

OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NEWS & NOTES

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



More thoughts about the nature of Christian education --

There are many implications growing out of a sound Biblical foundation for our educational process. We have too long "been content to borrow man-made systems of education instead of using God's system." Secular educators may not "give central place to the unique revelation of God's Word. Our distinctive content calls for distinctive treatment."

God's Word shows us the essential characteristics of true Christian education as to purpose, method, and results. The purpose of an educational process "is to put the believer into right relationship with God, man, self, and his surroundings. The method is by the Spirit's assistance in the appropriation of Biblical truth to the believer's life. The result will be a maturing believer who is able to live a life that is in conformity with the Word of God. **In essence, Christian education is a process of guided learning where the teacher and the Holy Spirit combine efforts to help the learner to spiritually grow and mature, to more and more conform to the image of Christ.**"

Omaha Christian Academy "seeks to develop in the learner a worldview, a perspective that enables him to understand, appreciate, and live a Christian life in the world which God has placed him.

Quotes from *A Christian Philosophy of Education* by Paul W. Cates, Ph.D.

~Tim Thompson
Executive Director

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASH

Saturday, October 13 from 1-4 come and join the OCA Middle School Students for fun and games at Elmwood Park. Cost - \$1 (copy of flyer is attached). Your dollar and permission slip are due Tuesday, October 9. If you plan to come we need these on time, so we can make final arrangements and be sure we have enough supplies on hand! See you at Elmwood Park on the 13th.

EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Friday, October 19 school will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. for ALL students grades preschool-12. OCA football team has a home game beginning at 3:00 p.m. Come cheer on the Eagles! If you are not attending the football game, please enter from "L" Street when picking up your child(ren). The lower parking lot is used as our gate to get into the football game.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Watch your mail for important information about Fund Raising for the property project and keep Monday, Oct.22 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. open on your calendar. We are planning an open house at one of the buildings OCA is trying to purchase. More in *News & Notes* next week!

CALLING ALL PARENTS!



Parent Connection will be coordinating snacks for the teachers on their work day, October 22. If you would like to be a part of this, please contact me and I will let you know how you can help. Our teachers work so hard, and Parent Connection just wants to make their day a little brighter.

Thank you!

Kimber McLean, tkfrogmclean@msn.com, 682-0330.

CALENDAR



NEXT WEEK - B Week

- Oct 15 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Oct 16 - NFC VB Tournament @ Prague - 6:00 PM
- 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 @ College View - TBA
- 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

LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct 22 - No School - Teacher Workday
- OPEN HOUSE @ New Building,
10244 Wiesman Drive
- Oct 23 - V VB @ Weeping Water - 6:30 PM
- Oct 24 - 1st Grade to Aksarben Aquarium - 9:00 AM
- Oct 25 - FB Playoffs - 1st Round
- MS VB vs Heartland Christian - 4:30 PM
- Oct 26 - NO SCHOOL & NO CHILDCARE
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct 29 - VB Sub-districts
- Oct 30 - VB Sub-districts

WEEK OF 10/15 THRU 10/19

Oct 15	Hamburger on a Bun Baked Beans Orange Wedges Baked Cheetos	Smart Box Baked Beans Orange Wedges Baked Cheetos
Oct 16	Texas Cheese Toast w/ Marinara Sauce Corn Apple Wedges Zebra Brownie	Deli Sandwich Corn Apple Wedges Zebra Brownie
Oct 17	Breaded Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Dinner Roll Cheerios Bear Cookie	No Cold Lunch
Oct 18	Hot Dog on a Bun Potato Rounds Grapes Sugar Cookie	No Cold Lunch
Oct 19	Crispy Chicken Wrap Baby Carrots Pears School Fuel	No Cold Lunch

WEEK OF 10/22 THRU 10/26

Oct 22	BBQ Chicken Glazed Carrots Cherries Dinner Roll Munchies Mix	Cottage Cheese & Fruit Glazed Carrots Cherries Dinner Roll Munchies Mix
Oct 23	Chicken Fajita Lettuce & Cheese Cup Corn Kiwi Mini Cinnamon Roll	Cold Chick. Picnic Box Corn Kiwi Mini Cinnamon Roll
Oct 24	Pizza Hut Pizza Lettuce Salad Peaches Sugar Cookie	Chicken Fajita Salad Peaches Sugar Cookie
Oct 25	Whole Grain Cinnamon Glazed French Toast & Sausage Links Tri-Tater Orange Wedges Streusel Muffin Squares	Cottage Cheese & 1/2 Jelly Sandwich Tri-Tater Orange Wedges Streusel Muffin Squares
Oct 26	Mac & Cheese Peas Fresh Seasonal Fruit Soft Pretzel Brownie	Deli Sandwich Peas Fresh Seasonal Fruit Soft Pretzel Brownie

***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.

A NOTE FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

OCA is looking for help in the Athletic Department. We will need help in the following positions:

- 1) Assistant High School Boys Basketball Coach
- 2) 7/8 Grade Girls Basketball Coach
- 3) Assistant High School Boys Soccer Coach
- 4) 7/8 Grade Track Coach

Anyone interested in these positions should contact Mike Thompson.

A NOTE FROM THE ART CLASS

Parents, Thank you for the art supplies. There was a great response to the request for art supplies in last week's *News & Notes*. Items still needed: Burlap and Containers with lids.

LIMO/PIZZA LUNCH & COSMIC BOWLING

The high school Cosmic Bowling/Pizza Lunch has been set for Monday, October 15th. Permission slips for the students that qualified went home with students on Thursday. Please have them returned Monday!

