

OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NEWS & NOTES

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Blessings! Did you enjoy the snow? I had the opportunity to be involved in some extra physical exercise I would not have been able to do without the snow. I need to count that as a blessing I suppose.

I was recently asked if we could take another day off during the semester if we don't use our "snow days". We no longer need to worry about that issue! Hopefully we will be able to go through the rest of the year without any major interruptions. We do not need to make up any days that were missed as the calendar was built to support the snow days out of school.

There are a couple of events that are occurring this week that you will see in other parts of the news and notes, but in which I wanted to encourage you to take part. The parent connection meeting is tomorrow night here at school. That group seems to be under represented and is working to get more of the parents involved in the school. I appreciate their work and they would be encouraged to see you come to the meeting. On Thursday evening is the Kindergarten Round-Up. If you no longer have children of that age, think of friends or acquaintances that may be interested in a Christian education for their young child, call them up and let them know of the time on Thursday night. I also want to remind you that registration for the 2007-2008 school year is now on-going. To receive the discount on your registration fee, you need to register by March 15. Tell your friends that will be new to the school, they have until April 2 to receive the early registration discount.

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).

1st-8th grade will not have school on Tuesday March 20, because their classrooms will be used for the SMART Meet. Preschool and Kindergarten will have school this day. Childcare will be available for students up to age 12. Please contact Tammi Colegrove if your child will be attending childcare on March 20.


REGISTER NOW & SAVE

Registration for classes next fall is in full swing. Returning families receive a \$50 discount per child off the registration fee if registered **before March 15**.

OCA HEALTH SCREENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On March 26th and 27th, health screenings will be held at OCA. These screenings include height, weight, vision, and hearing testing for grades K-4, 6, 8, and 10. Volunteers are needed to facilitate the testing. No medical background? No problem! Many of our volunteer positions will be working with the students to ensure they are organized in such a way to make the testing run smoothly. If enough people volunteer, each person will have to work fewer hours. If interested in helping with this important activity, please call Marie Williams at 502-2171.

IMPORTANT

 Senior High Band Parent Meeting on Monday, March 12 at 3:45 or 5:45 p.m. in room 304. Nebraska Frontier Conference and band tour information will be given and questions answered will be answered.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK - B Week

- Mar 5 - District Speech
- Mar 6 - Parent Connection Mtg. - 6:30 PM
- Mar 8 - Elementary/MS Music Recital
 - Red Wheel Pick-up - 3:00-5:00 p.m.
 - Kdg. Roundup - Assembly Rm - 6:30 PM
- Mar 9 - Quiz Bowl @ Bellevue University

NEXT WEEK - A Week

- Mar 11 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar 12 - Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 13 - ACSI Math Tests
- Mar 14 - Speech Meet - 1st-6th grade
- Mar 15 - Booster Club Mtg. - 8:00 AM
 - HS Music Recital
- Mar 17 - Wesleyan Track Invite - 9:00 a.m.
 - Quiz Bowl @ Wesleyan University

LOOKING AHEAD

- Mar 19 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day
 - NFC Honors Band
- Mar 20 - SMART Meet @ OCA
- Mar 20 - NO SCHOOL for 1st-8th grade
- Mar 21-24 - HS Band Tour
- Mar 23 - NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences

WEEK OF 3/5 THRU 3/9

Mar 5	Chicken Quesadilla California Vegetables Mexican Rice Orange Apple Cinn.Bear Cookie	Meat/Cheese Bagel California Vegetables Mexican Rice Orange Apple Cinn.Bear Cookie
Mar 6	Mini Burgers on Buns Green Beans Apple Dried Cherries Chocolate Cake	Salad Box w/ Egg Green Beans Apple Dried Cherries Chocolate Cake
Mar 7	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Pears Choc. Chip Cookie	Tuna Salad Pocket Lettuce Salad Pears Choc. Chip Cookie
Mar 8	Sloppy Joes on Bun Crudites Pineapple Oatmeal Scotty Bar	Chef Salad Box Crudites Pineapple Oatmeal Scotty Bar
Mar 9	Mac & Cheese Peas Grapes Soft Pretzel Blueberry Muf. Squares	Egg Salad Sandwich Peas Grapes Soft Pretzel Blueberry Muf. Squares

WEEK OF 3/12 THRU 3/16

Mar 12	BBQ Beef Rib Patty on a Bun Baked Beans Baby Carrots Tropical Fruit Sorbet	Chicken Salad Pocket Baked Beans Baby Carrots Tropical Fruit Sorbet
Mar 13	Chicken Littles on Buns Potato Rounds Cherries Shamrock Cake	Deli Bagel Sandwich Potato Rounds Cherries Shamrock Cake
Mar 14	Rotini w/ Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Garlic Bun Brownie	NO COLD LUNCH
Mar 15	Egg/Bacon Casserole Fresh Baked Bagel Potato Rounds Applesauce Rice Krispy Treat	NO COLD LUNCH
Mar 16	Mozzerella Cheese Toast California Vegetables Peaches Sugar 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

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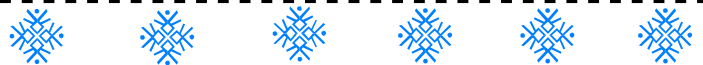
GUIDANCE CORNER

Iowa Western Community College will be hosting their second annual Ag & Transportation Day on April 4. The programs featured will be: Veterinary Technology, Agribusiness Technology, Turf & Landscape Management, Automotive Technology, Diesel Technology and Horticulture. If interested in attending contact the guidance office.

