

News & Notes

November 30, 2007

From the Director

For the past several weeks, I've been sharing some thoughts about a Christian philosophy of education. I'd like to finish this little "series" with a brief summary of what OCA's handbooks say about OCA's philosophy of education.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom. To know God through Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit is to find the meaning of life.

OCA is an extension of the Christian home where the values, goals and disciplines being parallel achieve the greatest benefit. OCA, in cooperation with the home and church, seeks to train the whole child.

Christian education gives a central place in the curriculum to the Bible where we find absolute truth about God, the universe and ourselves.

The teacher, parent, and other adult supervisors are models for the pupil's education. Teachers train pupils in an atmosphere of genuine joy and purposeful activity.

The Christian school seeks to prepare students as individuals to their full capacity for God, for Christ-honoring social and civic competence, for work, for continued learning, and for wholesome recreation."

Tim Thompson, Executive Director

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OCA Is Going & Growing!

Praise the Lord! Exciting things are happening. The first praise item is that we now have a final signed purchase agreement for the second building, which will be the home of the middle school and high school. Many of you visited that building as part of the Thanksgiving and praise service last week. Secondly, if all goes as scheduled, OCA will own the elementary building next week on Thursday! This first step is truly a mile stone for OCA. Praise the Lord for His provision in allowing us to come this far.

Now, to make the second purchase we only have to complete our fund raising. When we started actively raising funds for this project, we estimated a need of \$1.5 million. Since that time, cash and pledges of over \$290,000 have been raised, nearly twenty percent of the amount needed. Thank you to all who have given or pledged funds! An attractive and informative brochure about the project has been created. If you have

not seen a copy, please stop by the office to pick up one.

Please pray about how you can help by giving and spreading the word about this project. Donations to OCA are tax deductible, and there are some great tax advantages to giving appreciated stocks, also, for those who are over 70 there are tax advantages to giving funds directly from IRA accounts. Speak with your tax advisor for more information.

There will be a space where donations in honor or memory of a loved one will be recognized. Consider a gift in honor of a family member or a favorite teacher. The board is coordinating an effort to contact each family who has not yet given or pledged, Our goal is 100% participation. This is a big project, and we need everyone's support. Keep praying!

School Calendar

November 30	V G&B BB @ Bancroft Rosalie - 6:15/8:00 pm
December 3	Pre-Concert Christmas Dinner - 5:00-7:00 pm
December 3	K-6th grade Christmas Concert - 6:30
December 4	MS B BB @ Heartland Christian - 5:30
December 5	Biology to DeSoto Wildlife - 8:15 am
December 5	7/8th Grade Christmas Mother's Tea - 12:00 pm
December 7	V G&B BB vs Parkview at College of St. Marys - 6:15/8:00 pm
December 8	JV B BB & V G&B BB @ Essex, IA - 3:00/4:30/6:00 pm
December 8	MS B BB Tournament @ Scribner-Snyder - 10:30 am
December 10	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
December 11	Preschool to Rose Theater - 9:00 am
December 11	Kindergarten To Rose Theater - 1:00 pm
December 11	MS B BB @ Roadrunners - 6:00 pm
December 11	V B BB @ Cedar Bluffs - 7:45 pm
December 13	MS B BB @ ISD - 3:30 pm
December 13	V G BB @ Fremont - 7:45 pm
December 14	JV/V B BB vs Freeman @ Grace U - 6:15/8:00 pm
December 15	Quiz Bowl @ Elkhorn - 8:00 am
December 15	MS B BB vs Heartland Christian
December 17	Christmas Concert 7th-12th Grade - 7:00 pm
December 20-22	HS Semester Exams
December 21	Elementary Christmas Parties - 2:00
Dec. 24—Jan. 4	Christmas Break
Dec. 28-29	V G&B BB Tournament @ Mead

One Act Play Scores a Superior Rating



The Drama class brought home the 1st place plaque at the Frontier Conference competition on November 19 with their performance of *Hi Ho Robin Hood*. Tyler Maskell was named best actor and Ari Berg best supporting actress of the four school competition. They then traveled to Midland Lutheran College on November 28 to compete in C-2 District competition. The OCA troupe received a superior rating and four of our students received best acting awards: Logan Graves, Tyler Maskell, Ari Berg, and Allison Rozema. David City Aquinas will be representing our district at state competition with their performance of *A Child Shall Lead Them*. Very few points separated the top superior rated plays at this eight school competition. The students enjoyed watching other schools perform and getting to know one another. Congratulations to our Drama students and many thanks to the parents who drove and Mrs. Maskell, Mrs. Rozema, and several Drama I students who helped with hair and make-up.



