


# OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## NEWS & NOTES

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 Blessings! There are several disruptions in the regular school day these next two weeks. First of all, selected students from the third to the eighth grade are participating in the ACSI math test tomorrow. OCA will host the SMART meet that was traditionally held at Grace University during their spring break.. Consideration was being given to cancel the SMART meet due to change in leadership at other schools participating. Our own Mrs. Gingerich has taken charge to make sure that our students, along with other Christian schools and home school students, have the opportunity to compete in Speech, Math, and Art. The math contest was the hardest to take over, but the schools involved agreed to participate in the ACSI meet. The ACSI coordinator will grade the tests and send us results. The only problem was that we needed to take the test earlier than the scheduled day, therefore we are testing tomorrow. Wednesday of this week is the yearly speech contest for grades one through six. Each student has prepared a piece to recite or deliver. This will take place in the large rooms on second floor. If you are coming to witness your child's presentation, please help to maintain the testimony of the school and **do not park by or on the curb in front of the school.** That area is a fire lane and is not to be used to leave cars unattended. Please park in a designated parking area, in a parking stall. Next week, there is no school on Monday due to a teacher work day. Tuesday, prek, k, and 9-12 will have school, grades 1 – 8 will not due to the SMART meet held on our campus. Friday, March 23, is parent/ teacher conferences. Again, be reminded to park only in the areas marked for cars and do not leave your car unattended at the curb in front of the school. Thank you for your cooperation.



### QUIZ BOWL RESULTS

OCA competed on Friday in the Bellevue University Invitational Quiz Bowl. In this double elimination tournament OCA had the following scores: OCA 150, Woodbine 10...OCA 125, Platteview 90... OCA 80, Blair 100... OCA 60, Lincoln NE 185. Out of 24 teams, OCA was eliminated in the battle for 4th place. Top scorers for the day were Chris Rozema and Luke Henkenius with 120 each and Caleb White with 100. Way to go guys!! We will be competing again this Saturday in the Wesleyan University Invitational.

### 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.**

### ELEM./MIDDLE SCHOOL PIANO RECITAL

Grant Rye - Superior  
Madison Vesely - Superior  
Erin Weightman - Superior  
Mikayla Rye - Superior  
Joslyn Brewer - Superior  
Jeremy James - Superior  
Emmie Meyers - Superior  
Nachia Olsen - Superior  
Colt West - Superior  
Nick Arrington - Superior  
McKenna Lewis - Superior  
Brooke Mott - Superior  
Morgan Myers - Superior  
Ashley Peterson - Superior  
Kiera Taylor - Superior  
Drew Sorensen - Superior  
Lauren Abell - Superior  
Olivia Lovgren - Superior  
Jonathon Howell - Superior  
Julianna Myers - Superior  
Stacia Howell - Superior  
Micaela Myers - Superior  
Caitlyn Ostry - Superior  
Tori Sorensen - Superior  
Nikki Tulsie - Superior

## CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK - A Week

Mar 12 - Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.  
Mar 13 - ACSI Math Tests  
Mar 14 - Speech Meet - 1st-6th grade  
Mar 15 - HS Music Recital  
Mar 17 - Wesleyan Track Invite - 9:00 a.m.  
- Quiz Bowl @ Wesleyan University

### NEXT WEEK - B Week

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

### LOOKING AHEAD

Mar 26 - TRP Orders Due  
Mar 26 & 27 - Health Screening  
Mar 27 - G & BSO @ Connestoga - 4:30/6:00 PM

**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
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Mar 13	Chicken Littles on Buns Potato Rounds Cherries Shamrock Cake	Deli Bagel Sandwich Potato Rounds Cherries Shamrock Cake
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Mar 14	Rotini w/ Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Garlic Bun Brownie	NO COLD LUNCH
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Mar 15	Egg/Bacon Casserole Fresh Baked Bagel Potato Rounds Applesauce Rice Krispy Treat	NO COLD LUNCH
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Mar 16	Mozzerella Cheese Toast California Vegetables Peaches Sugar Cookie	NO COLD LUNCH
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**WEEK OF 3/19 THRU 3/23**

