

# News & Notes

May 2, 2008

Parents and Christian school educators have the delightful, and sometimes frustrating task of teaching children to live productive lives that will bring honor to Christ. When we think of children and young people, it is very important to keep the long-range, full-life perspectives in view. A partial list of our broader responsibilities in helping children to develop an inner and outer order in their lives is as follows:

1. We need to inspire them to follow Jesus Christ. Proverbs 23:19 states, "Hear thou my son, and be wise and guide thine heart in the way." Christ is the cornerstone in which meaningful lives are built.
2. We must stimulate their vision. Train the students and your children to visualize the useful things that they can do with their lives. Too many young people now say that they have no vision for the future.
3. We need to teach patience. Patience has become a lost virtue in our "instant-everything society". In Romans 8:25 we read, "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."
4. We must train them to cope with failure. Failure many times builds godly character. Thomas Edison made 586 experiments before finding the right filament for the light bulb.
5. We must ground them in the Word. Psalm 110:105 says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

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If we are to effectively prepare students for the long range demands of life, it is imperative that we have the stabilizing influences of Biblical principals to guide them. Success in school has little value if we fail in life.

*Gene Bentley, Superintendent*

**EARN \$500 ON YOUR  
SCHOOL ACCOUNT!**  
**For Every New Family Referral You  
Earn \$500 Credit!**  
**Bring Your Friends To OCA!**  
*(Conditions apply - contact the school office)*

<i>School Calendar</i>	
May 5	MS Track @ Fremont Bergan - 3:00 pm
May 5	HS Performing Arts Concert - 7:00 pm
May 6	1st Grade - Zoo Field Trip - 9:00 am
May 8	AP English Exam - 8:00 am
May 8	District Track @ Yutan - 10:00 am
May 9	All Elementary Library Books Due
May 9-10	Spring Melodrama @ Grandpa's Farm - 6:00 pm
May 10	MS Band to Adventure Land
May 12	HS Sports Awards - 7:00 pm
May 13	Preschool Track & Field Day Last Day Preschool
May 13	Physics to Worlds of Fun - 5:30 am
May 13	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
May 15	Booster Club Meeting - 8:00 am
May 15	Kindergarten Graduation - 7:00 pm
May 16	Last Day of School: Elementary/Seniors Last Day of Childcare
May 16	Elementary Awards
May 16-17	State Track Meet
May 18-22	Senior Trip
May 19	MS Field Day
May 19	Drama - "In Memoriam" - 5:00 pm
May 20	Last Day MS MS Awards & 8th gr. Promotion - 7:00
May 21-23	HS Final Exams - 9th, 10th, 11th grades
May 23	HS Awards - 7:00 pm
May 24	HS Graduation - 10:00 am

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



### **SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT**

High school students who have participated in any athletic event this school year (2007-2008) are invited, with their families, to the Sports Award Night on Monday, May 12, 7 p.m., in the cafeteria. Sophomore and junior families are asked to bring one pie per family. Senior parents are to set up, serve and clean up. **Chapel dress is required.**

### **ATTENTION ELEMENTARY PARENTS**

The Elementary Awards Chapel, and last day of school for elementary students will be Friday, May 16th. Childcare will be available from that time until 5:45. The charge will be \$25.00 per child. You must sign up for this service by Tuesday, May 6th. Space is limited.

