

# News & Notes

## From the Director

February 8, 2008

Last night, Thursday, February 7, was our Parent Association Meeting. I'd like to give you a brief update of the meeting.

- The Association voted on 3 board members – 2 returning members and 1 new member were elected. Congratulations to Keith Strasser, John Jay and Mark Adams.
- The Association approved a planning budget of \$1,502,562 for school year 2008-2009. This budget is based upon approximately 310 students and a 5% increase in tuition.
- The BIG topic of the evening was the discussion of OCA's pending move to our newly acquired property on Weisman Drive near Fort Street and I-680. As you all know, we were unable to acquire the second property nearby that we had considered for middle and high school. But, it seems God had a different plan all along. Currently, we are looking to re-model the existing building at 10244 Weisman Drive to house pre-school through grade 8. A new building will be built along-side this ex-

isting building to house grades 9-12 along with a lunch-room (see drawing below). We project that pre-school through eighth grade will be able to begin next school year at our new location; high school will move to the new location sometime later in the fall once the new construction is completed. Our prayer and hope is that OCA will very SOON be in our own facility! Fund-raising for this project is on-going and the need is still very real. We need the support, through prayer and finances, of the entire OCA family to bring this project to pass. Have you done YOUR part?

- Lastly, I was happy to unveil OCA's new logo at the Association Meeting. Thanks go to Tom Rubarth for his design work on this. Soon, we'll be unveiling a new "fighting eagle" sports logo too.



It's a GREAT time to be a part of OCA. We are GROWING and GOING – COME along!

Tim Thompson, Director

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**Re-enrollment information for school year 2008-2009 coming next week. Watch for it!**

## *School Calendar*

Feb 8	JV B BB/V G&B BB vs Mead @ College of St. Marys - 5:00/6:30/8:00 - Senior Night Pack the Gym Night Junior Cheer Performance
Feb 9	JV & V B BB vs Fremont Bergan @ Grace University - 6:00 & 7:45 pm
Feb 11	MS G BB vs Seward - TBA
Feb 12	Valentine Celebration - 5:00 pm @ Union Pacific Center
Feb 14	Elem. Valentine Parties - 2:00 pm
Feb 15	Booster Club Mtg. - 8:00 am
Feb 15	JV/V B BB @ Omaha Nation - 6:15/8:00 pm
Feb 18	No School - President's Day
Feb 19	No Preschool - Preschool Par- ent/Teacher Conferences
Feb 21	4th-6th grade to Omaha Sym- phony - 9:15 am
Feb 22	5th grade to SAC Museum - 8:15
Feb 23	Quiz Bowl @ Thomas Jefferson HS, 2501 W Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA - 9:00 am
Feb 24	HS Band @ Temple Baptist Church, 2702 N 61st Street
Feb 26	Kindergarten Round Up - 6:30 pm
Feb 27	1st grade to Western Heritage Museum - 12:30 pm

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Thursday, March 6: Elem/MS Music Recital  
Look for schedule in *News & Notes* on Feb. 29  
Wednesday, March 12: HS Music Recital  
Look for schedule in *News & Notes* on March 7

## **SPEECH TEAM KEEPS CONFERENCE CHAMPION TITLE**

Omaha Christian Academy hosted the Frontier Conference Speech Meet on February 4. Our team took 1st place again this year in the sweeps with 70 points, Prague took second with 40 points. Individual medal winners included the following students:



### **Gold:**

Oral Interpretation of Drama: Ari Berg, Janice Ivester, David Reinholz, Kandace McLean, and Lizzie Webster

Persuasive: Nikki Tulsie

Dramatic: Meghan Vilter

Extemporaneous: Cassie West

### **Silver:**

Duet Act: Allison Rozema & Meghan Vilter

Humorous: Allison Rozema

Extemporaneous: Sean West

Persuasive: Kati Phillips

### **Bronze:**

Humorous: Sean West

Poetry: Kelly Nupson

OCA's Mr Walt Hamilton directed the tournament. Booster club, drama moms, and non-performing speech and drama students ran concessions, did hall monitoring, and cleaned. Tyler Maskell and Logan Graves led students in several entertaining improv games after the contest.

OCA's speech team also picked up a third place trophy at Concordia Speech Invitational January 26. District competition is March 10 at Brownell-Talbot.

