


# NEWS & NOTES

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Blessings! Psalm 107:21,22 read in this way, "Oh, that men would give thanks to the lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing." If you read the whole Psalm you would see where the psalmist is recounting different situations that arise in a person's life. Some of these situations are brought on by the person himself, others are not of his doing. In each case there is deliverance by the Lord. In both of these situations are words similar to the ones above, "Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for his goodness." Have you taken time to reflect on your history, or the history of your family? Have you seen the goodness of the Lord working through the situations He has brought you through? This is why we celebrate this Thanksgiving season, to reflect and be thankful. It is why I refuse to acknowledge Christmas until Thanksgiving is past. I think we are blessed to have a time to sit and reflect and be thankful. Acknowledge God this Thanksgiving weekend!

## HOLIDAY CANNED FOOD DRIVE

National Honor Society, along with Liberty Christian Center, is having a canned food drive for needy families in our area. The drive will run November 27 through December 8. Please send unopened, nonperishable foods with your child during this time. Along with collecting food, we would also like to collect coats, hats, and gloves for the Open Door Mission. Elementary students may bring food and coats to their classrooms and Middle School through High School may drop their donations in a box, marked with their grade outside the office. One elementary, middle, and high school class will win a class party for bringing the most donations. God has blessed us richly; please give generously to help people less fortunate than we.



## TRP ORDERS

The last TRP order date before Christmas is Monday, November 27th. You should be using form #38. The following new vendors have been added to the order form: Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Golden Corral, Gymboree, Omaha Steaks, & Papa John's Pizza. These gift cards make great Christmas gifts! If you have any questions, call Tammy Krumwiede in the school office.

## LOOKING FOR A YEARBOOK?

The publication of last year's yearbook has been through several trials and tribulations. Early in the school year I was told that the master file for the yearbook that was kept on a computer was lost. Several people tried to dredge it up but to no avail I was told that the majority of the book was still available in pages that were in other files but that it would take time to get the pages that were missing redone. Then we found out that the notebook that contained the hardcopy of the pages we thought were lost was in South Dakota. We are now in possession of that notebook and progress is once again being made on the yearbook. I have heard that there are people talking that we will not have the yearbook from last year. That is not true. I know that the graduates would have a right to be very frustrated if the memories from their last year in high school were lost. From the information I have received, the yearbook will be finished and available as soon as possible. I am very sorry for the amount of time this is taking. I apologize especially to last year's seniors.



## BASKETBALL HELPERS

Mr. Thompson needs help with timekeeping and bookkeeping for the Middle School Boys Basketball games. Please contact him by PAN (on Syc. Ed) or call the school office between 2:00-3:30 p.m.



## CALENDAR



### THIS WEEK - A Week

Nov 20- NFC One Act Play @ OCA - 3:00-6:00 PM  
 - MS Boys BB vs Brownell - 6:30/7:30  
 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM  
 Nov 23 & 24 - No School: Thanksgiving Break

### NEXT WEEK - B Week

Nov 29- District One Act Play  
 Nov 30- JV/V BBB @ Collegeview - 6:15/8:00 PM  
 Dec 1 - Biology to DeSoto Bend - 8:30 AM  
 - V G&BBB vs Bancroft Rosalie @ Ralston MS  
 - 6:15/8:00 PM  
 Dec 2 - JV/V GBB @ Lewiston - 5:45/7:15

### LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 5 - Christmas Concert: Kdg.- 6th gr.- 7:00 PM  
 Dec 7 - V G&BBB @ Parkview - 6:15/8:00 PM  
 Dec 9 - MS BBB Tourney @ Scribner  
 - JV/V G&BBB vs Essex @ Grace  
 - 3:00/4:30/6:00/8:00 PM

