


OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NEWS & NOTES

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 Blessings! This week we are celebrating teacher appreciation week. I know that you have been reminded several times to tell them what you think of them (in a nice way!), but I hope you follow through. Most of them work for far less than what they could be making in the public school. Thankfully they do not work according to their paycheck but rather as unto the Lord. When you consider the amount of time that is required to do the job well, nobody wants to look at what they are making per hour. If you were to drive by the school late some night, or in the darkness of the morning, you would see lights glowing from third floor rooms. There are teachers here at weird hours either grading papers or preparing for the classes that will come through their door. Of course checking lights does not tell the whole story because there are briefcases of work that are carried home. I sincerely believe that the teachers here earnestly care about your children. The teachers want your child to succeed academically, and they want to see your child enjoying their academic experience at OCA. Sometimes mistakes are made, or things are said that are perceived differently in the mind of the student than intended in the mind of the teacher. Trust me, teachers are hurt when this happens, and it is because they truly care for each individual in a class. So, this week especially, make a point of telling your child's teacher(s) that you appreciate the work they do.

MESSY MISSIONARIES

MESSY MISSIONARIES needs YOU! Are you short on community service hours? For the students of OCA this fulfills community service requirements. Sign up today! Messy Missionaries will gather together (weather permitting) Saturday, March 10 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to go out in our city to serve by cleaning up small areas that need a loving touch. We will meet at 1:45 at OCA in the lower parking lot. T-shirts have been donated. In order to get a t-shirt you must sign up in advance with a parent permission slip signed. Permission slips are available in the school office. Please turn in permission slips by February 28th to the school office. Stay posted for further details! Come and join us. If you have any questions, please contact Tara Rye, 934-5705.



SPRING SPORTS MEETING

The HS Spring Sports meeting will be held Mon, Feb. 26, 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room Students who plan to participate in soccer or track are required to attend with at least one parent. 

SMART MEET

The annual SMART Meet will be held on Tues, March 20, right here on our own campus! This event is for area Christian schools and homeschools and includes competitions in speech (7th & 8th grades), Art (7th-12th grades), and Science projects (5th-8th grades). Students in grades 7-12 may enter art work in these categories: Drawing & Painting, photography, crafts, ceramics and other. Please register your entry(ies) with Mr. Dods by **Thursday, March 1**. (The lunch period is the best time to see Mr. Dods).

1st-8th grade will not have school on Tuesday March 20, because their classrooms will be used for the SMART Meet. Preschool and Kindergarten will have school this day. Childcare will be available for students up to age 12. Please contact Tammi Colegrove if your child will be attending childcare on March 20.

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A hard copy of *News & Notes* will be sent home to every OCA family beginning today. The office would like to assure that important information is reaching everyone.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK - A Week

Feb 26 - Spring Sports Mtg. - Assembly Rm - 7:00 PM
- TRP Orders Due
Feb 28 - NHS Habitat for Humanity - 11:30 AM
Mar 2 - Quiz Bowl @ Bellevue University

NEXT WEEK - B Week

Mar 5 - District Speech
Mar 6 - Parent Connection Mtg. - 7:00 PM
Mar 8 - Elementary/MS Music Recital
- Kdg. Roundup - Assembly Rm - 6:30 PM

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar 11 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 13 - ACSI Math Tests
Mar 14 - Speech Meet - 1st-6th grade
Mar 15 - Booster Club Mtg. - 8:00 AM
- HS Music Recital
Mar 20 - SMART Meet @ OCA
Mar 20 - NO SCHOOL for 1st-8th grade

WEEK OF 2/26 THRU 3/2

Feb 26	Chicken Nuggets Corn Cobbette Apple Tea Roll Bear Cookie	Cottage Cheese & Bagel w/ Jelly Corn Cobbette Apple Tea Roll Bear Cookie
Feb 27	Crispy Tacos Lettuce/Cheese Cup Corn Pears Brownie	Crispy Chicken Sal. Box Corn Pears Brownie
Feb 28	Rib-A-Q on Bun French Fries Banana Oatmeal Scotty Bar	Taco Salad Box French Fries Banana Oatmeal Scotty Bar
Mar 1	Chili w/ Crackers Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit Cinnamon Roll	Cottage Cheese w/ Pineapple Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit Cinnamon Roll
Mar 2	School Cheese Pizza Broccoli w/ Ranch Peaches Choc/Choc Chip Cookie	Smart Box Broccoli w/ Ranch Peaches Choc/Choc Chip Cookie

