

News & Notes

December 7, 2007

From the Director

All of our hearts and minds have been turned this week to the tragic events here in Omaha. We've all asked ourselves how such a thing could happen – and I've heard many add, "here in Omaha?" Shock, disbelief, sadness, grief, fear – all these, and more, are our reactions.

There are no easy answers to the questions we inevitably ask. Sometimes bad things happen to good people in this broken world. Tragic events do occur. Job, Peter and many others in the pages of Scripture struggled with these same issues.

Our response in these circumstances should certainly include compassionate, loving support and prayer for af-

ected families. Paul challenged us in Romans 12:15 to "Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep."

I'm so very thankful for a loving family here at OCA where, I believe, that admonition is put into practice. Let's resolve together to remember during this Christmas season the hurting families from this recent tragedy – but beyond that to remember others who may be hurting – and most pointedly, to reach out to those who need their hearts filled with the living Spirit of Christmas Himself! The Babe born in the manger grew to become the Savior and only Hope for a broken, hurting world.

Tim Thompson, Executive Director

OCA OWNS A BUILDING!

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OCA now owns a building! On Thursday, December 6 documents were signed which made the vacant office building at 10244 Wiesman Drive the property of Omaha Christian Academy. All involved parties agreed that the location should be a great place for OCA to grow and educate for many years to come.

I believe this is a God given opportunity to have two great buildings as a permanent home for our school. To make this a reality, we still need to raise about 1,200,000 dollars in cash and pledges. Remember that there are ways to

make gifts with income tax advantages. **Our goal is 100% participation of OCA families!**

There is work underway to contact people in the community, but we also need your help. Introduce our donor contact team to people you know. We need more than ideas of who we should call, we need you to introduce us to people you know. Contact Steve White or me to make an introduction. **Praise the Lord and keep praying!**

Keith Strasser,
School Board President

School Calendar

December 7	V G&B BB vs Parkview at College of St. Mary's - 6:15/8:00 pm
December 8	JV B BB & V G&B BB @ Essex, IA - 4:00/5:30/7:00 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 - 7:00 pm
December 11	JV B & V G&B BB @ Cedar Bluffs - 4:30/6:00/7:00
December 13	MS B BB @ ISD - 3:30 pm
December 13	V G BB @ Fremont-Bergan - 6:30 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 @ Central Christian School - 10:00 am
December 17	Christmas Concert 7th-12th Grade - 7:00 pm
December 19-21	HS Semester Exams
December 21	Elementary Christmas Parties - 2:00
Dec. 24-Jan. 4	Christmas Break
Dec. 28	V G BB Tournament @ Mead - 1:00
Dec. 28	V B BB Tournament @ Mead - 6:15
Dec. 29	V G&B BB Tournament @ Mead

Prayer for Valentine's Day Banquet

The upcoming Valentine's Day Banquet is an important event for OCA! We desire to surround the planning and details of this event in prayer. If you are interested in praying for this event, you are invited to meet weekly at OCA. Each Wednesday, from December 12th and following, we will meet in the Activity Room on second floor at 3:00 pm to pray. We will share prayer requests and spend a few minutes together in prayer. Parents, teachers and other OCA friends are invited!

You may also ask to receive periodic prayer updated via email. To do so, please email Cathy Clifton at tccliffton@cox.net. Specify "Pray OCA" in the subject line. She will ensure that you receive prayer updates so you can be praying for this event!

ART CLASS NOTES

Parents, thank you for your support. We have a continuing need for containers of various sizes-- this week it is yogurt and cottage cheese containers, tin cans, and baby food jars with lids.

~Jim Dods, Art Teacher

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

Friday, Dec. 14 at Grace University vs Freeman

Gate: 5:45-8:30 - John & Cindy Ostry

Concessions: 6:00-9:00 - Bill & Melanie Lovgren

and Andrew & Kathleen Webster

Clean-up: Ray & Kathy Cummings and sophomore families

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY



It's time for a family photo! You will have an opportunity to have a festive family photo taken December 17th before and after the concert. Come a few minutes early or stay a few minutes late, and gather your family for a photo. More information to follow in next week's *News & Notes*. If you have any questions, please contact Kimber McLean.

Sponsored by the OCA Band

Global Education for Your Family

Hosting an exchange student brings the world closer and promotes international understanding. Exchange will also broaden your entire family's perspective on the world. It's a great education and it's lots of fun! The exchange student idea can change things and make a difference one person at a time. One person interacting positively with our students probably does more good than hours and hours at any diplomatic table. Let us all heed the call to open wide the doors of global understanding through promoting and expanding international educational exchange opportunities.

Please contact your school office or contact the area coordinator, Mison Cowell at Korean Education Alliance for more details and to apply to become a host family.

