


NEWS & NOTES

January 15, 2007

ISSUE 20

 Blessings! Are you enjoying the cold weather? There are times when I come to school early in the morning and do not leave the building until dark. When the temperature is in the sixties or above I always regret not getting outside to get some fresh air. Today, I'm not too concerned about getting outside. As we are finally getting into some winter weather, its time for some reminders. If school is going to be cancelled due to the weather, I try to have the radio and television stations called before six in the morning. I do call the four major television stations and the major radio stations in the area. The best way to get closing information regarding the school is through the television stations. I promise you, if the weather is bad and schools are starting to close, I am paying attention to the weather and other closings, you do not need to call me to inform me of the weather. If we do have school and you feel that the roads are not safe for you or your child to come, stay at home. If we are already in school and the weather turns bad, we will not close. However, you can come to pick up your child at any time, or, if your child has driven to school, you may call the office and let us know that you want your child to come home. We will send him/her home immediately. Our prayer is for the safety of you and your child, please use your best judgment when the weather makes travel treacherous.



BASKETBALL GAMES RESCHEDULED

The basketball games that were postponed Saturday night have been rescheduled for this Friday, January 19. Varsity Girls will play NE Lutheran at 6:00 p.m. and the Varsity Boys game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Grace University.

ELECTION TIME

The OCA Association will hold elections for 3 seats on the Board of Directors at its February meeting. Board candidates must be members of the OCA Association. The OCA Board asks that you prayerfully consider serving on the board for a 3 year term. If you are interested, stop by the office and pick up a "Prospective Board Member Questionnaire". The Board also asks current Association members to serve on the Board's Nominating Committee. Please contact Steve White if you have any questions, 397-3523.



"ROUND EM UP EAGLES" IS A SUCCESS!

\$2,000 was raised for the cheerleaders and the land fund on Friday night at the "Round Em Up Eagles" games. Everyone there saw not only the cheerleaders, but also Mr. Koehn, the OCA Board Members, and Mrs. Cloyd pucker up to the pig. The second night of "Round Em Up Eagles" has been rescheduled for Friday, February 2nd. The OCA Varsity Girls & Boys will play Prague at Ralston Middle School. The 3rd-6th grade Jr. Cheerleaders will also perform at halftime of the boys game on that night.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Booster Club will be meeting on Thursday, January 18 at 8:00 a.m. on the 2nd floor. Everyone is welcome to come to the Booster Club Meeting, we need all the input we can get.

~Jan Schulz

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - A Week

- Jan 15 - No School - Teacher In-Service Day
 - MS G&BBB vs Cedar Bluffs - postponed
 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Jan 16 - No School - Teacher Work Day
- Jan 18 - Booster Club Meeting - 8:00 AM
 - JV/V GBB @ Boystown - 6:00/7:30 PM
- Jan 19 - V G&BBB vs NE Lutheran @ Grace U.
 - 6:00/7:30 PM
 - Science Fair in the Assembly Room - 7:00 PM
- Jan 20 - Wrestling Meet @ Louisville
 - NFC G&BBB Tourney @ Parkview

NEXT WEEK - B Week

- Jan 21 - HS Band @ Grace Baptist - 11:00 AM
- Jan 22 - NFC GBB Tourney @ Parkview
- Jan 23 - Worship Team/Ensemble to Trinity - 8:30 AM
 - MS GBB @ Brownell - 6:00 PM
 - NFC BBB Tourney @ Parkview
- Jan 25 - NFC G&BBB Tourney @ Parkview
- Jan 26 - JV/V G&BBB @ NE City Lourdes
 - 4:00, 5:30, 6:30, 8:00 PM
- Jan 27 - Wrestling Meet @ DC West

LOOKING AHEAD



- Jan 29 - Jr. Cheer Clinic 3rd-6th grade - 3:45-5:15 PM
 - Worship Team to Chapel @ ODM - 7:00 PM
- Jan 30 - MS GBB @ ISD - 3:30 PM
- Jan 31 - Jr. Cheer Clinic 3rd-6th grade - 3:45-4:45 PM
- Feb 1 - V GBB vs Omaha Nation @ Grace U. - 7:00
- Feb 2 - V G&BBB vs Prague @ Ralston MS
 - 6:15/8:00 (Jr. Cheer performance @ 8:00)

WEEK OF 1/15 THRU 1/19

Jan 15	NOSCHOOL	
Jan 16	NOSCHOOL	
Jan 17	Honey BBQ Wings Peas & Carrots Hot Roll Vanilla Wafer Banana Pudding	Shrimp Salad Croissant Peas & Carrots Hot Roll Vanilla Wafer Banana Pudding
Jan 18	Sherpherd's Pie Green Beans Pear Tea Roll Choc. Choc. Chip Cookie	Chef Salad Box Green Beans Pear Tea Roll Choc. Choc. Chip Cookie
Jan 19	Pizza Rolls Broccoli/Carrots w/ Dip Pineapple Jell-O Cake	BBQ Wing Chicken Box Broccoli/Carrots w/ Dip Pineapple Jell-O Cake