WEEK OF 3/5 THRU 3/9

Mar 5	Chicken Quesadilla California Vegetables Orange Cinn. Grahams Cookie	Meat/Cheese Bagel California Vegetables Orange Cinn. Grahams Cookie
Mar 6	Mini Burgers on Buns Potato Rounds Apple Chocolate Cake	Salad Box w/ Egg Potato Rounds Apple Chocolate Cake
Mar 7	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Pears Choc. Chip Cookie	Tuna Salad Pocket Lettuce Salad Pears Choc. Chip Cookie
Mar 8	Sloppy Joes on Bun Crudites Pineapple Oatmeal Scotty Bar	Chef Salad Box Crudites Pineapple Oatmeal Scotty Bar
Mar 9	Mac & Cheese Peas Grapes Blueberry Muf. Squares	Egg Salad Sandwich Peas Grapes Blueberry Muf. Squares

*Students may choose yogurt & cheesestick as a main dish alternative.

Milk will be served with all meals.

Cost: \$2.40 (K-4); \$2.55 (5-12); \$1.00 Extra Entrees

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

BAG 'N SAVE RECEIPTS

Please start saving your Bag 'N Save receipts. From now until May 7 Bag 'N Save will donate \$2 to our school for every \$150.00 spent at Bag 'N Save.

GUIDANCE CORNER

☛ Juniors who are interested in attending one of the United States Military Academies should be starting the process now. The deadline by which Senator Ben Nelson's office needs to receive completed applications from potential candidates who intend to enter academy classes in July, 2008 is October 31, 2007. More information is available in the guidance office and at Senator Nelson's website, <http://bennelson.senate.gov>.

☛ Seniors who attended Ponca Elementary School for at least three years and completed the fifth and sixth grade at Ponca are eligible to apply for one of two \$250.00 scholarships.

Calendar:

- March 8 - Midland Lutheran Rep Visit
- March 9 - ACT Registration Deadline for April 14 Test
- March 15 - Pensacola Rep Visit
- March 23 - Late ACT Reg. Deadline for April 14 Test
- March 29 - Cedarville Rep Visit
- March 29 - SAT Registration Deadline for May 5 Test



DANKE, MERCI, GRACIAS!

It is Teacher Appreciation Week. This is the week parents and students set aside to **Thank** their teachers. Everyone can participate by, purchasing supplies needed for the classrooms, gifts, cards and most of all lifting our teachers up in prayer. OCA teachers give so much to our children. Let's show our Appreciation for our teachers. A luncheon to honor our teachers will be tomorrow (Tuesday) in the Assembly Room. Please pray daily for our teachers/staff and school.

DON'T FORGET!

Pick-up date for all Red Wheel products is Thurs, March 8, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. These products will arrive frozen and we will not have storage space to keep items not picked up that afternoon. If you are unable to pick up the products yourself, please arrange for a family member or friend to do so. Thank you again for supporting OCA through Red Wheel!

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Kindergarten Round-up is Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 PM in the Assembly Room. Come and learn about our program. If you know of families who are interested in Christian education, please encourage them to attend Kindergarten Round-up.

HANDY MAN NEEDED

The Preschool department would like to find someone to build a few coat cubbies. We can supply the lumber if you supply the expertise!



A NOTE FROM PARENT CONNECTION

Remember the "Adopt-a-Staff Member" program? ***Parent Connection*** trusts that you are remembering your special staff member regularly through prayer and small gifts! As the end of the school year approaches, it is a sure thing that your prayers are coveted! (Remember these people are dealing with YOUR children on a daily basis!) If you need a follow-up on your staff member, please contact Kelly Lyle by phone or PAN!

Parent Connection sought input from the faculty over the last month on ways to help them in the classroom or through extra-curricular events. Twenty-seven faculty members responded to the survey and gave wonderful responses! Now let's help them help our kids! Please attend our next meeting - March 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

Parent Connection is already beginning to brainstorm on future endeavors for meeting OCA's mission statement - "The mission of Omaha Christian Academy is to equip students to act justly by demonstrating honesty, respect, responsibility, and discipline, and by applying knowledge in order to perform successfully as students, citizens and workers; to love mercy by demonstrating Christian compassion to all, especially in sharing the gospel; to walk humbly with God by being a student of the Word, a defender of the Truth, and a willing servant of our Lord Jesus Christ." We know that each and every one of our OCA families wants this statement to bear evidence in our students' lives, after all, that's why you are sending your children to OCA! We are asking each family to actively seek ways in assisting ***Parent Connection*** in making this mission statement come to "life". Please attend our next meeting March 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room to find out how to help us reach that goal!

Have you heard? The next ***Parent Connection*** meeting is going to be held March 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room at OCA. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend! Mr. Damon Benning will be on hand to "meet and greet" and answer questions.