Mar 19	NO SCHOOL	
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Mar 20	Crispy Tacos Lettuce & Cheese Cup Corn Peaches Snickerdoodle Cookie	Ham Salad Sandwich Corn Peaches Snickerdoodle Cookie
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Mar 21	Pizza Hut Pizza Green Beans Fresh Strawberries School Fuel	Taco Salad Box Green Beans Fresh Strawberries School Fuel
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Mar 22	Spaghetti w/ Meat Lettuce Salad Pears Garlic Bun Yellow Cake	Cottage Cheese & Jelly Sandwich Lettuce Salad Pears Garlic Bun Yellow Cake
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Mar 23	NO SCHOOL	
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\*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.

**CAFETERIA NEWS**

The cafeteria is in need of small microwaves in good used condition.

**GUIDANCE CORNER**

☛ Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences in Lincoln is hosting a Spring Information Session on Saturday, April 14, with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. RSVP by Wed., April 11, by calling 800-742-7844, ext. 18697.

☛ The Nebraska Dept. of Education is currently accepting applications for the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, a federally funded program that provides an opportunity for Nebraska high school seniors with outstanding academic achievement. Nebraska seniors who are selected will receive up to \$1,500 a year for a total of four years. Approximately 40 new scholarships are awarded each year, in addition to funding renewal applications. Students can access the application packet online at [www.nde.state.ne.us/byrd](http://www.nde.state.ne.us/byrd). Postmark deadline is March 15.

☛ The Tom Pierce Memorial Scholarship is being offered to students with a physical disability, or if a parent of the student has a physical disability. Deadline is April 1. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

☛ UNL is offering a High School Workshop: "Career Explorations in Architecture and Interior Design." This program is designed for high school age students who are interested in pursuing Architecture, Landscape Architecture or Interior Design as a career. The workshop will take place this summer from June 17-23. The fee for the workshop is \$585 per participant. They have reserved space for 24 students in the workshop. Deadline for application is April 6. Application forms are available in the guidance office.

☛ The Midwest Plains Chapter of Certified Hazardous Material Managers is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to one Omaha-Lincoln metropolitan area senior. To be eligible an applicant must rank in the upper 25% of their class, have an ACT composite score of at least 24 or an SAT of 1090, exhibit involvement in high school and community activities and be accepted and enrolled in a 4 year university/college in science or engineering with the intent to pursue an environmental career path upon graduation. Deadline is April 13.

☛ 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 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 p.m. The second class will be held on Wednesday, April 11, or Thursday, April 12, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The optional third class will be held on Thursday, April 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The fee for two classes is \$30 and \$40 for all three classes. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

**Calendar:**

- 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
- April 3 - Wesleyan Rep Visit
- April 11 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for May 5 Test
- April 27 - SAT Registration Deadline for June 2 Test

## WALK-A-THON

The Walk-A-Thon is getting closer and lots of important dates are coming up. The first one is today, Monday, March 12. The Walk-A-Thon Committee will be meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. at school. We will be discussing all aspects of the Walk-A-Thon and anyone interested in helping is more than welcome to join us. The more the merrier. The next important date is Tuesday, March 20. Damon Benning and I will be hosting an informational meeting in the Assembly Room at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is designed to share the vision that we have for the Walk-A-Thon and to answer any questions that you might have. Please plan on joining us. The final date that I need you to know about is Wednesday, March 21. That is the t-shirt contest design deadline. The winning design will be used on the day of event t-shirts. Ask your talented students if they are planning on entering a design. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get a hold of me.