OCA Juniors Named To All-State Band



Congratulations to juniors Chris Kersey and Kyle Nupson, who are among 171 students selected to be a part of the 2007 Nebraska All-State Band. Each year more than 2,000 high school musicians audition for the honor sponsored by the Nebraska Music Educators Association. Chris plays alto saxophone and Kyle plays the trumpet.

GATE/CONCESSION/CLEAN-UP

*****Note Location Change*****

Friday, Dec. 7 at **College of St. Mary's** vs Parkview
 Gate: 5:45-8:30 pm - Paul & Kristy Reinholz
 Concessions: 6:00-8:45 pm - Tricia Lewis and Jay & Suzette Perry
 Clean-up: John & Lorri Parsons & Senior Families

NHS Canned Food & Winter Coat Drive

We still have one more week for students and families to donate items. We want to thank you for everything that has come in so far. We would ask that you keep the clothing donations to winter coats only. We do not have the room to take other clothing items and truly want to bless families with warm coats. 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 December 4 and De-



Pizza Anyone?

cember 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

8th-12th grade band members are selling Old Chicago Pizza coupons for \$11. They are good for \$22 worth of pizza at ANY Old Chicago restaurant in the nation! The coupons are good for eat-in or carry-out Sunday through Thursday. They make great Christmas gifts! Please ask a band student or PAN me, if you are interested. Thanks for your support!

~Mrs. Cloyd

Did You Know...

...That you can donate to Omaha Christian Academy using your credit card via PayPal. Go to www.omahachristianacademy.com and click on "Donations" in the left column. Just follow the instructions.

Scoreboard Corner



JV Boys Basketball

OCA defeated Collegeview: 17-11

Varsity Boys Basketball

OCA defeated Collegeview: 39-38

MS Boys Basketball

OCA defeated Cedar Bluffs
A Game: 24-20
B Game: 10-8

News & Notes

News & Notes is going out to OCA families primarily by email. If you would like to add an email address to the OCA families list or have a paper copy sent home of *News & Notes* please email Kerri at kerri.tulsie@omahachristianacademy.com or call the school office and let us know. Thank you!

Does It Cost To Host An Exchange Student?

The students arrive with round-trip airline tickets, complete medical insurance, tuition & school fees and personal spending money for the duration of their stay in the United States. Any additional expenses that are incurred will be borne by the student's natural family. American host families volunteer to provide students with a place to sleep, meals and a loving supportive home life.

For the wonderful educational experience host families provide, the students show appreciation with an educational stipend of \$500 for the short term visit program and \$3,000 for the academic year. Students are allowed to share a bedroom with the host family's children of the same sex, as long as the exchange student has his/her own bed. Please apply to make the difference! Contact your school office or contact the area coordinator,

Mison Cowell at 991-4616 or 301-5257.

Cub Scout Corner

CONGRATULATIONS to these Webelos who earned awards at last night's Pack Meeting:

Citizenship:

Joey Andeson, Daniel Hempel, Matt Kempkes, and Bryce Taylor

Forestry:

Matt Kempkes

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the following upcoming events:

December 6 - Den Meetings/Roundtable

December 13 - Den Meetings

December 20 - Den Meetings

December 27 - Pack Meetings

January 3 - Den Meetings

School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Dec. 3	HOT—Corn Dog COLD—Shrimp Salad Sandwich	Green Beans Orange Wedges Baked Cheetos
Dec. 4	HOT—Baked Rotini COLD—Chef Salad Box	Lettuce Salad Pineapple Banana Medley Garlic Breadstick Iced Oatmeal Bar
Dec. 5	HOT—Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Salad Box w/ Baby Shrimp	Lettuce Salad Applesauce Sugar Cookie
Dec. 6	HOT—Frito Pie COLD—Ham & Cheese Sandwich	Baby Carrots Pears Snicker Doodle Cookie
Dec. 7	HOT—Rib-A-Que on a Bun COLD—Taco Salad Box	Autumn Crisp Cherries Chocolate Cake

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

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round, Round and Round...



