


OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NEWS & NOTES

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! I have mentioned the State visit that occurred a week ago last Friday. Omaha Christian Academy has made writing across the curriculum the goal for the school during a five year span. This goal was chosen by looking at standardized norm-referenced tests, teacher surveys, and a requirement by the State of Nebraska that we show evidence of writing across the curriculum at all grade levels. The steering committee approved this goal and we have been working on it for the last two years. If it has not been obvious to you that there has been an emphasis on writing at the school, that is our fault. We should have been making you more informed. We now have collections of writing from the grade levels and subject areas from kindergarten all the way through to the twelfth grade. We then need to assess these writing samples to show improvement from year to year. We are also making a portfolio of work from year to year to demonstrate the increase in writing throughout the various subject areas. We have two more years in which to work on this goal. As you might agree, students who can write well, communicate well, and will have a better opportunity to succeed in higher education. As the school continues to work on this goal, you can be supportive of any opportunity that gives your child the opportunity to write.



ATTENTION PARENTS

The office is in the process of collecting pictures for next year's yearbooks. If you have pictures you would like to donate, please turn them into the school office.

MAGAZINE SALES

Surprisingly, you may be getting renewal slips already for some magazines that you ordered. The magazine companies send them out earlier and earlier to get your business. Please wait until the fall to reorder your magazines. We will be holding our annual Magazine Sales Fundraiser once again after school starts. If you would like to order something before then, please go to www.qsp.com (click 'shop now') and place your order. You may credit the sale to "Omaha Christian Academy" and OCA will get 40% of the sale! There are other items on this site besides magazines that you may also order. Tell your friends and family!

UPDATE FROM DEVELOPMENT


We are pushing forward with the land purchase of 96th and State. The purchase agreement is being amended.

OCA will have a scholarship/voucher program in place with the Open Door Mission. Local businesses will donate money so that children that complete ODM's after-care recovery program will have an opportunity to attend OCA via a scholarship or voucher with tuition provided by local area businesses.

OCA's Ensemble is traveling to Washington DC June 13-16 to participate in the National Anthem Project. We are working with channel 7 to do a piece on the story so stay tuned...

KITE FLYING DAY

In honor of Reading Month, the kindergarten-4th grade classes will be flying kites on Thursday afternoon from 2:15-3:15 p.m. Students should bring their own kites to fly.



A NOTE FROM THE CAFETERIA

Parents, if you have money left on your lunch account at the end of the school year, it will be credited to your tuition account. If you owe money on your lunch account, the balance will be billed to your tuition account.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK - B Week

- May 14 - HS Sports Awards - 7:00 PM
- May 15 - Physics to WOF - 5:30 AM
- May 16 - 5th Grade Music Recital - 1:30
- May 17 - Booster Club Meeting - 8:00 AM
 - Kite Flying Day - K-4th - 2:15-3:15 p.m.
 - Kindergarten Graduation - 7:00 PM
- May 18 - Elementary Awards
 - Last Day Elementary & Seniors
 - HS Awards - 7:00 PM
 - State Track Meet @ Burke
- May 19 - State Track Meet @ Burke

NEXT WEEK - A Week

- May 21 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- May 22 - Last Day Middle School
 - MS Awards & 8th gr. Promotion - 7:00 PM
- May 24-25 - HS Final Exams
- May 25 - Last Day HS
- May 26 - HS Graduation - 10:00 AM

WEEK OF 5/14 THRU 5/18

May 14	Sloppy Joes Baby Carrots Peaches Baked Chips	Cottage Cheese/Fruit Baby Carrats Peaches Baked Chips
May 15	Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Rolls Corn Watermelon Choc. Chip Cookie	Tuna Salad Pocket Corn Watermelon Choc. Chip Cookie
May 16	BBQ Beef Patty on Bun Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Fresh Apple Brownie	Crispy Chick. Salad Box Fresh Apple Brownie
May 17	Bowtie Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Garlic Bun Cherry Cobbler	Cottage Cheese & Jelly Sandwich Lettuce Salad Cherry Cobbler
May 18	Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Grapes Tea Roll Chocolate Chip Cookie	Salad Box w/ Egg Green Beans Grapes Tea Roll Chocolate Chip Cookie

WEEK OF 5/21 THRU 5/25

May 21	Chicken Littles on Bun Potato Rounds Cherries Vanilla Pudding	Egg Salad Sandwich Potato Rounds Cherries Vanilla Pudding
May 22	Nachos w/ Beef/Cheese Cheesy Refried Beans Celery Sticks Banana Snicker Doodle Cookie	Crispy Chicken Sal. Box Celery Sticks Banana Snicker Doodle Cookie
May 23	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Fruit Medley Toll House Cookie Bar	Taco Salad Box Lettuce Salad Fruit Medley Toll House Cookie Bar
May 24	Chicken & Cheese Quesidillas Cucumber/Tomato Sal. Atomic Blue Pears Cinnamon Crumb Cake	Deli Sandwich Cucumber/Tomato Salad Atomic Blue Pears Cinnamon Crumb Cake
May 25	Hot Dog Baby Carrots Diced Peach Cup Sugar Cookie	

*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.