WEEK OF 1/22 THRU 1/26

Jan 22	Chicken Littles on Buns Roasted Red Potatoes Mini Cheerries Animal Crackers	Salami & Cheese Bagel Roasted Red Potatoes Mini Cheerries Animal Crackers
Jan 23	Taco Burger Lettuce & Cheese Cup Potato Rounds Banana Snicker Doodle Cookie	Salad Box w/Chicken Salad Potato Rounds Banana Snicker Doodle Cookie
Jan 24	Pizza Hut Pizza Celery Stick w/ Ranch Pears School Fuel	Taco Salad Box Celery Stick w/ Ranch Pears School Fuel
Jan 25	Hot Ham & Cheese Sand. Pickle Spear Tomato Soup Applesauce Butterscotch Cookie	Chicken Salad Sandwich Pickle Spear Tomato Soup Applesauce Butterscotch Cookie
Jan 26	Lasagna Lettuce Salad Pineapple Garlic Bun Brownie	Meat & Cheese Pinwheels Lettuce Salad Pineapple Garlic Bun 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

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

GUIDANCE CORNER

☞ The Nebraska State Counselors Association and Bank of the West are sponsoring two \$500 scholarships. All seniors are eligible to apply. To apply go to <http://web.mac.com/pbarnes100/iWeb/Site%202/NSCA.html>.

☞ The Sertoma Club of Omaha is offering one \$1,200 Nursing Scholarship to a graduating senior from an Omaha area high school. In order to be eligible to apply applicants must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2, must submit an essay of 500 words or less on the subject of "What Nursing Means to Me", and the winning applicant must be accepted by and meet the admission requirements of a Nursing College in the State of Nebraska. Deadline is March 10.

☞ Ten \$500 scholarships are available from the Omaha Chapter of National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors to seniors in Douglas, Sarpy, Washington or Cass County. Preference will be given to candidates interested in courses of study such as education, business/management/finance, marketing/sales, or actuarial studies. Preference will also be given to those who attend a Nebraska university, college, or community college. Deadline is March 2.

☞ Habitat for Humanity is working with the Venturing program of the Mid-America Council, Boy Scouts of America, to create a "Venturing Crew" of young people to help build homes for those in need. The program is for young people ages 14-20. The kick-off event is being held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 7:00 pm at the American National Bank, 8990 West Dodge Road. For more information contact Stephanie Rall at 431-9272 or email her at srall@mac-bsa.org.

☞ Dana College will be hosting their Scholarship Day on Sunday, February 11. This is their final scholarship day where Dana will give their top scholarships to Presidential and Academic All-American Scholars, as well as offers to students interested in athletics, performing arts and academic programs. For more information call 1-800-444-DANA or go to www.dana.edu.

☞ The Junior League of Omaha is offering a Volunteer Scholarship to support the volunteer and leadership potential of young women. It will award two \$3,000 scholarships. Eligible students must participate in volunteer work above and beyond that which may be required for school or church, must be a young woman, and must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Deadline is March 10.

☞ South Dakota State University will be hosting their Junior Day program on Saturday, Feb. 3. This program is designed for high school juniors and their parents to explore career opportunities and to learn more about SDSU. If interested in attending go to www3.sdstate.edu/Admissions/VisitingCampus.

☞ 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 need to be attended to receive full coverage. The two classes will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 6, and Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 6:30-9:30 pm. The optional third class will be held on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 6:30-8:30 pm. There is a \$30 fee for two classes and \$40 for all three classes.

Calendar:

Jan 19 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for Feb.10 Test

Feb. 2 - SAT Registration Deadline for March 10 Test

Feb. 14- Late SAT Reg. Deadline for March 10 Test



MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

You are all invited to the Middle School Science Fair, Friday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the assembly room. Come and see what our young scientists have learned. Which disposable camera is best? Is that expensive ice cream really the tastiest? Could your neighborhood have a radon problem? Or check out the best way to remove stains from carpet, jeans, or cotton.



SPELLING BEE RESULTS

OCA held their school wide Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 9th. The students hard work in preparation was evident as we listened to them spell word after word correctly.

