

NEWS & NOTES

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



More thoughts about the nature of Christian education...

The Christian teacher should be a mentor, guide and resource person in the wonderful experience of learning. "He is to be neither a drill sergeant nor a manipulator, but rather, a facilitator of learning. His learners must know that he cares about them. The educator must have experienced the reality of what he is attempting to teach."

"As a Christian educator the teacher must be both a Christian and an educator. As a Christian he has experienced the reality of God's truth, and he has God's Spirit to empower him and his teaching. As an educator he functions in accordance with the mandate of God to teach in accord with the educational principles contained in the Word of God."

Paul exhorts his readers to be followers of him even as he is a follower of Christ. This must be true of teachers too. We all have a sacred responsibility to follow God so that those we lead are also following God.

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

~Tim Thompson
Executive Director

OPEN HOUSE

At 10244 Wiesman Drive
One of OCA's potential new buildings
See attached map for directions

All current OCA families are invited
and bring a friend!

7:00-7:30 Open touring of new facility
7:30-7:45 Brief presentation
7:45-8:30 How you can participate

Event Goals:

- *Collect contributions and pledges - 100% of current families participate
- *Collect other contributions and pledges
- *Current families can express enrollment intent for next year
- *New families express interest in attending OCA next year
- *Volunteers sign up to help with this project

Don't miss this historic OCA moment!

We're Growing & Going! Come along!



CALENDAR



NEXT WEEK - A Week

- Oct 22 - No School - Teacher Workday
- OPEN HOUSE @ New Building,
10244 Wiesman Drive - 7:00-8:30 PM
- Oct 23 - V VB @ Weeping Water - 6:30 PM
- Oct 24 - 1st Grade to Aksarben Aquarium - 9:00 AM
- Oct 25 - Moms In Touch - 8:30-9:30 AM
- FB Playoffs - 1st Round
- MS VB vs Heartland Christian - 4:30 PM
- Oct 26 - NO SCHOOL & NO CHILDCARE
- Parent/Teacher Conferences - 12:00-8:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct 29 - Child Development to Toys R Us - 10:30 AM
- VB Sub-districts @ Boys Town - TBA
- Oct 30 - VB Sub-districts @ Boys Town - TBA
- Oct 31 - FB Playoffs 2nd Round
- Nov 2 - HS Band Concert @ Grace U. - 7:30 PM
- Nov 4 - Daylight Savings Time



SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

School picture retakes are Tuesday, October 30 at 8:30 a.m. If you missed PICTURE DAY, you need to have your picture taken. If there is a problem with your pictures (such as closed eyes), the photographer will retake your picture free. There is a \$2.00 retake fee if the retake request is for personal choice. This includes such items as different clothing, removal of braces, or a different hairstyle. Please bring your unwanted package to the camera on picture day. **Please call, PAN or stop by the office to sign up for picture retakes.**

WEEK OF 10/22 THRU 10/26

Oct 22	NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day	
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	NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences	

WEEK OF 10/29 THRU 11/2

Oct 29	Pizza Rolls Baby Carrots Applesauce Bear Cookie	Turkey & Cheese Sand. Baby Carrots Applesauce Bear Cookie
Oct 30	Chili Celery Sticks w/ Ranch Mixed Fruit Jumbo Cinnamon Roll	Chicken Salad on a Bun Celery Sticks w/ Ranch Mixed Fruit Jumbo Cinnamon Roll
Oct 31	Hotdog w/ Bun Baked Beans Caramel Apple Candy Corn Cake	Taco Salad Box Baked Beans Caramel Apple Candy Corn Cake
Nov 1	Teriyaki Chicken over Rice w/ Chow Mein Noodles Napa Cabbage Salad Pineapple Chocolate Chopsticks	Salad Box w/ Scoop of Chicken Salad Napa Cabbage Salad Pineapple Chocolate Chopsticks
Nov 2	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Orange Smiles Cookie Monster Cookie	Oriental Chick. Sal. Box Mashed Pot. w/Gravy Orange Smiles Cookie Monster 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.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Friday, October 26 from 12:00-8:00 p.m. Parents are required to attend these conferences. Report cards will be given out at the conferences.

K-4th grade: Please call the school office to schedule a 15 minute conference with your child's teacher.

5th-12th grade: These conferences will be held in each teacher's classroom on a first come first serve basis. These conferences will be limited to 10 minutes in length.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to bring food for the teacher's dinner on Friday, October 26 at Parent/Teacher conferences. Also, one or two people are needed to help clean-up on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. Please call Elissa Vilter at 932-1006 if you are able to help.

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.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Kindergarten is in need of items for their treasure box. Please clean out your drawers and bring donated items to the school office.

CUB SCOUT CORNER

Mark your calendars for these October events:
October 20-21: SCOUTSTOCK at Mahoney Park
October 25: Pack Meeting/Cookout (details TBA)

SCOREBOARD CORNER

Lady Eagles Volleyball:

Lady Eagles defeated Parkview
23-25; 25-23; 21-25; 25-22; 17-15



Boys Varsity Football:

OCA defeated Brownell-Talbot - 48-25

GUIDANCE CORNER

☞ UNK will be hosting their seventh annual Senior Day on Monday, October 29. Students may register online at www.unk.edu. Reservations will be accepted through Wednesday, October 24 at 5:00 p.m.

☞ High School students interested in a career in graphic design, commercial art, advertising, web design or photography may want to participate in the Career Exploring Program at The Creative Center. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, November 6 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m at the Creative Center, 10850 Emmet Street (northwest of 108th and Maple). There is a \$20 registration fee.

☞ Seniors interested in attending Dana College will want to attend one of the Dana College Scholarship Days on Sunday, Dec. 9 or Sunday, March 2. To be eligible for Scholarship Day, students must be accepted and meet scholarship criteria. For more information call 1-800-444-DANA or visit online at www.dana.edu/admissions/scholarshipday.html.

Calendar:

- 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
- Nov 27: Baker University Rep Visit

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

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.