Mison Cowell, Omaha Area Coordinator

Tel: 402-991-4616, Cell: 402-301-5257

HIGH SCHOOL EXAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 19

1st & 2nd periods	1st period exam
3rd period	3rd period classes
4th period	4th period classes
5th period	7th period "A" classes
6th & 7th periods	2nd period exam
8th period	8th period "A" classes

Thursday, December 20

1st & 2nd periods	3rd period exam
3rd period	5th period classes
4th period	6th period classes
5th period	7th period "B" classes
6th & 7th periods	4th period exam
8th period	8th period "B" classes

Friday, December 21

1st & 2nd periods	5th period exam
3rd period	MS/HS Chapel
4th period	MS/HS Chapel
5th period	Lunch / Study Hall
6th & 7th periods	6th period exam
8th period	Class Christmas Parties

*Note—HS students have a copy of this schedule with full explanation.

School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Dec. 10	HOT—Hamburger on Bun COLD—Cottage Cheese w/ Pineapple	French Fries Peaches Tropical Fish Cookies
Dec. 11	HOT—Creamed Turkey over Mashed Potatoes COLD—Salad Box w/ Scoop of Shrimp Salad	Mixed Fruit w/ Sliced Bananas Dinner Roll Brownie
Dec. 12	HOT—Nachos w/ Beef & Cheese COLD—Cottage Cheese & 1/2 Jelly Sandwich	Cheesy Bean Dip Orange Wedges Glazed Cinnamon Breadstick
Dec. 13	HOT—Chicken Noodle Soup & Goldfish Crackers COLD—Taco Salad Box	Glazed Carrots Fresh Seasonal Fruit Chocolate Chip Cookie
Dec. 14	HOT—Chicken Enchilada Casserole COLD—Chef Salad Box	Corn Kiwi School Fuel

Students may choose yogurt & cheese stick 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.

Christmas Shop Online and Benefit OCA

Now and all through the year you may shop at QSP online (our magazine sale fundraiser company). Go to www.qsp.com; click "Shop Now"; click "to find school" (Omaha Christian Academy, NE) or enter our school code "710321979." Besides the items that pop up, there are items to choose on the left side of the page, for example -- candles, gift wrap, kitchen items, stationary, books, magazines, music and more. Up to 50% of the sale total will go to OCA! You may also share this information with friends and family. Thank you for benefiting OCA with some of your holiday shopping.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Please do not drop off or pick up your child(ren) in the back parking lot. Liberty Christian Center has requested this, and we want to honor their regulations.

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A Christian Community of Learning



IMPORTANT

Please check Sycamore Education for the most up to date information regarding cancellations of any school events due to inclement weather.

Cub Scout Corner

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the following upcoming events:

December 13 - Den Meetings

December 20 - Den Meetings

December 27 - Pack Meetings

January 3 - Den Meetings

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 International Association of Administrative Professionals, AK-SAR-BEN Chapter, is offering a scholarship opportunity for seniors planning to pursue a career as an administrative office professional. In order to apply you must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and must attend a Nebraska or Iowa college, university or business school. Applications may be obtained by going to www.iaap-aksarben.org. Deadline is March 1.

⇒ High school students interested in a career in Culinary Arts may want to participate in the Culinary Exploring Program sponsored by The Institute for the Culinary Arts at Metropolitan Community College. The first meeting will be

held at the Fort Omaha Campus, Building #7 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 19. If interested in attending please RSVP your attendance to Jim Trebbien at 457-2510 (leave name and contact #) or jtrebbien@mccneb.edu by Dec. 17th. There is a \$20 registration fee.

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

~An Invitation to the Parents and Friends of Omaha Christian Academy~

OCA's Valentine Celebration
"An Evening with Steve and Annie Chapman"

Tuesday, February 12, 2008
Union Pacific Center
1400 Douglas Street

5 p.m.

Doors Open; Entertainment by OCA Students

5:15-6:15 p.m.

Dining

Carved beef with rolls; Thai chicken on skewers
Hot crab and artichoke dip
Imported and domestic cheese and fruit platter
Grilled and fresh vegetables crudite with dipping sauces

Petite tarts, cheese cakes and chocolate truffles

(Catering provided by Guckenheimer)

\$50 per person

6:30-9:30 p.m.

Concert by the Chapmans

With more than 25 years of ministering through music, Steve and Annie Chapman are accomplished gospel singers who have crisscrossed the country performing original songs that celebrate the virtues of committed love and Christian family values. The Chapmans also speak at conferences and marriage seminars. Steve uses his well-crafted gift of telling stories from real-life adventures that are sometimes humorous, sometimes serious, but always filled with life-changing insights. An avid hunter and outdoorsman, he is the author of many books, including *A Look At Life From A Deer Stand*, *A Good Husband's Guide to Balancing Hobbies and Marriage*, and *With God On A Deer Hunt*.

Annie Chapman brings a wealth of insight into the challenges of being a wife and mother and an ability to encourage and motivate women of all ages. Annie's books include *10 Things I Want My Husband To Know*, *The Mother-In-Law Dance*, and *Married Lovers/Married Friends*.

Purchase tickets now by calling the OCA office at 399-9565

****GREAT GIFT IDEA!!!****

Table Sponsorships Available

To sponsor a table, reserve a table for eight, or enjoy a reception with the Chapmans prior to the banquet, please call Kelly Lyle, 933-7857 or Linda Gingrich, 334-9295