

OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NEWS & NOTES

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Blessings! There are interesting times ahead for all of us. Our seniors are getting excited about their next step in life. For many of their parents, the excitement is about how far the child wants to be away from home or how to help pay for that next step. Maybe the right word is not excitement? This last quarter will go by quickly and summer will be upon us before we realize it. Much is to be done before that time. Preparations for the next year include working on the hourly schedule. It is helpful to have fairly accurate information from which to work when devising that schedule. I want to encourage you to register your children for the next year if you have not done so at this point. It seems that every year I have been here, one class has a spurt of growth in numbers right before school starts and another grade does not quite reach expectations. Then there is a scramble to get the classes changed or moved to accommodate the different sizes of classes. By having accurate numbers going into the summer perhaps the new administrator will not have a schedule concern added to his plate at the beginning of the school year. Your school board has much to work on in the following months. Be in prayer for them. The finding of the next administrator and several financial matters will weigh heavily on their minds. Remember to pray for God's blessings on OCA.

SPRING ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

The time for spring achievement testing is just around the corner. Testing for grades 2nd-11th will take place the week of April 16. Please make every effort to not take your child out of school during this time. Testing will take place mainly in the mornings, but may also occur in the afternoon. It is also important to make sure that your child is well rested and has a good breakfast. Feel free to contact the guidance office if you have any questions.

Congratulations!

The Nebraska State Activities Association has announced the recipients of the Winter 2007 All-State Academic Awards for OCA: Basketball - Seniors Cale Schulz and Julia Warnke, Juniors Laura Henkenius and Jared Parsons, and Speech - Seniors Laura Pedersen and Alex West. Recipients must have maintained a 3.7 GPA and contributed significantly to their activity. Congratulations to our winners!

EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAM

A big "Thank you" to the Brim family who hosted a Korean exchange student for 5 weeks from January through February! We believe such exchange helps to promote global awareness and diversity in our families and classrooms. We would like to bring some more students for the next academic year 2007-2008. The students would be 4th through 8th grade and attend school from August 2007 to May 2008. We're looking for host families who would like to experience an exciting cultural exchange and broaden their family's perspectives on the world. It's a great education and lots of fun! The students who are carefully selected come to your home hoping to learn our culture, language and values. Please call the school office or the Omaha Koam Education Alliance's area coordinator, Mison Cowell (402-991-4616) for more information.



READ IN

Take a break before Spring Break with a good book and a friend. The OCA "Read In" will be held Wednesday, April 4 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Bring a pillow, blanket or sleeping bag and several good books from home and join the 1st-5th grades in the Assembly Room. Parents are welcome.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK - A Week

Mar 26 - TRP Orders Due
Mar 26 & 27 - Health Screening
Mar 27 - G & BSO @ Connestoga - 4:30/6:00 PM
Mar 29 - 7th grade field trip to Lincoln - 8:00-3:00
Mar 31 - Quiz Bowl @ Lincoln Northeast - 8:00AM

NEXT WEEK - B Week

April 2 - BSO vs Ralston - 5:30 PM
April 3 - G&BSO @ Boystown - 4:30/6:00 PM
April 4 - Elementary Read-In - 2:00 PM
April 5-9 - NO SCHOOL - Easter/Spring Break

LOOKING AHEAD

Apr 9 - BSO @ Elkhorn - 5:00 PM
Apr 10 - Track @ Crete - 10:30 AM
- G&BSO vs Gretna - 4:30/6:00 PM
Apr 12 - NHS Induction Ceremony - 9:36AM
- BSO vs Elkhorn - 5:00 PM
Apr 13 - 8th gr. to County Courthouse - 11:30AM
Apr 16-19 - SAT Testing - 2nd-11th grades
Apr 16 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- NFC Quiz Bowl - 4:00 PM

