

News & Notes

November 2, 2007

From the Director

I hope you have noticed the new look of OCA's *News & Notes*. A few weeks ago we formed a "Marketing Committee" and this is just a part of a BIG effort to put a new face on OCA! During my weeks here I've become convinced that OCA is a GREAT school – and we don't need to be shy about crowing a bit!

As part of our effort toward better marketing, look for some of these things in the near future:

- A new school logo – it's coming, watch for it!
- Better communication about school events and student achievements via news releases to area newspapers

- TV & radio promotion of school events
- New school promotional publications

Lots of other ideas and initiatives have been discussed too. Our goal is to let Omaha know that a GREAT faith-based, value-centered educational option exists within its borders! Help get the word out!

OCA is GOING & GROWING! Let's all invite like-minded families to COME ALONG!

Tim Thompson, Executive Director

(Next week we'll get back to Christian Education)

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Middle School Volleyball 2007

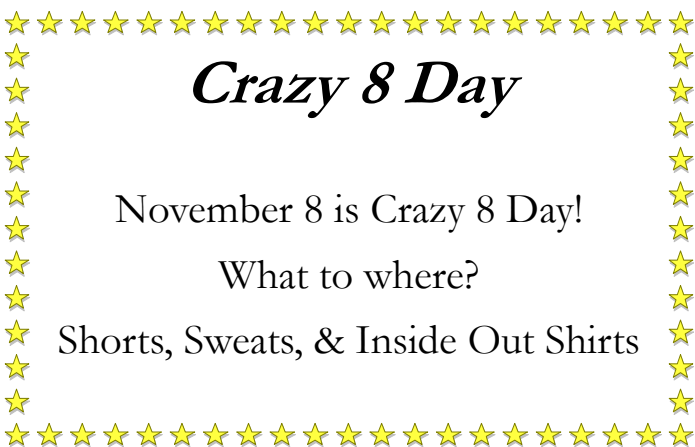
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The junior high Eagles volleyball team ended the season with a winning record by defeating Heartland Christian on Thursday 26-24; 25-20. We started the season with a 25-13, 22-25, 15-9 win over ISD, and then we traveled to the Scribner Tournament on October 6 and put up our best performance yet against these top junior high teams. Although we placed 4th, the girls routed Scribner's B string in the second game of the match forcing Scribner to return their top players to the court to secure the victory. We then lost to Logan View in a long balanced match. On October 11, we defeated Heartland Christian in a decisive first match, and then fell to them in a second match. We met ISD again on their home court October 16 and won 25-12; 25-17. Our victory over Heartland on October 24 ended our 2007 season.

The team was led by 8th graders Rachel Sweeney, Heather Rozema, Meredith Roberts, Kelcey Arndt, Stacia Howell, Rebecca Wells, Jessica Anderson, Lizzie Lempeotis, and Sarah Reinholtz. These players are looking forward to varsity level competition next year. Seventh graders Lizzie Lyle, Olivia Lovgren, Jesse Wirges, Julianna Meyers, Micaela Myers, Grace Stianson, and Madison Smith will hopefully all return to lead the team next year. Eighth grader Briana Jasso helped with stats as team manager.

Thank you to all the parents who helped keep the scorebook, volunteered as line judges, and drove the girls to practice!

~Ellen Nupson, Coach



Crazy 8 Day

November 8 is Crazy 8 Day!

What to where?

