

News & Notes

From the Director

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Last week we looked at the sobering responsibility Christians bear in “turning the page” from one generation to the next. 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 was gathered unto their fathers; 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) Sadly, our society as a whole is bent on doing just that! And, in large measure, Christians are sitting by watching it happen!

We, who are dedicated to a Christian philosophy of education and are committed to the ministry of

Christian education, can be refreshed in knowing that Christian schools serve as a light in the darkness – holding forth the Word of Light! Who knows but that God has raised up Christian schools for just such a time as this – to support the home and the church in their work of “remembering God.” The psalmist clearly states the goal: “That the generation to come might know” the laws of God, and “that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.” (Psalm 78:6-7)

If we follow that admonition in “turning the page” carefully, the next generation will indeed know God and keep His commandments. All depends upon just “the turn of a page.”

Tim Thompson, Director

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OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, February 7, 7:00 pm

OCA Cafeteria

The Association will vote on the proposed budget for the 2008-2009 school year as well as prospective board members at this meeting . Other important information relating to the new building will be presented. If you are not a member and would like voting rights, forms are available in the school office or you can join the night of the meeting.

School Calendar

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	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
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
Feb 7	Speech to NE Veterans Home - 2:00 pm
Feb 7	Junior Cheer Clinic - 3:30-5:30 pm in the Activity Rm on 2nd Floor
Feb 7	Association Meeting - 7:00 pm in the OCA Cafeteria
Feb 8	ACSI Spelling Bee @ Bellevue Christian
Feb 8	JV B BB/V G&B BB vs Mead @ College of St. Marys - 5:00/6:30/8:00 - Senior Night Pack the Gym Night Junior Cheer Performance
Feb 9	JV & V B BB vs Fremont Bergan @ Grace University - 6:00 & 7:45 pm
Feb 11	MS G BB vs Seward - TBA
Feb 12	Valentine Celebration - 5:00 pm @ Union Pacific Center

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** *
* **TO OUR TWO NEW PRESCHOOLERS** *
* **Chelsey King** *
* Her parents are *
* **Gary & Kim King** *
* **Kaiden Kahler** *
* His grandparents are *
* **Jack & Marie Sempek** *

ATTENTION PARENTS

Tuition Statements will be mailed next week to include information about the Association meeting. Payments will not be late until after the 15th.

CALENDAR CHANGES



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

RADIO INTERVIEW ON KGBI

Tune in to KGBI Radio Station on Monday, January 28 at 1:30 pm to hear an interview with Steve & Annie Chapman promoting our Valentine Celebration.

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 (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!

ATTENTION PARENTS



Final exam grades are now posted on Sycamore Education for you to view. Simply click on "My Students", then click your child's name, then click on "grades", then click on "summary" in the right-hand corner of your screen. You will see several columns after each class that is listed. The first column is the first-quarter grade. The second column is the second-quarter grade, the third column is the semester exam grade. The fourth column is the semester grade. The final exam grade factors as 15% of the semester grade.

Round 'Em Up Eagles

Please mark your calendars for Friday, February 8 for "Round 'Em Up Eagles" night. This is the evening we try to pack the gym and cheer on the eagles! There will be prizes, contests and lots of entertainment! So all of you Eagle Fans out there, join us for an evening of excitement as we cheer on our Eagles against the Mead Raiders! More to come next week.

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.





Mark Your Calendars!



K-8th Grade Spring Soccer Sign-ups

Monday, February 11th

Season: March 29-May 17

Cost \$50

More information and the registration form will be available in the next "News & Notes" and is currently available on OCA's website, click "Youth Sports".

FOURTH-GRADER

EARNs NATIONAL AWARD

Congratulations to fourth grade student Brooke Pickette, who recently was honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award! Brooke was recognized for 50 hours of volunteer work during a one-year time period. She spent many Saturday afternoons serving at the Mission for All Nations in Omaha, hanging clothes on racks and preparing bags of food and restocking shelves in the food pantry. Brooke is the daughter of Michael and Lori Pickette.

Guidance Corner

⇒ High school students interested in a career in health care may want to participate in the Methodist Hospital Explorer Post. Their Open House Session will be held on Monday, Feb. 11 from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Methodist Hospital Cancer Center Auditorium. There is a \$25 registration fee. This program fills up fast and is limited to the first 35 students. To pre-register please contact Suzie Skaff by e-mail (sskaff@macbsa.org) subject line: (Methodist Hospital).

⇒ Seniors pursuing a program/career in agriculture/agribusiness may be eligible to apply for the annual Husker Harvest Days Agricultural Scholarship. Deadline is March 28.

⇒ Iowa Western Community

College will be hosting Engineering Technology Day on Feb. 20. The programs featured will be Building Trades, Civil Engineering Technology, Architectural Engineering Technology, and Electronic Engineering Technology. If interested in attending, registration forms are available in the guidance office. Registration deadline is Feb. 13.

⇒ The Assistance League of Omaha is offering an ACT Review Course at Westside High School. The course consists of two sessions with an optional 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 fee for two sessions and \$40 for all three sessions. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

Calendar:

- Jan. 29 - Wayne State Rep Visit
- Jan. 29 - SAT Registration Deadline for March 1 Test
- Feb. 6 - Metro Community College Rep Visit
- Feb. 7 - Baker University Rep Visit
- Feb. 7 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for March 1 Test
- Feb. 27 - La James Int'l College Rep Visit

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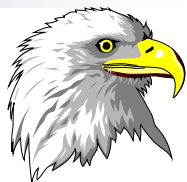
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A Christian Community of Learning

IMPORTANT

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

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

Cub Scout Corner

Mark your calendars for the following events:

January 31 - Only Webelos will meet! Check with Mr. Taylor for more information

February 7, 14, & 21 - Regular Den Meetings

February 29 - Blue & Gold Banquet

School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Jan. 28	HOT—Hot Dog COLD—Hummus w/ Veggie Dippers & Crackers	Baked Beans Orange Smiles Gorp
Jan. 29	HOT—Nachos w/ Beef & Cheese COLD—Deli Sandwich	Corn Banana Cinnamon Crumb Cake
Jan. 30	HOT—Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Taco Salad Box	Lettuce Salad Applesauce Brownie
Jan. 31	HOT—Chicken Fried Steak COLD—Pepperoni & Cheese Sandwich	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Cherries Dinner Roll White Cake w/ Pink Frosting
Feb. 1	HOT—No Hot Lunch COLD—Ham & Turkey Deli Sandwiches	Peach Cup Baby Carrots Baked Cheetos

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.

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 tccliffon@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.