WEEK OF 3/26 THRU 3/30

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| Mar 26 | Chicken Nuggets Corn Fresh Seasonal Fruit Honey Grahams | Deli Sandwich Corn Fresh Seasonal Fruit Honey Grahams |
| Mar 27 | Corn Dog Broccoli w/ Ranch Peaches Sugar Cookie | Crispy Chick. Salad Box Broccoli w/ Ranch Peaches Sugar Cookie |
| Mar 28 | Calzone w/ Pepperoni Lettuce Salad Applesauce Brownie | Chef Salad Box Lettuce Salad Applesauce Brownie |
| Mar 29 | BBQ Glazed Chicken Bites over Rice Cole Slaw Pineapple Sponge Cake | Chicken Salad and Bagel Box Cole Slaw Pineapple Sponge Cake |
| Mar 30 | Cinn. Glazed French Toast & Sausage Potato Rounds Banana School Fuel | Chicken Bites Sal. Box Potato Rounds Banana School Fuel |

WEEK OF 4/2 THRU 4/6

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| Apr 2 | Mini Corn Dog Potato Rounds Cherries Bear Cookie | NO COLD LUNCH |
| Apr 3 | Soft Shell Chicken Tacos Corn Banana Ice Cream Cup | NO COLD LUNCH |
| Apr 4 | Sloppy Joe on a Bun Green Beans Cantaloupe All Sport Bites | |

April 5-6: NO SCHOOL - EASTER/SPRING BREAK

*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.



SUMMER CAMPOPPORTUNITY

Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center offers residential summer camp opportunities for children, youth and families throughout the summer. With over 25 different programs during the summer, there is something for everyone. If you would like more information, brochures are available on the table outside of the school office.

GUIDANCE CORNER

☞ Trinity Bible College will be hosting their Spring College Days April 12-14. If interested in attending register at www.trinitybiblecollege.edu/visitus or call toll free at 1-888-TBC-2DAY.

☞ UNL-Lincoln College of Engineering will be hosting their annual E-Week Open House on Friday, April 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Othmer Hall. Register online at www.eweek.unf.edu. Registration deadline is April 13.

☞ UNK will be hosting a Junior Day on Monday, April 9. Students may register online at www.unk.edu. Registration deadline is April 2 at 5:00 p.m.

☞ 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 29 - Cedarville Rep Visit
- March 29 - SAT Registration Deadline for May 5 Test
- April 2 - UNK Rep Visit
- April 3 - Nebraska Wesleyan Rep Visit
- April 16 - Trinity College Rep Visit
- April 23 - College Fair at Millard North HS, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

SMART MEET ART EXHIBIT RESULTS

The exhibit held March 19 and 20 was well attended and contained a large variety of artworks, 212 total. Participating schools were OCA, Trinity, Bellevue Christian, Cornerstone Christian and Home Education Network. Congratulations to all participants!

Top Awards

Best of Show

Keegan Kalisch - Drawing

Medal and Rosette Awards

Katie Arant - Water Color

Matt Colegrove - Pottery

Jenny Cosgrove - Sketching

Marietta Cosgrove - Acrylic Painting

Nate Jones - Mixed Media

Keegan Kalisch - Crafts and Pottery

Rachel Maurer - Portraiture (2)

Tyler Maskell - Drawing

Shannon Neal - Oil Pastel

Camille Stortenbecker - Ceramics

Elizabeth Webster - Watercolor

WALK-A-THON

Four and a half weeks until the First Annual OCA Walk-A-Thon! Are you getting excited? I know that I am. It's easy for me though, because my mailbox is starting to have letters in it everyday from businesses that have been contacted about donating prizes and being a water station sponser. So far we have received prizes from the Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha Children's Museum, Papio Fun Park, Strategic Air and Space Museum, Durham Western Heritage Museum, and the Rose Theatre.

Things are also falling into place with the festival and lunch preparations thanks to the hard work of Becky White and Pam Rozema and their committee members. Still there is lots to do. The greatest need is going to be for parent volunteers the day of the event to supervise our students so that everything goes smoothly. Please take a look at your schedules and see what you can do about joining us from 9:00 to 1:00 on the day of the event.

Also, just a reminder that this event is going to be our major fundraiser for the spring. The banquet and garage sale have been cancelled for this year and we are instead focusing our combined energies on the Walk-A-Thon.