## ***BOOSTER CLUB MEETING***

The Booster Club will meet in the cafeteria at 8:00 am on Friday, February 15. Come and support Booster Club. Hope to see everyone there!

## **IMPORTANT VALENTINE CELEBRATION NOTES**

Do you have tickets for the Valentine Celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 12? The following information will be helpful as you get ready to enjoy a special evening:

- *Your tickets are needed for entry!*
- Enter the Union Pacific building at 14<sup>th</sup> and Douglas *only*. Parking garages are available, but please note that an additional charge will be added to your parking fee after 10 p.m. Meter collection for street parking ends at 5:30 p.m.
- Doors open at 5 p.m. Tables seat eight, and seating is on a first-come basis.

A coat check will be available.

## **QUIZ BOWL NEWS**

The OCA Quiz Bowl team competed in the Educational Service Unit #3 Quiz Bowl on Friday, February 1st. This competition includes teams within the Omaha area with the exception of OPS schools. The 1st and 2nd place winners go on to represent ESU#3 in the State finals. The OCA team of Caleb White, Wyatt Wirges, Lauren Strasser and Luke Henkenius gave a strong showing, taking fourth place in a field of 25 teams, eventually falling to the team from Bellevue West. Great job team!!! Our next competition will be Saturday, February 23rd in Council Bluffs at Thomas Jefferson High School.

### **Attention Parents**

In case of severe weather or bad road conditions, parents always have the freedom to pick up their child/children early or bring them in to school late.



### K-8th Grade Spring Soccer Sign-ups

Monday, February 11, 3:15-5:45 pm

Season: March 29-May 17

Cost: \$50

**A registration form is attached!**

OCA Youth Sports does not offer the 5th & 6th grade students volleyball and flag football in the spring, only in the fall. If you would like your child to participate in these sports this spring, please contact me and arrangements can be made to have your child put on a Y team. A registration form is attached to today's *News & Notes* and is also available on our school's website [www.omahachristianacademy.com](http://www.omahachristianacademy.com), (Youth Sports link). The registration form will also be attached to the *News & Notes* next week. If there are any questions please call Terri Zimmerle at 493-2850, send a PAN or email me at [tzimmerle@aol.com](mailto:tzimmerle@aol.com).

## **WALK-A-THON COMING!**

It's time to start organizing OCA's second annual walk-a-thon and the planning committee needs you! If you would like to be a part of this very fun event, please contact Kimber McLean as the committee will have it's first meeting very soon. Kimber can be reached at home at 682-0330, e-mailed @ [tkfrogmclean@msn.com](mailto:tkfrogmclean@msn.com), or pass her a note. Remember, the Walk-a-Thon is **fundraising made fun!**



## “RED WHEEL RESCUE”

After-school practices, snowy commutes – but dinner won't take much time to prepare, now that OCA's annual Red Wheel Fundraiser is underway. Red Wheel features items such as pizza, burritos and cookie dough, to name just a few. Treat yourself and benefit the school's performing arts and athletic programs at the same time. In the past, the Booster Club has used Red Wheel proceeds to purchase bleachers for the football field, chairs for the music room and scholarships for OCA seniors.

This year's top salesperson will win a \$50 Visa gift card! And for every 15 items sold you will receive one free chocolate chip cookie dough or a combo pizza. Information and order forms will be sent home with preschool- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and handed out to parents of 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade students on “Pack the Gym” night. Thank you in advance for supporting Red Wheel!



### Guidance Corner

- ⇒ Seniors planning to attend a Nebraska Community College and enroll in one of the automotive related courses of study are eligible to apply for the Carriage House Foundation Scholarship. A \$1,000 grant will be awarded in each of the six Community College areas in Nebraska. Deadline is April 4.
- ⇒ Seniors interested in working in the field of animal health, nutrition, or the pet industry may be eligible to apply for the Oxbow Scholarship Program. They will be awarding one \$500 scholarship to a Nebraska high school senior who plans on pursuing a career in the companion animal industry. Deadline is March 10.

#### Calendar:

Feb. 20 - Grace Rep Visit  
 Feb. 27 - LaJames Int'l College of Cosmetology Rep Visit  
 March 7 - ACT Reg. Deadline for April 12 Test  
 Feb. 27 - La James Int'l College Rep Visit  
 Mar. 7 - ACT Registration Deadline for April 12 Test  
 Mar. 21 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for April

## SMART MEET - APRIL 2ND

OCA will host the SMART Meet on Wednesday, April 2. This competition in **Speech** (grades 7-8), **Science** (grades 5-8), **Math** (grades 3-8) and **Art** (grades 7-12) includes students from 5 area Christian schools. Our students are beginning to prepare for these areas of competition in their classrooms.

