

News & Notes

From the Director

March 7, 2008

Last week I referred to a book titled, *School Choice: the Findings* by Herbert Walberg. He set out to examine the American education system in light of school choice.

He states, "Private schools perform better, on average, than public schools at substantially less cost." He goes on to say that, "private schools also do better than public schools at fostering civic participation and social integration." In fact, in every area that Walberg attempts to measure, private schools out perform public schools.

While he gives some small effort to explaining why this is so (better "organization" he says), I think he misses the real reason – that is, philosophical foundation. Christian schools operate from a firm foundational belief that the Bible is the authoritative

Word of God and that the Bible contains principles for successful living. Upon that basis, Christian schools teach students not only math, science, English and history – but also how to live life successfully. Biblical principles are infused throughout the curriculum and modeled in the lives of teachers.

Omaha Christian Academy aims to be such a school. While we are committed to providing the best possible academic education for our students, **the more important goal is impacting their lives with the Word of God and the life-changing principles found in it.** Among the reasons to re-enroll (or enroll for the first time) your children at OCA, this would be at the top of the list!

Tim Thompson
Director

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Enroll Now and Save!

Please prayerfully consider making the decision to re-enroll your child for school year 2008-2009 before March 15 -- and receive a \$50 discount off the registration fee. **That single decision will be a GREAT show of SUPPORT for OCA!** A re-enrollment form is attached.

Plus, you are OCA's best recruiters! Please, in any and every way, spread the good news of Omaha Christian Academy. We have information packets available in the school office and will happily send one to any potential family. Please, call and let us know!



Saturday, March 9th

Daylight Savings Time

Remember to set your clocks ahead.



School Calendar	
March 10	District Speech Meet
March 10	NFC Honors Band - 7:00 pm
March 11	HS Band to VA Home - 10:00 am HS Band to Cornerstone Christian
March 11	Kindergarten Round Up - 1:30 pm
March 12	HS Music Recital
March 12	4th grade field trip - 8:30 am
March 13	Booster Club Mtg - 12:00 pm
March 13	Red Wheel Pick-up - 3:00-5:00 pm
March 15	Wesleyan Track Invite - 9:00 am
March 17	Elementary Art Projects Due for Trinity Festival
March 17	Lancers Read to 1st Grade Class - 9:00 am
March 18	7th Grade to Lincoln - 8:15 am
March 19	Elementary Speech Meet - 9:00 am
March 20	Elementary Read-In - 2:00 pm
March 21-28	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
March 25	B SO vs Conestoga - TBA
March 31	B SO vs Ralston - TBA
April 1	B SO vs Boystown - TBA
April 2	NO Elem/MS Classes SMART Meet - 8:00 am
April 5	Quiz Bowl - Lincoln Northeast - 9:00 am
April 2-11	SAT Testing Grades 2nd-11th
April 8	Track @ Wesleyan - 10:30 am
April 8	B SO @ Gretna - TBA
April 14	NFC Quiz Bowl @ Concordia - 4:00 pm
April 14	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

April 25 - Junior/Senior Banquet



Omaha Christian Academy's

**KINDERGARTEN
ROUNDUP**



Tuesday, March 11, 1:30 pm

All incoming Kindergarten students and their parents are invited to experience OCA's excellent Kindergarten program.

5612 L Street in our Kindergarten Classroom
(Near 60th & L in Liberty Christian Center)

We're moving to 10244 Wiesman Dr. near I-680 & Fort St. for the 2008-2009 school year.

Excellence in Christ-centered Education since 1972!



**WORK DAY AT NEW
BUILDING**

Demolition at OCA's new building, 10244 Wiesman Drive, is nearly complete. Volunteers are needed tomorrow, Saturday, March 8 at 8:00 am. If you are able to help, please bring the following items: 6-8 foot ladder, cordless drill with 1/4 inch hex bit/driver. Please contact Dwight Eveland if you are able to volunteer at 399-9480 or 572-7908.

CALENDAR CHANGES

March 13-14: School will be in session

March 21-28: No School - Spring Break

RED WHEEL PICK-UP



Mark your calendar for **Thursday, March 13**. Red Wheel products will arrive then and can be picked up from **3 – 5 p.m.** in the cafeteria. These products arrive frozen. We do not have storage space to keep them, so if you are unable to pick them up yourself, please arrange for a family member or friend to do so. A big **THANK YOU** to the OCA family for supporting our athletic and performing arts programs through this fund raiser!

ELEMENTARY ART WORK



Elementary student artwork will be displayed at the Trinity Spring Festival Friday, April 25. If any student has already done a project at home or at school and would like to enter the artwork in the meet, bring the entry to the school office. Students may submit several entries. **Each work needs to be matted or can be mounted onto a stiff piece of mat board or paper.** The competition accepts all types of media: pencil, water color, collage, tempera, pastel, sculptures, clay, etc. There is a \$2.00 fee for each entry. Please submit the entry fee with the student's artwork. The artwork will be delivered to Trinity and judged the week of the meet.