Please consider how you can help with Walk-A-Thon if you have supported the garage sale or banquet in the past. And finally, please continue to pray. Your prayers are much needed and appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

~Kimber McLean

HIGH SCHOOL PIANO RECITAL RESULTS

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| Luke Henkenius | 2 |
| Michael Howell | 2 |
| Emily Lovgren | 2 |
| Janelle Ostry | 2 |
| Lauren Strasser | 1 |
| Matt Tulsie | 1 |



PIANO RECITAL RESULTS

Mikayla Arrington received a Superior at the elementary piano recital. Our apologies for not listing her in last week's News & Notes.



SMART MEET SPEECH RESULTS

Thirty 7th and 8th graders represented OCA well in the speech division of the SMART Meet. Their category and rating are listed below. Special acknowledgement goes to Nikki Tulsie, Kelly Nupson, and Rachel Sweeney for earning perfect scores (50) from the judges. Medal (*) winners must earn a combined score of 48. A Superior (S) rating is 45 to 50, an Excellent (E) rating is 40 to 44, and a Good (G) is 35 to 40. A score of 34 below earns Honorable Mention (HM).

| 8th Graders | Category | Rating |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Shannon Neal | Poetry | S |
| Tori Sorensen | Poetry | S |
| Kelly Nupson | Poetry | S* |
| Josh Binko | Poetry | E |
| Elijah Woitaszewski | Persuasive | S* |
| Brooke Folkers | Persuasive | E |
| Keirstyn Heinemann | Children's Bible Lesson | E |
| Carson Wirges | Humorous Interpre. | E |
| Skyler Koehn | Humorous Interpre. | S |
| Josh Bebee | Duet Acting | E |
| Nate Manus | Duet Acting | E |
| Josh Buckingham-Wiebel | Duet Acting | S* |
| Brendan Byal | Duet Acting | S* |
| Nick Jenkins | Informative | E |
| Nikki Tulsie | Informative | S* |
| Collin Arant | Informative | G |
| Kendra Strasser | Dramatic Interpre. | E |
| Nikki Tulsie | Dramatic Interpre. | S* |
| Matt Vilter | Ensemble Interpre. | S* |
| Shannon Neal | Ensemble Interpre. | S* |
| Kyle Krumwiede | Ensemble Interpre. | S* |
| Nolan Crawford | Ensemble Interpre. | S* |
| Blaize Smith | Ensemble Interpre. | S* |
| 7th Graders | | |
| Sarah Reinholtz | Humorous Interpre. | S* |
| Caitlyn Ostry | Humorous Interpre. | E |
| Kelsey Arndt | Duet Acting | E |
| Lizzie Lempeotis | Duet Acting | E |
| Merideth Roberts | Dramatic Interpre. | E |
| Rachel Sweeney | Interpre. of Prose | S* |
| Heather Rozema | Interpre. of Prose | E |



REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

Three OCA students traveled to Rockford, Illinois to compete in the ACSI Regional Spelling Bee. Mark and Erin Clifton, and Olivia Lovgren all competed. Out of 44 contestants, Mark finished 12th. Congratulations, you represented OCA admirably.

SMART MEET SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

The following students participated in the Science Fair at SMART Meet on March 20. Congratulations to all our winners!

5th & 6th Graders

Life Science

Jared Saiz: Blue Ribbon and Medallion

Rachel Walters: Blue Ribbon

Jesse Richards: Blue Ribbon

Jesse Wirges: Red Ribbon

Landon Folkers: White Ribbon

Physical Science

Lizzie Lyle: Blue Ribbon and Medallion

Jonathan Hempel: Blue Ribbon

Abby Gingrich: Blue Ribbon

Olivia Lovgren: Red Ribbon

Curtis Byal: White Ribbon

Jessica Colegrove: White Ribbon

7th & 8th Graders

Life Science

Shannon Neal: Blue Ribbon and Medallion

Caitlyn Ostry: Blue Ribbon

Andrew Oliver: Red Ribbon

Lauren Uhlig: White Ribbon

Physical Science

Meredith Roberts: Blue Ribbon

Jessica Anderson: Red Ribbon

Heather Rozema: Red Ribbon