

News & Notes



Psalms of Thanksgiving

November 21, 2008

"Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

Psalm 100

Dear Lord,
Thank you God for being loving. Thank you for healing ten lepers. Thank you for being with me when I was having eye surgery. I love you God.

~Noah Krehbiel

Dear God,
Thank you God for being kind. Thank you God for healing me when I was sick. Thank you God for loving us. You are worthy of our praise.

~Hannah Tulsie

Dear God,
You are all powerful. You led your people out of Egypt. God, your Son died on the cross for our sins. You gave me a family. God you are the only Lord.

~Christina Wells

Dear God,
You are a holy God. You are a powerful God. You created the whole world. You helped me move to a new house. I love you God.

~Mallori Dinklage

Dear God,
Thank you God for You

are faithful. Thank you God for creating the world. Thank you God for staying with me. Thank you God for loving me. You make me feel warm.

~John Lim

Dear God,
Thank you for being holy and beloved. Thank you for being nice. Thank you for creating us. You raised a dead man. I love you God.

~Levi Rapaich

Dear God,
You are holy. You are great. You are King of all kings. You led the children out of Egypt. Thank you for healing me when I was sick

~Cole Thierstein

Dear God,
Thank you for being faithful. Thank you for healing the lepers. Thank you for helping me remember my Christmas part. I love you.

~Samantha Lee

Dear God,
You are almighty. Thank you for the trees and the

grass and the sand. Thank you God for dying on the cross. Thank you for winning wars for us. Thank you God for being nice to me. Thank you for making Chinese food! You are good to me.

~Grant Schmidt

Dear Lord,
Thank you for doing everything right. You are perfect. Thank you for having my mom and dad get married. Thank you for making me get better. You make me feel good.

~Gabe Farrington

Dear Lord,
You are Lord of Lords. You can do miracles. You led the children out of Egypt. Thank you Jesus for dying on the cross. You can open the waters. I love you.

~Joanna Richards

Dear Lord,
You are faithful. You are mighty. You helped the Israelites escape Egypt. You healed me when I had the flu. Thank you Lord.

~Loyal Johnson

Dear God,
You are powerful. You are mighty. You God sent the tenth plague on Egypt, the Passover. Thank you God for sending Jesus on the cross for our sins.

~Zach Willars

Dear God,
You are worthy to be praised. You are powerful. You are mighty. Thank you for healing the blind man with mud. Thank you for helping me in my times of need. Thank you for giving me a mom and dad. Thank you for not making me die because I was a month early. Thank you for giving me two brothers and a sister. Thank you for giving me strength. Thank you for your son Jesus. Thank you for your love that will not faint. Thank you for being my rock and my fortress. Thank you for not making me afraid of you. I love you.

~Sarah Krehbiel

Written by OCA Second Grade Students, taught by Mrs. Kroeker

School Calendar	
Nov. 22	MS BBB Tournament @ Mead - 9:00 am
Nov. 24	NFC One Act Play @ Prague - Leave school @ 12:30 pm
Nov 27-28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 1	Biology Field Trip to Squaw Creek NWR - 8:15 am
Dec. 1	Christmas Buffet - Cafeteria - 5:00-7:00
Dec. 1	K-5th Grade Christmas Concert- 6:30
Dec. 2	HS Art Field Trip to Hot Shot Art Studio - 1:40 pm
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 - 4:45/6:15/8:00 pm
Dec. 5	V G&B BB vs Bancroft-Rosalie @ College of St. Marys, 7000 Mercy Road, Omaha 68106- 6:15/8:00 pm
Dec. 9	Ensemble to Elk Ridge - 1:15 pm
Dec. 9	V GBB vs Bergan @ College of St. Marys 7000 Mercy Road Omaha 68106 - 5:30
Dec. 12	V G&B BB @ Parkview - 6:15/8:00
Dec. 13	MS BBB Tournament @ Scribner
Dec. 13	JV B/ V G&B BB @ Weeping Water - 5:30/6:30/8:00 pm
Dec. 15	6th-12th Grade Christmas Concert - 7:00
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 - 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm
Dec. 19	Elementary Christmas Parties - 2:00 pm
Dec. 19	JV/V B BB @ Freeman - 6:15/8:00 pm
Dec. 22 - Jan. 2	Christmas Break

Congratulations!

Football All District D1-1

1st Team

Michael Howell	Kicker
Parker Adams	Punter
Parker Adams	Punt Returner
Titus Hamilton	Kick Returner



2nd Team

Kyle Nupson	Offensive Line
Titus Hamilton	Running Back

Honorable Mention

Jacob Richards	Offense
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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME BASKETBALL?



The Varsity Eagles and Lady Eagles first home basketball games are only 2 weeks away. On Friday, December 5th, come show your support for OCA and our players by wearing your navy blue spirit wear to the game. Will you be the next "Fan of the Game"? Wear your navy blue spirit wear and be entered in a prize drawing to be chosen as "Fan of the Game". Let's fill the stands with a cheering sea of Blue & Gold to get the season off to a good start. Go Eagles!

ATTENTION BASKETBALL FANS

Please check the *News & Notes* weekly for updates on time and location of basketball games. There are often changes to the schedule and these will be posted in the calendar section of the *News & Notes* and on the home page of Sycamore education.

