

OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Blessings! Colossians chapter three discusses putting off the old man and the character traits associated with that person and putting on the new man. The traits associated with being new are, "tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another." Then verse fourteen states, "But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection." Jamisson, Faucett, and Brown, in their commentary written many years ago wrote that the word "above" has to do with over all the other. Therefore the sense is that as one puts on the other traits, the one that is the finishing touch, that is the crown over all, is love. The authors above write that all the other traits would be loose and disjointed without love. A Christian would be improperly clothed without love. A day approaches in which the concept of love is celebrated. As believers in Christ, we know love because we know Him. Let us be aware of the idea that love is to be the outer cloak that all will see when they look on us. It is another way to acknowledge God, by dressing properly.

NEWS & NOTES

Are you reading the *News & Notes*? The *News & Notes* is the school newsletter published every Monday. You can receive the *News & Notes* a variety of ways. You can request a paper copy be sent home with your child, you can have it emailed to you, you can view it on Sycamore Education under the documents section, or you can view it on the OCA website. Please inform the office if you would like to receive a paper copy or have it emailed to you.



TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Teacher Appreciation Day is March 1st. We will be honoring our teachers the week of February 26. Room parents will be organizing activities for the elementary teachers. Parents of middle school and high school teachers may send monetary donations to school (checks made payable to OCA are tax deductible). Gift certificates will be purchased and distributed to the middle school and high school teachers. A luncheon will be provided for all teachers on Tuesday, February 27. If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Nancy Taylor at 493-2783 or Pass-A-Note.

DISTRICT SPELLING BEE RESULTS



The ACSI Spelling Bee was held Friday, February 9. The following students placed at their grade level bee.

4th Grade

Hannah Lindsey: 3rd Place

5th Grade

Erin Clifton: 2nd Place

6th Grade

Olivia Lovgren: 2nd Place

7th Grade

Mark Clifton: 2nd Place

8th Grade

Nikki Tulsie: 1st Place

Rachael Kustka: 2nd Place

The following students went on to compete in the final bee. Erin Clifton - 1st, Mark Clifton - 2nd, Olivia Lovgren - 4th, Rachael Kustka, and Nikki Tulsie. Erin, Mark, and Olivia are now qualified to attend the Regional Spelling Bee in Rockford, IL in March. Congratulations to all participants for all of your hard work and success.



CALENDAR

THIS WEEK - A Week

- Feb 12 - GBB Sub-Districts vs Concordia @ Waverly
7:00 PM
- Feb 13 - Kdg. Valentine's Day Party - 2:00 PM
- GBB Sub-Districts
- Feb 14 - Elementary Valentine's Day Party - 2:00 PM
- Feb 15 - Booster Club Mtg. - 8:00 AM
- Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Feb 16 - JV/V BBB vs Omaha Nation @ Ralston MS
6:15/8:00 PM

NEXT WEEK - B Week

- Feb 19 - NO SCHOOL - President's Day
- BBB Sub-Districts
- Feb 20 - BBB Sub-Districts
- Feb 22 - Association Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Feb 23 - 6th grade to Zoo - 8:00 AM
- 5th grade to Strat. Air & Space Museum - 10:00

LOOKING AHEAD

- Feb 26 - TRP Orders Due
- Mar 2 - Quiz Bowl @ Bellevue University
- Mar 5 - District Speech
- Mar 6 - Parent Connection Mtg. - 7:00 PM
- Mar 8 - Elementary/MS Music Recital

WEEK OF 2/12 THRU 2/16

Feb 12	Philly Cheese Steak Baby Carrots Pineapple Bear Cookie	Meat & Cheese Sand. Baby Carrots Pineapple Bear Cookie
Feb 13	Spaghetti Macaroni Lettuce Salad Pears Garlic Bun Brownie	Salad Box w/ Egg Pears Garlic Bun Brownie
Feb 14	Chicken Nuggets Corn Cherry Cupid Cup Tea Roll Valentine Cookie	Tuna Salad Sand. Pocket Corn Cherry Cupid Cup Tea Roll Valentine Cookie
Feb 15	Nachos/Beef/Cheese Cheesy Refried Beans Banana Snicker Doodle Cookie	Crispy Chick. Salad Box Cheesy Refried Beans Banana Snicker Doodle Cookie
Feb 16	Pancakes & Sausage Potato Rounds Fresh Fruit Blueberry Muf. Squares	Taco Salad Box Potato Rounds Fresh Fruit Blueberry Muf. Squares

WEEK OF 2/19 THRU 2/23

Feb 19	NO SCHOOL - President's Day	
Feb 20	Spaghetti w/ Meat Lettuce Salad Applesauce Garlic Bun Brownie	Oriental Chicken Salad Applesauce Garlic Bun Brownie
Feb 21	Pizza Hut Pizza Broccoli w/ Ranch Pears Rice Krispy Treats	Salmon Salad Croissant Broccoli w/ Ranch Pears Rice Krispy Treats
Feb 22	Hot Dog on Bun French Fries Baby Carrots Cherry Crisp	Meat & Cheese Roll-up French Fries Baby Carrots Cherry Crisp
Feb 23	Macaroni & Cheese Peas Grapes Soft Pretzel Choc. Chip Cookie	Salad Box w/ Salmon Sal. Peas Grapes Soft Pretzel Choc. Chip 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.

