

# News & Notes

*From the Director*

March 20, 2008

I recently read a quote from Benjamin Franklin that caught my attention. At the Constitutional Convention he said, "We have been assured, sir, in the sacred writings that, 'except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel."

With Thursday of this week being a "Day of Prayer" here at OCA, prayer has been on my mind a lot. Over the months that I've been here, I have asked myself, and others, many times, "What does OCA need?" Oh my, the variety of answers that I've received has run the spectrum! Certainly, top of anyone's list would include more students and more money! And, less I be misunderstood, OCA does need more students – so PLEASE re-enroll – and

OCA does need more money – so PLEASE donate!

But, God used that quote from Benjamin Franklin to remind me of a very solid Biblical truth. "Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it." (Psalms 127:1) This DOES NOT mean that we just sit back and wait for God "build the school." We should work and do all we can to see OCA prosper and grow into the future. BUT, it does mean that, at the end of the day, when we've done all we are able to do, the building must be done by God.

Let's resolve to not only continue to work to see OCA grow and prosper, but to pray for God's hand of blessing to rest upon OCA in a mighty way. Let's pray not only that OCA will have its own facility, but pray that in that facility OCA will be *light* and *salt* to Omaha and surrounding communities. Let's commit ourselves not only to provide the best possible academic education, but to dedicate ourselves to being instruments of God's grace in the lives of the students in OCA's classrooms. And, in all this, let's look to God to build *HIS* house at Omaha Christian Academy!

Tim Thompson  
Director

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<h2>School Calendar</h2>	
March 21-28	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
March 25	B SO vs Conestoga - 5:00 pm
March 31	Classes Resume
March 31	B SO vs Ralston - 5:30 pm
April 1	Foods Field Trip - 8:50 am
April 1	B SO vs Boystown - 5:00 pm
April 2	NO ES/MS Classes SMART Meet - 8:00 am
April 3	NFC Quiz Bowl @ Concordia Jr./Sr. High - 4:00 pm
April 5	Quiz Bowl - Lincoln Northeast - 9:00 am
April 7-11	SAT Testing Grades 2nd-11th
April 8	Track @ Wesleyan - 10:30 am
April 8	B SO @ Gretna - 5:00 pm
April 14	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
April 15	6th Grade Field Trip - 8:15 am
April 15	Track @ Syracuse - 9:30 am
April 15	B SO @ Elkhorn - 5:00 pm
April 17	Booster Club Meeting - 8:00 am
April 17	B SO @ NE Lutheran - 5:00 pm
April 18	District Music Contest @ Yutan
April 19	MS Track @ ISD in CB, Iowa
April 19	Quiz Bowl @ Norris, Firth, NE
April 19	Track @ Yutan - 9:00 am
April 21	B SO @ Brownell-Talbot - 4:30 pm
April 22	Track @ Fort Calhoun - 3:00 pm
April 23	Walk-a-Thon - <b>Note: Kdg. will have school on this Wednesday</b>
April 25	Trinity Spring Festival
April 25	Junior/Senior Banquet

## Spring Achievement Testing



It is that time of the year again to begin thinking of Spring Achievement Testing. OCA students, grades 2-11, will be testing the week of April 7th. It is important that all students are in school that week to participate in the testing. It is also important for the students to get a good night's sleep and have a good breakfast. Please contact the Guidance Office if you have any questions or concerns.



### STICK WITH READING



A special thank you goes to the Omaha Lancers for visiting our elementary classes on Monday to help us get kick-off OCA's Elementary Reading Month.

#### March 17 - April 18 Elementary Reading Month

Each class is encouraged to "stick with reading" and reach their reading goals. The reading goal for grades 2-4 is 100 minutes per week for a total of 400 minutes. The reading goal for kindergarten and 1st grade is 75 minutes per week for a total of 300 minutes. Turn in your total minutes of reading for the previous week on each Monday (please use the slip sent home with your child(ren)). Our last turn in Monday will be April 21. Since the time frame includes a 5 week span, we are allowing a free week, or catch up week, of your choice.

