

News & Notes

From the Director

February 15, 2008

Enrollment for school year 2008-2009 is now officially open! Attached is a flyer detailing the tuition for next school year along with a re-enrollment form. Please return this form to the school office along with the enrollment fee to insure your child's place in his/her class. Also, a flyer about our upcoming Kindergarten Roundups is attached as well as a flyer about our pre-school program (use these flyers to help promote the good news about OCA).

OCA has served the greater Omaha area for over 35 years providing quality Christian education to thousands of students and their families. By its very nature, OCA is an extension of family and church values in working to instill in our students Christian character and a strong sense of discipline and respect.

As was said of Jesus in Luke 2:52, OCA emphasizes the intellectual, spiritual, social and physical well-being of our students and provides opportunities for students to reach the maximum development of their interests and talents.

OCA offers a Bible-based curriculum where instruction is founded upon a Biblical worldview. Teaching is based upon a belief in moral absolutes, the fallen nature of man, the possibility of redemption and the intrinsic value of man to God.

Omaha Christian Academy is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and by the Nebraska Department of Education.

OCA students consistently score higher than national norms on standardized achievement tests. Our class of 2007 included 2 Walter Scott Scholars, 5 University of Nebraska Regent Scholars and 2 Trustee Scholars from Grace University.

And, our most exciting news of this school year is that we're moving to a brand new location at 10244 Wiesman Dr. (near the intersection of I-680 and Fort Street). OCA has purchased a building at that location and we will begin remodeling it within a few weeks to house pre-school – 8th grade. Our plan is to add on to that building to house the high school with the goal being that the entire school will be in our new facility by the end of this calendar year.

Excitement is buzzing at OCA. Don't miss being a part of what God is doing at Omaha Christian Academy! Enroll now for school year 2008-2009. And, pass the good word about OCA to family & friends!

Tim Thompson, Director

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School Calendar

Feb 15	JV/V B BB @ Omaha Nation - 6:15/7:00 pm
Feb 18	No School - President's Day
Feb 19	No Preschool - Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb 21	4th-6th grade to Omaha Symphony - 9:15 am
Feb 22	5th grade to SAC Museum - 8:15
Feb. 23	Work Day @ New Building, 10244 Wiesman Drive - 8:00 am-5:00 pm
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
Feb. 29	Family Fun Night @ Family Fun Center - 6:00 pm
March 1	Workday @ New Building, 10244 Wiesman Drive - 8:00 am-5:00 pm
March 3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week
March 3	Board Meeting
March 6	Elementary/MS Music Recital
March 7	Quiz Bowl @ Bellevue U - 8:00 am
March 7	HS Band @ Cornerstone - 1:30 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

OCA NEEDS YOU!

Here is your first opportunity to help with our new facility! By helping, you will save OCA thousands of dollars – and find a quick cure for cabin fever at the same time!

WHO: Anyone with a love for OCA, energy and the ability to unscrew, saw, lift and smash!

WHAT: Help tear out all the old partitions and ceiling tile to make way for the new construction.

WHEN: Saturday, February 23 and Saturday, March 1 – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm on both days

WHERE: 10244 Wiesman Dr. off of 103rd near the intersections of I-680 and Fort.

WHAT TO BRING: Cordless screwdrivers, crowbars, rotary saws, wheelbarrows, wire clippers and heavy gloves

ADDED BONUS: Coffee, donuts, soft drinks and pizza – plus some good fellowship!!

The architect and a couple of contractor volunteers will be there to direct and supervise – plus an electrician to make sure that there are no hot wires.

E-mail Paula Wells at paulabwells@aol.com or call her at 556-4504 if you can help.

REMEMBER, WE CAN'T CONSTRUCT ANYTHING NEW UNTIL WE DESTRUCT SOME OLD THINGS!

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE SNEEZIN'...