CUBSCOUT CORNER

Attention Pack 415 Cub Scouts!

Mark your calendars for the following event:

Friday, Feb. 23, 6:00-?? BLUE & GOLD Banquet

See you there!

GUIDANCE CORNER

Iowa Western Community College will be offering athletic training programs in the fall of '07. IWCC has two academic paths for students who are interested, Athletic Training and General Sports Medicine.

The Carriage House Foundation is offering a scholarship for students interested in attending one of Nebraska's Community Colleges to study in an automotive related field. Deadline is April 6.

High School Juniors interested in a career in law enforcement are eligible to apply to participate in The American Legion Junior Law Cadet Program. The program takes place at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island. The young women's session will be held June 11-15 and the young men's session will be held June 18-22. More information and applications are available in the guidance office.

Calendar:

- Feb. 14 - Late SAT Reg. Deadline for March 10 Test
- Feb. 15 - Crown College 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

Congratulations!

OCA speech and drama students brought home the 1st place trophy from our Nebraska Frontier Conference Speech Meet on Monday, February 5. Seventeen students participated in eight of the nine events. All of our students received superior or excellent ratings. Six schools participated this year at Prague, so the competition was strong with some events having as many as 12 entries. Congratulations to the following students:

Loni Willis and Logan Graves: Duet Acting - Gold

Liz Putman: Informative Speaking - Gold

Katilyn Kotchka: Poetry Interpretation - Gold

Laura Pedersen: Humorous Interpretation - Silver

Sean West: Humorous Interpretation - Bronze

Jared Williams: Extemporaneous - Silver

Kati Phillips: Persuasive Speaking - Bronze

Meghan Vilter: Serious Interpretation - Silver

Logan Graves: Poetry Interpretation - Bronze

Alex West, Randall DeFord, Laura Pedersen, Tyler Maskell,

Ariel Binko: Oral Interpretation of Drama - Silver

A special "thank you" to Mrs. Rozema for helping to coach and drive along with Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Maskell. We now look ahead to District Competition on March 5.



A LITTLE PIE, A LITTLE COFFEE...

... a little warm comfort on a cold Nebraska day! By now you should have received a flyer for the OCA Red Wheel fund raiser detailing the delicious choices not only of pies, but entrees, bread and muffin batters, quick snacks, cookie doughs and gourmet coffee. Surprise your family with these tasty items while you help the Booster Club raise funds for a gate and concession stand at OCA's future facility! Share your flyer with friends, neighbors and co-workers. Remember that fun prizes await the top sellers:

- ~**First place:** \$40 certificate to Hollywood Video, \$25 certificate to Bed, Bath & Beyond, and a \$25 certificate to Ace Hardware
- ~**Second place:** One-year family membership to the Henry Doorly zoo
- ~**Third place:** \$20 Quik Trip gas card

For every 15 items you sell, you'll receive one free cookie dough or one beef bean burrito (four pack). Sell 10 items, and your name will be entered for a chance to win a free cookie dough.

Please remember these important dates:

- ~**February 20:** Turn in order sheet and money to the office on or before this date.
- ~**March 8:** Pick up items from the cafeteria and distribute them.

Thank you for supporting our students and our school through this important fund raiser!



ASSOCIATION MEETING

The OCA Association will meet on Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room. At the meeting the Association will vote on the proposed budget for the 2007-2008 school year. The Association will also vote on prospective Board members. If you are not a member, and would like voting rights, forms are available in the school office or you can join the night of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

The search process for a superintendent is well underway. Documentation of the position requirements and job description are complete. The search committee and Board have met with the MidAmerica Director of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) - one of the bodies with which OCA is accredited. Position announcements have been posted on local and regional websites and newspapers.

This week letters will be sent to area churches that are attended by OCA families. In addition, letters will be sent to other ACSI member schools across the midwest. The purpose of these letters are twofold. First, a request for prayer support as the OCA family goes through this search process. Secondly, if the recipient of the letter knows of an individual with the required educational and administrative background, would they make them aware of this opportunity.

The search committee and Board would have the same request of the OCA family. Please continue your prayer support for these two bodies, Mr. Koehn, the faculty and staff during this time. Also, if you are aware of an individual that loves the Lord and has the educational and administrative background for this position, please make sure they become aware of this opportunity.

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!



SCOREBOARD CORNER

Girls Varsity Basketball:

Tuesday, Feb. 5: OCA 29 - Concordia 37
Julia Warnke scored a career high 20 and Danielle Gingrich and Pam Zimmerle held their leading scorer to half of her season average.

Friday, Feb. 9: OCA 26 - Mead 70

Boys Varsity Basketball:

Tuesday, Feb. 5: OCA 43 - Concordia 52
Cale Schulz had 21 points and Matt Tulsie had 11 pts.

Friday, Feb 9: OCA 38 - Mead 54
Matt Tulsie had 13 pts and Jeven Booth had 12 pts.

