


OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWS & NOTES

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Greetings! I have some good news. Our current enrollment now stands at 266 students. If you know a family that is unhappy with their current school situation, I would be happy to meet with them even if I have to go to their home. This has been successful in the past.

The school year is now well on its way and appears to be going smoothly. I have been impressed with our teachers. We are all fortunate to have them.

Mr. Thompson should be here Wednesday, August 31. He has over 20 years of experience in Christian education. He will have much to offer OCA. New ideas are always welcome. He will occupy the office where I am on 3rd floor and I will go to Room 202 on 2nd floor. Please drop by and meet him.

The first football game is Friday, August 31 at Johnson-Brock. We want to wish them well and strive to be a great Christian example and come away with a win. I am a sports nut, so I will be following them.

Remember Monday, September 3 is Labor Day, no school.

This year's theme verse is, "You are my rock and my fortress: therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead me and guide me." Psalm 31:3

GOODSEARCH

Have you ever said, "If I had a penny for every time..." Yes, we all have. Now an Internet search engine is taking the 'penny' philosophy and using it to make money for your favorite charity or school.

Here is how it works:

Instead of using your normal Internet search engine, log on to www.goodsearch.com/. Below the search engine bar, you'll see a space where you can allocate your donation, which on the average is about one cent per search query. Once you choose OCA, just use the search engine above.



ADOPT A TEACHER/STAFF MEMBER

Families are still needed to adopt a teacher or staff member. Please contact Kelly Lyle, 933-7857 if you are interested.



SAVE THE DATE!

OCA's first home football game of the season will also be your opportunity to give a warm welcome to our new Executive Director, **Tim Thompson** and Superintendent, **Gene Bentley**. Fun festivities are planned, so mark your calendars and come cheer for the team as it takes on Milligan High. Look for more details in next week's *News & Notes!*

BENNING RESIGNS

Damon Benning has resigned as V.P. of Development for OCA to pursue other interests. The staff and Board wish him well in his future endeavors.

If you had any OCA activities or programs underway with Damon, please contact Mr. Bentley or Mr. Thompson.

HELP NEEDED

Tim Thompson and his family are arriving to Omaha Tuesday, August 28. They are in need of help unloading their truck. If you are able to help, please meet at school on Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - A Week

August 30 - Magazine Sale Kick-off

August 31 - FB @ Johnson-Brock - 7:00 PM

NEXT WEEK - B Week

Sept 3 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

Sept 4 - JV FB @ Mead - 6:00 PM

- V VB @ Macy 6:30 PM

Sept 6 - JV/V vs Parkview @ Grace U - 5:30/6:45

Sept 7 - FB @ Macy - 7:00 PM

Sept 8 - V VB @ Boystown - 9:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept 10 - JV FB @ Parkview - 4:00 PM

