

# News & Notes

## From the Director

January 18, 2008

"Time passes so quickly," people say. We look at our children and wonder where the years have gone. We look in the mirror and are shocked (or worse!). We long for the "good old days," when life seemed simpler, when values were clear and there was a basic understanding of good and evil ... right and wrong. Those of us who grew up – well, a few decades back – have seen a dramatic difference in the ethics of our society. We are now experiencing, not only a longing for those former times, but a cry of emphasis on the need for returning moral character to the educational process. The Bible provides a vivid illustration of this in just the turn of a page. The book of Joshua states that Israel "served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the Lord, that He had done for Israel." (*Joshua 24:31*) Yet just one page later in the book of Judges we read, "All that generation were gathered unto their fa-

thers; and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel." (*Judges 2:10*) It doesn't take long, does it? In just one generation Israel turned from God! Just the turn of a page!

What a responsibility Christians bear in "turning this page" from one generation to the next! It is a sobering thought to realize that the continuation of Christian culture and morality is dependent upon our generation "turning the page" correctly. If but one generation should fail to teach their children Biblical principles and relationships the very next generation would not know "the Lord, nor yet the works which He had done."

How do we respond to this challenge? Stay turned next week and we'll look at that!

Tim Thompson, Director

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At our meeting Monday night, the board reviewed a first draft of the floor plans for the elementary building. This new space will work very nicely for OCA. It is exciting to see the initial plans for this space becoming more concrete.

I love numbers and data. Let me take just a moment to publicly thank Tammy Krumwiede for a lot of extra work which she has done to help track pledges and gifts, I have asked her for a lot of information and she comes through.

We began 2007 with just over \$70,000 in our building fund. Since that time, OCA has received pledges and gifts of over \$800,000!! Five hundred thousand has been received in cash, and \$300,000 is pledged for the future. A total of 85 individuals have given toward the building project. Forty eight OCA families (28.2%) have pledged or given nearly \$400,000 toward this project. In addition, 2.8% of students have pledged over \$500. At least eleven grandparents have given, ten faculty members (without students currently at OCA), and eight individuals with no known family members at the school.

Praise the Lord for his provision to OCA!

Keith Strasser, Board President

## VALENTINE CELEBRATION

Now is the time to **put it on your calendar** — OCA's Valentine Celebration, February 12th at Union Pacific Center located at 14th and Douglas. Doors open at 5:00 with dining from 5:15-6:15, followed by a concert featuring Steve & Annie Chapman from 6:30-9:30 pm. Tickets are \$50 and are available until February 5th at the school office or purchases can be made on-line at [www.omahachristianacademy.com](http://www.omahachristianacademy.com) (click "Valentine Celebration"). Enjoy an evening of fellowship, fabulous food and entertainment.

Please help get the word out about OCA and our special event to Omaha and surrounding communities. Postcards and posters of the Valentine Celebration are available in the office to share with friends, family, co-workers, churches and businesses. Thank you! See you the 12th!

## PRAYER FOR VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

The upcoming Valentine's Day Celebration is an important event for OCA. Those interested in praying for this event are invited to do so weekly at the school. We are meeting to share prayer requests and spend a few minutes praying over all aspects of this event.

We are meeting on Wednesday afternoons at 3:00 pm in the 2nd floor activity room. You may also ask to receive periodic prayer update via email. To do so, please email Cathy Clifton at [tcclifton@cox.net](mailto:tcclifton@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.



OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
P R E S E N T S

# A Valentine Celebration!

**An evening with Steve & Annie Chapman!**

With over twenty-five years of ministering through music, Steve and Annie Chapman continue to hold the family as the theme of their lyrics. Using songs from numerous recordings ranging in subjects from marriage to the challenges of parenting, the Chapmans present music and stories that are designed to encourage all who attend. Steve and Annie are also experienced and effective marriage seminar presenters. Their music and stories, video clips and unforgettable visual props make plain the marriage building truths from the Scriptures.

