

News & Notes

From the Director

October 31, 2008

Voting ... Exercising Our Freedom

We as Americans, throughout our nation's history, have been blessed with the right to CHOOSE. It's a right that most of the world today does not have – and a right that most people down through history have not enjoyed. We as Christians, I believe, have a responsibility to exercise that choice by voting. Why? Well, here are five reasons.

- Voting is a constitutionally guaranteed right and responsibility. Like free speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, freedom to assemble and freedom to petition voting is a right that should be exercised and supported. Our responsibility is to do what we morally, ethically and peacefully can and leave the results to God.
- Voting is a community undertaking and as people who are called to be salt and light our participation in this community activity can be Kingdom and community building.
- Your right to vote was not free; it cost a lot. Wars have been fought to give every Ameri-

can the right to vote. Riots ensued. Women were imprisoned while fighting for voting rights. Minorities suffered and fought to receive this right. People died so you can have the right to go to the polling place every November.

- Our country is facing difficult issues both here in the US and around the world – and, yes, these issues do affect us every day! We have no right to complain if we don't exercise our right to vote.
- We're to always be ready to give a defense for our faith and beliefs – if you can say why you feel strongly that voting is part of our Christian duty, and it would go against your conscience not to – pray about it and do what is the right thing to do.

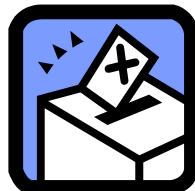
And, if you need a mundane reason to vote – you'll get a really cool sticker to wear around all day! 😊

Tim Thompson
Director



OCA's Mock Election
Monday, November 3

Sponsored by 5th Grade
for all OCA students.



Don't forget to...



Saturday,
November 1st

School Calendar	
Nov. 2	HS Band @ Grace Baptist Church - 1:30
Nov. 3	MS BBB Practice Begins @ Community Bible Church - 4:00-6:00 pm
Nov. 3	VB Sub Districts @ Bellevue East - 4:30
Nov. 4	VB Sub Districts @ 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
Nov. 18	MS BBB @ Mead - 6:00 pm
Nov. 21	Booster Club Meeting - 8:00 am
Nov. 22	MS BBB Tournament @ Mead - 9:00 am
Nov. 24	NFC One Act Play @ Prague - 3:00 pm
Nov 27-28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 1	K-5th Grade Christmas Concert- 6:30
Dec. 3	District Play Production
Dec. 4	MS BBB @ Cedar Bluffs - 5:00/6:00 pm
Dec. 4	JV B/V G&B BB @ College View - TBA
Dec. 5	V G&B BB vs Bancroft-Rosalie - TBA
Dec. 8	6th-12th Grade Christmas Concert - 7:00
Dec. 9	V GBB vs Bergan - 5:30 pm
Dec. 12	JV B/V G&B BB @ Parkview - TBA
Dec. 13	MS BBB Tournament @ Scribner
Dec. 13	JV B/ V G&B BB @ Weeping Water
Dec. 15, 18 & 19	High School Final Exams
Dec. 16	Ensemble to Christ Community Church - 9:45 am
Dec. 16	JV B/V G&B BB @ Cedar Bluffs - TBA
Dec. 19	Elementary Christmas Parties - 2:00 pm
Dec. 19	JV/V B BB @ Freeman

Middle School Volleyball Season

Ends on a Winning Note

The 7th and 8th grade Lady Eagles finished the volleyball season strong. They began the season with only five returning players: 8th graders Olivia Lovgren, Lizzy Lyle, Micaela Myers, Grace Stianson, and Jesse Wirges. Lauren Abell and homeschooler Maddie Knipp joined their 8th grade classmates on the court this year and quickly learned the game.



The season record was 2-5 with those exciting wins coming at the end of the season. The Eagles posted a first-ever win at the Scribner-Snyder tournament on October 11 and brought home the 2nd place plaque. Then they finished the season defeating the Lightning Home School team on October 14.

Seventh grade players looking forward to next season include: Amanda Krehbiel, Abby Gingrich, Kristen Nupson, Mikayla Rye, Raven Ra-paich, and Catherine Vargas.

The team and Mrs. Nupson appreciate all the parents who helped drive to practice and helped line judge and keep score at games. A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Rye who volunteered coaching assistance at practices.

Thank you!

Mrs. Nupson would like to thank the middle school girls and their parents for the nice thank you card and the two gift certificates.