STAGE PROPS NEEDED



The Speech & Drama I class needs a small couch/loveseat for a stage prop for a production the first week of May. Do you have one we may borrow or add to our closet for keeps? We could also use an end table, coffee table and lamp. Please contact Mrs. Nupson if you can help with these items.

SMART MEET - APRIL 2ND

OCA will host the SMART Meet on Wednesday, April 2. This competition in **Speech** (grades 7-8), **Science** (grades 5-8), **Math** (grades 3-8) and **Art** (grades 7-12) includes students from 5 area Christian schools. Our students are beginning to prepare for these areas of competition in their classrooms.

Please note the following information regarding art entries: All students in grades 7-12 are eligible to enter their art creations in the SMART Meet. The categories are not restricted, and include painting, drawing, photography, crafts, clay, lettering, posters, cartoons, and media designs. Any art made since last April, either at home or at school, is eligible. We are hoping for a wide variety of entries reflecting the diverse skills and interests of our students.

The selection of arts and crafts to represent OCA at the SMART Meet is a two-step process: (1) Students submit up to 4 entries to Mr. Dods in the Art Room by **Monday, March 10th**, then (2) on Friday, March 14 a committee will select the best blend of work to represent OCA. The selected entries will be prepared for display by the Art Department. There is a \$2.00 entry fee for each piece that is entered in the SMART Meet.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Senior student, Chance Rohlifing, competed at Peru State in a power lifting meet. He was 1st in his weight class with the following lifts:

- 230 lb bench press
- 405 lb squat
- 425 lb dead lift

Congratulations, Chance!

Guidance Corner

- ⇒ The Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund is offering five \$2,500 scholarships to high school seniors who have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, will be enrolled as a full time student at a US accredited four-year college or university and have demonstrated leadership abilities through participating in community services, extra curricular or other activities. Applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 15.
- ⇒ The Omaha Community Playhouse will be hosting an Exploring Group for high school students interested in theatre. The Kick-Off Event is on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00 pm. It will be held in the upstairs boardroom of the Omaha Community Playhouse at 6915 Cass St. If you decide to join the Playhouse's Explorer group there will be a \$30 registration fee. Please RSVP for the Kick-Off Event to Suzie Skaff at 514-3018 or sskaff@mac-bsa.org by Friday, March 7.
- ⇒ High school students interested in business may want to participate in the Business Explorer Post at UNO in the College of Business Administration. If interested in human resources, finance or economics you would want to attend the March 15th session from 9 am to 11:30 am. If interested in marketing and advertising, accounting, or management information systems you would want to attend the March 29th session. For more information and to RSVP contact Suzie Skaff at 431-9272 or sskaff@mac-bsa.org.
- ⇒ The Omaha Chapter of National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors is offering ten \$500 scholarships. Applicants must have an above average GPA and demonstrate good character and leadership. Preference will be given to those who are interested in courses of study such as education, business/management/finance, marketing/sales, or actuarial studies; and preference is given to those who attend a Nebraska university, college or community college. Deadline is March 14.
- ⇒ The Assistance League of Omaha is offering at 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 first session will take place on Monday, April 7 or Tuesday, April 8 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The second session will take place on Wednesday, April 9 or Thursday, April 10 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The optional third session will take place on Thursday, April 10 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Both sessions must be attended to receive full coverage. There is a \$30 fee for two sessions and \$40 for all three sessions. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.
- ⇒ Grace University announces a special scholarship for Omaha Christian Academy students. This scholarship is awarded to one 2008 and one 2009 OCA graduate who is committed to living on campus, enrolling as a full-time student, and completing an academic program offered solely at Grace University. The awarded amount will be up to \$12,000 per year (renewable for up to four years). For more information, please see Mrs. Jenkins in the guidance office.

Calendar:

March 7 - ACT Reg. Deadline for April 12 Test

March 21 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for April 12 Test

April 1 - SAT Registration Deadline for May 3 test

April 10 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for May 3 test

Re-Enroll Now!

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THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the following volunteers who helped with the teacher appreciation week luncheon. I would also like to thank all those families who made monetary donations for the middle and high school teachers. The Lord's direction brought us all together to be a blessing for our teachers.

Sharon Berg, Lisa Byal, Sharon Brim, Elana Fournie, Karen Gingerich, Sarah Hansen, Kelly Hayes, Tonna Heinemann, Molly Howell, Diane Jay, Susan Johnson, Kim King, Dianne Kliewer, Tammy Krumwiede, Amy Lee, Stella Lim, Roberta Maurer, Kimber McLean, Cindy Ostry, Lori Pickette, Julie Richards, Tara Rye, Amy Schmidt, Constance Siebels, Pete Smagacz, Lisa Strasser, Nancy Taylor, Kerri Tulsie, Elissa Vilter, Paula Wells, and Beth Willars.

With sincere gratitude, *Margie Thierstein*



On behalf of the entire faculty & staff, I want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make "Teacher Appreciation Week" a very enjoyable time. A special thank you to Margie Thierstein for organizing "Teacher Appreciation Week". We all felt blessed and appreciated! OCA is blessed to have such a wonderfully supportive group of parents!