That would be the song currently stuck in my head since I have been tasked with the responsibility of doing a feasibility study on running a school bus next year for OCA. A bus service is a possible alternative for families residing in the Bellevue, Papillion, La Vista area. Please let me know if your family would be interested in this service if it were available. Findings and details will be presented by the school board at the next association meeting in February.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

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A Christian Community of Learning



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.

These donations need to be in by noon on Wednesday, December 19th. Make your checks payable to OCA and note "Christmas Bonus". Your gifts are tax deductible. May the Lord richly bless you for your sacrifice.

Guidance Corner

⇒ 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. The two sessions must be attended 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.

⇒ PRIDE-Omaha, Inc. and the family of Dr. Liz Karnes are sponsoring the annual Liz Karnes Memorial Scholarship for Drug-Free Youth. Omaha-area high school seniors who have lived, modeled, and promoted a drug-free lifestyle are eligible to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship. Application

forms are available in the guidance office. Deadline is Feb. 15, 2008.

⇒ Pride-Omaha, Inc. is sponsoring the Susie Dugan Scholarship Fund For Drug-Free Youth. These scholarships will be awarded to seniors who have led a drug-free life and have taken a leadership role in fighting drug abuse. Application forms are available in the guidance office. Deadline is Feb. 15, 2008.

⇒ The 2008 Sam Walton Community Scholarship is now available to seniors through www.walmartfoundation.org. The scholarship is a non-renewable \$1,000 award for the first year of undergraduate study. To qualify, a student may not be a Wal-Mart or Sam's Club associate, or the child or legal dependent of a Wal-Mart or Sam's Club associate. Deadline is Jan. 14, 2008.

⇒ The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation is sponsoring

The Nebraskans of World War II Scholarships. They will award up to seven \$1,000 scholarships. To apply for this scholarship students must be a senior and have a GPA of 3.75 or higher. If interested in applying please contact the guidance office. Deadline is Jan. 15, 2008.

Calendar:

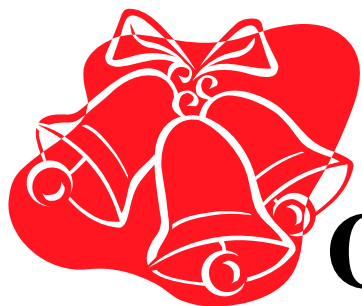
Dec. 26 - SAT Registration Deadline for Jan. 26 Test

Jan. 4 - ACT Registration Deadline for Jan. 26 Test

Jan. 4 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for Jan. 26 Test

Jan. 8 - Washburn University Rep Visit

Jan. 18 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for Feb. 9 Test



Christmas Buffet at Omaha Christian Academy



Monday, December 3rd

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Salad Bar, Dessert Bar

**“Dinner Music”
by Preschool
At 5:45PM!**

**You won't have to
fix dinner!
Come before the
K-6 Concert.
Enjoy being served!**

Ham, Potatoes, Green Beans

Rolls, Beverage and

GREAT SERVICE

by the OCA Band Members

Suggested Donation: \$5/adult, \$3/child

Proceeds go to Senior High Band

K-3rd grade Art on Display



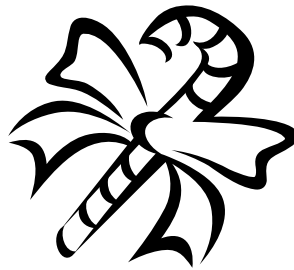
Christmas Time

Presented by the Kindergarten, First & Second Grades

Monday, December 3, 2007

6:30pm

- K-2 Students should leave their coats with their parents and use the Restrooms before reporting
Kindergarten will report to their room at 6:10pm
1st & 2nd grade will report to their own classrooms at 6:15pm
- Students should wear their very best clothes for the performance.
- At the conclusion of the Program, Parents must pick up their children in the hallway, and then
you can choose to stay for the 3rd - 6th Program or leave.



Gettin' Ready For The Miracle

Presented by the Third - Sixth Grades

With Drama by the Sixth Grade

And a Performance by the Beginning Band

Monday, December 3, 2007

7:30pm

- Beginning Band should report to the Band Room at 7:00pm
- 3-6 Students (non-band) should report to their "home" classrooms at 7:20pm
- Students should wear their very best clothes for the performance.