VOLLEYBALL SUB-DISTRICTS



Monday, November 3rd

Our Lady Eagles will take on Omaha St. Peter Claver at 4:30 pm. If they win they will play again at 7:30 pm. Sub-Districts will be played at Bellevue East High School, 1401 High School Drive, Bellevue, NE 68005. Come cheer on our Lady Eagles!

Room Parent Volunteers Needed

Room Parents are needed for grades 6 thru 12 to help coordinate fundraising for each grade. Funds are needed to complete the furnishings of each classroom. More information to follow. Please contact Margie Thierstein if you would like to volunteer.

Procedure For Sick Children

- Please keep your child at home until they are 24 hours fever free.
- If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea, please keep them at home until they are 24 hours symptom free.
- For conjunctivitis (pinkeye), your child may return to school after being on antibiotics for 24 hours.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

ADDITION

We would like to welcome Sam Minturn to Omaha Christian Academy. Sam is in the 11th grade. Please add his family to your school directory.

Joseph & Rebecca Minturn
Sam (11)
8515 Northridge Drive
Omaha, NE 68112
(402) 451-0888



Old Chicago "PizzaPalz" For Sale By High School Band Members!

Band members are selling \$22.00 pizza coupons for \$11.00! These are good at any Old Chicago Restaurant, eat in or carry-out. PAN Mrs. Cloyd or see a HS Band Member to purchase a pizza coupon and support the HS Band for our spring '08 tour!

PRICE \$11 This certificate is good for one large pizza (maximum value \$22)

Expiration date: **JUN 30 2009**

VOID - Sample Only!

PIZZAPALZ

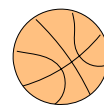
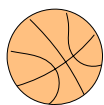
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Gratuity is not included. Please remember your server.

OLD CHICAGO PIZZA

No cash value. One per party, per day. Not valid with any other promotion. Redeem at any Old Chicago Sunday through Thursday only.

BASKETBALL SPORT SIGN-UPS



K-6 Basketball Season runs from January to March

Cost: \$52.00 per player

Basketball sign-ups are in progress

- **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 cash all checks on Saturday, November 15 or later.**

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!***

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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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Excellence in Christ-centered Education

Guidance Corner

- ⇒ Midland Lutheran College will be hosting an open house on Nov.18 for students interested in the Science field. Registration will start at 9 a.m. in the Anderson Conference Center. To make a reservation complete the campus visit form on their website www.mlc.edu/admissions. For more information call 800-642-8382, ext. 6501.
- ⇒ Cedarville University will be hosting a Leadership Conference - Appropriate Smallness, Leaders Who Understand Their Place in the Story of God. It will be held January 23-24. High school students who are interested in attending should contact the guidance office.

Calendar:

- Nov. 5 - SAT Registration Deadline for Dec. 6 Test
- Nov. 7 - ACT Registration Deadline for Dec. 13 Test
- Nov. 11 - Army Rep Visit
- Nov. 13 - Maranatha Baptist Bible College Rep Visit
- Nov. 18 - Late SAT Reg. Deadline for Dec. 6 Test
- Nov. 20 - Late ACT Reg. Deadline for Dec. 13 Test
- Nov. 20 - Buena Vista College Rep Visit

Deanne Jenkins
Guidance Counselor
Omaha Christian Academy
402-399-9565



School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Nov. 3	HOT— Chicken Patty on a Bun COLD—Cottage Cheese and Fruit	Tater Tots Grapes Cookie
Nov. 4	HOT— Turkey & Cheese Wrap COLD—Crispy Chicken Salad Box	Baby Carrots Applesauce Cups Red & Blue Kitty Chow
Nov.. 5	HOT— Macaroni & Cheese COLD—Chef Salad	Steamed Broccoli Cherries Brownie
Nov. 6	HOT— Beef Gordita with Texas Ranch Sauce COLD—Cottage Cheese & Jelly Sandwich	Lettuce & Cheese Cup Corn Cinnamon Apple Slices Oreo Pudding Swirl
Nov. 7	HOT— Caribbean Jerk Chicken COLD—Turkey & Cheese on Whole Wheat	Rice with Cilantro Roasted Calabaza Pineapple Upside Down Cake

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

Den Meetings

Week of November 3

Week of November 10

Week of November 24

Pack Meeting

November 20



OCA/YMCA Youth Sports K-6 Winter Basketball Registration



Season: January 2009 – February 2009

Sign-up Early & Avoid Late Fees!

