

News & Notes

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From the Director

What is the Role of the Learner in the educational process?

The learner is the focus of the entire process. Each student “brings to class a personal set of needs, wants, and goals. Each is looking for fulfillment and growth in his own personal and spiritual life. Every learner starts with his own basic needs, thus the educator must seek to motivate the learner to discover and apply God's provisions to his life. In Christian education true learning comes as the learner experiences the wonder of God's truth applied to his life.”

“The pupil is to be considered as an individual, a person of worth, as god sees us as individuals. His personal experiences and knowledge have value. He is a responsible member of a learning group, having something to contribute and something to learn.”

More next week about the learner.

Tim Thompson, Executive Director

Quotes from A Christian Philosophy of Education by Paul W. Cates, Ph.D.

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THANKSGIVING

Praise the Lord!

This week we saw the Lord work in amazing ways once again. The Omaha city planning board reviewed OCA's zoning requests for the two buildings we are trying to purchase, and both were approved without any discussion. The Omaha city council still must approve the zoning change for the middle school / high school building, but that normally happens without further discussion. Also, we believe that by tonight, November 9th, we will have a signed purchase agreement on the second building.

Please keep praying!

Financial Update: Our goal for purchasing both buildings is to raise \$1.9 million in cash and pledges. The OCA family has already contributed and pledged \$550,000, leaving 1,350,000 still needed. Let's look at it another way, we NOW have sufficient funds to purchase the first

building (including a 50% loan from the bank) -- the task now is just to raise funds for the second building.

Because we are **so thankful for God's very evident blessings**, we are planning a **Thanksgiving Service** on Monday, November 19th at one of the new buildings on 103rd and Wiesman drive. This will be primarily a time of praise and thanksgiving to our Lord, for **He has done great things**. Please bring friends from the community so they can give thanks with us. There will also be an opportunity for people to make pledges and donations. The school office will have invitation flyers which you can use as the details are all finalized.

School Calendar

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

Sycamore Education

User Guide Manual for Parents available on Sycamore Education.

Have you wondered how to navigate around the "Sycamore Education" Parent/Teacher Network? There is now a manual for parents available. Log onto Sycamore Education. If you do not know your login information, contact the school office. Once SycEd. is open, click "System Help" on the left side. Then click "Manuals" -- you will see the "Parents Manual" listed in the middle of the page. This is in PDF format. You may download or view it online. This manual may help you with some of the questions you may have about navigating around the "Sycamore Education" network.

SNEAK PREVIEW!



"Hi, Ho, ROBIN HOOD"

Friday, November 16

Activity Room

Second Floor

Parents and high school students are invited to come and cheer on the drama team as it gets ready for the Nebraska Frontier Conference One-Act Play competition.

5:00 p.m.

Meal Deal:

*Sloppy Joes, Chips Dessert,
Drink*

\$3.00

5:30 p.m.

Performance

Performances for the elementary and middle school are scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 16.

TRP TURN-IN DAY

The next TRP turn-in day is Monday, November 26. If you need gift cards for Christmas gifts now is the time to buy! This will be the last turn-in day before Christmas.

NHS Canned Food & Winter Coat Drive

The National Honor Society is holding a canned food and winter coat drive between November 26 to December 6. Bring donated items to the following designated locations:

K-4th grades bring goods to your own classroom

5th grade bring goods to Mrs. Saiz's room

6th grade bring goods to Mrs. Krehbiel's room

7th-12th grades drop off goods during the first three periods in the boxes in the hallway outside of Mrs. Jenkin's room.

Your donated items will be going to needy families in the community. Please make sure all food brought is nonperishable and all coats are clean and in good condition. Thank you for your participation! Your donated items will be picked up on November 27, November 29, December 4 and December 6. Remember there is no limit to the amount you give!



Suggested Food Basket

Items

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Yams
- Canned Pumpkin
- Canned Broth
- Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Cranberry Sauce
- Evaporated Milk
- Soup
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Gravy
- Stuffing
- Instant Potatoes
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Jell-O
- Pudding

New School Logo

A New School Logo

~ It's coming, but it is not designed yet. If you have ideas and would like to contribute, please come to the OCA art room (Room 300) on Thursday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m.

DON'T SHOP UNTIL YOU DROP...

...Make it easy on yourself instead and give the of OCA Spirit Wear this Christmas! New items are navy zip-front hoodies and women's polo shirts featuring the new OCA lettering design. More ideas for gift-giving are gray hoodies, gray long and short-sleeve T-shirts, white and navy polos, large and small monogrammed gym bags, ball caps, skull caps, and drawstring bags. See order form attached to *News & Notes* and submit your order to the office by November 20.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to 10th grade student, Sean West. Sean has been recently awarded rank of Eagle Scout by Troop 558.