Thank you!

Coach Johnson would like to thank the volleyball team for the card, candy and gift card. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Guidance Corner

- ⇒ The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, has announced the availability of its annual \$500 scholarship for seniors planning to enroll in a Nebraska college for the fall semester of 2009. Applicants must be sons or daughters, grandchildren or great-grandchildren, adopted or stepchildren of members of Department of Nebraska, The American Legion or POW, MIA, KIA, or any veteran that was a current American Legion member at time of death. Selection of recipients will be made on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular activities, financial need, and the completion of all information requested in the application. Applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 1, 2009.
- ⇒ The AXA Foundation will be awarding up to \$750,000 in scholarships through the AXA Achievement Community Scholarship. Applicants must have ambition and drive; determination to set and reach goals; respect for self, family and community; and the ability to succeed in college. Applications can be downloaded at www.axa-achievement.com. Deadline is Feb. 15, 2009.
- ⇒ The Air Force Aid Society General Henry H. Arnold education grant program provides \$2,000 grants to selected recipients. In order to apply you must be sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 AGR/Reserve, Title 32 AGR performing full time active duty, retired, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members; spouses (stateside) of active duty members, and Title 10 AGR/Reservists; and surviving spouses of deceased personnel for their undergraduate studies. The grant application is available at www.afas.org <<http://www.afas.org>>. Deadline is March 6, 2009.
- ⇒ The Booth College of Business and Professional Studies at Northwest Missouri State University is offering a Freshman scholarship to incoming freshmen who plan to major in one of the following areas: accounting, economics, finance, business education, international business, office information systems, management information systems, broadcasting, journalism, agriculture, marketing, management, and computer science. Applications should be postmarked no later than Dec. 1.
- ⇒ The McKelvey Foundation is offering the McKelvey Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship award to seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit by owning and operating their own business while in high school. To qualify you must attend a 4 year college with the 50 states, own and operate a genuine business, non-profits are eligible, have at least one paid employee and complete the online application by Jan. 25, 2009. Apply online at mckelveyfoundation.org.
- ⇒ The Nebraska State College System - Chadron, Peru and Wayne State College - is currently offering two scholarship programs for students to attend one of the three in the fall of 2009. They are the full-tuition Board of Trustees' Scholarship and the half-tuition Governor's Opportunity Award. The Board of Trustees' Scholarship is for students who earn a 25 or higher on the ACT, while the Governor's Opportunity Award is for students who earn a 21-24 on the ACT and plan to live, work and lead in Nebraska after college graduation. Deadline is Jan. 15, 2009.
- ⇒ The International Association of Administrative Professionals, AK-SAR-BEN Chapter, Iowa-Nebraska Division is offering a scholarship up to \$500. Eligibility requirements are attending an accredited Nebraska or Iowa college, university, or business school; a current GPA of 3.0; and plans to pursue a career as an administrative office professional. Applications are available in the guidance office or visit their web site at www.iaap-aksarben.org. Deadline is Feb. 15, 2009.
- ⇒ The Assistance League of Omaha is offering an ACT Review Course at Westside High School. The course consists of two sessions with an optional third session for the writing portion of the test. The first session will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 9 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The second session will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The optional third session will be held on Thursday, Dec. 11 from 6:30-8:30 pm. There is a \$30 fee for two sessions and \$40 for all three sessions. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

Calendar:

Dec. 8 - Baker University Rep Visit

Dec. 26 - SAT Registration Deadline for Jan. 24 Test



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Gate/Concessions/Clean-up



Friday, December 5:

Gate: Girls' Game: Andrew & Kathy Webster
Boys' Game: Ray & Kathy Cummings
Concessions: Girls' Game: Stella Lim, Kerri Tulsie
Boys' Game: Heinemanns, Binkos
Clean-up: Slys & Freshman Families

NEWS & NOTES

There will not be a *News & Notes* published next week.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Nov. 24	HOT— Chicken Fried Steak COLD—Taco Salad Box	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Cherries Dinner Roll Caramel Bar
Nov. 25	HOT— Chicken Nuggets COLD—Deli Sandwich	Broccoli Fruit Cocktail Snickerdoodle Cookie
Nov.. 26	HOT— Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Crispy Chicken Salad Box	Lettuce Salad Pears Pumpkin Cookie
Nov. 27-28	NO SCHOOL	HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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.

National Honor Society Food & Winter Coat Drive

The National Honor Society is holding a canned food and winter coat drive from **now until December 2nd**. Bring donated items to the following designated locations:

K-5th grades bring goods to your own classroom.

6th-12th grades drop off goods before second hour in the boxes in the hallway outside of Mrs. Jenkins' office.

Your donated items will be going to needy families in the community. Please make sure all food brought is non-perishable and all coats are clean and in good condition. Thank you for your participation! Your donated items will be picked up on November 25 and December 2. Remember there is no limit to the amount you give!

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Yams
- Canned Pumpkin
- Canned Broth
- Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Cranberry Sauce
- Evaporated Milk
- Soup
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Gravy
- Stuffing
- Instant Potatoes
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Jell-O
- Pudding