Grade 1 - 1st Place: Colton Folkers, 2nd Place: Alissa Koehn, Elizabeth Hawk, Joanna James

Grade 2 - 1st Place: Grant Rye, 2nd Place: Dalton Wirges, Kari Nupson, Serenity Bryce

Grade 3 - 1st Place: Bryce Taylor, 2nd Place: Mikayla Arrington, Naomi Maurer, Jeremy James

Grade 4 - 1st Place: Hannah Lindsey, 2nd Place: McKenna Lewis, Morgan Meyers, Kiera Taylor

Grade 5 - 1st Place: Erin Clifton, 2nd Place: Jared Saiz, Rachel Walter, Mikayla Rye, Justus Patterson, Zachary Lee, Clay Hamilton, Amanda Krehbiel

Grade 6 - 1st Place: Olivia Lovgren, 2nd Place: Alex Tulsie, Jonathon Hempel, Josh Roberts

Grade 7 - 1st Place: Mark Clifton, 2nd Place: Jonathan Howell, Lauren Uhlig

Grade 8 - 1st Place: Nikki Tulsie, 2nd Place: Rachael Kustka, Keirstyn Heinemann, Collin Arant, Tori Sorensen, Nolan Crawford, Carson Wirges, Shannon Neal

The winners in grades 3 thru 8 will advance to the ACSI District Spelling Bee held on Friday, February 9th at Bellevue Christian School. The following students are going to districts.

Grade 3 - Bryce Taylor

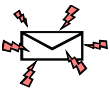
Grade 4 - Hannah Lindsey

Grade 5 - Erin Clifton and Jared Saiz

Grade 6 - Olivia Lovgren

Grade 7 - Mark Clifton

Grade 8 - Nikki Tulsie and Rachael Kustka



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.

SCOREBOARD CORNER

Girls Varsity Basketball:

OCA 23 - Brownell 38

Boys Varsity Basketball:

OCA 38 - Brownell 44



MOMS IN TOUCH

Moms in Touch has two prayer groups still meeting weekly. We meet for an hour of directed prayer for the school, students, and teachers of OCA. *Cover your child with purposeful prayer and see what a difference an hour makes! Grandmothers are encouraged to attend too!* Want more information on MIT in general? Call Debbie Pedersen, 331-5331. **New faces are always welcome.**

Tuesday: This group meets at OCA on the second floor, at 8:30 a.m. Call Claudia Ivester, 896-0426 for more information.

Thursday: A second group of moms meets at 8:30 a.m. at the home of Marie Williams, 2108 Savannah Drive, Papillion. (about 10-12 minutes from OCA). Call Marie, 502-2171 for directions.

PART TIME JOB OPENING

Need a part-time job? Love playing with children? We have the job for you. After School Care is looking for a part-time caregiver. The hours are 3:00-5:45 three days a week. You must be at least 19 years of age, responsible, and enjoy children. Call Tammi Colegrove for more information at 515-2267.

HY-VEE RECEIPTS

Hy-vee receipts dated September 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 need to be placed in the Hy-Vee box outside of the office by January 26.

Also, remember to save:



Cambell's Labels for Education ~ Please save only UPC Code or Lid as this really saves time with counting and bundling. Some products require saving the UPC. See the package for the reminder symbol.

"Our Family" Labels for Learning ~ Each box top is worth 10 cents to OCA. Clip closely around the box top coupon (it saves a lot of time later). **DO NOT** submit any Betty Crocker coupons/points. Box Tops also offer online shopping and a Visa charge which generates a percentage back to OCA.

Target Visa Card ~ Use your card and Target will send a certain percentage to OCA.

Inkjet/Laser/Fax Cartridges ~ Please recycle cartridges in the box outside the office.

Thank you for your help supporting OCA. Please feel free to call Kathy Nilus if you have questions, 492-8777.

Jr. Cheer Clinic!

3rd-6th Grade

Dear Parents,

It's already here! Your daughter can be an O.C.A. Cheerleader. Sign her up today and she will have lots of fun learning new cheers and a routine. It will cost only \$20.00 and she will receive two training sessions from your very own O.C.A. Cheerleaders, a snack both practice nights, a special O.C.A. Cheerleading T-shirt, free admission to the basketball games on Friday, February 2nd, and a group photo along with a performance at half time of the Varsity Boys Basketball Game!

Send your registration in Tuesday, January 23 to assure a spot for your daughter. (3rd-6th Grade Jr. Cheer Clinic will be Jan. 29, 31 & Feb. 2)

Practice

Monday, Jan. 29th 3:45-5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan 31st 3:45-4:45 p.m.

(in the Assembly Room—2nd floor)

Performance

Friday, Feb. 2nd

Ralston Middle School, 8202 Lakeview Street

Half-time of the Varsity Boys Game - game starts at 8:00 PM

My daughter _____, will be attending the O.C.A. Jr. Cheerleading Clinic.

_____ What grade is she in?

_____ I have enclosed \$20.00

_____ T-Shirt size

(YOUTH Sm Med Lg / ADULT Sm Med Lg)

Parent Signature _____