Sept 11 - Parent Connection Meeting - 7:00 PM

Sept 13 - C/JV/V VB @ Brownell - 5:30/6:30/7:30

Sept 14 - FB vs Millegan - 4:00 PM

Sept 15 - VB A Cedar Bluffs - TBA

Sept 17 - JV FB vs Brownell - 4:00 PM

- Board Meeting - 6:30 PM

Sept 18 - ASVAB Test - 8:00 AM

- Association Meeting - 7:00 PM

Sept 20 - Picture Day

- JV/V VB @ Mead - 6:30/7:30 PM

Sept 21 - Booster Club Meeting - 8:00 AM

- FB vs NE City Lourdes - 4:00 PM

WEEK OF 8/27 THRU 8/31

Aug 27	Corn Dog Peas Apple Wedges Shape-Up	Cold Chick. Picnic Box Peas Apple Wedges Shape-Up
Aug 28	Crispy Chicken Wrap Fresh Veggies w/ Ranch Pineapple Zebra Cookie	Tomato w/ Tuna Salad Fresh Veggies w/ Ranch Pineapple Zebra Cookie
Aug 29	Spaghetti w/ Meat Ratatouille Garlic Texas Toast Banana Pudding	Crispy Chick. Salad Box Ratatouille Garlic Texas Toast Banana Pudding
Aug 30	Breaded Pork Patty Mashed Pot/Gravy Fresh Seasonal Fruit Dinner Roll Chocolate School Fuel	Tuna Salad Sandwich Mashed Pot/Gravy Fresh Seasonal Fruit Dinner Roll Chocolate School Fuel
Aug 31	Macaroni & Cheese Grape Tomatoes Rainbow Applesauce Soft Pretzel Pumpkin Cookie	Salad Box w/ Egg Grape Tomatoes Rainbow Applesauce Soft Pretzel Pumpkin Cookie

WEEK OF 9/3 THRU 9/7

Sep 3	LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	
Sep 4	Beef/Bean Burrito w/ cheese sauce Corn Banana Churro	Chicken Salad Pocket Corn Banana Churro
Sep 5	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Pears Snicker Doodle Cookie	Cottage Cheese & Fruit Lettuce Salad Pears Snicker Doodle Cookie
Sep 6	Fried Chick. Drumstick Cheesy Potato Rounds Melon Chocolate Cake	Smart Box Cheesy Potato Rounds Melon Chocolate Cake
Sep 7	Sloppy Joe on Bun Summer Veg. Salad Cherries Toll House Cookie Bar	Tuna Salad in a Bun Summer Veg. Salad Cherries Toll House Cookie Bar

*Students may choose yogurt & cheesestick 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.

EMAIL LIST



If you would like to be on the OCA email list, please contact the school with your current email address. If your email address has changed, please call with an updated address.

GUIDANCE CORNER

High School students interested in a construction related career would benefit from participating in the Kiewit Explorer Post. This year's program will include a chance to test run some equipment, a variety of job tours, information on the many construction fields available, and multitrade career shadow day. The kick-off meeting will be Tuesday, August 29, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at the Henry Doorly Zoo. There is a \$20 registration fee. For further information or questions, you can contact Marie Roscoe at 238-7435 or Nate Hotovy at 980-7142.

The Nebraska Dept. of Ed. will be administering the 2008 Hearst Foundation Scholarship Program for any high school junior or senior that is a student body president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer; class president, selected to district, regional, or state-level civic or education organization. Students interested in participating in the program will need to take a test to aid in the selection process. The program brings the highest-level officials from each branch of government together with a competitively selected group of high school students during a week-long educational immersion program held in Washington D.C. For more information contact the guidance office.

Seniors interested in attending Washington University in St. Louis should contact the guidance office for scholarship opportunities.

Calendar:

- Sept. 10 - SAT Registration Deadline for Oct. 6 Test
- Sept. 11 - Methodist College Rep Visit
- Sept. 14 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for Oct 6 Test
- Sept. 18 - ASVAB Testing for 11th Grade
- Sept. 21 - ACT Registration Deadline for Oct. 27 Test
- Oct. 3 - PLAN Testing for 10th Grade
- Oct. 5 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for Oct. 27 Test
- Oct. 17 - PSAT Testing for 11th Grade

CUB SCOUT CORNER

Attention all boys 1st-4th grades: OCA charters a Cub Scout Pack just for you and your friends! Meetings are on Thursday evenings, and you are invited to come and check it out!

Thursday, August 30 - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Fellowship Church, 8345 Crown Point

Questions: Contact Steve & Jean Hempel, 572-7672

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

OCA's childcare has a position open for a childcare worker on Friday's from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and possibly some Wednesdays. You would be caring for children ages 3-6 years old. Also, there is a position open in After School Childcare Monday-Friday, 3:00-5:45 p.m. You would be caring for children ages 3-12 years old. Please contact Tammi Colegrove at 515-2267 if you are interested.