Shorts, Sweats, & Inside Out Shirts

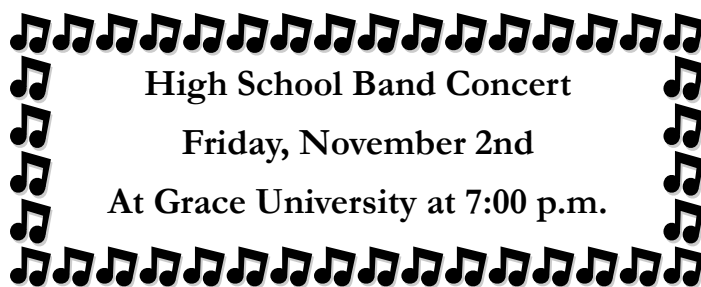
<i>School Calendar</i>	
November 4	Daylight Savings Time Begins
November 5	Winter Sports Meeting - 7:00 pm
November 6	Spanish 3/4 to The Alamo - 12:30 pm
November 6	Parent Connection Meeting at Village Inn on L Street - 7:00 pm
November 8	Moms In Touch - 8:30-9:30 am
November 8	7/8 Girls Tea Party @ CBC - 11:50
November 9	Elementary Harvest Party - 2:00 pm
November 13	NFC Vocal Honors @ Concordia - 7:00 pm
November 15	Moms In Touch - 8:30-9:30 pm
November 16	Booster Club Meeting - 8:30 am
November 19	NFC One Act Play @ Parkview - 3:00 pm
November 19	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Break
November 27	Worship Team to Trinity - 8:00 am
November 28	District Play
November 29	JV/V BBB vs Collegeview @ Grace University - 6:15/8:00 pm
November 30	V G&BBB @ Bancroft Rosalie - 6:15/8:00 pm

What Is Hosting An Exchange Student Like?

Hosting an exchange student often means that you have added a wonderful new member to your family, much like having an adopted son or daughter from overseas. Some say it is like being a grandparent who has a different culture. KoAm's students will be part of your family and live as a "native" rather than as a guest. As your student goes through the new surroundings and day-to-day activities of your family and community, you will find a new way of looking at those things you often considered commonplace.

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High School Band Concert

Friday, November 2nd

At Grace University at 7:00 p.m.

Cub Scout Corner

Congratulations to the following scouts who earned awards in October:

Athletic Pin: Joey Anderson, Matt Kempkes, Bryce Taylor, and Daniel Hempel

1st Beads: Kristian Willars and Mitch Taylor

Bobcat Badge: Mitch Taylor and Zachary Willars

Mark your calendars for these November events:

November 1, 8, and 15 - Den Meetings

November 29 - Pack Meeting

Growing & Going

“...From every man whose heart moves him you shall raise a contribution.” Exodus 25:2. At our recent open house in the elementary building, these numbers were presented to show what it would take to GO and GROW!

\$3,600,000 is the total cost of the two buildings and renovation. This gives us 6.67 acres of land or 290,545.2 sq. ft. of land and 40,850 sq. ft. in buildings. This breaks down to:

\$12.40 per sq. ft.
or
\$111.52 per sq. yd.

The immediate need, as presented by the OCA Board is \$750,000 given by December 31st. This task seems enormous, even when we break it down:

2,000 donors to give \$375
or
1,000 donors to give \$750
or
500 donors to give \$1,500
or
250 donors to give \$3,000

Based on 500 students, \$3,000 buys space for one student.

In addition to the immediate cash need, \$750,000 is needed to be pledged over 30-36 months. This breaks down to:

224 donors pledging 1 sq. yd/month @ \$111.52
or
200 donors pledging \$125/month
or
500 donors pledging \$50/month
or
1,000 donors pledging \$25/month

Does it seem impossible? Perhaps - but is it worth it to make every effort to get there? Absolutely! We are not talking distant future - but a move this summer! We would occupy these buildings for the 2008-2009 school year! This would be the HOME OF OMAHA

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY-- A place where your children and grandchildren can have the Christian education we long for them to have in a facility that can be modified to meet their needs.



What can you do?

- 1) PRAY! Pray that the Lord would move MANY hearts, that the contributions might be raised! “And everyone whose heart stirred him and everyone whose spirit moved him came and brought the Lord’s contribution for the work of the tent of meeting and for all its service and for the holy garments.” Exodus 35:21. I am not comparing OCA to the tabernacle, but I KNOW we need MANY hearts stirred, and MANY obedient servants to step forward and give for OCA to go and grow.
- 2) ASK! Ask God to lead you to those who would be willing to pray about giving to OCA. Talk to relatives, neighbors, churches, youth groups, business associates, and anyone else you can think of.
- 3) SACRIFICE! To quote Dave Ramsey: “Live like no other, so you can LIVE like no other.” My adaptation: “Live like no other, so you can educate the children like no other”. “Rice and beans, beans and rice...” Pete Smagacz pointed out that we are not just talking about the immediate education of our students here at OCA, but an influence they will have on their families, the city, the country - down the road - as they leave OCA with a Christian worldview.