Tim Thompson, Director

School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
March 10	HOT—Dog in a Blanket COLD—Sunbutter & Jelly on Whole Wheat Bread	Baby Carrots Peach Cup Baked Cheetos
March 11	HOT—Grilled Chicken Sandwich COLD—Salad Box with Hard Boiled Egg	Grape Tomatoes Cherries Kitty Chow
March 12	HOT—Baked Rotini w/ Meat Sauce COLD—Egg Salad Sandwich	Italian Vegetables Garlic Breadstick Strawberry Shortcake
March 13	HOT—Chicken Noodle Soup w/ Goldfish Crackers COLD—Grilled Chicken Salad Box	Glazed Carrots Red Grapes Chocolate Chip Cookie
March 14	HOT—Cheese Enchiladas COLD—Deli Sandwich	Corn Orange Smiles Cinnamon Crumb Cake

Students may choose yogurt & cheese stick as a main dish alternative.

Milk will be served with all meals.

Cost: \$2.45(Pre-K-4); \$2.60 (5-12); \$1.00 Extra Entrees

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Cub Scout Corner

Mark your calendars for the following events:

March 13 - Den Meetings

March 20 - PINEWOOD DERBY

(Get those derby cars ready!)

March 27 - Easter Break - no meetings



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RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION

The registration fee is \$225.00 per returning student. All students registered by March 15 will receive a \$50 discount. To reserve a place on the class roster a \$50 deposit per student must accompany this form. The balance of the registration fee is due by May 31.

Name of Student(s)			Social Security #	Grade Entering	Birth Date
First	Middle	Last			
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Full name of both parents or guardians with whom student lives:

Father or Guardian		Mother or Guardian	
Father's work place	&	Phone Number	
Mother's work place	&	Phone Number	
Home Address _____	City _____	Zip _____	Home Phone _____
Cell phone _____	E-Mail address _____		
Emergency Contact _____	Phone _____		
Emergency Contact _____	Phone _____		
Church you attend _____	_____		
Address _____	_____		
Pastor's Name _____	_____		

I understand that photos, videos, etc. of my child may be taken by the school and used for school publicity purposes. If you **do not** grant Omaha Christian Academy the right to use your child's image and name for publicity purposes check this box .

I understand that the registration fee is non-refundable. Upon request, refunds are made only if the family moves outside a commutable distance or if application for student admission is unapproved.

Signature _____

Bookkeeper Information:

Date Received _____ Amount Paid _____ Check # _____

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2008 - 2009 Tuition & Fees Schedule

REGISTRATION FEE

(Registration fees are non-refundable)

Pre-School \$50.00 per student

New Student \$250.00 per student

(\$50.00 discount if registered before April 15, 2008)

Returning Student \$225.00 per student

(\$50.00 due at registration, with balance due prior to May 31)

(\$50.00 discount if registered before March 15, 2008)

TUITION

Pre-School/Childcare

5 full days \$475.00 per month

5 half days \$235.00 per month

3 full days \$285.00 per month

3 half days \$140.00 per month

(3 days are Monday/Wednesday/Friday)

(3 half days are mornings)

Kindergarten

\$3,800.00 per year – 1st child

\$3,600.00 per year – 2nd child

\$3,400.00 per year – 3rd child

No charge – 4th, 5th child

1st – 4th Grade

\$4,300.00 per year – 1st child

\$4,100.00 per year – 2nd child

\$3,900.00 per year – 3rd child

No charge – 4th, 5th child

5th-6th Grade

\$4,400.00 per year – 1st child

\$4,200.00 per year – 2nd child

\$4,000.00 per year – 3rd child

No charge – 4th, 5th child

7th – 8th Grade

\$4,900.00 per year – 1st child

\$4,700.00 per year – 2nd child

\$4,500.00 per year – 3rd child

No charge – 4th, 5th child

9th – 12th Grade

\$5,650.00 per year – 1st child

\$5,450.00 per year – 2nd child

\$5,250.00 per year – 3rd child

No charge – 4th, 5th child

MUSIC

Instrument Rental \$75.00 per year

Percussion Rental \$20.00 per year

BOOKS: Kindergarten – 12th Grade

Textbooks for required classes are property of Omaha Christian Academy. The rental fee for these books is included in the tuition fee. All textbooks used for elective classes and consumable workbooks must be purchased prior to the beginning of the semester.

TUITION PAYMENT PLANS:

1. If full year's tuition payment is paid by July 15, a three percent discount will be applied.
2. Semester tuition payments are due by July 15 and January 15.
3. Tuition payments paid in monthly installments are due on the 1st of each month. Accounts must be paid in full by June 1, 2008. An accounting fee of \$25.00 per semester will be charged for monthly installments.

PENALTIES:

1. A fee of \$20.00 will be charged to your account after the 10th of the month for late payments.
2. Returned checks will be assessed a \$20.00 fee. A second returned check will require all amounts due to be paid in cash or cashier's check.
3. Consumable textbooks, elective textbooks and incidental fees are due payable by the last day of the following month.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

This assistance is need based and includes Christian Ministries. Applications must be filed prior to May 30. Limited funds are available every year.

RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE:

If you are responsible for bringing a new student to OCA, \$100.00 will be credited to your account when he/she completes his/her first semester.