The Assistance League of Omaha will be 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 must be attended to receive full coverage. The first class will be held on Monday, April 9, or Tuesday, April 10, from 6:30-9:30 pm. The second class will be held on Wednesday, April 11, or Thursday, April 12, from 6:30-9:30 pm. The optional third class will be held on Thursday, April 12, from 6:30-8:30 pm. The fee for two classes is \$30 and \$40 for all three classes. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

Calendar:

- March 7 - Wesleyan Rep Visit
- March 8 - Midland Lutheran 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



THANKYOU!

I just want to **Thank** all of those who helped make Teacher Appreciation Week special. There were several who did special things for the teachers. We were able to purchase \$25 gift cards to Applebee's for the MS/HS teachers with the generous donations that were given.

Thank you to Joyce Begg, Diane Jay, Melissa Stone, Suzette Toelle, Julie Siebert, Sharon Brim, Cindy Ostry, Tonna Heinemann, Lisa Strasser, Ivy Koehn, Amy Schmidt, Roberta Maurer, Cyd Wyatt and Tricia Lewis for bringing food for the luncheon. Thank you Diane Jay, Joyce Begg, Kimber McLean, Margie Thierstien, and Amy Lee for the help with the luncheon. Without all of you this would not have been possible.

~Nancy Taylor

MESSY MISSIONARIES

Reminder: Messy Missionaries are going out into the community Saturday, March 10, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to serve by cleaning up small areas that need a loving touch. This is a great opportunity to earn community service hours. Messy Missionaries will meet at 1:45 p.m. at OCA in the lower parking lot. It is not too late to sign-up. Please stop by the office to pick up a permission slip. Permission slips will also be available on site Saturday.

CALL IT DONE

It's time to enjoy those Red Wheel products you ordered! Pick-up date for all items is Thursday, March 8, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. These products will arrive frozen. We do not have storage space to keep the items, so if you are unable to pick them up yourself, please arrange for a family member or friend to do so. A big **THANK YOU** to the OCA family for supporting our athletic and performing arts programs through Red Wheel!



WALK-A-THON NEWS

Greetings OCA Family and Friends! The 1st Annual OCA Walk-a-Thon is 7 weeks away and details are nicely falling into place. A lot of things are going on behind the scenes, and as details firm up, I will tell you more about them. It is very fun to be a part of.

The first thing I need you to do though is mark April 25th on your calendar and start praying for this event. Pray that this fundraiser be an OCA community building event that brings us closer together as we raise funds to support our school. Our school exists to bring glory and honor to God and I want to reflect that. I also want this fundraiser to be an opportunity to tell the Omaha metro community about the awesome God that we serve and this incredible learning community. Your prayers are much desired.

Second, please plan on being at school that day to be a part of this event. The day will start off with an all school pep rally at 9 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. after we have fed the entire school lunch. Your assistance is going to be needed to make this day run smoothly. There will be many different volunteer opportunities available, and more than that, it's just going to be a really fun day. Parents of young children, please feel free to bring them along with you. We'll need an exact count closer to the day, but this day will be fun for them as well.

Third, I am beginning the process of contacting businesses to sponsor this event, and I need your input. I need you to provide the contact information of businesses and individuals that would be willing to donate \$100 or \$250 to be a water station sponsor for this event. Start thinking about those names, and more information will be in next weeks *News and Notes*.

I am also contacting businesses about donating prizes for this event, and if you have any ideas, please pass those along as well.

Fourth, mark March 20th, 7:00 p.m., on your calendar. Damon Benning and I will be hosting an information session on this event and you will have the opportunity to ask questions and get any details clarified for you. Meet us in the second floor assembly room for this meeting.

Finally, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve OCA in the capacity as event Chair for the First Annual OCA Walk-a-Thon. I am so excited about this event, and so thankful for the many people at OCA that are being so supportive. There's a lot to accomplish, but I know that we can do it.

If you need to get a hold of me, please do. You can pass me a note, e-mail me or contact me at home. Let me know your ideas, thoughts, and concerns. Your input will make this event better.

Thank you for your time,

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Omaha Christian Academy

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Kindergarten Roundup

Thursday, March 8, 2007
6:30 pm
in the Assembly Room

- Learn about our program
- Have your questions answered
- Bring your kindergarten age child

Hope to see you there!

Omaha Christian Academy is nondenominational and functions as an independent Christian school governed by an elected parent board.

We are a state-approved, traditional classroom school for grades Pre-school - 12th grade where students are taught to live in today's world. Established in 1972.