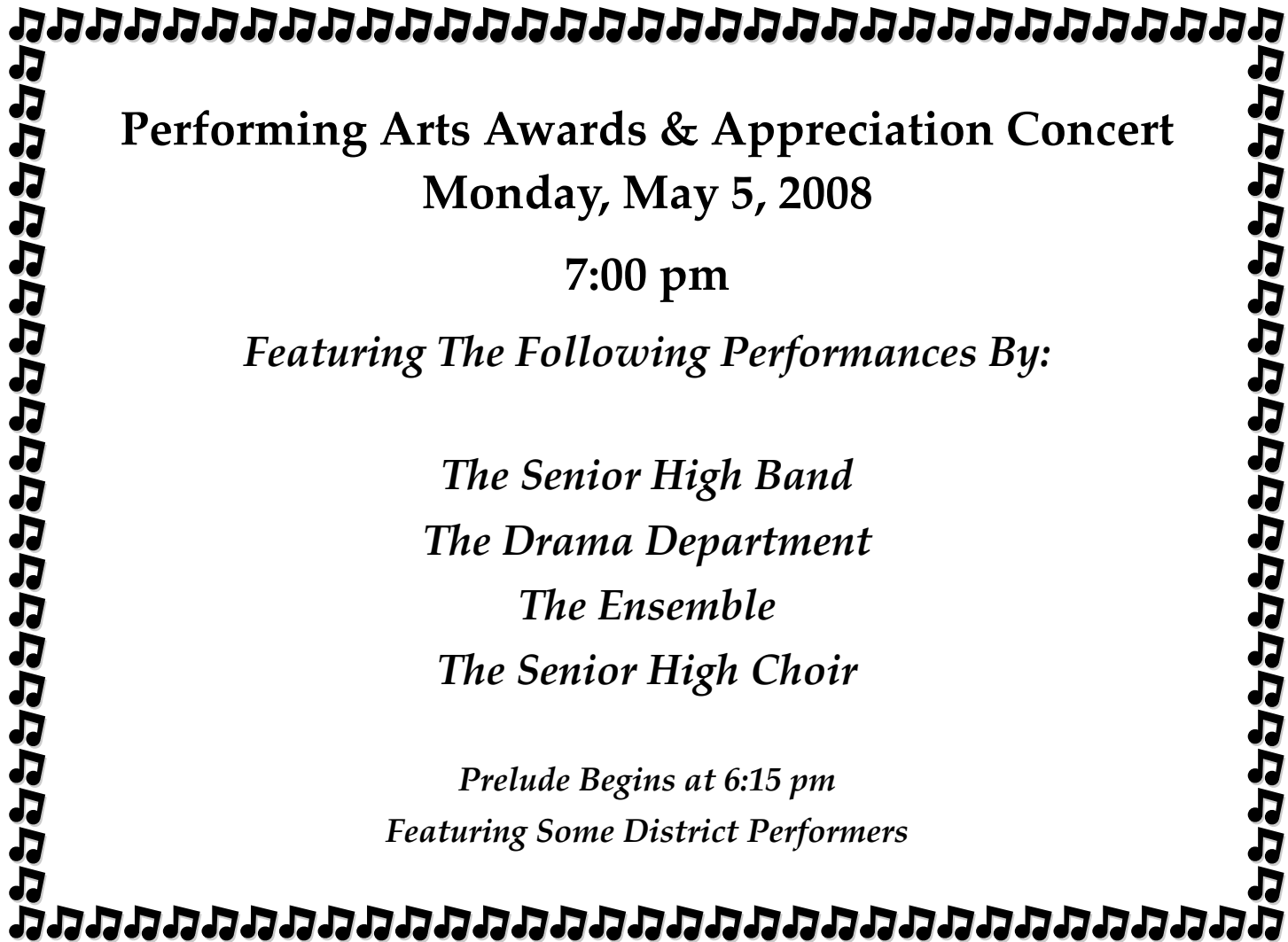
### **WALK-A-THON UPDATE**

Almost 500 flyers were mailed out this year to date, and almost 200 have been returned. They will continue to come in over the next couple of weeks and before school is out we will know how OCA has been blessed financially.

More than 350 people were a part of the Walk-a-Thon day! So many people came together to make this event a success. A BIG thank you to all of those who volunteered and/or sent out flyers to friends and family members. Truly this event would not be a success without you.

As this year's event wraps up, please continue to keep it in your thoughts and prayers. Also, let me know of anything that you would like to see changed for next year.

Thank you all for your continued support and encouragement. You all really do know how to make fundraising FUN!  
*Kimber McLean*



# Performing Arts Awards & Appreciation Concert

## Monday, May 5, 2008

7:00 pm

*Featuring The Following Performances By:*

- The Senior High Band*
- The Drama Department*
- The Ensemble*
- The Senior High Choir*

*Prelude Begins at 6:15 pm*  
*Featuring Some District Performers*

### **PIE AND COFFEE ANYONE?**

Who doesn't like a piece of pie and a cup of coffee after attending one of our wonderful performing art concerts. If you are one of those, please bring your family to Village Inn on L Street on May 5. Village Inn will be giving 10% back to the school that evening. You may arrive before or after the concert. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Richards at 573-1708.



### **Middle School Students Compete in "Brain Brawl"**

On April 26th, a group of OCA middle school students traveled to Lincoln Northeast High School to participate in "Brain Brawl", an academic competition. OCA was able to send three individual teams for the meet. The team of Steven Hamilton, Cameron Deckert and Julianna Meyers was seeded the highest of our OCA teams for the afternoon play and fell to the second seeded team by only one question in the final seconds of round 5.

Individual top scorers for the day were: Steven Hamilton, Cameron Deckert and Heather Rozema.



