

# News & Notes

*From the Director*

October 10, 2008

## Chippie Doesn't Sing Much Anymore



Ever once in a while a story just hits home; I read this one a few years back.

"A lady had a pet parakeet named Chippie. The woman made several mistakes. She was vacuuming her floors and she decided to clean out the bottom of Chippie's cage with her vacuum cleaner. Mistake number one.

The phone rang. She turned to answer the phone without turning off the machine. You guessed it. Ssssssp! Chippie got sucked through the tube and into the canister. Mistake number two.

She dropped the phone, shut off the vacuum cleaner and opened up the canister. There was Chippie – feathers askew, dirt all over his little body, stunned but alive. She rushed into the bathroom, bird in hand. She held Chippie under the faucet and turned it on full blast. Mistake number three. Then she spotted the hair dryer. She turned it to 'Hot' and 'High.' Mistake number four.

The next day a friend called to check on Chippie. 'How's your poor parakeet?' she inquired. 'Well, Chippie doesn't sing much anymore. He just sort of sits there and stares!'"

Can you relate to Chippie? I think we've all felt like we've been sucked into the dirt bag, nearly drowned and then put under the heat at one time or another. Sometimes we just don't sing much anymore; we just sit there and stare!

But, I think we were all born to sing – I believe it's part of God's image that He built into all of us. But, there are lots of Chippie-style circumstances that steal our songs. Some people choose to be croakers. Whiners. Complainers. But, we can all choose our attitudes. In spite of life's cold water and hot air, let's open our mouths and sing: "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Sweetest name I know, Fills my every longing, Keeps me singing as I go."

*Tim Thompson*  
Director



**There will be no school Wednesday, Thursday & Friday next week. Also, no school on Monday, October 20. October 20 is Parent/Teacher conferences.**

**There will be no *News & Notes* published next week.**

<i>School Calendar</i>	
Oct. 10	FB @ Conestoga, 8404 42nd Street, Murray, NE 68409 - 7:00 pm
Oct. 11	MS VB Tournament @ Scribner-Snyder
Oct. 11	JV VB Tournament @ Mead
Oct. 13	JV FB @ ISD - 4:00 pm
Oct. 14	4th grade to Lewis & Clark - 11:00 am
Oct. 14	MS FB vs Cedar Bluffs - 4:00 pm
Oct. 14	MS VB vs Lightning @ Westroads Club - 4:30 pm
Oct. 14	JV/V VB @ Cedar Bluffs - 5:30/6:30 pm
Oct. 15-17	No School - Teacher In-service
Oct. 16	JV/V VB @ College View - 6:30/7:30 pm
Oct. 17	FB @ Johnson Brock - 7:00 pm
Oct. 20	No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct. 21	VB NFC Tournament
Oct. 22	Kdg. to Bellevue Berry Farm - 12:45 pm
Oct. 23	VB NFC Tournament @ NE Lutheran
Oct. 24	Preschool Grandparent's Day - 10:00 am
Oct. 24	FB vs Cedar Bluffs - 4:00 pm
Oct. 28	VB Triangular @ Scribner-Snyder - 6:30
Oct. 29	PSAT Test - 11th grade - 8:00 am
Oct. 31	HS Band Festival - 1:49 pm HS Band Concert - 7:00 pm
Nov. 2	HS Band @ Grace Baptist Church - 1:30
Nov. 3	VB Subdistricts @ Bellevue East - TBA
Nov. 4	VB Subdistricts @ Bellevue East - TBA
Nov. 9	HS Band @ Temple Baptist Church- 6:00
Nov. 10	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
Nov. 14	Elementary Harvest Party for Kdg. thru 5th grade - 2:00 pm
Nov. 18	NFC Vocal Clinic @ College View - 2:00 NFC Vocal Concert @ College View - 7:00 pm

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, October 20th from 12:00 noon—8:00 pm. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend these conferences. Report cards will be given out at the conferences.

**K-5th grade:** Please call the school office to schedule a 15 minute conference with your child's teacher.

**6th-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.

## YEARBOOK ORDER DAY!

**Monday, October 13 will be yearbook order day!** The 2008-2009 Yearbook will be a Preschool thru 12th grade book. This Yearbook will be shipped from Jostens Yearbook Company to OCA on July 27th. We will have an All-School Yearbook Signing Party in early August.

Students will be completing an order form at school. The forms are sent to our yearbook printer, Jostens. A statement will arrive in the mail detailing the order placed by the student. Parents will have the opportunity to add to or cancel any part of the order. This simple method will eliminate the need for students to bring money to the school and allow parents the opportunity to discuss purchase decisions with students at home. Yearbook payments can be made through the mail, internet or by calling a toll-free service hotline. Additionally, a special feature of this program allows parents the option of an installment payment plan.

**NOTE:** Jostens offers a "Here the Year" CD. It is the top 12 pop music hits from this year. OCA does not endorse this product.