The following information regarding art entries comes from Mr. Dods, art teacher: All students in grades 7-12 are eligible to enter their art creations in the SMART Meet. The categories are not restricted, and include painting, drawing, photography, crafts, clay, lettering, posters, cartoons, and media designs. Any art made since last April, either at home or at school, is eligible. We are hoping for a wide variety of entries reflecting the diverse skills and interests of our students.

The selection of arts and crafts to represent OCA at the SMART Meet is a two-step process: (1) Students submit up to 4 entries to art room by Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, then (2) on Friday, March 14 a committee will select the best blend of work to represent OCA. The selected entries will be prepared for display by the art department. There is a \$2.00 entry fee for each piece that is entered in the SMART Meet.

## CALENDAR CHANGES



**March 13-14 will be normal school days**

**Spring Break will be Friday, March 21-Friday, March 28**

**Wednesday, April 23: Walk-a-Thon**

**Monday, April 28: 4th-8th Grade Spring Concert**

**Monday, May 5: HS Performing Arts Concert**

**Monday, May 12: HS Sports Awards**

**Tuesday, May 20: Last Day of School for MS**

**Friday, May 21-23: Final Exams for 9th-11th**

**May 23: HS Awards Program**

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### IMPORTANT

Please check Sycamore Education for the most up to date information regarding cancellations of any school events due to inclement weather.

## GATE/CONCESSION/CLEAN-UP

**Friday, Feb. 8 vs Mead at College of St. Mary**

**JV Boys/V Girls & Boys - 5:00/6:30/8:00 pm**

**Gate:** 4:30-8:30 pm - Rick & Beth Sweeney

**Concessions:** 4:45-6:30 pm - Don & Debra Simons and John & Cindy Ostry

6:30-8:45 pm - Tim & Karen Galvin and Lyn & Pat Graves

**Clean-up After Game:** Kent & Kelly Wirges & Freshman Families

**Saturday, Feb. 9 vs Fremont Bergan at Grace U.**

**JV Boys/V Boys - 6:00 & 7:45 pm**

**Gate:** 5:30-8:30 pm - Dave & Marilyn Bryce

**Concessions:** 5:45-8:30 pm - Luke & Phyllis Wiese and Steve & Joyce West

**Clean-up:** Bill & Melanie Lovgren & Sophomore Families

## Cub Scout Corner

Mark your calendars for the following events:

February 14, & 21 - Regular Den Meetings

February 29 - Blue & Gold Banquet

## School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Feb. 11	HOT—Hamburger on a Bun COLD—Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread	Corn Orange Wedges Baked Doritos
Feb. 12	HOT—Hot (Turkey) Ham & Cheese Sandwich COLD—Salad Box w/ Hard Boiled Egg	Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Tollhouse Cookie Bar
Feb. 13	HOT—Crunchy Beef Tacos COLD—Ham & Cheese Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread	Lettuce & Cheese Cup Cheese Beans & Salsa Pears Cinnamon Crumb Cake
Feb. 14	HOT—Chicken Nuggets COLD—Taco Salad Box	Fresh Red Pepper Strips Cherries Dinner Roll Heart Cookies
Feb. 15	HOT—Spaghetti w/ Marinara Sauce Topped w/ Bubble Mozzarella Cheese COLD—Crispy Chicken Salad Box	Lettuce Salad Peaches Garlic Breadstick Brownie

Students may choose yogurt & cheese stick as a main dish alternative.

Milk will be served with all meals.

**Cost:** \$2.45(Pre-K-4); \$2.60 (5-12); \$1.00 Extra Entrees

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## TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY



Teacher Appreciation Day is March 1st. We will be honoring our teachers the week of March 3rd. Room parents will be organizing activities for the elementary teachers. Parents of middle school and high school teachers may send monetary donations to school (checks made payable to OCA are tax deductible). Gift certificates will be purchased and distributed to the middle school and high school teachers. A luncheon will be provided for all teachers on Tuesday, March 4. If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Margie Thierstein by Pass-a-Note.