


NEWS & NOTES

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! I went to Minnesota this past weekend. There was a special (to me) birthday party I had a strong desire to attend. We came home the longer route because of the scenery. Between the cities and Mankato on highway 169, you can drive through some places that are gorgeous. The highway is cut through thickly forested areas that display every fall color imaginable. Regrettably, that far north, many leaves have already fallen, but there were still enough remnants to make the extra time worthwhile. It is a great time to acknowledge God. A person appreciates all that He has done to bring beauty through color to our lives. It is one of the reasons that I enjoy this season of the year more than the others.

On another, and far more depressing note, but one that needs to be addressed, we have had several break-ins of vehicles at the football games. It has happened at two separate games. The thief will break a window and take purses that are left inside the car. Last Friday, the thief broke a window to get into the car to open the trunk and steal the purse that was there. Obviously the culprit had observed the fans open the trunk and put the purse there. A couple of things are the result of this action. One, do not leave any valuables in plain site within your vehicle. It would be best to place purses or other valuables in the trunk before arriving at OCA. Two, there will be someone in the parking lot during the games to watch the cars. Three, you need to be observant of anyone who is just sitting in a car. If you see such a person, notify the person who is observing in the parking lot or the people taking money at the gate. It is extremely discouraging that what should be an enjoyable event for all has turned into something that calls for extra effort by all to prevent frustrating occurrences from happening again.

ASSOCIATION MEETING

There is a special association meeting tonight at 7:00 PM. Adult supervised childcare will be provided for children up to 6th grade. There is a Question & Answer document posted on Sycamore Education. It contains information regarding the possible land purchase.

BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

Our annual Thomas Nelson Book Fair will be held October 17-31. Catalogs and order forms will be sent home with your student on Tuesday, October 17. This is a great way to complete some of your Christmas shopping early, and there is also an opportunity to donate books which our teachers have put on their "Wish Lists" for their classrooms. These "Wish List" book ideas will be available in your child's classroom beginning Oct. 19, and they will also be available during the Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 27. Plan to come by the Book Fair table during Conferences to check out the latest books from Thomas Nelson!

Last year the library earned \$1,320.00 in cash from the Book Fair, and part of that was used for two complete World Book encyclopedia sets! The library also received \$440.00 worth of books to add to its shelves, and teachers earned a total of \$150.00 worth of books for their classrooms! Look for more information next week!

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK - A Week

- Oct 9 - Association Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Oct 10 - JV FB @ ISD - 4:00 PM
 - MS FB vs Cedar Bluffs - 5:00 PM
 - JV/V VB vs Omaha Nation - 6:15/7:30 PM
- Oct 12 - MS VB vs HS @ Westroads Club- 4:00 PM
 - JV/V VB @ Collegeview - 6:30/7:30 PM
- Oct 13 - 2nd gr. to Fontenelle Orchard - 11:00 AM
 - 7th gr. to World Herald - 11:00 AM
 - FB vs Brownell (Senior Night) - 4:00 PM
 - MS Tailgate Party - 6:00 PM

NEXT WEEK - B Week

- Oct 16 - Board Meeting @ OCA - 6:30 PM
- Oct 17 - KDGN to Pumpkin Patch - 12:30 PM
 - MS Book Fair Kick-Off - 1:30 PM
 - Elementary Book Fair Kick-Off - 2:15 PM
 - MS VB vs BT @ Westroads Club 4:00 PM
 - NFC VB Tourn. @ Prague: OCA vs CVA-6:00 PM
- Oct 18 - PSAT - Juniors
 - JV/V VB @ Collegeview - 6:30/7:30 PM
- Oct 19 - HS Band Concert @ Grace U - 7:30 PM
 - NFC VB Tournament @ Concordia
- Oct 20 - 4th gr to Gifford Farms - 11:15 AM
 - FB @ Concordia - 4:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct 23-24 - NO SCHOOL
- Oct 27 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences



WEEK OF 10/9 THRU 10/13

Oct 9	Nachos w/ Meat Corn Papaya Wedge Shape Up	Deli Combo Sandwich Corn Papaya Wedge Shape Up
Oct 10	Egg & Cheese Omelet Potato Rounds 100% Fruit Juice Cereal Bowl Pack	Taco Salad 100% Fruit Juice Cereal Bowl Pack
Oct 11	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Pears Butterscotch Chip Cookie	Salmon Salad Sandwich Lettuce Salad Pears Butterscotch Chip Cookie
Oct 12	Teriyaki Chicken w/ Rice Chow Mein Noodles Napa Cabbage Salad w/ Snow Peas Pineapple Cookie	Salad Box w/ Egg Chow Mein Noodles Pineapple Cookie
Oct 13	Macaroni & Cheese Cal. Vegetable Medley Grapes Hot Roll Jello Cake	Oriental Chicken Salad Grapes Hot Roll Jello Cake

WEEK OF 10/16 THRU 10/20

Oct 16	Mini Corn Dogs Green Beans Orange Wedge Pudding Cup	Egg Salad Sandwich Green Beans Orange Wedge Pudding Cup
Oct 17	Smart Sub Baby Carrots Applesauce Cup Cookie	Westside Smart Box Baby Carrots Applesauce Cup Cookie
Oct 18	Egg/Bacon/Cheese Potato Rounds Biscuit Fruit Turnover	Eggstravaganza No Cold Lunch
Oct 19	Penne Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Pineapple Brownie	No Cold Lunch
Oct 20	Chicken Filet Steamed Broccoli Apple Hot Roll Cookie	No Cold Lunch

*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.

