

OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Blessings! Each week I do what is called the OCA Update for the faculty. I review an article of interest from one of the magazines or online resources that I receive. I conclude with a calendar of events for the week so the faculty is reminded of what is happening school wide that may affect them. This week, the calendar is pretty small. There is not a bustle of activity the following week either. What are we going to do since we are not chasing the basketball teams around any more? Might I suggest something that probably will not take a lot of time. The school is in need of prayer. The association meeting is Thursday. The working budget for next year will be presented and voted on. The hard work of the Board in putting this together is appreciated and they need your approval to continue to move in the direction that has been initiated. Pray that the right questions, answers, and discussion will take place so that all who attend will be satisfied in the understanding gained. Pray for the continued search for the next administrator of the school and for Dr. Sweeney as he directs that search. Pray for Mr. Benning as he makes contacts and works to formulate creative activities to bring in needed finances for the school. Of course the faculty needs and appreciates your prayer for them as they carry out this ministry during each minute of the day. So, when you are at home some evening during the week, thinking about how nice it is to be at home with all the children around and no place to go, stop and say a prayer for the ongoing work of OCA.



MESSY MISSIONARIES

MESSY MISSIONARIES needs YOU! Are you short on community service hours? For the students of OCA this fulfills community service requirements. Sign up today! Messy Missionaries will gather together (weather permitting) Saturday, March 10 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to go out in our city to serve by cleaning up small areas that need a loving touch. We will meet at 1:45 at OCA in the lower parking lot. T-shirts have been donated. In order to get a t-shirt you must sign up in advance with a parent permission slip signed. Permission slips are attached to today's *News & Notes*. Please turn in permission slips by February 28th to the school office. Stay posted for further details! Come and join us. If you have any questions, please contact Tara Rye, 934-5705.



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 proposed budget for 2007-2008 is posted in the documents of Sycamore Education. 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.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Teacher Appreciation week is next week. The teacher/staff luncheon will be held in the Assembly Room on Tuesday. Parents of high school and middle school students may send in monetary donations for the high school and middle school teachers (checks payable to OCA are tax deductible). Please have donations in by Friday, Feb. 23 so gift cards can be purchased. Parents of elementary students, please help your room parents to make this a special week for our teachers. **Thank you** to all of the parents who have already signed up to bring food. If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Nancy Taylor at 493-2783 or Pass-A-Note.

SPRING SPORTS MEETING

The HS Spring Sports meeting will be held Mon, Feb. 26, 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Students who plan to participate in soccer or track are required to attend with at least one parent.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK - B Week

Feb 22 - 4th-6th gr to Symphony - 10:30 AM

- Association Meeting - 7:00 PM

Feb 23 - 6th grade to Zoo - 8:00 AM

- 5th grade to Strat. Air & Space Museum - 10:00

NEXT WEEK - A Week

Feb 26 - Spring Sports Mtg. - Assembly Rm - 7:00 PM

- TRP Orders Due

Feb 28 - NHS Habitat for Humanity - 11:30 AM

Mar 2 - Quiz Bowl @ Bellevue University

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar 5 - District Speech

Mar 6 - Parent Connection Mtg. - 7:00 PM

Mar 8 - Elementary/MS Music Recital

- Kdg. Roundup - Assembly Rm - 6:30 PM

Mar 11 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

WEEK OF 2/20 THRU 2/23

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

WEEK OF 2/26 THRU 3/2

Feb 26	Chicken Nuggets Corn Cobbette Apple Tea Roll Bear Cookie	- Cottage Cheese & —Bagel w/ Jelly Corn Cobbette Apple Tea Roll Bear Cookie
Feb 27	Crispy Tacos Lettuce/Cheese Cup Corn Pears Brownie	Crispy Chicken Sal. Box Corn Pears Brownie
Feb 28	Rib-A-Q on Bun French Fries Banana Oatmeal Scotty Bar	Taco Salad Box French Fries Banana Oatmeal Scotty Bar
Mar 1	Chili w/ Crackers Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit Cinnamon Roll	Cottage Cheese w/ Pineapple Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit Cinnamon Roll
Mar 2	School Cheese Pizza Broccoli w/ Ranch Peaches Choc/Choc Chip Cookie	Smart Box Broccoli w/ Ranch Peaches Choc/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

Students interested in social work as a career or in need of service hours would benefit from participating in the Boys Scouts Learning for Life Program. Participants will learn about volunteer/career opportunities, sign up for service hours, visit the non-profit that you are interested in learning more about and learn how to use volunteer experience on college applications/scholarships. The first meeting will take place Feb. 22, 7:00 p.m., at the Durham Scout Center (12401 West Maple Road). There is a one time fee of \$15. Contact the guidance office if interested in attending.

Iowa Western will be hosting their 35th Annual College Career Day on Thursday, March 15. Sessions for over 50 different careers will be available to students. If interested in attending, contact the guidance office by Thursday, March 8.

Nebraska Wesleyan University will be hosting their Prairie Wolf Days for students interested in attending their college. Several dates are available: Saturday, March 3; Friday, March 9; and Saturday, March 24. For more information contact the Admissions Office at 800-541-3818, ext.2218 or email admissions@nebrwesleyan.edu.

Swanson Russell Associates will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to a student who plans to enroll in a Nebraska college or university and pursue a degree in one of the following fields: advertising, marketing, mass communications, communication studies, public relations, journalism, and graphic design/desktop publishing. Application forms can be printed from their website at www.sramarketing.com.

Calendar:

- 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

SMART MEET

The annual SMART Meet will be held on Tues, March 20, right here on our own campus! This event is for area Christian schools and homeschools and includes competitions in speech (7th & 8th grades), Art (7th-12th grades), and Science projects (5th-8th grades). Students in 7th-12th grades that are interested in entering art work (including photography) should see Mr. Dods.



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many summer programs available for your child (reading programs, 4-H, etc.). OCA does not necessarily endorse any of these programs, but would like to make parents aware that they exist. If you are interested in having your child participate, flyers are available on the table outside of the office.

DON'T PUT YOUR FEET UP YET...

...not until you turn in your Red Wheel order! Just a friendly reminder that **today, Feb. 20**, was the day to turn in order forms and payments to the office. If you ran out of space on your order form, additional ones may be picked up there, too. Orders cannot be processed without full payment. Your Red Wheel items may be picked up **Thursday, March 8** from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

A big **THANKYOU** for giving of your time, energy and dollars to support the athletic and performing arts programs at OCA!

BAG 'N SAVE RECEIPTS

Please start saving your Bag 'N Save receipts. For every \$150 purchased Bag 'N Save will donate \$2 to our school.

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!

