


NEWS & NOTES

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 Blessings! The unpleasantness about being an administrator is that you tend to hear, or deal with, negative situations. You hear about the students who are misbehaving or not doing well in classes, you get asked what seems like simple questions but you need to go through all the scenarios of what might happen, or who will be offended, or what precedent you are setting by saying yes. That is why when there is a feel good moment I really enjoy it and would like to pass it along. On the twentieth of this month OCA hosted the league one-act play competition. The assembly room was turned into the OCA little theater, and served quite well in that capacity. Only two other schools from the conference attended, and we received a note from one of our guests, someone that had come to view one of the other schools, that described their experience at OCA. This person states, "I thought your play was very good and the actors did a fine job. However, I was even more impressed with you as young gentlemen and ladies. One sophomore girl escorted us from outside the building to the room where the plays were to be performed. Two cast members from your school helped a student from another school get his broken shoe fixed. Several students from your school extended congratulations to Nebraska Lutheran cast members for being named the winner. Good sportsmanship! Your faculty did not have to monitor you much. Whatever you are doing, keep it up." A big Well DONE!! to the cast and crew of "After Hours" and their sponsors, Mrs. Nupson and Mrs. Rozema.

OCA SWEATSHIRTS & POLOS FOR SALE!

In order to receive these shirts before Christmas break, the attached order form needs to be turned in to the office TOMORROW, DECEMBER 5 by 9:00 AM. If you have questions, please call Jan Schultz, 334-5298 or PAN her. T-shirts in various sizes will be available for sale at the basketball games. The sweatshirts and polos are a true navy and the lettering is Vegas Gold and white. The eagle emblem is in various shades of white, grey, and black with a Vegas gold beak. The shirts look really sharp! Show your school spirit by wearing OCA apparel to events and games. (Please see attached order form.)



 **CHRISTMAS CONCERT TIME CHANGE**
The elementary program (Kdg.- 6th grade) will be Monday, December 4. **The Kdg.-2nd grade begins at 6:30 p.m. and the 3rd-6th grade begins at 7:30 p.m.**

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Contributions for the land purchase are beginning to come in. Praise the Lord, to date about **thirty thousand dollars** has been given toward this project.

There will be a special meeting of the Association on December 18th before the concert. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m., and be finished before the pre-concert performances at 6:30. The meeting will be held in the 2nd floor assembly room. The purpose of the meeting is to update you on the land purchase. The purchase price is higher than we originally understood, and we need to vote to approve pursuing the higher price.

The December board meeting has been rescheduled and will be held Tuesday, December 19th beginning at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be on the second floor.

WELCOME

We welcome Jevan Booth, a sophomore, to OCA.

Please add to your directory:

Jeff & Terri Booth - Jevan 10

11107 Grande Avenue, Omaha, NE 68164

493-1587

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK - A Week

Dec 4 - Christmas Concert: Kdg.- 6th gr.- 6:30 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
- 5:15 (both JV games)/6:00/8:00 PM

NEXT WEEK - B Week

Dec 11 - MS BBB @ ISD - 4:45 PM

Dec 12 - JV BBB/V G&BBB vs Cedar Bluffs - TBA
- 4:30/6:30/7:45 PM

Dec 14 - JV/V GBB vs Fremont @ Grace-6:00/7:30 PM

Dec 15 - JV/V BBB @ Freeman - 6:15/8:00 PM

Dec 16 - Wrestling @ Scribner - 10:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 18 - Special Association Meeting - 6:00 PM
- 7-12 grade Christmas Concert - 7:00 PM

Dec 19 - Board Meeting - 5:30 PM

Dec 21 - Elementary Christmas Parties - 2:00 PM

Dec 22-Jan 3 - No School - Christmas Break

WEEK OF 12/4 THRU 12/8

Dec 4	Chicken Nuggets Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Tea Roll Jell-O	Cottage Cheese w/ Fruit Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Tea Roll Jell-O
Dec 5	Hamburger French Fries Asian Pears School Fuel	Crispy Chicken Salad Box French Fries Asian Pears School Fuel
Dec 6	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Applesauce Rice Krispie	Salmon Salad Croissant Lettuce Salad Applesauce
Dec 7	Crispy Tacos w/ Lettuce Corn Peaches Snicker Doodle Cookie	Salad Box w/ Salmon Salad Corn Peaches Snicker Doodle Cookie
Dec 8	Baked Potato w/ Ham & Cheese Apple Tea Roll Zebra Brownie	Taco Salad Apple Tea Roll Zebra Brownie

WEEK OF 12/4 THRU 12/8

Dec 11	Sloppy Joe on Bun Italian Vegetables Orange Smiles Chips	Ham & Cheese Sandwich Italian Vegetables Orange Smiles Chips
Dec 12	Creamed Chicken Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Hot Roll Strawberry Shortcake	Chef Salad Box Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Hot Roll Strawberry Shortcake
Dec 13	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Garlic Bread Stick Toll House Cookie	Chicken Salad Croissant Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Garlic Bread Stick Toll House Cookie
Dec 14	Smart Sub Potato Salad Applesauce Chocolate Cake	Chicken Ceaser Salad Box Potato Salad Applesauce Chocolate Cake
Dec 15	Mozzerella Cheese Toast w/ Marinara Green Beans Pear Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Meat & Cheese Bagel Green Beans Pear Pineapple Upside Down 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.