**Students are entered into a drawing for a \$50 cash prize simply for filling out the order form.**

## MAGAZINE SALES UPDATE

Despite a delayed start to our Magazine Sale, an ailing economy, the focus on funding OCA's new building and a slightly lower enrollment than last year, OCA will have over \$20,000 in magazine sales this year — that's approximately \$8000 in profit for OCA! (Final numbers will follow.) Many of you really worked hard. Yesterday at the prize store, students were redeeming their prize tickets for some nice awards for their hard work — an Ipod, MP4 player, Nostalgic Pop Corn machine, a mini fridge and many households now have Bouncy Putty! The following students (19) qualified for the Limo/ Pizza lunch (Date TBA):

The following students qualified for the Cosmic Bowling/Pizza Lunch (Date TBA):

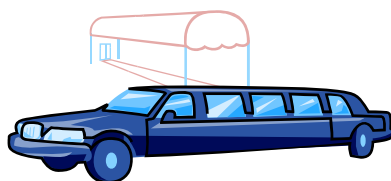
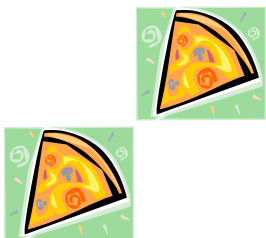
Name:	Grade
Cody Pearson	9
Meredith Roberts	9
Michael Perry	10
Luke Henkenius	11
Marissa Lindsey	11
Kathryn White	11



If you feel your student earned the Limo Lunch or the Cosmic Bowling Lunch and do not see their name on the list, please contact the school office.

It has been a busy time of year for many. If you were hoping to order and haven't had the opportunity, orders will still be taken over the internet. Go to [qsp.com](http://qsp.com) and search for Omaha Christian Academy. Two account numbers will come up, one is for magazines only, the other for magazines and other gift items. You may use either account number and OCA will get 40% back from your purchase. Thank you again for supporting OCA!

Name	Grade
Jonathan Cisneros	1
John Lim	2
Grace Hall	3
Macy Myers	3
Kelsay Combs-Brown	4
McKenna Lewis	6
Hannah Lindsey	6
Morgan Myers	6
Kaitlyn Pearson	6
Sarah Smith	6
Curtis Byal	7
Erin Clifton	7
Jared Saiz	7
Micaela Myers	8
Willard Therout	8
Jacelyn Burggraaf	K
McKenna Combs-Brown	K
Clayton Lind	K
Brooklynn Hayes	PS



**LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP**

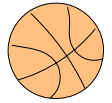
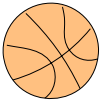
Many of you have helped the library meet State requirements for magazines the state requires to be in our library. There are still at least \$150 worth of magazines that need to be purchased to meet those requirements. Over the next month would you consider making a donation and earmarking it for our library? The OCA family is great in coming together in times of need and I feel they will this time.

Thank you in advance!  
~Terri Zimmerle

## BASKETBALL SPORT SIGN-UPS

K-6 Basketball Season runs from January to March

Cost: \$52.00 per player



### Basketball sign-ups begin soon!

- Registration forms cannot be accepted prior to the In-Person Sign-Up Date, Monday, Oct. 27
- If you would like to have a neighbor, friend or relative on an OCA team with your child and they want to register during the “No Late Fees” time frame, that is okay!
- All OCA families will have first priority
- We will accept all checks on Saturday, November 15 or later.

#### **In-Person Sign-ups: Monday, October 27, 3:15-4:00 pm**

This will be located on the 1st level foyer of Liberty Christian Center. Bring a completed Registration Form with check made payable to “Youth Sports”. Consider being a coach. We must have our own coach to form an OCA team. *No Late Fees!*

#### **Mail-In Sign-Ups: Tuesday, October 28 to Friday, November 7**

Accepting a completed Registration Form with check made payable to: “Youth Sports”, postmarked by November 7. *No Late Fees!*

Youth Sports  
C/O Joyce West  
6813 N 102nd Ave. Cir.  
Omaha, NE 68122

#### **Open Registration Sign-Ups: Saturday, November 1 to Friday, November 7**

Friends, relatives of OCA families and home schoolers are welcome to join OCA teams that are in need of players to formulate OCA teams. Accepting a completed registration form by mail only, postmarked by November 7. *No Late Fees!*

Youth Sports  
C/O Joyce West  
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#### **Final Opportunity Sign-ups: Saturday, November 8 to Friday, November 14**

This is the final opportunity to register for basketball. Unfortunately if you waited until now there will be a late fee. This is the last chance to be put on an OCA team. No exemptions. **\$10.00 Late fee!**

#### **NO MORE OCA Sign-ups: Saturday, November 15 on**

To register November 15-November 22: You can register at the YMCA at 76th and Maple to be put on a YMCA team. **You will not be put on an OCA team when you sign up through the YMCA.** *After November 22 they will charge a late fee of \$25.00.*

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## Gate/Concessions/Clean-up

### Football

#### Monday, October 24:

Gate: Lee and Jackie Putman  
Concessions: Joyce Begg & Russ and Linda Gingrich  
Clean-up: Manus Family & Freshman Families



## MEAL DEAL AVAILABLE

Johnson-Brock High School will have a \$5.00 Meal Deal available at the varsity football game on October 17. Meal includes the following items:

### HAMBURGER or POLISH DOG



**Chips  
Dessert  
Drink**



Serving from 5:00-7:00 pm  
South Side of School

## Cub Scout Corner

### Regular Den Meetings:

Week of October 13

### Pack Meeting:

October 23 - Raingutter Regatta!

## School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Oct. 13	HOT— Chicken Fajita COLD—Hummus & Veggies on Pita Bread	Lettuce & Cheese Cup Mexi-rice Peaches Brownie
Oct. 14	HOT— Pancakes & Sausage Links COLD—Fajita Chicken Salad Box	Tri-Tator Banana Chocolate Chip Muffin Square
Oct. 15	NO SCHOOL	
Oct. 16	NO SCHOOL	
Oct. 17	NO SCHOOL	

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.



## Way to go OCA Eagle Fans!

A big thank you to all the great fans who joined us at the Homecoming football game and the Blue & Gold Volleyball Game! You looked GREAT in your OCA spirit wear! Let's keep the school spirit going. Please continue to wear your Navy OCA shirts to all OCA sporting events. It is a great way to show your support.