


OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NEWS & NOTES

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 Blessings! I have two things to discuss today. First, when Liberty Christian Center consented to having the school come, we made several agreements. One of those agreements had to do with parking. The church allows faculty and staff to park in the east parking lot. Parents and students are to park in the west parking lot. The school has been able to make allowances for parents who are here on a somewhat regular basis. The church has been kind to allow some parking in the east lot during special occasions. In the same manner, we agreed that the picking up and delivery of students would be at the front, or west side of the building. Also we agreed that people who attend OCA for one occasion or another would understand that the areas in front of the school, and the road that comes to the east parking lot, are considered fire lanes and cannot be used for parking, or leaving cars unattended. Considering that these agreements were made with Liberty Christian Center, we are obligated to enforce what some feel are unnecessary restrictions on where they can go or park. Acknowledging God in all that we do, we treat others ethically and try to live up to our agreements. Please believe me, the last thing I want is to keep parents from the building or to upset them. This school would be hard pressed to carry on without the support and volunteer time contributed by parents. I will love to see the new school when it is on one floor, no steps (!) and maybe we can figure a way to have all the parking by the front door. Please understand me, I also need to maintain a working relationship with our landlord and that includes all of us abiding by the agreements that were made.

The second item to be discussed is our reading month. Reading month for k-8 students begins April second and ends on the last day of the month. I believe that reading and writing are the foundation of an educational system.

Better readers make better writers which in turn make better students and success in school. We should all be promoting reading month. Encourage your children to read, read with them, give them opportunity to see you reading. The teachers will be sending home information regarding this special month. Please be involved for the benefit of your children.



REGISTER NOW & SAVE

The \$50 per child registration discount for returning families has been extended. The deadline is Easter/Spring Break

THANKYOU!

Thank you to Joyce Begg, Sharon Brim, Beth Drowne, Suzette Toelle, Camille Hawk, Tricia Lewis, Lisa Strasser, Michelle Eveland, Leslie Neal, Karen Galvin, Paula Wells, Julie Siebert, and Melissa Smutzer for donating food for the teacher's dinner on conference night. Also, thank you to Melissa Stone for assisting me in serving! I am very grateful to you all for your help. I am looking for a volunteer to take over next year. I have truly been blessed to have this opportunity, and I'm sure you would be too. Please call me at 451-8797. Thank you, *Mitten Taylor*

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK - B Week

April 2 - BSO @ Ralston - 5:30 PM: Note change in location.

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

NEXT WEEK - A Week

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 - 9:36 AM
- BSO vs Elkhorn - 5:00 PM

Apr 13 - 8th gr. to County Courthouse - 11:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Apr 16-19 - SAT Testing - 2nd-11th grades

Apr 16 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- NFC Quiz Bowl - 4:00 PM

Apr 17 - Track: Irish Invite - 9:30 AM

Apr 19 - Booster Club Mtg. - 8:00 AM
- BSO @ NE Lutheran - 5:00 PM
- GSO @ Mercy - 5:00 PM

Apr 20 - District Music Contest

Apr 21 - Track @ Yutan - 9:00 AM
- Quiz Bowl @ Norris High

Apr 23 - BSO vs Brownell - 4:30 PM
- GSO @ S Sioux City - 5:00 PM

Apr 24 - Track @ Ft. Calhoun - 3:00 PM

Apr 25 - Walk-A-Thon - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Apr 26 - GSO @ Auburn - 5:00 PM

Apr 27 - Trinity Spring Festival
- Junior/Senior Banquet

WEEK OF 4/2 THRU 4/6

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

WEEK OF 4/9 THRU 4/13

Apr 9 - NO SCHOOL - Easter/Spring Break		
Apr 10	Chili w/ Crackers Celery Sticks Cherries Cinnamon Roll	Chicken Salad Box Celery Sticks Cherries Cinnamon Roll
Apr 11	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Peaches Choc. Chip Cookie	Chef Salad Box w/ Turkey & Cheese Peaches Choc. Chip Cookie
Apr 12	Roasted Turkey Mashed Pot. & Gravy Orange Wedges Hot Roll Cranberry Delight	Cottage Cheese w/ Jelly Sandwich Orange Wedges Hot Roll Cranberry Delight
Apr 13	Hot Dog or Chili Dog Baby Carrots Pears Brownie	Turkey & Cheese Sand. Baby Carrots Pears Brownie

***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.

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.

GUIDANCE CORNER

☞ Seniors interested in attending UNK should contact the guidance office for a scholarship opportunity.

☞ The Assistance League of Omaha is offering an ACT Review Course at Westside High School. The course consists of two classes as well as 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 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.

☞ Southeast Community College will be hosting an Open House at their Lincoln Campus on Sunday, April 15, from 11:00 to 4:00. Students will have the opportunity to win one of two scholarships that may be used on any of their three campuses. For more information call 800-642-4075.

Calendar:

- April 2 - UNK Rep Visit
- April 3 - Nebraska Wesleyan Rep Visit
- April 5 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for May 5 Test
- April 16 - Trinity Bible College Rep Visit
- April 23 - College Fair at Millard North HS, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- April 27 - SAT Registration Deadline for June 2 Test
- May 4 - ACT Registration Deadline for June 9 Test
- May 9 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for June 2 Test
- May 18 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for June 9 Test

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Find out something new about your own culture and point of view by seeing it from a fresh perspective.

Gain better understanding of another country and its culture and society.

Build lasting friendships with people from other cultures.

Feel confident and comfortable with people from other cultures.

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GREETINGSALL!

Only four weeks until the Walk-a-Thon and things are falling into place nicely. If you haven't already done so, please mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and plan on hanging out at the track and field with us. It is going to be a fun-filled day. Along with the Walk-a-thon, there will be a festival with a variety of fun to participate in. The following activities will be a part of our festival: Round Spacewalk, Obstacle Course, Triple Bungee Run, Giant Slide, 3 Hole 3D Mini Golf Course, Mega Soccer, Hoops Game, Balloon Dart Game, Bean Bag Toss Game, Duckpond Game, Teddy Bear Toss Game, and Total Rebound Game.

The tri-fold brochures are in final production. They will be sent home in an information packet on Wednesday, April 4. Also enclosed will be an information sheet and t-shirt order form. All I need is your students' sizes as the t-shirt is part of the event, and everyone in the school will receive one.

Prize and sponsor letters continue to come in, and as of this writing, people have pledged over \$700 to underwrite this event, and almost \$500 in prizes have been donated. We are indeed blessed.

Also, please keep this event in your prayers. Pray that details continue to fall into place, that the weather cooperates that day, and that most of all, God is honored in all that we endeavor. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your support and enthusiasm is so encouraging.

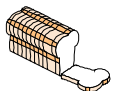
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READ IN



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.

BREAD MACHINES WANTED



If you have a bread machine sitting around collecting dust that you do not plan on using again, the Foods class could put it to good use!

~Melanie Lovgren