CRAZY 8 DAY

Student Activity Board says "We Need A Little Christmas". Friday is Crazy 8 Day and the theme is Holiday Colors & Movies. Dress in you best Christmas color attire, or as a favorite Christmas movie character. (Dress code applies)

GUIDANCE CORNER

☞ The City of Omaha Parks & Recreation is currently setting up interview appointments for summer employment opportunities. Contact the guidance office for more information or visit their web page at www.ci.omahane.us/parks.

☞ The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation is offering the Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship Fund. They will award up to six \$1,000 scholarships. In order to apply you must have a GPA of 3.75 or higher and plan to attend, as a full time student, an accredited four year college/university, and accredited post-secondary institution or an accredited post-secondary training institution. Deadline is January 15.

☞ PRIDE-Omaha, Inc. and the family of Dr. Liz Karnes are offering the annual Liz Karnes Memorial Scholarship for Drug-Free Youth. Applicants must be college-bound high school seniors who have never used alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or any other illegal drug and who have promoted drug-free lifestyles. Deadline is Feb. 16.

☞ UNK will be hosting a "Go for the Gold" reception in Omaha on Dec. 4 at the Regency Lodge. The reception will take place from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and will give students and parents a chance to learn more about the opportunities available at UNK. To RSVP go to www.unk.edu.

☞ 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 need to be attended to receive full coverage. The classes will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5 and Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The third class will take place on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 6:30-8:30 pm. There is a \$30 fee for two classes and \$40 for all three classes.

Calendar:

- Dec 20- SAT Registration Deadline for the Jan. 27 Test
- Jan 4 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for Jan. 27 Test
- Jan 5 - ACT Registration Deadline for Jan. 27 Test
- Jan 19 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for Feb. 10 Test

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.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Laura Henkenius for making the First Team All Conference Volleyball Team.

SPRING FUND RAISER

Traditionally, OCA has conducted a garage sale as our annual spring school fundraiser, but a change is in the works. The logistics of finding a location, dealing with donations at a remote site, and losing clientele that was built by having a consistent place for the sale made last year's sale far less successful than previous years. So, until OCA has a home of our own, the garage sale will be suspended. If you have been saving items, we thank you, but please feel free to donate them to other worthy organizations.

In its place, on Wednesday, April 25th, OCA will conduct a Walk-A-Thon. Details of this fun-filled day will be coming soon.

Thank you for your support of OCA!
Becky White, Garage Sale Director
Steve White, Board Development Committee

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE WILLIS FAMILY

For those of you who are interested, Candy's memorial service is to be Saturday, December 9, at 1:30 p.m. at Brookside Church, 11607 M Circle (southeast of 120th and L street).

Also, for those who are interested, suggested memorials (instead of flowers) are:

The Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind
Heifer International
Cornerstone Christian School (Bellevue, NE)
Omaha Christian Academy (Omaha)

PRESCHOOL DONATIONS

The preschool class is in need of donations for their treasure box. If you would like to donate any items you may have such as Happy Meal Toys, etc. Please drop them off at the school office.

COUNTDOWN TO COLLEGE

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.



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.

CALLING ALL OCA EAGLES FANS

Let's pack the gym on Tuesday, December 12 as the Eagles take on Cedar Bluffs at Grace University. The Boys JV game is at 4:30 p.m. with the Girls Varsity playing at 6:30 p.m. and the Boys Varsity finishing up the night at 7:45 p.m. Let's all encourage our coaches and players and show our support for all the work they have done!



OCA AT DISTRICT PLAY PRODUCTION

OCA competed at District Play Production on November 29. We were one of only four schools to win a superior rating at districts this year. Logan Graves and Tyler Maskell won Outstanding Actor awards. One fan from a competing school said we got "robbed" and should have gone to state because she laughed until she cried. Way to reach the audience OCA actors!



BOOK FAIR BOOKS

All of the books ordered from the Book Fair have been distributed. If you have a problem or a question about your order, you can call Dianne Jay at 571-1715 or Mrs. Randall at the school library. Your order may have noted a "back order" on an item. They have assured us that the books will be here before Christmas break.

GATE/CONCESSION/CLEAN-UP WORKERS

Saturday, December 9 vs Essex at Grace University

Gate: 2:40-5:40 - Tim & Kimber McLean

5:40-8:40 - Andrew & Kathy Webster

Concession: 2:45-5:45 - Darryl & Marie Williams

Scott & Ellen Nupson

5:45-9:00 - John & Sherrie Lindsey

Bill & Melanie Lovgren

Clean-up: Juniors and Steve & Terri Zimmerle

SCOREBOARD CORNER

Girls Varsity Basketball:

OCA 19 - Bancroft 89

OCA 27 - Lewiston 51

Girls JV Basketball:

OCA 11 - Lewiston 51

Boys Varsity Basketball:

OCA 37 - Collegeview 57

OCA 40 - Bancroft 59

Boys JV Basketball:

OCA defeated College View: 40-20

Wrestling:

Steve Perry - 2nd Place @ Boystown JV