LIBRARY MAGAZINES

The library will again need your help in the magazine sale. Your "help" will win in 3 ways: Your student & class get credit, OCA makes a profit, and we meet our state requirements! WOW! Plus, good reading!!

Subscription blanks are already filled out for you in the office. If there is not one for a certain magazine you would like us to receive, check first with Connie Henkenius or Mrs. Randall. It might be taken care of already.

Some subscriptions have special prices lower than QSP and they will honor that price. I've attached that offer to the blanks.

"A BIG THANK YOU AHEAD OF TIME!!" You've always come through for the library.

***Please leave pink slip in the office. Do not take the entire subscription packet with you.**

OVEN NEEDED

The foods classes are in need of an electric oven for their room. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact Mrs. Lovgren.

"MOM, WILL YOU PRAY FOR ME?"

There is a Moms In Touch International group meeting at the school again this year! Moms In Touch is a come-as-you-are, leader-guided, group of moms who meet for one hour, once a week to pray. We lift up our children, the school, teachers, and administrators. We follow a simple four-step prayer guide, and every mom is given a packet with easy-to-follow tools to help lead the group through prayer time and lift up concerns in a confidential manner. Whether you pray aloud or silently, please join this like-minded group of moms after you drop your children off at school. The day of the week we will meet is still being determined, so look for future announcements in *News & Notes*. Questions? Call Claudia Ivester, 896-0426.

ATHLETIC PASSES

Season Athletic passes are available for purchase in the school office. A season pass is good for all football, volleyball, basketball, and soccer home games. Adult passes are \$35.00, student passes are \$20.00 for 7-12 grade and \$10.00 for grades K-6.

Why Magazine Sales?

"**Magazine Sales**" is the only ALL school fund-raiser that involves selling. The Magazine Sale is great because almost every household gets a magazine, or you know someone that does! This is something that people can renew year after year. Why don't you, your friends, family and neighbors renew their magazines with OCA instead of with the magazine companies? The prices we offer are competitive (if not, include the renewal price coupon that you have been offered and that will be honored). There is a 40% profit in the cost of magazines. We can play a part of having that 40% come to OCA instead of the magazine companies! If people are not interested in a magazine, perhaps they enjoy Christian music. There are some CD's and other items available for purchase also.

"**Magazine Sales**" help to lower OCA tuition costs! More money is needed to run the school than the tuition covers. If you come to the Association Meeting you will see that the school operates on a budget of more than a million dollars. If you multiply the tuition times the number of students, there is a gap. That gap is partly filled in with gifts to OCA, the Walk-a-Thon and the Magazine Sale fundraiser. When selling magazines, you can say that money raised will benefit the school where your child goes. Often people may want to donate to the school, instead of buying a magazine. Accept the donation graciously! The donation will be applied to the profit of the magazine sale, but cannot be credited toward prize store tickets, number of sales, pizza/limo lunch rewards, etc.

"**Magazine Sale**" goals have been set to 6 per student (or a family goal of 12 if you have 2 or more students). This goal is suggested and would bring in over \$10,000 for OCA. Some families find it difficult to sell and may only renew their own magazines. Many students have their own goal of 14 so that they can go on the limo/pizza lunch. One student last year met a goal of 50 sales so that he could earn an MP4 player. Motivation is often a key as to how well we do. Support from the administration, teachers and parents is also very important! If your child comes home wanting to sell some magazines on Thursday because he/she wants to help OCA, please support him/her in this.

LOOK FOR THE SALES PACKET THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BRING HOME ON THURSDAY!

This sale only lasts for two weeks!

Take advantage of the long weekend coming up to get a good start.
Sales done early will be rewarded with double tickets on the 1st turn-in day!

Help is still needed for tabulating the first turn-in day, Wednesday, September 5, 8:30 a.m. until...

Help is still needed for the Prize Store on Friday, September 7th & 14th.

If you can help please PAN Terri Zimmerle on Sycamore Education or call Tricia Lewis, 426-9545.

Thank you for making this Magazine Sale a success!

