


OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NEWS & NOTES

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



I've been giving a lot of thought to this question, "What makes education "Christian?" It's easy to just say that "we are a Christian school" but it is a bit harder to define what makes our education "Christian." So, in the weeks ahead I want to share some tidbits with you that, I hope, will help to answer that question.

Maybe a place to start is the Bible itself. Dr. Paul Cates in his article, *A Philosophy of Christian Education*, said that for education "to be truly Christian, the curriculum must be Bible integrated in theory and practice. By this the Bible is to provide more than theoretical guidance and generalization. It is to be a vital part of the content of the curriculum and integrated with all subject matter. The Bible should be the integrating factor around which all other subject matter is correlated and arranged, and provides the criterion by which all other subject matter is judged."

So, Biblical integration is one "measure" of whether education is "Christian." Stay tuned for more.

~Tim Thompson
Executive Director

PRAISE THE LORD

Thank you for your prayers the past few weeks as OCA was looking for an afterschool childcare worker. Our prayers are answered as we have a new employee to introduce. Elizabeth Phelps will be working in our after school childcare Monday-Friday. Elizabeth has had a lot of experience in after school childcare.

MARKETING & PUBLICITY



Omaha Christian Academy is starting a Marketing & Publicity Committee and we need help! The first meeting will be held on October 11 at 2:00 p.m. at OCA. Qualifications: Lots of ideas, enthusiasm -- experience in marketing a big plus. For further information, please contact Tim Thompson, 399-9565.



A NOTE FROM GODFATHER'S

Another exciting night at Pacific Street Godfather's... Omaha Christian Academy brought it out again with \$900.54!!!! OCA receives \$90 back from Godfather's. I would like to thank all the Omaha Christian Academy students, teachers, and parents for making this possible, and for the great turnout! See you October 12th! Thanks a million!

Robert Wright
General Manager
Pacific Street

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - B Week

- Oct 1 - MS VB vs ISD @ Westroads Club - 3:30 PM
- JV FB @ Cedar Bluffs - 6:00 PM
- Oct 2 - MS FB vs Parkview - 4:00 PM
- JV/V VB @ Prague - 6:30/7:30 PM
- Oct 3 - PLAN Test for 10th grade - 8:00 AM
- Oct 4 - Moms In Touch - 8:30 AM
- JV/V VB @ Winnebago 6:00/7:00 PM
- Oct 5 - V FB @ Cedar Bluffs - 6:30 PM
- Oct 6 - MS VB Tourney @ Scribner - 9:00 AM
- JV VB Tourney @ Mead - TBA

NEXT WEEK - A Week

- Oct 8 - Drama 2&3 - Conference - Doane - 7:15 AM
- C VB @ ISD - 4:00 PM
- Parent Connection Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Oct 9 - K-3rd grade to Omaha Symphony - 9:45 AM
- JV FB vs ISD - 4:00 PM
- MS FB @ Cedar Bluffs - 5:00 PM
- JV/V VB @ Omaha Nation - 6:15/7:30 PM
- Oct 11 - Moms In Touch - 8:30 AM
- MS VB @ Heartland Christian - 4:30 PM
- Oct 12 - V FB @ Brownell - 4:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct 15 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Oct 16 - NFC VB Tournament - TBA
- MS VB @ ISD - 3:30 PM
- Oct 17 - PSAT for 11th Grade - 8:00 AM
- Oct 18 - Moms In Touch - 8:30 AM
- NFC VB Tournament
- Oct 19 - Booster Club Meeting - 8:00 AM
- Kdg. to Bellevue Berry Patch - 12:30 PM
- V FB vs Concordia - 3:00 PM
Senior Parent Night @ FB Game

WEEK OF 10/1 THRU 10/5

Oct 1	Sloppy Joes on a Bun Potato Rounds Apple Wedges Ice Cream Cup	Cot. Che. & Jelly Sand. Potato Rounds Apple Wedges Ice Cream Cup
Oct 2	Fettuccini Alfredo w/ Chicken Filet Steamed Broccoli Cherries Chocolate Cake	Turkey & Cheese Sand. Steamed Broccoli Cherries Chocolate Cake
Oct 3	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Peaches School Fuel	Chef Salad Box Peaches School Fuel
Oct 4	Enchilada Casserole Corn Kiwi Snicker Doodle	Cottage Cheese/Fruit Corn Kiwi Snicker Doodle
Oct 5	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Fresh Seasonal Fruit Toll House Cookie Bar	Taco Salad Box Fresh Seasonal Fruit Toll House Cookie Bar

WEEK OF 10/8 THRU 10/12

Oct 8	Chicken Nuggets Carrots Pears Slushies	Deli Bagel Sandwich Carrots Pears Slushies
Oct 9	Mini Hamburgers French Fries Apple Wedges Chocolate Cake	Crispy Chick. Salad Box French Fries Apple Wedges Chocolate Cake
Oct 10	Beef Ravioli Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Breadstick Oatmeal Scotty Bar	Salad Box w/ Egg Mixed Fruit Breadstick Oatmeal Scotty Bar
Oct 11	Calzones Green Beans Banana Chocolate Chip Cookie	Egg Salad on a Bagel Green Beans Banana Chocolate Chip Cookie
Oct 12	Corn Dog Tomato Footballs Cherries Big Red Cookie	Chef Salad Box Tomato Footballs Cherries Big Red Cookie

*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.

NEWS & NOTES

Beginning this week, *News & Notes* will be published on Fridays of each week instead of Mondays. So, *News & Notes* will go out on Friday, October 5 and each Friday thereafter. For the week of October 1 only *News & Notes* will go out both on Monday and Friday to accommodate both the "old" schedule and the "new" schedule.

