using you in that work? Maybe it is another simple thing we can do as we walk our Christian life.



## ELECTION TIME

The OCA Association shall hold elections for 3 seats on the Board of Directors 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](mailto:joe.turco@optimumdata.com) if you have any questions.



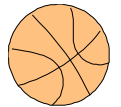
## K-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE YOUTH SPORTS SPRING SOCCER SIGN-UPS!!

It is hard to think about spring sports with basketball still underway. However, **Spring Soccer Sign-ups are Tuesday, January 31st** from 3:15 – 5:45 in the lobby. The season runs from March 25<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup> and the fee for soccer is \$47.00. We will keep the same blue OCA Sport shirt. OCA Youth Sports does not offer the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders Volleyball and Flag Football in the spring. If you want your child to participate in these sports at this time – please sign-up at the YMCA. There is more information and a form available on our school's website and attached to the News & Notes. If there are questions, please call Terri Zimmerle at 493-2850 or email her at [tzimmerle@aol.com](mailto:tzimmerle@aol.com).

## GYM CLEAN-UP

- January 23 - Conf Tour. @ Grace - Juniors
- January 24 - Conf Tour. @ Grace - Sophomores
- January 26 - Conf Tour. @ Grace - Freshman
- January 27 - NC Lourdes @ Turning Point - Seniors
- February 10 - Mead @ Grace - Juniors
- February 11 - Fremont Bergan @ Grace - Sophomores

## CALENDAR



### THIS WEEK - A Week

- Jan 23 - Conf. Tour. @ Grace - G-7:45
- Jan 24 - Conf. Tour. @ Grace - B-4:30
- 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

### NEXT WEEK - B Week

- Jan 30 - 8th grade to Courthouse - 11:30-3:20  
- JH G BB @ ISD - 4:30  
- B BB @ Boystown - 6:15/8:00 PM
- Jan 31 - Steering Comm. Mtg - 7:00 PM
- Feb 2 - Curriculum Committee Mtg - 4:00 PM  
- G BB @ CVA - 7:00 PM
- Feb 3 - V BB @ Prague - 6:15/8:00 PM

### 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 1/23 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

### WEEK OF 1/30 THRU 2/3

Jan 30	Teriyaki Chicken w/rice Oriental Veggie Salad Pineapple Fortune Cookie	Cottage Ch. w/pineapple Oriental Veggie Salad Pineapple Fortune Cookie
Jan 31	Salisbury Steak Mashed potatoes w/gravy Orange Wedge Orange Sherbet Cup Hot Roll	Oriental Chicken Salad Mashed potatoes w/gravy Orange Wedge Orange Sherbet Cup Hot Roll
Feb 1	Hot Dog Broccoli w/ranch dressing Mixed fruit Baked Doritos	Cottage Ch. & Jelly Sand. Broccoli w/ranch dressing Mixed fruit Baked Doritos
Feb 2	Meat Lasagna Lettuce Salad Hard Roll Red Jello cake	Salad Box w/egg Peaches Red Jello cake
Feb 3	Chicken Drumsticks French Fries Apple Bread & Spread Toastio Bar	Egg Salad on croissant French Fries Apple Bread Spread Toastio Bar