# Spring Melodrama & Chuckwagon Dinner

## *The Paperbag Bandit Rides Again*

Friday, May 9 & Saturday, May 10 are the dates for this year's Chuckwagon Dinner and Melodrama at Grandpa Sweeney's Farm, 6782 Hwy 133, Blair, NE 68008. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Tickets are on sale NOW and will be on sale at Monday night's High School Performing Arts Concert. Seats are limited and are going fast. Don't miss this evening of fun, food, song and popcorn-throwing melodrama. Beware the evil Sludge Slyskull and the beautiful Diamond Dolly. Can Sheriff Buzz Saw save the town of Cooked Goose and his darling Clementine?



# TRACK NEWS



## *Fort Calhoun Invitational*

The OCA teams competed in the Fort Calhoun Invitational on April 22nd. The Girls' team finished 6th among 9 teams. The Boys' team finished in 4th place overall.

Stephanie Hamilton placed in two events- second in the Shot Put with a personal best of 37'-2 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Discus with a throw of 102-5. Lauren Strasser(6<sup>th</sup>), Laura Henkenius(2<sup>nd</sup>) and Cassie West(6<sup>th</sup>) scored in the 100 Intermediate Hurdles and 300 Low Hurdles. Laura teamed with Katie Arant, Nikki Tulsie, and Pam Zimmerle to place 6<sup>th</sup> in the 4x100 Relay.

Parker Adams and Matt Tulsie placed twice for the Eagles. Parker leaped 20-1.5 on his final jump to win the Long Jump. He also tied for third in the High Jump at 5-8. Matt placed third in the 300 Hurdles and the 400 Meters with times of 44.2 and 54.4 respectively.

Other Scorers:

Jared Parsons	Long Jump	18-2	5th Place
Brendan Byal	Triple Jump	37-9.5	6th Place
Ben Deaver	800 Meter	2:13.1	4th Place
Sean West	1600 Meters	5:04	3rd
Jared Parsons, Matt Tulsie, Parker Adams, Wyatt Wirges	400 Relay	47.2	3rd Place
Brendan Byal Wyatt Wirges, Ben Deaver Matt Tulsie	1600 Relay	3:46.5	2nd Place
Justin Begg Robert Sweeney Sean West Ben Deaver	3200 Relay	9:09.5	2nd Place

# More Track News

## FRONTIER CONFERENCE TRACK

The OCA Girls' Team finished 3rd in the Frontier Conference Track Meet at Lincoln High. The Boys' Team finished 2nd for the second straight year!

Stephanie Hamilton (discus), Laura Henkenius (300 Hurdles), Jared Parsons (High Jump), Sean West (800 & 1600), Robert Sweeney (3200), Boys & Girls 4X800 Relays all were conference champs!

### Other Placers on the Girls' Team:

Lauren Strasser	100 Hurdles	18-8	2nd
Cassie West	100 Hurdles	20.7	5th
	300 Hurdles	59.4	4th
Pam Zimmerle	400	1:11.6	6th
Stephanie Hamilton	Shot Put	35.6	2nd
Katie Arant	100	14.3	4th
	200	30.3	4th
Nikki Tulsie	100	14.4	6th
	200	30.7	5th
	Long Jump	13-10	6th
Emily Lovgren	1600	6:43.00	3rd
	3200	14:39.6	4th
Katie Arant	4X100	57.4	2nd
Nikki Tulsie			
Laura Henkenius			
Pam Zimmerle			
Katie Arant	4X400	5:16.3	3rd
Kathryn White			
Kendra Strasser			
Pam Zimmerle			

### Other Placers on the Boys' Team:

Robert Sweeney	1600	6:43.00	3rd
	3200	14:39.6	4th
Anthony Intorre	110 Hurdles	18.9	3rd
	300 Hurdles	46.8	3rd
Matt Tulsie	110 Hurdles	19.2	4th
	300 Hurdles	47.2	4th
	400 Meters	54.4	2nd
Parker Adams	High Jump	5-8	2nd
	100 Meter	12.3	3rd
	Long Jump	19-7	2nd
Jared Parsons	Long Jump	17-7.5	4th
Wyatt Wirges	Triple Jump	37-7	3rd
	200 Meter	25.2	3rd
Brendan Byal	200 Meter	25.6	4th
	High Jump	5-6	4th
	Triple Jump	38-0	2nd
Justin Begg	200 Meter	27.8	6th
	400 Meter	1:02.9	6th
Ben Deaver	800 Meter	2:17.5	3rd
	400 Meter	57.4	3rd
Brendan Byal	4X400	3:59.4	3rd
Justin Begg			
Anthony Intorre			
Ben Deaver			



# Guidance Corner

- 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 Monday, June 9 or Tuesday, June 10 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The second session will be held on Wednesday, June 11 or Thursday, June 12 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The optional third session will be held on Thursday, June 12 from 6:30-8:30 pm. There is a \$30 registration fee for two classes and \$40 for all three. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.
- The Aim High Test Prep, Inc. will conduct an ACT

Test Prep Seminar from June 2-6 and June 9-12, either 8 am to noon, 1 pm to 5 pm, or 6 pm to 10 pm. The seminar entails nine days of instruction (36 hours total) leading right up to the test date. It will be held at Bellevue University. The cost is \$750 and advance registration is required. To register call 491-0492.