GUIDANCE CORNER

☛The NCSAA National Junior Scholarship College Fair, an online college fair event, is available to all OCA students June 1. Students may use this FREE online resource to research hundreds of Christian colleges across the country. They can access the college fair at: <http://www.ncsaa.org/colleges.htm>. They will also be awarding one \$1,000 scholarship to a junior for use at the Christian college of his/her choice.

☛The Assistance League of Omaha is offering an ACT Review Course at Westside High School. The course consists of two classes with an optional third class for the writing portion of the test. Both classes must be attended to receive full coverage. The first class will be held on Monday, June 4 or Tuesday, June 5 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The optional third class will be held on Thursday, June 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The fee for two classes is \$30 and \$40 for all three classes. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

☛BryanLGH College of Health Sciences will be hosting an Allied Health Information Session, Thursday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m. for interested students and their families. It will be held in Lincoln at BryanLGH College. RSVP at 800-742-7844, ext. 18697.

Calendar:

May 18 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for June 9 Test

ATTENTION PARENTS

Kindergarten needs treasures for the Treasure Box. If you see little items at garage sales this summer, please consider picking them up for the kindergarten Treasure Box. The items are very appreciated.

BAG N SAVE RECEIPTS

The Bag N Save receipt program ran only from February 5-May 9. I was misinformed. Thank you for bringing the receipts to school. Please continue to save Box Tops, the UPC's or lids from Cambells' products and the UPC's from Our Family products.

~Kathy Nilius

BOOSTER CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are looking for a dedicated couple to organize the set-up and/or take down of the home basketball concession stand. Please give Jan Schulz a call, 334-5298 if you would be interested in helping OCA with this important service. Boosters have provided thousands of dollars in equipment, uniforms, instruments, etc., making the extra-curricular activities more enjoyable for your kids! Booster Club also thanks Tom and Donna Kotchka for their many years of service to OCA, they will be missed!



ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTAL RECITAL

Parents and classmates are invited to attend the Elementary Music Recital on Wednesday, May 16th, starting at 1:30 p.m. in the band room. Students will perform in the following order: (each will take about 4-5 minutes.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Instrument</u>
Jasmin Folkers	Violin
Hannah Lindsey	Violin
Mikayla Rye	Flute
Justus Patterson	Tenor Sax
Andrew Richardson	Trumpet
Rachel Walters	Clarinet
Timothy Drowne	Snare Drum
Abby Gingrich	Trumpet
Amanda Krehbiel	Trombone
Christian Cuozzo	Snare Drum
Catherine Vargas	Bells
Jared Saiz	Baritone
Erin Clifton	Clarinet
Zachery Lee	French Horn
Cody West	Trumpet
Kristen Nupson	Violin
Josiah Wyatt	Snare Drum
Jesse Richards	Trumpet
Shye Wirges	Alto Sax
Jessica Colegrove	Flute
Richard Sweeney	Trombone

HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, May 24

8:00-9:42	1st hour
9:47-11:30	2nd hour
11:30-12:00	LUNCH
12:00-1:42	5th hour
1:47-3:30	8th hour
(1:47-2:37	8A)
(2:40-3:30	8B)

FRIDAY, May 25

8:00-8:05	1st hour (attendance/lunch orders)
8:05-9:42	3rd hour
9:47-11:30	4th hour
11:30-12:00	LUNCH
12:00-1:42	6th hour
(1:47-2:37	7A)
(2:40-3:30	7B)

***Parents & Students, please note: All classes will be in session either on Thursday or Friday whether an exam is scheduled or not. These class sessions are part of the total instructional units required to meet State accreditation; students are expected to attend ALL of their classes.**

*Students finishing an exam early will remain in that classroom until the period is over.

*Teacher's aides are to check with their assigned teacher as to whether their help is needed on these days. If not, they should go to the study hall for that period.

*With written permission (or PAN) from a parent, students having a study hall during 1st hour on Thursday, may arrive at 9:45 a.m.

*Students having a study hall during 8th or 7th period may leave at 1:42 on Thursday or Friday with written parental permission.

*Students with permission to leave early, must leave the premises; they may not hang around in the halls/building.



FALL YOUTH SPORTS SIGN-UPS



K-6th co-ed fall soccer, 5th & 6th flag football, and 5th & 6th volleyball sign-ups are on **Thursday, May 17** from 3:15-5:45 p.m. in the downstairs foyer. Soccer, Flag Football, & Volleyball seasons start before school starts in the fall. So, sign-ups need to take place before school lets out because it is difficult to get registrations in during the summer. The soccer, flag football & volleyball seasons are Aug. 18th-Oct. 13th. Teams will be formed by the grade level your child will be in this fall. The fee is \$49.00. There will be a new Youth Sports shirt this fall. The cost is \$8.00 and will reflect the new school colors of navy and gold. For more information call Terri Zimmerle, 493-2850, email at tzimmerle@aol.com, or send a PAN. A registration form has been attached to this News & Notes, and posted on OCA's website and Sycamore Ed. Please register early to guarantee a spot on a team.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

Please attend the last Booster Club Meeting of this school year, this Thursday, May 17th, 8a.m. on the second floor. Hope to see YOU there!



HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

GAMES

3-27-07:	Conestoga - 1 OCA - 2 (called @ Half because of inclement weather)
4-2-07	Ralston - 3 OCA - 0
4-3-07	Boystown -1 OCA - 2
4-10-07	Gretna OCA (cancelled due to inclement weather)
4-12-07	Elkhorn - 5 OCA - 2
4-17-07	NE Lutheran - 3 OCA - 5
4-23-07	BT/Concordia - 2 OCA - 4
5-3-07	NE Lutheran - 2 OCA - 6

Members of the Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ben Hawk	Forward
Jacob Richards	Forward
Michael Howell	Forward
Max Lewis	Midfielder
Andrew Bebee	Defender/Goalie
Aaron Nilius	Defender
Caleb White	Midfielder
Brian Jay	Defender
Luke Henkenius	Forward
Colby Arndt	Midfielder
Anthony Intorre	Goalie/Midfielder
Casey Vohnout	Midfielder
Chris Kersey	Midfielder
Stephen Perry	Forward
Justin Begg	Defender
Gabe Jasso	Defender
Stephen Jay	Defender
Joe Hawk	Defender
Derek Roach	Forward

Record 5-2: Way to go, Guys!



DISTRICT TRACK AT NORTH BEND

Girls Team - 4th Overall

Tabitha Hamilton	Shot Put: 38-03 1/4	2nd
State Qualifier - Congratulations, Tabitha		
Tabitha Hamilton	Discus: 112-02	4th
Stephanie Hamilton	Shot Put: 34-01 1/2	5th
Stephanie Hamilton	Discus: 103-8	
Julia Warnke	Long Jump: 15-9 3/4	2nd
State Qualifier - Congratulations, Julia		
Julia Warnke	Triple Jump: 35-6 3/4	1st
State Qualifier - Congratulations, Julia		
Lauren Strasser	High Jump: 4-6	Tied for 5th
Pam Zimmerle	400 M: 1:04.1	5th
Danielle Gingrich	3200: 13:01.9	3rd
Stephanie Thompson	800 M: 2:34.2	4th
School Record		
Laura Henkenius	300 Hurdles: 53.7	6th
School Record		
Stephanie Thompson, Julia Warnke, Katie Arant, Pam Zimmerle		
	4 x 100 Relay: 54.8	5th
Katie Arant, Stephanie Thompson, Laura Henkenius, Pam Zimmerle		
	School Record	4 x 400 Relay: 4:31.1
		6th
Beth Stone, Lauren Strasser, Stephanie Hamilton, Laura Henkenius		
	4 x 800 Relay: 12:12.8	5th

Boys Team: 5th Overall

Andrew Minich	Shot Put: 48-4 3/4	1st
State Qualifier - Congratulations, Andrew		
Alex West	400 M: 53.3	2nd
State Qualifier - Congratulations, Alex		
Robert Sweeney	3200 M: 11:51.7	5th
Chris Rozema	800 M: 2:14.7	6th
Matt Tulsie	300 Hurdles: 43.2	4th
Andrew Minich, Matt Tulsie, Jared Parsons, Kevin Shaw		
	4 x 100: 47.0	3rd
Tied School Record		
Matt Tulsie, Chris Rozema, Alex West, Kevin Shaw		
	4 x 400: 3:45.8	3rd
School Record		

STATE TRACK MEET SCHEDULE

Friday, May 18

9:00 a.m. - Julia Warnke - Long Jump
 11:00 a.m. - Andrew Minich - Shot Put
 11:15 a.m. - Alex West - 400 M Prelims

Saturday, May 19

8:30 a.m. - Tabitha Hamilton
 12:55 p.m. - 400 M Finals ?
 3:30 p.m. - Julia Warnke - Triple Jump

Order your 2007 Yearbook Today

Two OCA yearbooks will be available for purchase:



Junior Eagle

Preschool-Eighth Grade
48 Pages - **Full Color!**
soft cover bound
individual student photos
over 300 candid photos
Price: **\$20** (\$25 after May 25)

The Eagle

9th-12th Grades
76 pages - **Full Color!**
hard cover bound
individual pictures of each student
over 500 team, action, and candid photos
Price: **\$35** (\$40 after May 25)



STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

_____ Junior Eagle Yearbook(s) @ \$20 (\$25 after May 25) \$_____

_____ High School Yearbook(s) @ \$35 (\$40 after May 25) \$_____

(Please return order to the school office. Make checks payable to OCA) Total enclosed: \$_____

Sports Awards Night

High School students who have participated in any athletic event this school year (2006-2007) are invited, with their families, to the Sports Awards Night on Monday, May 14 at 7:00 PM in the Assembly Room. Chapel dress is required.

**Admission price is one pie per family.
(excluding seniors)**

(Senior parents are to set up, serve and clean up)