

News & Notes

September 19, 2008

From the Director

This year at Omaha Christian Academy we are moving toward total electronic communication. This not only enables immediate communication between OCA & parents, but it will help the school save thousands of dollars in our operating budget.

- **Please be sure that the school has your correct e-mail address.** We've discovered several incorrect addresses during this process.
- Beginning today, we will send *News & Notes* **only** by e-mail **unless** hard copies are requested (call or e-mail Kerri Tulsie in the school office to request a hard copy).
- Progress reports and report cards will be distributed to students at school (or, at the end of first quarter, at the parent/teacher conferences in October), **but** these may also be accessed on Sycamore Education. To access your child's progress report or report card:
 - ◇ Open your family's Sycamore Education home page using your login and password – the school ID is 1109. If you don't know your login or password please contact the school office.
 - ◇ Click "My Organizer."
 - ◇ Click "My Students."
 - ◇ Click on the student's CODE number.
 - ◇ Click "Grades" to see that student's current grades OR "Documents" to see a progress report or report card.
 - ◇ Under "Documents" you may open any report card or progress report. Please note the current progress report is called, "2008-2009 Grade Card – Q1."
- Beginning in October, monthly statements will be e-mailed to the e-mail address we have on file. As with *News & Notes*, you may request hard copies of your monthly statement.

In conjunction with our move to an electronic communication environment, employee e-mail addresses have changed. Every employee's new e-mail address is **first initial followed by last name @ocamail.org** – for example, Tim Thompson's e-mail address is tthompson@ocamail.org. These new e-mail addresses are in effect now.

Lastly, please note that OCA's web site address has changed slightly – it is now www.omahachristianacademy.org – previously it was a ".com" address.

<i>School Calendar</i>	
Sept. 20	VB @ Cedar Bluffs - TBA
Sept. 22	Magazine Sale Kick-Off
Sept. 22	3rd Grade to Mt. Vernon & Lauritzen Gardens - 11:15 am
Sept. 22	JV FB vs Concordia - 4:00 pm
Sept. 23	ASVAB: 11th Grade - 8:00am
Sept. 23	MS FB @ Woodbine - 4:30 pm (501 Weare St., Woodbine, IA 51579)
Sept. 24	See You At The Pole - 7:30 am
Sept. 25	8th Grade to Fort Atkinson & Washington County Museum - 9:00 am
Sept. 25	V VB vs Mead @ College of St. Marys - 7:30 pm
Sept. 26	FB @ Concordia - 4:00 pm
Sept. 29	6th Grade to Eppley Air Traffic Control Tower - 8:10 am
Sept. 29	JV/V VB vs Omaha Nation - 6:30/7:30 pm @ Grace University
Sept. 30	Explore Test - 8th Grade - 8:00 am
Sept. 30	JV/V VB vs DC West - 6:00/7:00 - TBA
Oct. 2	MS VB @ Waterloo - 4:00 pm
Oct. 3	FB vs Mead - 4:00 pm - Homecoming
Oct. 3	Bands of Alumni Concert - 7:00 pm - Evangelical Bible Church
Oct. 4	VB Triangular @ Concordia - 10:00/11:00/12:00 pm
Oct. 4	Homecoming Dinner @ Caniglia's Venice Inn - 6:30 pm
Oct. 6	JV FB vs Cedar Bluffs - 4:00 pm
Oct. 7	MS FB @ Parkview - 4:00 pm
Oct. 7	JV/V VB vs Prague @ Grace U - 6:30/7:30
Oct. 8	PLAN Test - 10th Grade - 8:00 am
Oct. 9	1st grade to Platte River State Park & Aksarban Aquarium - 9:00 am

Magazine Sales Launch is Monday!

Monday your child will bring home a Magazine Sales Packet. It will have a sales booklet, sales slips, prize store information, turn-in information and more. If your child had sales last year, they should be bringing home the yellow sales copy of those sales also. Now, and all through the sale, you may also place your orders online. Your child will receive double-tickets for the prize store with online orders. Information on how to order online has been in previous *News & Notes* and will be in the sales packet. You will also have an opportunity to put names of people that are out of town in a postcard booklet or enter their email address. QSP, the magazine company will send them information about our magazine sale. This weekend you can make a list of people you would like to contact about OCA's magazine sale and what magazines you would like to purchase. All magazine sales bring 40% profit to the school! **Thank you for your support!**

OCA'S Library Needs Your Help

OCA's magazine sale starts on Monday and once again the library needs your help. To meet state requirements, we need to have a certain number of magazines at all 3 levels in our school.

A list of titles that need to be renewed is available in the school office. Please sign-up for the magazine you would like to donate to the library -- remember to leave the pink slip in the office. Your child should turn in the remaining copies of the order form to their teacher with the money in order to receive credit for the sale.