The deadline for submitting announcements for each week's *News & Notes* will be Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Beginning Friday, November 2 *News & Notes* will be sent out via email and will be available on Sycamore Education. Please submit your email address to Kerri Tulsie if you are not currently receiving the *News & Notes* via email. You may also add additional email addresses if you would like. Hard copies will be sent home **ONLY** for those families who have requested it. If you would like a hard copy, please send a note to Kerri Tulsie or call her at the school office. We're glad to provide hard copies to those who need that.

ATTENTION ALL K-4 PARENTS

We are looking for parents who would like to volunteer once a month as a lunch parent, so the teacher's can enjoy their lunch. What does this include? Being "in charge" for 20 minutes while they eat their lunch. You may be asked to open a container, help at the microwave, etc. Some of you have already volunteered for Wednesday. Thank you for that! The teachers have mentioned they appreciate it greatly! So why not expand and give them more time off at lunch. The K-4 lunch period is 11:55-12:20 and on Thursday, 12:15-12:40 p.m. So if you can help one day a month (or more), please contact Julie Richards at 573-1708. You can also PAN me. Thank you.

GATE/CONCESSION/CLEAN-UP WORKERS

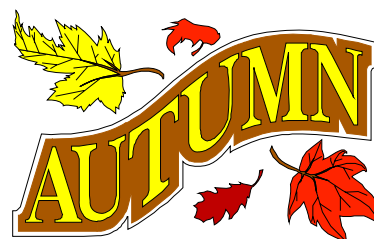
Football Game

Tuesday, October 9: JV FB vs ISD

Gate: 3:30 p.m. - Roberta Maurer

Concessions: 3:45 - Manny & Yolanda Jasso, Ari Berg

Clean-Up: Stan & Connie Manus & Freshman Families



GUIDANCE CORNER

☛ Seniors interested in attending Peru State College should be aware that the scholarship priority deadline is December 1, 2007.

☛ High School students interested in the radio industry may want to participate in NRG Media's Exploring Program. The first meeting will be held on Monday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. It will take place at their studios located at 5011 Capitol Avenue. There is a \$20 registration fee. To reserve your position call or email Danielle Van Norman, 431-9272, dvannorman@mac-bsa.org.

☛ BryanLGH College of Health Sciences will be hosting a fall Exploration Day on Saturday, October 6 at 9:30 a.m. They offer programs in adult cardiac sonography, invasive cardiovascular technology, medical transcription, nurse anesthesia, nursing (BSN), RN to BSN completion and vascular sonography. If interested in attending, RSVP by calling 800-742-7844, ext 18697.

☛ The Nebraska Organization, "Gambling with the Good Life", is sponsoring an essay contest for high school juniors and seniors on the topic, "Gambling: Choices & Consequences?" Two grand prize winners will receive \$5,000 college scholarships, the first runner up will receive a \$2,000 college scholarship, and six honorable mentions will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. Deadline is Dec. 1. For more information visit the website www.gamblingwiththegoodlife.com.

☛ 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 be held on Monday, October 22 or Tuesday, October 23 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The second session will be held on Thursday, October 25 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The optional third session will be held on Thursday, October 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.

☛ Washington University in St. Louis will be hosting an informational meeting for students and their parents on Wednesday, October 24 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Omaha Marriott Hotel. No reservation is needed. For additional information, call 800-638-0700.

Calendar:

- Oct 2: SAT Registration Deadline for Nov. 3 Test
- Oct 3: Plan Testing for 10th Grade
- Oct 3: Grace University Rep Visit
- Oct 5: Late ACT Registration Deadline for Oct 27 Test
- Oct 9: Army Rep Visit
- Oct 10: Peru State Rep Visit
- Oct 15: College of St. Mary Rep Visit
- Oct 17: PSAT Testing for 11th Grade
- Oct 23: Metro Rep Visit
- Oct 24: UNL Rep Visit
- Oct 25: Hillsdale Rep Visit

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

OCA participates in Box Tops for Education and several other programs that give OCA either free merchandise or cash. Please recruit family, friends, and neighbors to also save for OCA.

Here is how it works:

COLLECT:

Cambell's Label's for Education~ Please save only UPC Code or Lid as this really saves time when counting and bundling. Some products require saving the UPC. See the package for reminder symbol.

"Our Family" Labels for Learning~ Please clip only the UPC from "Our Family" products. Each UPC is worth 5 cents. These products can be purchased at Bag & Save, Hy Vee, and No Frills.

General Mills Box Top for Education~ Each box top is worth 10 cents to OCA. Clip closely around the box top coupon (it saves a lot of time later). DO NOT submit any Betty Crocker coupons/points. Box Tops also offer online shopping and a Visa charge which generates a percentage back to OCA.

Target Visa Card~ Use your card and Target will send a certain percentage to OCA.

Hy Vee Receipts ~ Cash for Education~ Monday, September 10-Monday, December 31. OCA will receive \$1.00 for every \$200 spent so bring your receipts to the school. They may not have the yellow marking as in the past.

Inkjet/Laser/Fax Cartridges~ Recycle cartridges in the box outside of the school office.

Cambell's~ For Cambell's you no longer need to save labels. Please save the UPC or Lid for participating products. Please clip closely around all UPC's and Box Tops.

Place your labels/boxtops/receipts/UPC's in the collection boxes outside the school office on the third floor or in a marked envelope inside the OCA mailbox on the first floor.

Thank you for your help supporting OCA and for the time spent trimming box tops and labels. Please feel free to call Kathy Nilius at 492-8777 if you would like to help or have questions on these programs.