**\*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.

### GUIDANCE CORNER

- ☞ Doane College will be hosting their Leadership Academy this summer, July 18-July 22. The Hansen Leadership Program is the college's comprehensive approach toward leadership development. Any 9th - 11th grade student may apply. Selection is based on the student's written response to one of three topics, what they hope to gain by attending the academy, and recommendation letters which refer to the student's leadership qualities. Deadline is April 28.
- ☞ The Assistance League of Omaha is offering an ACT Review Course at Westside High School. The course consists of 2 classes or 3 classes if taking the writing portion of the 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 and \$40 for the 3 classes.
- ☞ Creighton University's Center for Professional Development is again offering an ACT preparation course for high school juniors and seniors. Students will receive 16 hours of exam content instruction in the disciplines of English, math, science and reading comprehension. The course is offered on consecutive weekends beginning March 11 and 12. Course sections will meet on either Saturday or Sunday afternoons (1:00 - 5:00 p.m.). Tuition, including all course materials and instruction, is \$389. For more information and registration go to <http://cpd.creighton.edu> or call 280-2425.
- ☞ UNL will be hosting a senior open house on February 20 and junior open houses on March 20, April 3, April 7, and April 10. To register go to [www.admissions.unl.edu](http://www.admissions.unl.edu). You must register at least one week prior to event date.
- ☞ College of Saint Mary's annual Scholarship Competition Day will be held on Sat., Feb. 4, from 10:30 - 3:00 p.m. at the College of Saint Mary. This event is designed to provide students with an in-depth experience in specific areas of study offered at College of Saint Mary along with an opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in renewable scholarships. If interested RSVP by Fri., Jan. 27 via their website at [www.csm.edu](http://www.csm.edu) or call 800-926-5534.
- ☞ Seniors interested in attending UNK & declaring a major in the Industrial Technology Dept. are eligible to apply for the Larry Ludden Industrial Technology Scholarship. Deadline is March 1.
- ☞ Nebraska Methodist College will be hosting several Open House Events. They will take place on Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17 or Feb. 24 from 1-4 p.m. RSVP to 354-7200.
- ☞ South Dakota State University will be hosting a Junior Day on Saturday, Feb. 4. The program is designed for high school juniors and their parents to explore career opportunities and to learn more about SDSU. Students can sign up online at [www3.sdstate.edu/Admissions/VisitingCampus](http://www3.sdstate.edu/Admissions/VisitingCampus).
- ☞ The Ak-Sar-Ben Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals will be offering up to \$500 in scholarship(s) to individual(s) pursuing a career as an administrative office professional. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Deadline is March 1.
- Calendar:**
- 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.**



### HAVE YOUR MAGAZINE ORDERS ARRIVED?

If your magazine order has not yet arrived, call QSP @ 1-800-678-2673 (Monday-Friday, 7:00-6:00 CST). They will fix the problem.

## JR. CHEER CLINIC

The Junior Cheer Clinic begins in two weeks. Attached is the registration form. These are due by Thurs., Jan. 26th.

### Practice times are:

**K-3rd grade:** Feb. 7th & 9th (3:30-4:45) - Perform on Feb. 10th at halftime time of girls varsity game

**4th-6th grade:** Feb. 6th & 8th (3:45-5:00) - Perform on Feb 10th at halftime time of boys varsity game

## SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

Many thanks to all who helped make our middle school science fair a success. Congratulations to our winners!

### 5th Grade

- 1st Place - Olivia Lovgren - Carpet Cleaning of Grape Juice Stains
- 2nd Place - Lauren Abell - Aerodynamics of Airplanes
- 3rd Place - Madison Smith - Which brand of chocolate do most people prefer

### 6th Grade

- 1st Place - Cody Pearson - Most accurate frisbee
- 2nd Place - Titus Hamilton - Fastest working antacid
- 3rd Place - Steven Putman - Most accurate weatherman

### 7th Grade

- 1st Place - Shannon Neal - Bean growth in different soils
- 2nd Place - Kendra Strasser - Does it take less energy to make than it produces
- 3rd Place - Kyle Krumwiede - Which paper towel is the strongest.

### Overall Winners

- 1st - Shannon Neal
- 2nd - Olivia Lovgren
- 3rd - Kendra Strasser



## 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



## REMINDER TO PARENTS

All children who bring a lunch from home need to be sure and bring their own eating utensils and napkins. The lunchroom can not supply these unless the student buys a lunch from school.

Cindy Ostry



## USED SHIRTS NEEDED FOR YOUTH SPORTS!

The inventory of used 'Youth Sports' shirts is very low. At times, used shirts are nice for 8<sup>th</sup> graders when it is their last year to play, or for someone that has joined the team that is not an OCA student. For others, it simply helps financially. If you have a used shirt that your child has outgrown or you no longer use, please consider donating it to the Youth Sports program by dropping it off at the office or turn it in for a \$4 credit on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> during spring soccer registrations.