~Kimber McLean

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## YOUNG SCIENTISTS EXCEL AT METRO AREA FAIR

Saturday the Metropolitan Science and Engineering Fair was held at UNO. The fair has a Junior Division (grades 7 & 8) and a Senior Division (grades 9-12). Students for OCA participated in the Junior Division of the fair. Those who participated received the following awards:

Sarah Reinholz: Honorable Mention - Biochemistry  
Andrew Oliver: Honorable Mention - Botany and Soil  
Jessica Anderson: Honorable Mention - Chemistry  
Heather Rozema: Honorable Mention - Chemistry  
Caitlyn Ostry: 2nd Place - Biochemistry  
Meredith Roberts:

1st Place - Earth, Space & Environmental Science  
5th Place - American Meteorological Society, Omaha  
Offut Chapter Award for best atmospheric, environmental, hydrologic science project

Shannon Neal:

1st Place - Botany & Soil Science  
US Navy/Marine Corps Award for distinguished achievement

In addition Meredith and Shannon have been invited to participate in the state level of the National Junior Academy of Sciences competition at Nebraska Wesleyan in April.

Congratulations to all our young scientists and their parents!



## MESSY MISSIONARIES



Messy Missionaries was a great success! Praise GOD for all HE did among us and through us!

We had enough people in attendance to send out 6 teams. The middle school students went to the Open Door Mission and cleaned up. The elementary students went to Roberts Park and cleaned up. The Channel 7 news promoted our event with two separate broadcast recordings. Our prayer was that we would get Omaha Christian Academy's name in the news and God answered! AMEN!

A couple of blessings that have already occurred from this ministry outreach: a local business watched the newscast and has committed to donate money for our Walk-A-Thon! A group of students went to DQ after the event and a person asked what the shirts were all about and we had an opportunity to witness. God is good!

We would like to give a special thanks to the following students and parents for making this event a great success. We are very proud of each of you and thank GOD for your hands and feet. We will do this event again to raise awareness for our school. For where garbage lurks... we will be there!

Nick Jenkins  
Reid Jenkins  
Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins  
Colton Armstrong  
Rachel Walter, who brought a friend, Maria Tschetter  
Mrs. Walter  
Alex Tulsie  
Blaize Smith  
Mrs. Smith  
Kenny Clow  
Marcus McLean  
Abby McLean  
Lisa McLean  
Skyler Koehn  
Erin Clifton  
Mr. Clifton, donated garbage sacks, Thank you!  
Mikayla Rye, who brought several friends, Taylor Centeno, Megan Richardson and Mrs. Richardson  
Grant Rye, who brought a friend, Isaac Richardson  
Mr & Mrs. Rye

A special thank you to Damon Benning for coordinating with the media, obtaining donated t-shirts, and for coming and supporting the event! You might ask him about the skateboarder asking him about his t-shirt.

## OCA SPEECH MEET SCHEDULE

The elementary and middle school Speech Meet is Wednesday, March 14. The schedule for the Speech Meet is as follows:

### Assembly Room

8:15-9:15 - 5th Grade  
9:25-10:10 - 1st Grade  
10:30-11:30 - 2nd Grade  
12:30-1:30 - 3rd Grade  
1:50-3:05 - 6th Grade

### Activity Room


8:15-9:15 - 5th Grade  
9:35-10:50 - 4th Grade



## 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. Mrs. Cloyd will not be available for Parent/Teacher conferences due to band tour. If you would like to have a conference with her, please call her at 498-2782 or PAN her to make arrangements.



## "PUT UP THE 3"

Pam Zimmerle competed in the 3rd annual "Put Up the 3" event. It is an area-wide contest for high school girls and boys who play high school basketball and can shoot the long ball. Pam represented our school very well. She finished tied for 10th place, and was only 1 point shy of making it to the semi-final round.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Friday, March 23 from 12:00-8:00 p.m. Parents are required to attend these conferences. Report cards will be given out.

**K-4th grade:** Please call the school office to schedule a 15 minute conference with your child's teacher.

**5th-12th grade:** These conferences will be held on the 2nd floor on a first come basis.