### WEEK OF 11/20 THRU 11/24

Nov 20	Burrito w/Cheese Sauce Mexi Tots Strawberries Vanilla Wafers	Bagel w/Turkey & Cheese Mexi Tots Strawberries Vanilla Wafers
Nov 21	Chicken Noodle Soup w/ Cheese Cup & Crackers Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Toastio Bar	Taco Salad Box Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Toastio Bar
Nov 22	Pizza Hut Pizza Broccoli w/ Ranch Applesauce Sugar Cookie	Crackers & Cheese Meat Stick Broccoli w/ Ranch Applesauce Sugar Cookie

Nov 23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Nov 24 NOSCHOOL

### WEEK OF 11/27 THRU 12/1

Nov 27	Honey BBQ Boneless Chicken Wings Corn Cherries Chocolate Pudding	Cottage Cheese w/ Fruit Corn Cherries Chocolate Pudding
Nov 28	Stuffed Cheese Pocket w/ Italian Meat Sauce Celery Sticks w/ Ranch Pears Brownie	Taco Salad Box Celery Sticks w/ Ranch Pears Brownie
Nov 29	Teriyaki Chicken & Rice w/ Chow Mein Noodles Steamed Bok Choy Pineapple Cookie	Meat & Cheese Sand. Steamed Bok Choy Pineapple Cookie
Nov 30	Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Hot Roll Strawberry Shortcake w/ Whipped Topping	Oriental Chicken Salad Green Beans Hot Roll Strawberry Shortcake w/Whipped Topping
Dec 1	BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun French Fries Banana Chocolate Cake	Cot. Cheese & Jelly San. French Fries Banana Chocolate Cake

\*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.

### MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you are getting the wrong magazine, please call QSP at 1-800-678-2673, Monday thru Friday, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Please wait to call if you have not received a magazine yet, some magazine suppliers are not fulfilling orders until late December or early January.

### GUIDANCE CORNER

The International Association of Administrative Professionals, Aksarban Chapter, is offering a scholarship worth up to \$500 for seniors planning to pursue a career as an administrative office professional. In order to apply you must attend an accredited Nebraska or Iowa college and have a current GPA of 3.0 or above. Applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 1.

The scholarship admissions deadline for UNL is January 15. In order to be eligible for freshman scholarships students need apply for admissions by January 15.

EducationQuest along with NET Television will be hosting their 8th annual Countdown to College Call-In Show on Wednesday, December 6 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. It will feature a panel of college-planning and financial aid experts who will answer viewer's questions on the air. You can submit questions now or the evening of the show by calling 800-666-3721 or emailing them to [countdown@educationquest.org](mailto:countdown@educationquest.org). You'll receive an answer on the air or via email.

Client Resources is proud to support The Nebraska Amputee Association by offering a \$500.00 scholarship. Eligible applicants include an amputee that is a graduating senior or the child of an amputee that is currently enrolled or accepted into a 2-year, 4 year, or technical school. Applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 1.

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. All classes must be attended to receive full coverage. The two classes will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5 and Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The optional third class will take place on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The fee for the two classes is \$30 and \$40 for all three classes. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

#### Calendar:

- Nov 20 - Wayne State Rep Visit
- Nov 21 - Creighton University Rep Visit
- Dec 6 - Countdown to College Call-In Show
- Dec 20 - SAT Registration Deadline for the Jan. 27 Test

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULES



The high school basketball practice and game schedule is posted on Sycamore Education. You can locate the schedule by clicking on school, then documents, then sports.

### ELECTION TIME

The OCA Association will hold elections for 3 seats on the Board of Directors at its February meeting. Board candidates must be members of the OCA Association (see the office for details on Association membership if you do not already belong). The OCA Board asks that you prayerfully consider serving on the board for a 3 year term from 2007-2010. If you are interested, stop by the office and pick up a "Prospective Board Member Questionnaire". The Board also asks current Association members to serve on the Board's Nominating Committee. Please contact Steve White if you have any questions, 397-3523.



## CHRISTMAS BONUS

During this season of thanksgiving and remembrance, the OCA Board asks for financial contributions to honor our teachers and staff. Our employees sacrifice significantly to work at our school and this is a small token of appreciation for that sacrifice. The amount given will be divided equally among all employees based on their full/part time status.