... and who wants to cook when you're feeling this low? Help yourself while you're benefiting OCA's performing arts and athletic programs by stocking up on Red Wheel products. Red Wheel is the Booster Club's annual fundraiser now underway, featuring pizza, burritos, egg rolls and mini-tacos. There's something for your sweet tooth, too – pies, cheesecakes, sweet rolls and everyone's favorite cookie dough. Enjoy it all with a cup of cappuccino, coffee or cocoa.

By now you should have received a flyer with an order form. Please share it with friends, neighbors and co-workers, too. The turn-in date for orders is Wednesday, Feb. 27. Products can be picked up on Thursday, March 13. The top seller will win a \$50 Visa gift card, and for every 15 items sold you'll receive a free chocolate chip cookie dough or a combo pizza.

Proceeds from this fundraiser have been used to provide scholarships for seniors, a camera for the drama department, bleachers for the football field and chairs for the music room. These are just a few of the ways your support has helped in the past, so thank you once again for supporting Red Wheel!

NSAA Academic All-State Awards

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen as NSAA Academic All-Staters:

Play Production:

Ari Berg and Allison Rozema

Volleyball:

Laura Henkenius and Pam Zimmerle

SPELLING BEE RESULTS

3rd Grade Bee: Maddie Schmidt - 2nd Place

6th Grade Bee: Amanda Krehbiel - 2nd Place, Erin Clifton - 3rd Place

7th Grade Bee: Olivia Lovgren - 1st Place

8th Grade Bee: Mark Clifton - 2nd Place

Final Bee: Amanda Krehbiel - 1st Place, Mark Clifton - 3rd Place

Amanda and Mark will go on to the Regional Spelling Bee in Rockford, IL. Congratulations to all of our spellers!

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 10th, 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.

Are You an Internet Shopper?

If you frequent sites such as Land's End, Ebay, Old Navy or Barnes & Noble (and many more), a percentage of your purchase will be donated to our school. Simply click on the "Who do you GoodShop for?" box on the right of the www.goodsearch.com screen! Don't forget, you can make 'goodsearch' your homepage, too! Click on the 'make goodsearch your homepage' and you'll never forget to use it when you feel the urge to 'surf the net'... and the school receives a penny for each search! To date, the school has earned over \$25 from simply surfing! It doesn't get much easier. In one month alone, we earned \$8.56... Surf's Up!



8th GRADERS HONORED

Congratulations to Rachel Sweeney, Steven Hamilton and Titus Hamilton for being chosen to represent OCA at the Rotary Honor Roll Luncheon and the Breakfast for Champions.

Rachel Sweeney and Steven Hamilton are this year's Rotary Honor Roll nominees. The objective of the Rotary Honor Roll is to recognize and honor outstanding achievement on the part of eighth graders. Selection for this honor was based upon leadership, character, scholarship and presence. Rachel and Steven will be honored along with other metro eighth grade students at a luncheon in May.

Titus Hamilton in this year's Breakfast for Champions nominee. Breakfast for Champions, sponsored by the Nebraska Alumni Association, is an event to honor and inspire Nebraska's most distinguished youth. Selection for this honor was based upon scholarship, leadership and service. Titus will be honored along with more than 300 eighth grade students from across Nebraska at an event held at the Devaney Sports Center in May.

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.

Guidance Corner

- ⇒ Nebraska Wesleyan Univ. will be hosting their Prairie Wolf Days for students interested in learning more about the university. Students may choose to attend one of three days: Friday, March 7; Saturday, March 8, or Friday, March 29. For more information and to RSVP contact the admissions office at 800-541-3818, ext. 2218 or go to admissions@nebrwesleyan.edu.
- ⇒ UNO's College of Information Science & Technology will be hosting an Open House at The Peter Kiewit Institute on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 1:00-3:00 pm. For more information go to www.ist.unomaha.edu
- ⇒ The Lincoln Community Foundation offers several scholarship opportunities for students. The scholarships available will have different eligi-

bility requirements and deadlines. For scholarship information and applications go to www.lcf.org.

- ⇒ The Nebraska Press Association Foundation, Inc. will be awarding scholarships to seniors pursuing careers in print journalism. Applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 7.