The Limo/Pizza Lunch @ CiCi's has been set for Wednesday, October 17th. Limos will arrive before 11:30 a.m. Permission slips for the students who qualified to go went home on Thursday. Please have the permission slips returned by Wednesday morning so that your child may go.

CALLING ALL EAGLE FANS!

Next Friday afternoon, Oct. 19 is Senior Night as OCA takes on the Concordia Mustangs. Come and cheer on the Seniors and the rest of the Eagle team as this is the last home game of the season! The game will start at 3:00 p.m. at our OCA field.



GATE/CONCESSION/CLEAN-UP WORKERS

Football Game

Friday, October 19: Varsity vs Concordia

Gate: 2:30 p.m. - John & Sherrie Lindsey

Concessions: 3:45 pm. - Carol Johnson, Karen

Gingerich, Dianne Kliewer,

Tammy Krumwiede

Grill: 2:30 p.m. - John & Claudia Ivester

Clean-Up: Kent & Kelly Wirges & Senior Families

GUIDANCE CORNER

- ☛ Nebraska Wesleyan will be hosting a Multicultural Visit Day on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 12-5 p.m. To reserve your spot contact Mr. Ashley Wimes at 800-541-3818, ext. 2545.
- ☛ Peru State College will be offering an Omaha Area Bus Trip for juniors and seniors interested in visiting the college. The visitation will take place on November 8th. Participating students will travel to the campus on a bus sponsored by the college. There will be three different pick-up sights in the Omaha Metro Area. The deadline to sign-up for the tour is Friday, November 2. Interested students should register online at www.peru.edu/admissions.
- ☛ High School students interested in a career in advertising may want to participate in the Ervin & Smith Exploring Program. The first session will take place on Oct. 25 at Ervin & Smith, 16934 Frances Street, in Lakeside Hills. There is a \$20 registration fee. Sign up by Oct. 21 by calling 829-8032 or emailing Doug Smith at dougs@ervinandsmith.com.
- ☛ The Assistance League of Omaha is sponsoring 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, 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.

Calendar:

- Oct 15: College of St. Mary Rep Visit
- Oct 17: PSAT Testing for 11th Grade
- Oct 23: Metro Rep Visit
- Oct 23: Northwestern (Iowa) Rep Visit
- Oct 24: UNL Rep Visit
- Oct 25: Hillsdale Rep Visit
- Oct 30: SAT Registration Deadline for Dec 1 Test
- Nov 2: ACT Registration Deadline for Dec. 8 Test
- Nov 8: Late SAT Registration Deadline for Dec. 1 Test
- Nov 15: Late ACT Registration Deadline for Dec. 8 Test

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

The next TRP turn-in day is this coming Monday, October 15th. Please have ALL orders to the office by 10:00 a.m. Order forms can be found on the school website or picked up in the school office. You should be using order form #41.



CONGRATULATIONS

Special congratulations to Tyler Maskell who performed a monologue in a scholarship audition session open to seniors at the Doane College Drama Conference. Tyler won 2nd place and earned a \$2500 yearly scholarship to Doane.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Our drama program has need of several items. If you can donate or let us borrow any of these items, please let Mrs. Nupson know as soon as possible.

- Video Camera
- A Hunting Horn or Cow Horn
- Long Red Underwear (union suit type)
- Baskets with handles
- Plastic Fruit

NEWS & NOTES

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, as well as, online on OCA's website, www.omahachristianacademy.com. 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.

MS AND HS BAND TO PERFORM IN CHAPEL



On Thursday, October 18 middle school and high school chapel will be combined at 10:16 a.m. The middle school band will perform followed by the senior high band. Parents are welcome!

CUB SCOUT CORNER

Mark your calendars for these October events:

- October 11 & 18: Den Meetings
- October 20-21: SCOUTSTOCK at Mahoney Park
- October 25: Pack Meeting/Cookout (details TBA)

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL 2007

The Omaha Christian Academy Middle School football team traveled to Cedar Bluffs on Tuesday to wrap up the 2007 campaign. Cedar Bluffs jumped ahead quickly and took a half time lead 22-6. The Eagles did not surrender, battling back to cut the deficit to 22-20 early in the 4th quarter. Cedar Bluffs managed to hold off the rally and scored one more time for a 28-20 victory. This loss was preceded by a 20-14 victory over Parkview Christian Academy and a season opening 32-22 loss to Brownell-Talbot. Unfortunately, the team was only able to play three games this season due to scheduling conflicts. Finishing 1-2 was disappointing but the team showed a lot of character as they fought hard for four full quarters every game.

The team was led by seven 8th graders this year, Cameron Deckett, Titus Hamilton, Jonathon Howell, Andrew Oliver, Steven Putman, Michael Schafer and Mitchell Versteeg. The team suffered a key loss early in the season when Steven Putman broke his arm during the Brownell-Talbot game. Again and again these young men were tested in all phases of the game as low numbers on the squad demanded them to play offense and defense the majority of the time.

Due to those low numbers many seventh graders were able to play quite a bit. Nathan Costello, Tyler Deaver, Jonathon Hempel, Reid Jenkins and Alex Tulsie represented OCA on the field for the first time this year. These young men gained much needed experience and they will provide the nucleus for the 2008 middle school team.

As always the teams number one goal, win or lose is to bring honor and glory to God through the game of football and to be ambassadors for Him and Omaha Christian Academy. As their coach I believe this goal was accomplished as opposing players, coaches and fans saw these young men face adversity, never give up and display a sportsman like attitude in victory and defeat. The Omaha Christian Academy community can be proud of their 2007 Middle School Football Eagles.

See you next year!

In Christ,

Coach Schafer