


NEWS & NOTES

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! Thank you so much to all of you who attended the Parent-Teacher conferences on Friday. I will get an exact percentage of attendees later today. Judging by the amount of family packets remaining on the table at the end of the night, we had a very high percentage of parents who came to visit with the teachers. I believe that the educational environment will always improve when parents and teachers work together in the education of the child. I know that you can check grades and ask the teacher questions using Sycamore Education, but there is something to be said of face to face communication. Especially this year, as we have quite a few new faculty members, it helps to put a face with the name and get to know each other a little. I also received several compliments on the set up for the conferences this year. I think that it was nice that all the conferences could be held in close proximity to one another. Even though the tables were a little closer to each other, the carpet in the large rooms absorbed most of the noise. Again, thanks to all of you who came and I pray that it was a profitable time for you.

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

School picture retakes are Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 8:30 a.m. If you missed PICTURE DAY, you need to have your picture taken. If there is a problem with your pictures (such as closed eyes), the photographer will retake your picture free. There is a \$2.00 retake fee if the retake request is for personal choice. This includes such items as different clothing, removal of braces, or a different hairstyle. Please bring your unwanted package or proof to the camera on retake day. **Please call, PAN, or stop in the office and sign up for picture retakes.**



BOOK FAIR ENDS TOMORROW!

Tomorrow is the last day to turn in order forms for the Thomas Nelson Book Fair! Please send order forms and payment with your student tomorrow (Tuesday, October 31) if you have not done so already. Orders should arrive near the first part of December. Thanks for your participation, and thanks to all of you who are helping the teachers by donating books on their Wish Lists!

SCHOOL COLORS

There are some of you that have noticed the difference in colors in the school uniforms. The colors for Omaha Christian Academy have been blue and gold, and still are, but traditionally the blue has been a royal blue and now there has been a lot more navy blue showing up in the uniforms. I am sure that there are several reasons. One is that the navy blue does not show wear as much as the royal blue on the football uniforms, therefore not needing to be replaced as often. There has been a concern expressed that we solidify what our school colors are so that all the choices regarding color from now on would be unified. That has been done. The Booster Club has recommended that the school colors are officially navy blue and vegas gold. In the purchase of school stationary, uniforms, music apparel, school tee-shirts and sweatshirts, and even in the design of our new building, navy blue and vegas gold will be the colors that will be used. The one thing that affects parents right now is the purchase of letter jackets. Some have ordered jackets that are royal blue. I have written a letter to Hauff's Sporting Goods, informing them of the change in color. I have asked them to tell our parents that during this school year, the parent may make the choice between royal blue or navy blue being the dominant color of the letter jacket. Starting this coming summer, the color of the jackets will feature the navy blue and vegas gold. Thank you for your support of the school, and we will try to get more school apparel available for purchase to show that support.

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - B Week

- Oct 30 - VB Subdistricts @ Boystown - 4:00 PM
- Worship Team to ODM Chapel - 7:00 PM
- Oct 31 - Book Fair Ends
- VB Subdistricts @ Boystown
- Nov 1 - Rotary Club Mtg. w/ 8th Graders - 2:40 PM
- MS Boys BB Meeting - Room 308 - 3:30 PM
- Nov 2 - HS Boys BB Meeting - 3:30 PM - Assem. Room
- MS Boys BB Practice Begins
- Nov 3 - Anat./Phys. to Iowa Western - 8:30 AM

NEXT WEEK - A Week

- Nov 8 - Picture Retakes
- Nov 9 - Financial Aid Workshop - 7:00 PM
- Nov 10 - Elementary Harvest Parties
- Nov 11 - Quiz Bowl at Elkhorn - 9:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

- Nov 13 - Winter Sports Practice Begins

WEEK OF 10/30 THRU 11/3

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| Oct 30 | Pizza Rolls Broccoli w/ Ranch Dress. Pears Pudding Cup | Turkey Croissant Sandwich Broccoli w/ Ranch Dress. Pears Pudding Cup |
| Oct 31 | Hot dog Beans Carmel Apple Cookie | Salad Box w/Meat&Cheese Beans Carmel Apple Cookie |
| Nov 1 | Lasagna Lettuce Salad Peaches Garlic Bun Brownie | Meat & Cheese Tortilla Lettuce Salad Peaches Garlic Bun Brownie |
| Nov 2 | Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Tangerine Hot Roll Chocolate Cookie | Shrimp Salad Croissant Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Tangerine Hot Roll Chocolate Cookie |
| Nov 3 | Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Baby Carrots Cherries Rice Krispie Bar | Salad Box w/ Shrimp Tomato Soup Baby Carrots Cherries Rice Krispie Bar |

