

OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NEWS & NOTES

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ISSUE 4

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Greetings to the entire OCA family! My family and I arrived in Omaha last week and have settled into temporary housing while we look for a home to purchase. We are excited to be new members of the OCA family and look forward to meeting each of you.

Just a bit about our family--we returned from Moscow, Russia in June where I served as director of Hinkson Christian Academy for the past 8 years. My wife, Deanna and I have 3 children-- our son, Ethan, is a sophomore at OCA, our oldest daughter, Erin was married in June and lives in Statesboro, GA, and our middle daughter, Lauren is a freshman at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, AR.

Please feel free to stop by my office anytime and introduce yourself. Together we will grow toward a better and brighter future for OCA! To God Be The Glory!

~Tim Thompson
Director

PARENT CONNECTION NEWS

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the Activity Room on 2nd Floor. What is Parent Connection you ask? Parent Connection is OCA's version of PTA only there's no family fees, no political lobbyists in DC and, oh yeah, best of all, it is Christ-based. It's the one-stop meeting to get *connected* to what's going on at OCA, how you can help OCA and how OCA can help you! Please come to the next meeting and "**GET CONNECTED**" To get on the email list, send your email address to kandmstone@cox.net.

ATTENTION ELEMENTARY PARENTS

All families needing any kind of childcare or After School Care during the school year must contact Mrs. Colegrove. Please call her today at 515-2267.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING THIS FRIDAY!

September 7, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.

Please meet at the school.

Everyone is welcome!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Friday, September 14 - 4:00 p.m.
OCA Grounds

Be sure to stop by and give a warm welcome to OCA's new Executive Director, **Tim Thompson**, and Superintendent, **Gene Bentley**, who will be on hand to meet and greet at our first home football game of the season. Enjoy special festivities and cheer for the team as it takes on Exeter-Milligan. Look for all of the details in next week's *News & Notes*!

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.

CALENDAR



THIS 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 PM
Sept 7 - FB @ Macy - 7:00 PM
Sept 8 - V VB @ Boystown - 9:00 AM

NEXT WEEK - A Week

Sept 10 - JV FB @ Parkview - 4:00 PM
- Board Meeting - 6:30 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 @ Cedar Bluffs - TBA

LOOKING AHEAD

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 - FB vs NE City Lourdes - 4:00 PM
Sept 24 - JV FB vs Brownell - 4:00 PM
Sept 25 - C/JV/V VB @ DC West - 5:00/6:00/7:00 PM
Sept 27 - JV/V VB vs Collegeview @ Grace - 6:30/7:30
Sept 28 - FB vs Mead - 4:00 PM - HOMECOMING
Sept 29 - VB vs Concondia - 10:00 AM @ Grace U
- VB vs NE Lutheran - 12:00 PM @ Grace U

WEEK OF 9/3 THRU 9/7

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| 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 |

WEEK OF 9/10 THRU 9/14

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| Sep 10 | Meatball Sub Green Beans Apple Wedges Vanilla Pudding | Chicken Picnic Box Green Beans Apple Wedges Vanilla Pudding |
| Sep 11 | Hot Dog Baked Beans Plums Flag Cake | Salad Box w/ Egg Baked Beans Plums Flag Cake |
| Sep 12 | Lasagna Lettuce Salad Peaches Breadstick Frosted Brownie | Deli Sandwich Lettuce Salad Peaches Breadstick Frosted Brownie |
| Sep 13 | Chicken Nuggets Broccoli/Ranch Dress. Pears Dinner Roll Chocolate Chip Cookie | Egg Salad Sandwich Broccoli/Ranch Dress. Pears Dinner Roll Chocolate Chip Cookie |
| Sep 14 | Crispy Tacos Lettuce & Cheese Cup Corn Banana Cinnamon Crumb Cake | Crispy Chick. Salad Box Corn Banana Cinnamon Crumb Cake |

*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.

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 addressing ACT writing. Both sessions must be attended to receive full coverage. The first session will be held on Monday, Oct. 22 or Tuesday, Oct. 23 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The second session will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 24 or Thursday, Oct. 25 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The optional third session will be held on Thursday, Oct. 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee for two sessions and \$40 for all three sessions. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

☛ Students in grades 5-12 are eligible to apply for The Prudential Spirit of Community Award. If you've made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. For more information call 877-525-8491 and to apply go to www.prudential.com/spirit or www.principals.org/prudential.

☛ UNK will be hosting a Health Career Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 24 from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. It will be held in the Nebraskan Student Union in room 238. If interested in attending, contact the guidance office for more information.

Calendar:

- Sept. 5 - Big Brothers/Big Sisters Rep Visit
- 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. 19 - College of St. Mary Rep Visit
- 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. 10 - Peru State Rep Visit
- Oct. 17 - PSAT Testing for 11th Grade
- Oct. 24 - UNL Rep Visit

MOMS IN TOUCH

First Meeting of the School Year!

Thursday, September 13, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

You are warmly invited to join other OCA moms every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. as we pray for the school, the students, teachers and staff. Meetings will be held in Room 300 on the third floor (the art room at the end of the hall). Please bring a notebook and pen and check in at the office. Come as you are, pray aloud or silently, but please join us each week in lifting up the school to our heavenly Father! Questions? Call Claudia Ivester, 896-0426

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.

"WHY PARENTS SEND CHILDREN TO CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS"

Parents comments compiled by **Dr. Roy Lowie**,
President of *Christian School Today*

- Children are gifts of the Lord and we are responsible to train them according to His truth in all areas of life (home, church and school), not just in 2/3 of it (home & church).
- We can no longer entrust our children's future to unregenerated educators who oppose God's Word, which creates confusion and conflict within the students.
- We want a school where teachers love the Lord, strive for discipline and high expectations.
- We want our children to receive an education where God is recognized as the source of all truths.
- We don't want to put our children where theories and attitudes are directly opposed to Biblical teaching.
- We want our children to be in a place where they have freedom to express their faith.
- We believe if the balance of their education is based on God's truth that He will bless it.

MAGAZINE SALE INFO!

First turn-in day is tomorrow, Wednesday! For each order turned in, the students will receive 2 tickets! (Double Day!) The school goal is 1500 sales! This will bring in \$11,000 for OCA! All students will be able to go to the first prize store this Friday. A copy of the items available at the prize store are in the magazine sales packet. Please continue to sell items, and turn in next Monday if you miss turning them in tomorrow. Monday will NOT be a double ticket turn-in day. Tickets to the store and a candy bar coupon will be received for each sale. For those that are out of town, please put their names in the "Mag-Net" booklet so that information can be mailed to them! Plus this year, you can go online for your non-techie challenged acquaintances and enter their email address, and then a one-time email will be sent to them with information on how to order online and the student will still get double tickets to the prize store for each sale! Classes may also earn doughnuts on "DOUGHNUT DAY" if their class meets their goal. Thank you for helping your child and OCA with this fundraiser. In addition to raising money for OCA and keeping OCA affordable, you are also helping to tell others in the community about OCA.

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.



VOLLEYBALL GAMES AT GRACE UNIVERSITY



Thursday, September 6 at 5:30 and 6:45 p.m.

Gate Workers: Rozema's

Clean-Up: Sweeneys

Everyone come and cheer on the Lady Eagles!!!

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.**

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. like any other.