Calendar:

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

Sick children belong at home

Well children belong in school



Since the beginning of February we have been averaging 10% of OCA students being out sick every day – and it has been as high as 13%. We're definitely in "flu season." This information is not intended as medical advice, but just to remind you of some general guidelines until your doctor can be contacted.

- A child with a fever over 100° should not be sent to school. Please keep your child home until free of fever for 24 hours.
- If your child seems unusually irritable, listless, or tearful be on the alert that he/she might be coming down with something
- Consult your doctor if your child has a stomach ache that is persistent or severe enough to limit activity. If vomiting or diarrhea occurs, keep your child home until his/her digestive system is normal.
- The common cold presents the most frequent problem for parents. A child with a "heavy" cold and a hacking cough belongs home in bed, even if there is no fever.
- If your child complains of sore throat and has signs of strep, such as red swollen tonsils (possibly with white spots), rough red patches on the roof of the mouth, a whitish tongue, fever, swollen glands and difficulty swallowing, keep your child home and call your doctor.
- For conjunctivitis (pinkeye) returning to school is fine after 24 hours on antibiotics
- A rash may be the first sign of one of childhood's many illnesses, such as measles or chicken pox. Do not send a child with a rash to school until your doctor has said that it is safe to do so.

Prevention is the best key to good health! Good hygiene will go a long way toward preventing the spread of infection. Frequent, thorough hand washing is important. This is especially important after using the restroom, blowing noses, and before and after eating.

Finally parents, you know your child best. Trust your own common sense and remember:

**Sick children belong at home;
Well children belong in school.**

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A Christian Community of Learning

WALK-A-THON COMING!

The Walk-a-Thon committee needs you. The first planning meeting will be February 20, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the volunteer office on second floor. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Kimber McLean at 682-0330 or send a PAN, or email her tkfrogmclean@msn.com.



Did You Miss Youth Sports Soccer Sign-ups?



Kindergarten-8th Grade Students

There is still time to register without a late fee! **Get your registration and fee to the office by Tuesday, February 19 to avoid a late fee!** You may put in an envelope and put "Youth Sports" on it and have your child turn in to their teacher if you would like. Teams are forming and we don't want to have your child left out to play on an OCA team at the YMCA this spring! Forms (with details) are available on the school's website, Sycamore Education, last week's News & Notes and in the office. Any questions contact Terri Zimmerle, via Phone (493-2850), email: tzimmerle@aol.com or PAN w/Syc Ed.

School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Feb. 18	NO SCHOOL	
Feb. 19	HOT—Chicken Pot Pie COLD—Salad Box w/ Tuna	Corn Kiwi Cinnamon Twist Stick
Feb. 20	HOT—Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Tuna Salad Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread	Lettuce Salad Pears Chocolate Chip Cookie
Feb. 21	HOT—Open Faced Hot Turkey Sandwich COLD—Chef Salad Box	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Banana Jello Cake
Feb. 22	HOT—Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Tomato Soup COLD—Cottage Cheese w/ Sliced Banana	Celery Sticks Applesauce School Fuel

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

THANK YOU!

Mr. Bentley would like to express his gratitude to all of the OCA faculty, staff, students and parents for their cards and prayers during his surgery and recovery.

Cub Scout Corner

Mark your calendars for the following events:

February 21 - Regular Den Meeting

February 29 - Blue & Gold Banquet



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RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION

The registration fee is \$225.00 per returning student. All students registered by March 15 will receive a \$50 discount. To reserve a place on the class roster a \$50 deposit per student must accompany this form. The balance of the registration fee is due by May 31.

Name of Student(s)			Social Security #	Grade Entering	Birth Date
First	Middle	Last			
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Full name of both parents or guardians with whom student lives:

Father or Guardian		Mother or Guardian	
Father's work place	&	Phone Number	
Mother's work place	&	Phone Number	
Home Address _____	City _____	Zip _____	Home Phone _____
Cell phone _____	E-Mail address _____		
Emergency Contact _____	Phone _____		
Emergency Contact _____	Phone _____		
Church you attend _____	_____		
Address _____	_____		
Pastor's Name _____	_____		

I understand that photos, videos, etc. of my child may be taken by the school and used for school publicity purposes. If you **do not** grant Omaha Christian Academy the right to use your child's image and name for publicity purposes check this box .