WEEK OF 11/6 THRU 11/10

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| Nov 6 | Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Orange Smiles Biscuit Bear Cookie | Tuna Salad Sandwich Green Beans Orange Smiles Biscuit Bear Cookie |
| Nov 7 | Smart Sub Baby Carrots Applesauce Cup Chocolate Chip Cookie | Crispy Chicken Salad Box Baby Carrots Applesauce Cup Chocolate Chip Cookie |
| Nov 8 | Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Pears Oatmeal Bar | Meat & Cheese Sandwich Lettuce Salad Pears Oatmeal Bar |
| Nov 9 | Chili w/ Oyster Crackers Celery Sticks Peaches Cinnamon Roll | Salad Box w/ Tuna Salad Celery Sticks Peaches Cinnamon Roll |
| Nov 10 | Chicken Parmesan Buttered Noodles Peas Fresh Red Pear Zebra Brownie | Taco Bowl w/ Lettuce Buttered Noodles Peas Fresh Red Pear Zebra Brownie |

*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

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GUIDANCE CORNER

South Dakota State University will be hosting several Fall Visit Days. They include Nov. 3, 9, 17; and Dec. 1 and 8. If interested in attending call 800-952-3541 or go to www.sdstate.edu.

The American Legion is sponsoring the 2007 Maynard Jensen American Legion Memorial Scholarship Program. Applicants must be the sons or daughters, grandchildren or great grandchildren, adopted or stepchildren of members of Department of Nebraska, The American Legion or POW, MIA, KIA, or any veteran that was a current American Legion member at time of death.
Deadline is March 1.

Calendar:

- Oct. 30 - Iowa Western Rep Visit
- Nov. 1 - Hillsboro College Rep Visit
- Nov. 1 - SAT Registration Deadline for Dec. 2 Test
- Nov. 3 - Dordt College Rep Visit
- Nov. 3 - ACT Registration Deadline for Dec. 9 Test
- Nov. 7 - UNK Rep Visit
- Nov. 8 - Northwestern College (Iowa) Rep Visit
- Nov. 9 - Financial Aid Workshop - 7:00 p.m.
- 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



COLLEGE PLANNING/FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

Education Quest will be providing a Financial Aid and College Planning Workshop at OCA on Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the assembly room on 2nd floor. This is an excellent opportunity for students and their parents to get valuable information on planning for college, the college admissions process, and options for funding a postsecondary education. There will also be time for question and answer sessions.



YOUTH SPORTS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

When: Tuesday, November 7 from 3:15-5:45 p.m.

Cost: \$51.00

Who: K-6th Grades, Boys & Girls

Need: Signed Registration Form (attached) or on OCA's website www.omahachristianacademy.com. Click on the "Youth Sports" link. If any questions PAN Terri Zimmerle, Call 493-2850, or email tzimmerle@aol.com.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Parents, if you are interested in serving on the Wellness Committee, please contact the school office.



HS BOY'S BASKETBALL MEETING

There will be a meeting for high school boys who are interested in playing basketball on Thursday, November 2 at 3:30 p.m. in the assembly room.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of the families who provided food for the teachers during Parent/Teacher conferences.



FOOTBALL 2006

Whether you play or watch football, it is a very entertaining sport. The 2006 OCA football team enjoyed playing even though the win/loss record was a little frustrating. This team played with character and even had a few characters on it. Our society measures success by wins, losses, stats, etc. Sometimes these things do not tell all of the story. This group of football players were often outsized. However, the effort given on the football field was not out matched by the other team. Lessons were learned and trials worked through. Although the team had a setback in wins, there were still successes in areas on the field. Chance Rohlring led in rushing with 629 yards and Wyatt Wirges was second with 540 yards. Defense was led by Andrew Minich with 75 solo tackles. Thanks to Alex West, Andrew Minich, Nick Crawford, Aaron Nilius, and Matt Colegrove for their leadership throughout the season. Thanks to Coach Nilius, Coach Schafer, and Coach John Sandquist for all their energy and effort in helping coach the team this year.



MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL 2006

The Middle School Eagles volleyball team ended its season October 17 with a split against Brownell-Talbot. The girls played their first match September 25th against the Lightning winning the first two games, but then dropping the match in the fifth game. The girls won three games and then took fourth at the Scribner tournament where they outscored their efforts from previous years. Eighth graders Nikki Tulsie, Kelly Nupson, Tori Sorensen, and Kendra Stasser led the way to the winning season. Seventh graders Heather Rozema, Sarah Reinholz, Rebecca Wells, Jessica Anderson, Rachel Sweeney, Aaron Arthur, Stacia Howell, Brianna Jasso, Kelsey Arndt, Liz Lempeotis, and Merideth Roberts promise another winning season next year.

The team verse was Col. 3:23 and the girls worked hard on focusing their effort for the Lord and not for men. They improved on the court throughout the season and always sought to be winners whether on the scoreboard or in their behavior for His glory.

NEW SPORT

Wrestling is being added to the extra-curricular activities at OCA. By adding this sport, young men will be able to continue in a sport they may have started at a young age. Mr. Baber has agreed to be OCA's first wrestling coach with some help from the community. Watch the News and Notes for updates on this new sport at OCA.