We will celebrate a successful month of reading by flying kites the afternoon following Walk-a-Thon on April 23.



## SMART MEET

On Wednesday, April 2nd, OCA will host the annual SMART Meet. Students from other area Christian Schools and Home Schools will join us to compete in math, science, speech and art. Parents are encouraged to come and view the displays and listen to the speeches.

### Schedule For The Day

#### Science - Grades 5-7 - 2nd Floor, Room 204

8:30-9:30 Participants meet with judges

9:30-1:00 Projects on display

#### Speech - Grades 7 & 8 - 2nd Floor, Rooms 200-202

8:30-11:15 Speech performances

#### Math - 3rd Floor, Rooms 313-318

10:00 Welcome/Instructions - 1st Floor Café

10:15-11:30 Grades 3-6 Math Tests

11:15-12:10 Grades 7-8 Math Tests

#### Art - Grades 6-12 - 2nd Floor

8:00-1:00 Art work on display

**Reminder: Elementary and Middle School students will NOT have school on Wednesday, April 2.**



**WELCOME**

**TO OUR NEW PRESCHOOLERS**

**Caeden & Taylor Carey**

**Their parents are:**

**Chris & Angie Carey**



## ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC RECITAL



Name	Rating
Joanna James	Superior
Macy Myers	Excellent
Mitchell Taylor	Superior
Samuel Gregory	Superior
Mitchell Francis	Superior
Kari Nupson	Superior
Serenity Bryce	Superior
Madison Vesely	Superior
Joslyn Brewer	Excellent
Bryce Taylor	Excellent
Jeremy James	Excellent
Colt West	Excellent
Mikayla Arrington	Superior
Morgan Myers	Superior
Ashley Peterson	Superior
McKenna Lewis	Superior
Drew Sorensen	Excellent
Julianna Meyers	Superior
Jonathon Howell	Superior
Caitlyn Ostry	Superior
Stacia Howell	Superior

# Re-Enroll Now!

## WALK - A - THON

Only 33 days and counting down until the 2nd Annual OCA Walk-a-Thon. I hope that you are getting excited about this event, because I sure am. There is lots going on behind the scenes and things are falling into place nicely. The committee does need a few things though. First, please commit this event to prayer. I truly believe that this will be a success only if we seek God first. Second, please save the date on your calendar and plan on being here for the event, if at all possible. Overwhelmingly, the thing I heard most about last years event was how much fun everyone had and how neat it was that we could all be together for such a special day. Hard work, yes! Treasured memories, definitely! Third, again this year the committee is seeking business sponsors to help underwrite

the event. If you know of a business or an individual that would be interested in this opportunity, please contact me and I will be happy to provide them with further information. Finally, keep reading news and notes for further details. In this week's edition there are two attachments: a general information flyer and a t-shirt design flyer. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Note: Kindergarten will have school on this Wednesday, so they can participate in the Walk-a-Thon.**

Kimber McLean, Event Chair  
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## Guidance Corner

- ⇒ Omaha Public Library is hosting their third annual Teen Job Fair for students ages 16-19. It will take place on April 7 from noon to 5 p.m. at Omaha Public Library's W. Clarke Swanson Branch, 9101 W. Dodge Road. No advance registration is required. Numerous Omaha employers will accept applications and discuss job opportunities, including: Omaha Scheel's All Sports, Omaha & Papillion Hy-Vee Stores, Culver's, Shopko, UPS, YWCA Omaha, AIM Institute/Careerlink, Christ Child Society of Omaha, Carlson Hospitality Worldwide, Gallup, Omaha Steaks, Timberline Total Solutions, Hyatt Reservation Center, West Corporation, Great Escape Theatres Omaha 16, Job Corps, U.S. Navy, The Employment Guide, Village Inn and Omaha Public Library. Teens should dress to meet employers and bring a black pen; their Social Security number; the names, addresses and phone numbers of their school, previous employers, and three references; and a resume if they have one.
- ⇒ 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 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 third session will be held on Thursday, April 10 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:

- March 21 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for April 12 Test
- April 1 - SAT Registration Deadline for May 3 test
- April 7-11 - Spring Achievement Testing for Grades 2nd-11th
- April 10 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for May 3 test
- April 29 - Vennard College Rep Visit

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## Foreign Exchange Students Program

Our world is "shrinking" and increasingly we're living in an "international" culture. Our children face a need for a greater understanding of other cultures. To help meet this challenge, parents and teachers are looking for new, innovative ways to spark interest in international study, bring current events to life, and encourage foreign language study.



When you decide to host a KoAm exchange student, teachers at your school can bring another culture right into the classroom and you can bring this same culture into your home. What better way for our children to learn about the world than by studying, talking, and laughing with a peer from Korea? The Korean student you'll host will be in the 4th through 8th grade and attend OCA with your children from September 2008 to May 2009. Contact your area coordinator Mison Cowell at 402-991-4616, Cell: 402-301-5257 or by email, [misony@koameduall.org](mailto:misony@koameduall.org) for further information.

## PLASTIC CONTAINERS NEEDED

The Foods Class is in need of your recycled food containers. All shapes and sizes welcome: cool whip containers, sour cream containers, etc. Remember us when you're doing your Easter baking. Please bring containers to Mrs. Lovgren's room or drop them by the office with Mrs. Lovgren's name on them. Thanks!

## School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
March 31	HOT—Chicken Nuggets COLD—Smoked Salmon Spread on 1/2 of Bagel	Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Bear Cookie
April 1	HOT—Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce COLD—Crispy Chicken Salad Box	Lettuce Salad Applesauce Cinnamon Bread Stick
April 2	HOT—Chicken Enchilada Casserole COLD—Smoked Salmon & Veggie Wrap	Corn Banana Snickerdoodle Cookie
April 3	HOT—Rib-A-Que on a Bun COLD—Hummus & Veggies w/ Tortilla Triangles	French Fries Red Cabbage Slaw Oatmeal Cherry Bar
April 4	HOT—Macaroni & Cheese COLD—Deli Bagel Sandwich	Green Beans Fresh Strawberries Dinner Roll Applesauce 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.

## FREE FOR THE TAKING

At the new building, 10244 Wiesman Drive, there are ceiling light fixtures (with 4 fluorescent bulbs in each fixture) and interior wooden doors. The doors can be used for whatever you wish (even firewood). These items are free for the taking, otherwise they will taken to the dump. Please call if interested.

Pete Smagacz  
990-3960

# Mark Your Calendar!

## OCA's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Walk-A-Thon

April 23, 2008  
11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
All School - Pre-school - 12  
On the OCA Sports Fields

### Food, Fun, Fellowship & Fundraising

Walk  
Lunch  
Festival


Many volunteers will be needed!!!  
Detailed information to follow April 4, 2008

For more information contact:  
Kimber McLean, Event Chair  
[tkfrogmclean@msn.com](mailto:tkfrogmclean@msn.com) or 682-0330 or pass me a note!

**Making Fundraising FUN!!!**



# 2008 T Shirt Design Contest



The Second Annual OCA Walk-a-Thon Committee needs you.  
The committee needs **your** original design to be used on the **official**  
Walk-a-Thon t-shirt that everyone will wear.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual OCA Walk-a-Thon  
is April 23, 2008.

Judges will select the winning design,  
plus a runner up.

First prize is \$50.00  
Second prize is \$25.00.

Be Creative and Have Fun  
Making your Design!

## T-Shirt Design Requirements

1. The design must be exclusively your own work (you may work with a friend).
2. The design must be on an 8.5" X 11" sheet of paper.
3. Write your name and grade on the back of your entry or attach this form.
4. Entries are due April 4, 2008. Turn them in to the office.
5. Contest open to ALL OCA Students, pre K – 12.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Questions??? Please contact Kimber McLean @ 682-0330 or pass her a note.