Teams are formed on a first come, first serve basis. **COST: \$52.00** per player (payable to: "Youth Sports")

REGISTRATION: Sign Up Date - Monday, October 27th; 3:15 – 4:00pm (1st level Atrium at LCC)

If you miss the Sign-Up Date: registrations will be accepted Oct 27th – Nov 7th - with no late fee – by mail only;

All envelopes must be postmarked by Oct 31st, with checks included made payable to: "Youth Sports":

Mail to: Youth Sports, c/o Joyce West, 6813 N. 102nd Ave. Cir. Omaha, NE 68122

Nov. 1st – Nov. 7th OCA friends, relatives of OCA families, and Homeschoolers - with no late fee.

Last chance to be on an OCA team: Nov. 8th – Nov. 14th Registrations will be accepted – with \$10.00 late fee.

NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER POSTMARKED DATE OF NOVEMBER 14TH.

If OCA does not have a team with a full roster, your child will be put on a Y team, unless otherwise noted on registration.

PRACTICES: Will be at various Public schools around town. Once a practice site is agreed upon, it will be the same site throughout the season. The YMCA is working with us, in a temporary situation without a gym. *Practices* may start sometime in Late December, depending on gym availability. Before the season starts the Y allows 2 practices a week, after the season starts, only one practice. At this time we do not know where the games will be played or when. Public schools throughout the city are used.

MISC INFO: Boys K-6th grade teams will play on Saturdays. Girls 1st – 6th grade teams will play on Sundays. Girls can play on girl teams starting in 1st grade if there is enough interest.

Basketball teams are formed by Grade Level of the child – not age level.

Youth Sports will provide balls for practices. The YMCA will provide *game balls*. **Kindergarten:** mini ball, 7' basket; **1st & 2nd:** junior ball, 8' basket; **3rd & 4th:** Women's ball, 9' basket; **5th & 6th:** women's ball, 10' basket. Everyone will play at least 1/2 of every game, there will be an emphasis of participation, teamwork & fair play. Your child will come away with learning something of the sport, playing as a team & hopefully find it a very enjoyable experience. At the YMCA & the OCA/YMCA Youth Sports programs winning is not emphasized at the recreational level. There are other leagues that provide a competitive atmosphere for the competitive player. You must provide own medical insurance & personal equipment as needed.

COACHES: There must be a volunteer coach for every OCA team! Sports specific knowledge is helpful to be a coach, but not mandatory: enjoying children & wanting to teach & be a positive role model is the most important qualifications. The coach must be able to hold practices once a week. If there is not a coach, the team will be turned over to the Y, and the Y will put the kids on a Y team.

NEW SHIRTS: All Basketball players must have a number on their shirt. If you have a navy and gold shirt with a number on it, you're all set. If not, you will need to purchase an OCA shirt for **\$8.00**. This shirt will be worn for all Youth Sports events. Shirts are available for adults and coaches to purchase too.

Sizes: SM 6-8, MED 10-12, LG 14-16 and Adult Sizes: SM, MED, LG, XLG

Registrations may be made by parent, child, carpool person, friend, or anyone that can stand in line and hand in a completed, signed registration form with the registration fee.

No one may sign up more than 2 kids that are not their own. It is on a first come, first serve basis.

Meaning, if a team already has 10 players (the max) and your child is #11, they will be placed on a YMCA team, unless a second OCA team can be formed. All efforts will be made to have all the kids that sign up be put on an OCA team at their grade level. Your child may be moved up a grade to formulate team, unless noted on different on registration form. Team formations are very dependent upon the interest at sign up time. Please sign up on time. If a team is short, registrations will be open to friends, neighbors, and home schoolers. OCA families will always have priority. [Help form OCA teams – Sign-Up Early!](#)



OCA Youth Sports Winter Basketball Registration Form \$52.00

Child's Name (one per form please) **Birth date** **SEX** **GRADE** **Move Up a Grade?** **Need a Shirt \$8.00?**
_____ ___/___/___ B G _____ Yes, if needed, or No size: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____ HM #: _____ Cell #: _____

Total \$ _____ Made Payable to: "Youth Sports" is attached. **Email Address:** _____

Would you like to volunteer as a Coach or as an Asst. Coach? _____

I have read and understand the above and give my permission for my child to participate:

Date: _____ Parent Signature: _____ Parent's Names(s): _____

If an OCA team can not be formed would you like to be registered on a YMCA team? YES or NO (circle one)

Any Questions do not call the school! Call Joyce West, Youth Sports Committee Co-coordinator at 659-0492 or email: joycewest@workware.com. Watch "News & Notes" for updates!