### Calendar:

- May 6 - SAT Registration Deadline for June 7 Test
- May 9 - ACT Registration Deadline for June 14 Test
- May 15 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for June 7 Test
- May 23 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for June 14 Test

## INTERESTED IN CAR POOLING?

If you live in the Bellevue, Papillion area and are interested in car pooling to school, please come to a meeting at the home of Roger and Kelly Lyle, 120 Oakmont Drive, Papillion. Even if you already carpool, please join us for encouragement and ideas. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 pm.

## FALL YOUTH SPORTS SIGN-UPS



**K-6 Co-Ed Fall Soccer, 5th & 6th Flag Football & 5th & 6th Volleyball Sign-ups have started!**



Soccer, Flag Football & Volleyball seasons start about the same time that we start school in the fall! Sign-ups are taking place now as it is difficult to get registrations in during the summer. Fall Sports season runs August 23-October 18. Teams will be formed by grade level. The fee is \$50. For more info call Terri Zimmerle, 493-2850, email [tzimmerle@aol.com](mailto:tzimmerle@aol.com), or send a PAN.

### Boys Soccer Corner



**OCA - 6; NE Lutheran - 5  
In a "Shoot-Out"**

#### Goals:

- Colby Arndt - 1
- Andrew Bebee - 1
- Josh Bebee - 1
- Ben Hawk - 1
- Caleb White - 1

#### Assists:

Colby Arndt - 1

#### Shootout Goals:

- Colby Arndt -1
- Ben Hawk - 1

#### Goalie Saves:

Jared Cummings - 12

#### Shootout Saves:

Jared Cummings-3

A registration form has been attached to this week's *News & Notes*. It will also be available on Syc Ed (under documents) and on the school's website. If your child is in 5th or 6th grade, please consider having them play volleyball or flag football. This is a great way to introduce the sport before they play it interscholastically in 7th & 8th grade. The deadline to mail in the registration form is July 1st.

Please mail it to Joyce West as she will be taking over Youth Sports starting with the Fall 2008 sport season.



### Building Project Update

Would you like to know the continual progress on the OCA Building project?

Go to the blog at

[www.OCABuildingProject.blogspot.com](http://www.OCABuildingProject.blogspot.com)

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## MISSIONS AT HOME

American host families volunteer to provide Korean American Education Alliance (KoAM) students with a place to sleep, meals, transportation, love and a supportive home life. KoAM understands hosting a child carries with it certain expenses. To show its appreciation for this generosity, KoAM provides each host family with an educational stipend of \$300 and \$150 pocket money each month of the academic year. KoAM also presents each host family with a cultural gift to express KoAM's sincere gratitude for all host families do for their KoAM student.

Each KoAM student arrives with round-trip airline tickets and medical insurance. KoAM also pays for tuition and school fees for the duration of each child's stay in the United States. KoAM also covers any additional expenses incurred during the student's stay with the host family. KoAM will also cover any additional expenses incurred during the student's stay with the host family. KoAM requires that each KoAM student have his/her bed. KoAM also encourages that each KoAM student share a bedroom with a child of the same sex from the host family. Please apply now and make a difference

Sincerely,

Mison Cowell, Omaha Area Coordinator  
Tel: 402-991-4616  
Cell: 402-301-5257

## School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
May 5	HOT—Crispito w/ Cheese Sauce COLD—Sunbutter & Jelly Roll-up	Corn Kiwi Tres Leches Cake
May 6	HOT— Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich COLD—Hummus & Veggies w/ Tortilla Triangles	French Fries Apple Wedges Chocolate Chip Cookie
May 7	HOT—Pizza Hut Pizza (Cheese) COLD—Steak Salad Box	Lettuce Salad Fruit Medley Iced Ginger Cookie
May 8	HOT—Lasagna COLD—Hummus Veggie Wrap	Green Beans Grapes Breadstick
May 9	HOT—No Hot Lunch COLD—Ham & Cheese Sandwich	Baby Carrots Banana Animal Cracker Cookies

**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

CALLING ALL CUB SCOUTS & THEIR FRIENDS!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- May 3 - Blue & Gold Picnic at Standing Bear Lake - 4:00 pm. Bring one side dish, your cake for the decorating contest, the things you've made this year AND invite a friend!
- May 6 & 13 - Den Meetings
- May 30-31 - CAMPOUT