Cub Scout Corner

Mark your calendars for these November events:

November 15 - Den Meeting

November 29 - Pack Meeting

JV Volleyball 2007

After a season of several close losses, the junior varsity volleyball ended their season on a high note with their 21-9, 19-21, 21-17 victory over Omaha Nation on October 9, 2007.

JV Playeres included Katherine White, Michelle Gingrich, Kelly Nupson, Nikki Tulsie, Meghan Vilter, Emily Lovgren, Kendra Strasser, Holly Sly, Janice Ivester, Allison Rozema, Czarina Lim, Katy Schulz, Kaneesha Reed, Ilene Bonacci, and Chelsea Smith.

Offensively this season Nikki Tulsie led the team's service efforts with 31 aces. Kathryn White had 16 kills, Kelly Nupson had 14 kills, and Katy Schulz had 11 kills. Defensively Nikki Tulsie contributed with 59 digs and Czarinna Lim 40 digs.

Volleyball Party

Saturday,

Nov. 10 at 6:00 p.m.

The party is for varsity and junior varsity players.

Coch Johnson's House

13906 S 105th Street

(Maps are available in the school office)



Youth Sports K-6 Basketball



Did you *forget* about registrations? If so, registrations will still be taken through Monday, November 12th without the \$10 late fee. At this point, it does not appear that there will be a 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade team, as each of those grades have only one or two players signed up. They and anyone else that missed registrations, can play on a "Y" team. (A YMCA jersey will be needed.) You will still be able to use our "School Team" rate of \$51 with the YMCA if you register through OCA. If you register through the YMCA, the non-member rate is \$72. At this point, it appears that there will be a 1st grade team and a 5th & 6th combination team. Both of these teams have openings

and coaches. If you missed registrations, please turn in your registration form on Monday so you won't have to pay the late fee. If you know of a non-OCA family or a past OCA family that would like to play, I will accept their registration for the 1st and 5th & 6th grade teams if there are still openings. They may submit those registrations on November 12-14. More information is on the registration form. The form can be found on OCA's website -- click on the "Youth Sports" link, then the "Basketball" to get the basketball registration form. (OCA website is www.omahachristianacademy.com. If you have any questions, you may e-mail tzimmerle@aol.com or send a PAN or call me at 493-2850.

~Terri Zimmerle



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A Christian Community of Learning



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

School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Nov. 12	HOT—Hot Dog on Bun COLD—Smart Box	Corn Cobbette Apple Baked Cheetos
Nov. 13	HOT—Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/lettuce & tomatoe COLD—Cottage Cheese & Fruit	Potato Rounds Cherries Yellow Cake w/Chocolate Frosting
Nov. 14	HOT—Hamburger COLD—Salad Box w/ Grilled Chicken	Baby Carrots Banana Brownie
Nov. 15	HOT—Roasted Sliced Turkey COLD—None	Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Cranberry Sauce Green Bean Casserole Dinner Roll Pumpkin Bar
Nov. 16	HOT—Cheese Quesadilla COLD—Turkey Sandwich	Cheesy Beans Kiwi Snicker Doodle Cookie

Guidance Corner

⇒ High school students interested in a career in marketing or public affairs may want to participate in the Mid-America Council Exploring Program. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 6:00 pm at Cox Communications, 11505 W. Dodge Road. If interested in attending please contact Suzie Skaff by email at sskaff@mac-bsa.org to reserve a spot.

⇒ Southeast Community College will be hosting Campus Discovery Days at all campuses (Beatrice, Lincoln and Milford) on the following dates: Nov. 30, Jan. 18 and Feb. 22. If interested in attending, contact the guidance office.

⇒ The Nebraska Children's Groundwater Festival and Jami Harper are offering an annual \$250 scholarship for students entering a water resources field. Application forms are available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 31.

⇒ Seniors interested in attending Northwest Missouri State should contact the guidance office for scholarship opportunities.

⇒ The Assistance League of Omaha is offering an ACT Review Course at Westside High School. The course consists of two sessions with an optional third session for the writing portion of the test. Both sessions must be at-

tended to receive full coverage. The first session will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The second session will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The optional third session will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6 from 6:30-8:30 pm. There is a \$30 fee for two sessions and \$40 for all three sessions. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

CALENDAR

November 15 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for December 8 Test

November 27 - Baker University Rep Visit