OUR FAMILY LABELS

Our Family Labels need to be turned in by the end of October to get the triple credit. If you have any questions regarding Labels, Lids, or Boxtops, please call Kathy Nilius 492-8777.

GUIDANCE CORNER

The 2007 Sam Walton COMMUNITY Scholarship will be available on-line from November 1 through January 12. More information, printable on-line instructions, and the link to apply for these and other Wal-Mart Foundation programs are found at www.walmartfoundation.org. The access code (SWCS) must be used to access this application process. To qualify the student cannot be a Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. or SAM'S CLUB Associate. Deadline is January 12.

Iowa Western will be hosting Engineering and Computer Science Day on Wednesday, Oct 25. The programs featured will be Building Trades, Civil Engineering, Architectural Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Network Support and Administration, Computer Science-Web Design, and Computer Science-Game Creation. If interested in attending please contact the guidance office. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, Oct 18.

Southeast Community College - Milford Campus is hosting Transportation Career Day to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 8. This event is being held for juniors and seniors. If interested in attending please contact the guidance office. Registration deadline is Friday, October 27.

The Nebraska Academy of Sciences sponsors a number of scholarships each year for High School seniors planning to attend Colleges or Universities in the State of Nebraska. All scholarship information is detailed on their website at neacadsci.org/info/Scholarship.htm Deadline is March 1.

Washington University in St. Louis will be hosting an informational meeting on Thurs., Oct. 26 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. It will be held at the Omaha Marriot Hotel. The program will provide information on academic programs, life on campus, and how to apply for admission and financial assistance at Washington University. No reservation is needed. For additional information call 800-638-0700.

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. Both classes must be attended to receive full coverage. The first class will be held on Monday, Oct. 23, or Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The second class will be held on Wednesday, Oct 25 or Thursday, Oct. 26 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The optional third class will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The fee for two classes is \$30. If all three classes are desired, the fee is \$40. Seating is limited, you must pre-register. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

Calendar:

- Oct. 11 - Late SAT Reg. Deadline for Nov. 4 Test
- Oct. 18 - PSAT Testing for Juniors
- Oct. 30 - Iowa Western Rep Visit
- Nov. 1 - SAT Registration Deadline for Dec. 2 Test
- Nov. 3 - ACT Registration Deadline for Dec. 9 Test
- Nov. 8 - Northwestern College (Iowa) Rep Visit
- Nov. 9 - Financial Aid Workshop w/ Ed. Quest - 7:00 pm
- Nov. 9 - Late SAT Reg. Deadline for Dec. 2 Test
- Nov. 15- Nebraska Christian College Rep Visit
- Nov. 16- Late ACT Reg. Deadline for Dec. 9 Test



TRP ORDER DATE



October 16th & 17th will be the last two TRP turn in dates before Christmas! Please have your orders and money turned in to the office by noon on both days. You should be using order form #36 (found in lower left hand corner of the order form). Several new vendors have been added: P. F. Chang's, The Cheesecake Factory, Hickory Farms, Younkers, Applebee's, and Walgreens. If you have any questions, please call Tammy Krumwiede in the school office.

FOREIGN STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

KoAm Education Alliance invites you to participate in the 2007 Winter Visit Program. This involves hosting a Korean student in grades 3-7 for 5 weeks in January and February, 2007. We are looking for host families who would like to experience an exciting cultural exchange and broaden their perspectives on the world. Please call the school office for more information.

GATE/CONCESSION/CLEAN-UP WORKERS:

Tues., October 10: VB vs Omaha Nation @ Ralston MS

Gate: Steve & Terri Zimmerle

Clean Up: Doug & Marilyn Bryce/Juniors

Friday, October 13: FB vs Brownell Talbot

Gate: John & Cindy Ostry

Concessions: Jay & Suzette Perry/Ken & Joyce Begg

Grill: Lee & Jackie Putman

Clean Up: John & Lorri Parsons/Juniors



CICI'S PIZZA

Come help us celebrate with the football team after the home games on Friday nights!

WHO: Family, friends, students, anyone who likes Pizza

WHEN: Friday, October 13 after the game is over

WHERE: Cici's on 114th & Dodge

Cici's is again donating 10% of the sales back to OCA.

Put your receipt in the designated box at Cici's. Any questions, call Julie Richards.