I understand that the registration fee is non-refundable. Upon request, refunds are made only if the family moves outside a commutable distance or if application for student admission is unapproved.

Signature _____

Bookkeeper Information:

Date Received _____ Amount Paid _____ Check # _____

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2008 - 2009 Tuition & Fees Schedule

REGISTRATION FEE

(Registration fees are non-refundable)

Pre-School \$50.00 per student

New Student \$250.00 per student

(\$50.00 discount if registered before April 15, 2008)

Returning Student \$225.00 per student

(\$50.00 due at registration, with balance due prior to May 31)

(\$50.00 discount if registered before March 15, 2008)

TUITION

Pre-School/Childcare

5 full days \$475.00 per year

5 half days \$235.00 per year

3 full days \$285.00 per year

3 half days \$140.00 per year

(3 days are Monday/Wednesday/Friday)

(3 half days are mornings)

Kindergarten

\$3,800.00 per year – 1st child

\$3,600.00 per year – 2nd child

\$3,400.00 per year – 3rd child

No charge – 4th, 5th child

1st – 4th Grade

\$4,300.00 per year – 1st child

\$4,100.00 per year – 2nd child

\$3,900.00 per year – 3rd child

No charge – 4th, 5th child

5th-6th Grade

\$4,400.00 per year – 1st child

\$4,200.00 per year – 2nd child

\$4,000.00 per year – 3rd child

No charge – 4th, 5th child

7th – 8th Grade

\$4,900.00 per year – 1st child

\$4,700.00 per year – 2nd child

\$4,500.00 per year – 3rd child

No charge – 4th, 5th child

9th – 12th Grade

\$5,650.00 per year – 1st child

\$5,450.00 per year – 2nd child

\$5,250.00 per year – 3rd child

No charge – 4th, 5th child

MUSIC

Instrument Rental \$75.00 per year

Percussion Rental \$20.00 per year

BOOKS: Kindergarten – 12th Grade

Textbooks for required classes are property of Omaha Christian Academy. The rental fee for these books is included in the tuition fee. All textbooks used for elective classes and consumable workbooks must be purchased prior to the beginning of the semester.

TUITION PAYMENT PLANS:

1. If full year's tuition payment is paid by July 15, a three percent discount will be applied.
2. Semester tuition payments are due by July 15 and January 15.
3. Tuition payments paid in monthly installments are due on the 1st of each month. Accounts must be paid in full by June 1, 2008. An accounting fee of \$25.00 per semester will be charged for monthly installments.

PENALTIES:

1. A fee of \$20.00 will be charged to your account after the 10th of the month for late payments.
2. Returned checks will be assessed a \$20.00 fee. A second returned check will require all amounts due to be paid in cash or cashier's check.
3. Consumable textbooks, elective textbooks and incidental fees are due payable by the last day of the following month.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

This assistance is need based and includes Christian Ministries. Applications must be filed prior to May 30. Limited funds are available every year.

RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE:

If you are responsible for bringing a new student to OCA, \$100.00 will be credited to your account when he/she completes his/her first semester.

***You're
Invited to...***

Omaha
Christian Academy's
KINDERGARTEN
ROUNDUP

All Kindergarten students and their parents are invited to one of our Kindergarten Roundups to experience OCA's excellent Kindergarten program.

Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 pm

or

Tuesday, March 11, 1:30 pm

5612 L Street in our Kindergarten Classroom

(Near 60th & L in Liberty Christian Center)

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For the 2008-2009 School Year***

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Omaha Christian Academy Preschool

Enroll NOW!

OCA offers...

- ★ 5 Full Days
Monday – Friday
- ★ 3 Full Days
Monday – Wednesday – Friday
- ★ 5 Half Days
Monday – Friday
- ★ 3 Half Days
Monday – Wednesday – Friday

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