~Helen Cloyd

Varsity Volleyball 2007

The OCA Varsity Volleyball season ended at Sub-districts on Monday, October 29, 2007 with a 25-17, 25-15, 25-23 win over Weeping Water followed by an 11-25, 8-25, 15-25 loss to Lourdes Central. The Lady Eagles finished the season with a 9-15 record.

Highlights of the season included: winning the season opening triangular with Boystown and Omaha Nation; defeating Brownell-Talbot in 5 games; defeating Parkview Christian in 5 games during the conference tournament; and defeating Weeping Water in round 1 of Sub-district play. Team members included: seniors - Lexie Bryce, Laura Henkenius, Jackie Johnson, Kara Krumwiede, Kristin Lewis, Evie Rodriguez, Lauren

Strasser, Pam Zimmerle; juniors - Michelle Gingrich, Stephanie Hamilton, Meghan Vilter; sophomore - Kathryn White; freshman - Kelly Nupson, Nikki Tulsie. Henkenius & Zimmerle were this year's co-captains. The following are the team stat leaders for the 2007 season: Laura Henkenius - 168 kills; Lexie Bryce and Stephanie Hamilton each with 31 blocks; Jackie Johnson 61 ace serves; Pam Zimmerle 355 digs; Jackie Johnson 129 set assists.

This season two new school records were set. Jackie Johnson's 61 service aces surpassed Megan Henkenius' 1997 record of 60 service aces in a season. And Pam Zimmerle's 355 digs this season replaces Stephanie Johnson's 2002 record of 296 digs in a season.

Youth Sports

K – 6 Youth Sports Basketball Sign-ups!

WHO: K – 6th grade
Boys & Girls Teams

WHAT: Registrations for Youth Sports Basketball

WHEN: Monday, November 5th, 3:15-5:45pm

WHERE: OCA 1st level foyer

COST: \$51.00

SEASON: Jan 12th – March 1st

Looking for a great Christmas gift?
How about an OCA Cookbook?
Cookbooks are available to purchase in the school office for \$5.00 each

Volleyball Party



Saturday,
Nov. 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Coach Johnson's House
13906 S 105th Street

(Maps are available in the school office)



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A Christian Community of Learning



Reminder: This is the last edition of *News & Notes* that will be sent home as a hard copy. If you would like to continue to receive a hard copy please call the school office and let us know. If you would like to add your email address to the OCA families list, please email Kerri at kerri.tulsie@omahachristianacademy.com

School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Nov. 5	HOT—Honey BBQ Drummies COLD—Deli Bagel Sandwich	Corn Fresh Plums Dinner Roll Bear Cookie
Nov. 6	HOT—Corn Dog COLD—Chicken Salad Box	Broccoli w/Ranch Mixed Fruit School Fuel
Nov. 7	HOT—Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Tuna Salad Pocket	Lettuce Salad Pears Sugar Cookie
Nov. 8	HOT—Meatloaf COLD—Salad Box w/Egg	Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Orange Wedges Dinner Roll
Nov. 9	HOT—Grilled Cheese COLD—Meatloaf Sandwich	Baby Carrots Cinnamon Apple Slices Toll House Cookie Bar

Students may choose yogurt & cheesestick as a main dish alternative.

Milk will be served with all meals.

Cost: \$2.45(K-4); \$2.60 (5-12); \$1.00 Extra Entrees

Lost & Found

All Lost & Found items will be placed on a table in the Activity Room on 2nd floor. Parents and students, please check Lost & Found for missing items. Next Friday all items left will be donated.

Guidance Corner

- ⇒ Seniors interested in becoming heavy equipment and agricultural diesel technicians may be eligible to attend Central Community College in Hastings. Contact the guidance office for more information.
- ⇒ Several scholarship opportunities are available through the American Legion Auxiliary. Contact the guidance office for eligibility requirements for each.

CALENDAR

- November 7 - Doane College Rep Visit
- November 8 - SAT Registration Deadline
- November 15 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for December 8 Test
- November 27 - Baker University Rep Visit

Building Project Update

Thanks to those who already contributed and pledged toward the new building project. The open house event brought in \$84,600 toward this project. Please send in a gift, or notify the office of your pledge toward this project.

Currently:

16% participation, total cash and pledges \$535,000, need \$1,900,000

Our goal is 100% participation!