Thank you, *Mrs. Randall*



Progress Reports were sent home today for all students in Kindergarten thru 12th grade. Progress Reports for grades 4-12 can be accessed on Sycamore Education as well.

QUIZ BOWL NEWS

Students from the 2007-2008 OCA Quiz Bowl team competed on Saturday in the Bluejay Invitational at Creighton Prep High School. After four rounds of pool play in the morning, OCA entered the afternoon rounds ranked sixth in 18 teams. In the afternoon play, OCA beat Columbus High School before falling to Bellevue West in a very close back and forth match. The 2008-2009 team will be forming soon. Watch *News & Notes* for details.

~Coach Arant

ATTENTION PARENTS

Photographer Jeffrey Bebee, owner of Flatland Photography has a great website full of photos of OCA students at sporting events, music events and school activities. Go to www.flatlandphoto.com and order your prints today!

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.



Isaiah 40:31

HOMECOMING DINNER

The Homecoming Dinner will be held at Caniglia's Venice Inn at 72nd and Pacific on Saturday, October 4 at 6:30 pm. Tickets are on sale until September 26. The dinner choices are as follows:

1. 8 ounce Club Steak w/ Baked Potato \$20.00
2. Fettuccini Alfredo \$19.00
3. Chicken Parmesan w/ Baked Potato \$19.00
4. Lasagna w/ Mixed Veggies \$18.00
5. Spaghetti and Meatballs \$16.00

All dinners come with a salad, bread and butter and a soft drink.

There are less than 80 tickets left, so get them while you can!

An "after party" will be held at "Grandpa Sweeney's Farm" from 8:00-11:00. The Farm is located on highway 133, the first house east of county road P30 (just outside of Blair). There will be two school vans taking students from Venice Inn to Grandpa's Farm. There are 16 available spaces, with freshmen and sophomores getting priority. A ten dollar deposit and a permission form will reserve a van space. The deposit will be refunded when you ride in the van. Permission forms and directions are available from Mr. Lovgren, and parents will need to pick their children up from the after party.

This event is for all high school students.

Building Project Update

Would you like to know the continual progress on the OCA Building project?

Go to the blog at

www.OCABuildingProject.blogspot.com

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Adopt a Teacher/Staff Member

Parents, we have a unique opportunity to encourage the teachers and staff at OCA through an encouragement ministry called "Adopt A Teacher / Staff Member. I am in need of 20 teachers/staff members to be adopted for the school year. What this involves is sending each person anonymous notes of encouragement and special treats for his/her birthday and holidays. If you are willing to serve in this ministry, please contact me at 932-1006 or email at 5vilters@cox.net.

Blessings,
Elissa Vilter

Gate/Concessions/Clean-up

Volleyball



Saturday, September 29 at Grace:

Gate: Tammy Krumwiede

Clean-up: Anderson Family & Freshmen Families

GAME DAY DONUTS!

Donuts, Donuts, Donuts... for sale on Fridays for \$1.00 outside beginning at 7:40 am. OCA cheerleaders will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts to get our game day off to a good start. Bring your \$1 and come and get your donut. **Yum!**



School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Sept. 22	HOT— Fried Chicken COLD—Taco Salad Box	Cherries Dinner Roll Autumn Crisp
Sept. 23	HOT— Creamed Turkey over Mashed Potatoes COLD—Salami & Bagel Sandwich	Apple Wedges Dinner Roll Brownie
Sept. 24	HOT— Crispito w/ Chili con Queso COLD—Salad Box w/ Hard Boiled Egg	Corn Watermelon Snicker Doodle Cookie
Sept. 25	HOT— Egg, Sausage & Cheese on a Biscuit COLD—Bagel w/ Sunbutter & Jelly	Hashbrown Casserole Orange Wedges Blueberry Muffin Squares
Sept. 26	HOT— BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich COLD—Egg Salad Sandwich	Corn Cobbette Apple Wedges Caramel Bar

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

Milk will be served with all meals.

Cost: \$2.60(Pre-K-5); \$2.75 (5-12); \$1.00 Extra Entrees

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Cub Scout Corner

Pack Meeting:

Thursday, September 25 - 6:45-8:00 pm at Emmanuel Fellowship, 8345 Crown Point

Cub Scouts wear your uniforms!

Families are invited to attend. Plan to pay dues at this meeting.

NO Den Meeting this week.

in concert: **Aki-a-Ken**

Bartlett

also performing: **ALMOST ACOUSTIC**

friday, october 3rd

at evangelical bible church

located at 7820 fort st. omaha

begins at 7:00 pm

suggested donation \$5

proceeds to worship team equipment

dessert & drinks available

(proceeds to senior high band)