EMAIL LIST

If you would like to be on the OCA email list, please contact the school with your current email address. School closings, News & Notes and special bulletins are sent to you in a timely fashion for your convenience.



WINNERS OF 2006 HOMECOMING

High School

Spirit Bean Contest - Zach Lahm w/ 289 - (293)

Run Through - 1st Place: Freshman

2nd Place: Juniors

3rd Place: Seniors

Hallway - 1st Place: Seniors

2nd Place: Freshman

3rd Place: Juniors

Middle School

Spirit Bean Contest - Shye Wirges w/ 290 - (287)

Ernie Contest - Steve Putman & Mike Perry

Elementary

Spirit Bean Contest- There was a three way tie between Mikayla Arrington, Bryce Taylor, and Evan Wells. They all guessed 280, and the actual amount of beans were 266. After having a stand off between the three students, Evan Wells won.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Friday, October 27 from 12:00-8:00 p.m. Parents are required to attend these conferences. Report cards will be given out.

K-4th grade: Please call the school office to schedule a 15 minute conference with your child's teacher.

5th-12th grade: These conferences will be held on the 2nd floor on a first come basis.

SCOREBOARD CORNER



Varsity Football:

OCA 7- Cedar Bluffs 46

Volleyball:

JV vs Prague: 10-25; 22-25

JV vs Winnebago: 21-25; 20-25

JV vs Concordia: 18-25; 18-25

JV vs Mead: 21-25; 10-25

V vs Prague:

25-27; 15-25; 10-25

Varsity defeated Winnebago:

25-16; 19-25; 25-15; 25-6

MS Football

OCA defeated Parkview Christian 38-8

MS Volleyball

OCA defeated ISD 25-21; 19-25; 15-12

SCHOOL SECURITY

With the horrific shootings in school buildings, three within a week's time, the safety and security of school children has become a greater issue for discussion than since Columbine. In the majority of the newsletters I have received in the last week, school safety has been addressed in some fashion. Many of you are probably asking, "So what are we at OCA going to do about it?"

First of all, I have addressed the issue during the faculty meetings that we hold during the week. I have asked the teachers to be more aware of people that are in the building. If people who are in the building are not wearing a volunteer or visitor badge, they are to be directed immediately to the office to obtain one. The teacher is to call the office and let us know that a visitor is coming to obtain a badge. If the person does not show up at the office, we will take appropriate action. This adds some responsibility to those of you who come to visit or volunteer at school. It does not make a difference if you come a lot of times or a few, if you are visiting the school, you must wear a visitor or volunteer badge. I know that there are some grumblings about climbing all the stairs to the third floor to get a badge if you are going to be helping in the first grade classroom. Therefore, I am going to make sure that there are badges in each of the classrooms on first and second floor so that you may go to the classroom you are going to be helping in and get a badge from that teacher. Even though I know many of you by sight, I will still ask you to wear a badge. Please understand that just because I know you or most of the teachers know you, not all of the teachers may know you and wearing the badge will eliminate some possible procedures that would interrupt the school day for all.

From the beginning of the year I have set tighter parameters on the areas in which the elementary students are playing. When they are in the front of the building they are not allowed on the hill between the parking lot and the school. The children are to stay on the parking lot and in the grassy area. This provides for better teacher supervision and much less access to the students from the road in front of the school. Students are required to stay in highly visible areas when at the playground in the back of the building. Teachers are also required to be able to communicate with the office whenever they are out of the building. Our teachers either carry their personal cell phone or one of our radios.

It is obvious that the largest area of concern is at the entry level to the building. I have asked Liberty Christian Center to help us as far as people entering the building. They recognize those individuals that have a legitimate reason to be in the building. I have asked them to please stop and question the individuals they do not know if they are loitering in the lobby and to notify our office so that we can determine what needs to be done. If you come to school and are stopped by church personnel, please do not feel affronted. They are doing what has been asked of them to assure the safety of your child and the other children in the building.

I am also instituting lock-down practice once a month in the building. Our teachers have been aware of what to do during a lock-down but we have not practiced it in the past. Because teachers and students need to know what to do and where to go during a lock-down if the need arises, and be quick in doing it, we will have regular drills. One of the responses to people being in the building that are unrecognized and without a badge will be to lock-down the building. This of course will cause an interruption to the teaching-learning process which is one of the reasons you need to do your job and wear a badge when you are in the building.

I have heard people say that we are much more accessible to something happening in this building than the other one. I think that is partially true due to the ability we had to control access to the other facility. However, someone with evil intentions could still have gained access by lying regarding his/her reason for being at the school, and the first rooms he/she would have had access to would have been the elementary rooms. That person could have been in a room before the office was aware he/she did not come straight to the office. We are more secluded in this building than the other. A normal flow of traffic does not pass by this building as it did the other building. In that way we are better off. The thing that is true regarding both buildings is that the God that protected us there, protects us here. It is obvious from this letter that we are not going to ignore what is reasonable and prudent and tell you that you just need to trust God, but I do not want to discount God's watch care over us either.