*Steve & Annie Chapman*



February 12, 2008 at the Union Pacific Center at 14th Street and Douglas in downtown Omaha

- 🌹 Doors open at 5:00pm
- 🌹 Dining 5:15pm to 6:15pm  
Catering provided by Guckenheimer
- 🌹 Concert with Chapmans 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Tickets are \$50 per person and are available through Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Call **(402) 399-9565**

For more information go to [www.omahachristianacademy.com](http://www.omahachristianacademy.com)

## *School Calendar*

Jan. 18	Science Fair - Activity Room - 7:00 pm
Jan. 19	NFC G BB Tournament @ Prague
Jan. 21	No School
Jan. 21	NFC G BB Tournament @ Prague
Jan. 22	MS G BB @ ISD - 3:30 pm
Jan. 22	NFC B BB Tournament @ Prague
Jan. 24	Moms In Touch - 8:30-9:30 am
Jan. 24	NFC G&B BB Tournament @ Prague
Jan. 25	JV B BB/V G&B BB vs Lourdes - 5:00/6:30/8:00 pm @ Millard South 14905 Q Street NHS Servant Auction
Jan. 28	MS G BB @ Trinity - TBA
Jan. 29	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
Jan. 29	Parent Connection - 7:00 pm at Village Inn Restaurant on L Street
Jan. 31	Moms In Touch - 8:30-9:30 am
Jan. 31	V G BB @ College View - 7:00 pm
Feb 1	Quiz Bowl @ Education Service Unit, Omaha
Feb 1	V G&B BB @ Prague - 6:15/8:00 pm
Feb 4	Pre-Calc to Peter Kiewit - 8:50 am
Feb 4	NFC Speech @ OCA - 4:00 pm
Feb 5	JV B BB/V G&B BB @ Concordia 4:00/5:30/7:00 pm

## ***NHS SERVANT AUCTION***

The National Honor Society will be hosting their annual Servant Auction during the basketball games on January 25. If you have jobs that need to be done and need great workers to get it done, this is the place to be. Several NHS student's skills and abilities will be available to the highest bidder. The auction will start during half time of the varsity girl's game and continue between the varsity games and during halftime of the varsity boy's game.

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***WELCOME***  
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***TO OUR NEW FIRST GRADE STUDENT***  
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***Olivia Siebels***  
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***Her parents are Paul & Constance Siebels***  
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## ***ATTENTION PARENTS***

Tuition Statements will be mailed the last week of January to include information about the Association meeting. Payments will be late after the 15th.

## ***NEED A CALENDAR FOR 2008?***

Get your Booster Club calendar in the school office free of charge and be in the know for all OCA events!

## ***CALENDAR CHANGES***



March 13-14 will be normal school days  
 Spring Break will be Friday, March 21-Friday, March 28

**OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
SCIENCE FAIR  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18  
ACTIVITY ROOM**

**6:30-7:30 pm**

**6:30-7:10 - Students stand by projects; Parents view projects**

**7:10-7:20 - Awards Ceremony in the adjacent Church Sanctuary on 2nd floor**

**7:20-7:30 - View Projects**

**7:30 - Students remove projects and return them to Mrs. Dommel's classroom.**



If you would like to contribute a monetary gift towards the Science Fair awards, please send your tax deductible donation to the school office.

## ***COLLEGE PREP DAY AT UNO***

Kaplan and UNO will be hosting a College Prep Day at UNO on Saturday, January 26 at the Milo Bail Student Center. Kaplan is offering a free practice ACT test and the seminar "Accepted: Getting into Your Top Choice School", and UNO is sponsoring sessions on financial aid and scholarships. This is a great opportunity for students to find out how they might score on the real ACT and to learn more about the college admission process. The seminar and financial aid sessions are also a great opportunity for parents to get important information. To enroll call 1-800-KAP-TEST. The practice test code is AKOM8001.

## ***TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY***

Teacher Appreciation Day is March 1st. We will be honoring our teachers the week of March 3rd. Room parents will be organizing activities for the elementary teachers. Parents of middle school and high school teachers may send monetary donations to school (checks made payable to OCA are tax deductible). Gift certificates will be purchased and distributed to the middle school and high school teachers. A luncheon will be provided for all teachers on Tuesday, March 4. If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Margie Thierstein by Pass-a-Note on Sycamore Education.