## COUNTDOWN TO COLLEGE

Have questions about college planning? Tune in to Countdown to College! Tune in to NET Television Wednesday, December 6 at 7 pm for the 8th annual Countdown to College live call-in show. During this one-hour program, experts in the areas of college planning, admissions, and financial aid will answer viewer's questions on the air. You can submit questions now or the evening of the show by calling 800-666-3721 or emailing them to [countdown@educationquest.org](mailto:countdown@educationquest.org). You'll receive an answer on the air or via e-mail.

If you miss the show on December 6, watch for a rebroadcast on NET2:

December 8 at 10 am and 3 pm

December 9 at 12 pm

December 15 at 9 pm

A Spanish-captioned version of the program will air on NET2 in late January or early February (date and time to be announced).

Countdown to College: A Nebraska Connects Special is a co-production of EducationQuest Foundation and NET Television. EducationQuest provides free college planning services year-round. To make an appointment, call 888-357-6300.



## YOUTH SPORTS BASKETBALL

The YMCA submitted the wrong season dates for basketball. The season will be January 6-February 24. Registrations are low this year. We were able to make three OCA teams. We have a 2nd grade team of 7 players, so there is room for more. Also, this team needs a coach! We have a 4th grade team with Terry Zank and Jon Arrington coaching. This team only has 7 players, so there is still room for more. Our 5th & 6th grade team is full. Jim Richards is coaching this team. Thank you to those who have volunteered to coach these students.

Coaches will be contacting their team after their coaches meeting at the YMCA on December 11. If you have any questions or would like to have your child added to a team, please contact Terri Zimmerle by PAN, or email @ [tzimmerle@aol.com](mailto:tzimmerle@aol.com), or call 493-2850.

## ***Congratulations!***

Andrew Minich and Colby Arndt were selected to the all District D1-3 Football Team. Andrew was first team defensive lineman and Colby was first team kicker.

## TO THE OCA FAMILY

This letter is written to let you know of the passing of my wife, Karina, Loni and Cy's mother, Candy Willis. Candy went to be with her Lord this past Wednesday evening, November 15. We rejoice that she is whole and strong, dancing for and praising her Lord tirelessly, no more pain, no more sorrow, but we who are left behind miss her greatly.

Many of you know her as a supporter of our daughters Karina and Loni in their various activities at school, others as a tireless prayer warrior in Moms-in-Touch praying for your children and the entire OCA family the past six years. Still others knew her as a dedicated supporter of Christian education having had children at Central Christian, Bellevue Christian Academy, Cornerstone Christian School and OCA for more years than I care to tally. Many of you from all of the above.

Candy held her condition very closely and as a loving husband and family, we respected her wishes. Many of you would have liked to have known and I know that there were many blessings that could have been received by us individually and collectively as a family. However, Candy wanted to be remembered as Candy and not for how her disease was impacting her. In many ways she was a very private person. I would ask that many of you who were close and had no hint of her condition not judge her but rather respect her desires as we did.

We as a family are now free to openly acknowledge her passing and can use your encouragement, support and prayers as we negotiate the grieving process. In many ways we have held this secret long enough that it is difficult to at last feel free to discuss it, so feel free to encourage us.

Thank you all for your prayers, friendship and understanding. In our Lord's service,  
Bill, Karina, Loni, and Cy Willis and Kevin Baba

## DID YOU KNOW?

If you have not received the OCA "Did You Know" booklet, there are some available in the school office.

## CUB SCOUT CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Cub Scouts who earned awards at the last meeting:

### Raingutter Regatta:

1st Place - Drew Sorensen

2nd Place - Mitchell Francis

### Webelos Badges:

Drew Sorensen - Communicator, Traveler, & Compass Point

Curtis Byal - Traveler

Andrew Richardson - Traveler

### Bobcat Badges:

Xristian Willars, Mitchell Francis, & Mitchell Taylor