## *Guidance Corner*

- ⇒ Seniors interested in pre-law or pre-medicine may be eligible to apply for scholarships at Washburn University. If interested contact the guidance office.
- ⇒ ITT Technical Institute will be hosting free workshops open to all high school students. Students may sign up for more than one workshop. The workshops offered are Criminal Justice, Computer Networking, Drafting and Design, and Electronics Engineering/Soldering. They will take place at ITT Technical Institute (9814 M Street) from 1 pm to 3:30 pm on the following dates: Jan. 29, Feb. 16, March 1, April 19 and May 3. Space is limited so RSVP early to Frank Winters at 331-2900.
- ⇒ South Dakota State Univ. will be hosting a Junior Day program on Saturday, Feb. 2. If interested in attending contact the admissions office at 1-800-952-3541 or visit their web site at [www.sdstate.edu](http://www.sdstate.edu).
- ⇒ The Omaha Chapter of National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors is sponsoring ten \$500 scholarships to area high school seniors. Preference will be given to candidates interested in courses of study such as education, business management finance, marketing sales, or actuarial studies; and preference will be given to those who attend a Nebraska university, college, or community college. Applicants must have an above-average GPA and demonstrate good character, leadership, and interest in furthering their education. Deadline is March 14.
- ⇒ The Sertoma Club of Omaha is offering one \$1,200.00 Nursing Scholarship to a senior from an Omaha area high school. Applicants must have maintained a B average throughout high school. Deadline is Feb. 29
- ⇒ The Susan G. Komen for the Cure College Scholarship is available to seniors who have lost a parent to breast cancer. For complete details visit [www.komen.org/grants](http://www.komen.org/grants). Click on Awards and Scholarships. Deadline is Feb. 1.
- ⇒ 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 attended to receive full coverage. The first session will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The second session will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 6 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The optional third session will be held on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 6:30-8:30 pm. There is a \$30 registration fee for two sessions and \$40 for all three. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

### **Calendar:**

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

Jan.24 - Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Rep Visit

Jan 26 - College Prep Day at  
UNO

Jan. 29 - Wayne State Visit

Jan. 29 - SAT Registration Dead-  
line for March 1 Test

Feb. 6 - Metro Community Col-  
lege Rep Visit

Feb. 7 - Baker University Rep  
Visit

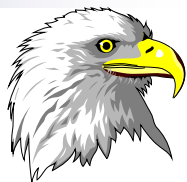
Feb. 7 - Late SAT Registration  
Dead- line for March 1 Test

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### IMPORTANT

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

### GATE/CONCESSION/CLEAN-UP

Friday, Jan. 25 vs Lourdes at Millard South High School, 14905 Q Street

JV Boys/V Girls & Boys - 5:00/6:30/8:00 pm

Gate: 4:30-6:30 pm - Tim & Kimber McLean

6:30-8:30 pm - Dave & Pam Howell

Concessions: 4:45-6:00 pm - Tricia Lewis

and Tim & Jan Schulz

6:00-8:45 pm - Scott & Debi Maskell and Keri Phillips

Clean-up After Game: Ted & Connie Henkenius & Sophomore Families



### WELCOME

*To our new student teacher,*

**Rachel Hardy**

Rachel is a student at Grace University.

She is student teaching in Mr. Nilius' music classes.

## School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Jan. 21	NO SCHOOL	
Jan. 22	HOT—Spaghetti & Meatballs COLD—Chef Salad Box	Italian Marinated Vegetables Peaches Bread Stick Blonde Brownie w/ Chocolate Chips
Jan. 23	HOT—Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Egg Salad on Whole Wheat Bread	Lettuce Salad Applesauce Brownie
Jan. 24	HOT—Cheesy Enchilada COLD—Hummus & Veggies on Tortilla Triangles	Corn Banana Chocolate Cake w/ Chocolate Frosting
Jan. 25	HOT—Teriyaki Chicken Over Rice w/ Chow Mien Noodles COLD—Tortilla Roll-up w/ Meat & Cheese	Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit Rice Krispy Treat

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.

### STUDENT PRAYER LOCKER

You may have noticed a sign in the hallway about a "Prayer Locker". If you have a prayer request on your mind and would like to share it, please write it on a piece of paper and slip it into the locker designated "Prayer Locker". A group of students (see below) will meet each week and pray for your requests. Any prayer requests can be anonymous and all prayer requests will be kept confidential.

All high school students are welcome to meet in Mr. Folken's room at lunch every Thursday. This is a time of encouragement, sharing and prayer. Share what you have discovered in your personal Bible study, what God is doing in your life, etc. Come every week... Come once a month... Come whenever you can! Come to meet with fellow students, share and pray with them.