

News & Notes

January 9, 2009

Happy New Year!

We are delighted to welcome 9 new students to
Omaha Christian Academy this semester.

Myles Omoresemi - Kindergarten
Parents:
Roland & Christine Omoresemi

Foreign Exchange Student
Taegyeong Yu - 6th Grade
(Attending OCA December-February)
Host Family: Andy & Kris Smith

Alexandra Dietz - Preschool
Brayden Dietz - 2nd Grade
Parents:
Steven & Holly Pearson
5518 N 140th Street
Omaha, NE 68164
Phone: 916-4407

Foreign Exchange Student
Na Young Hwan - 7th Grade
Host Family: Dave & Barb Saiz

Na Eun Kang - 7th Grade
Ki Hun Kang - 9th Grade
Guardian:
David Kim
9566 Park Drive #201
Omaha, NE 68137
Phone: 321-5700

Foreign Exchange Student
Jun Young Lee - 4th Grade
Host Family: John & Jennifer Oliver

Welcome Back
Turner Wells - 12th Grade
Parents:
Jim & Paula Wells

"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



<i>School Calendar</i>	
Jan. 10	JV B/V G&B BB @ Lewiston - 3:00/4:30/6:00 pm
Jan. 10	Quiz Bowl @ Elkhorn - 9:00 am
Jan. 12	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
Jan. 13	Spelling Bee - 1st-8th Grade - OCA Activity Room
Jan. 15	4th grade to Mockingbird Lanes - 8:45 am
Jan. 16	JV B/V G&B BB vs Brownell Talbot @ Grace U. - 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm Pack the Gym Night Bucks for Baskets
Jan. 17	JV B/V G&B BB vs NE Lutheran @ College of St. Marys - 4:00/6:00/8:00 pm
Jan. 22	V GBB @ Boys Town - 7:00 pm
Jan. 24	Speech & Drama Concordia Classic @ Concordia College - 7:00 am
Jan. 24	V BBB NFC 1st Round - TBA
Jan. 26	V GBB NFC 1st Round - TBA
Jan. 27	V BBB NFC @ College of St. Marys
Jan. 29	V GBB NFC @ College of St. Marys
Jan. 29	Kdg.-3rd Grade Field Trip - 9:00 am
Jan. 30	HS Bowling Social @ Thunder Alley - 7:30-10:00 pm
Jan. 31	V G&B BB NFC Finals @ SE Community College - TBA
Feb. 3	Association Meeting - 7:00 pm
Feb. 5	JV B/V G BB vs Omaha Nation
Feb. 26	Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences - 8:00 am
Feb. 27	5th Grade to Strategic Air & Space Museum - 9:30 am
Feb. 28	Quiz Bowl @ Thomas Jefferson HS

JR. CHEER CLINIC



Your daughter can be an OCA Cheerleader! Sign her up and she will have lots of fun learning new cheers and a routine. Jr. Cheer Clinic is open to all girls pre-school through 8th grade. The girls will perform at half-time of the Varsity Boy's Basketball game on Friday, January 16 at Grace University. The Jr. Cheer performance is scheduled in conjunction with "Pack the Gym" Night". Practice time will be from 3:30-5:00 pm on January 12, 13, 15, and 16 in the school cafeteria. If you do not have a registration form, you may pick one up in the school office. Registration forms must be turned in by Monday, January 12.

High School Boys Basketball



Monday, December 29 BBB at Mead 1st Round

The varsity played the D-1 3rd ranked Mead Raiders. Mead got off to a quick start and took OCA Eagles out of their game plan early and often. OCA had numerous turnovers and a very slow 3rd quarter which lead to a disappointing loss - 72-34. The coaches are challenging the players to know their roles and play more as a team. Jacob Richards received the Hostess Cupcake – top scorer award with 9. Other players scoring: Dillon Runyon – 8, Garrett Wirges – 3, Blaize Smith – 3, Titus Hamilton – 3, Ben Deaver – 2, Nick Jenkins – 2, Nathan Lyle – 2.

Tuesday, December 30 BBB at Mead Consolidation Round

The varsity bounced back versus Walthill Blue Jays and won 52-43. The team brought home the 3rd place trophy by getting ahead early and staying ahead throughout the game. The Eagles did commit 26 turnovers and has great room for improvement. The team did dominate the boards and did not slow up throughout the game. Ben Deaver brought down 17 caroms followed by Jacob Richards with 14. Ben Deaver received the Hostess Cupcake award – 13 points. Other players scoring: Jacob Richards – 9, Blaize Smith – 9, Dillon Runyon – 8, Gideon Ubben – 8, Garrett Wirges – 5.

SPELLING BEE

The school Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, January 13 for students in grades 1-8.



8:30-9:15	7th & 8th Grade
9:30-10:15	5th & 6th Grade
10:30-11:00	1st & 2nd Grade
11:15-12:00	3rd & 4th Grade

OCA BOARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being sought for OCA Board members. Please submit names to John Jay. You may send a PAN or call him at 571-1715



Guidance Corner

- ⇒ The Assistance League of Omaha is offering an ACT Review Course at Westside High School. The course includes two, three hour sessions with an optional third session addressing ACT writing. The first session will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 3 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The second session will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The optional third session will be held on Thursday, Feb. 5 from 6:30-8:30 pm. There is a \$30 registration fee for two sessions and \$40 for all three sessions. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.
 - ⇒ Seniors interested in attending Wayne State College and majoring in music should contact the guidance office for scholarship opportunities.
 - ⇒ Best Buy is sponsoring a Scholarship Program that is offering 1,000 scholarships of \$1,500 each. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to apply. Applicants need solid grades and involvement in volunteer community service or work experience. For more information and to apply on-line go to www.bestbuy.com/scholarship or www.at15.com.
 - ⇒ Colorado State University is hosting an Engineering Exploration Day on Feb. 14. To register go to www.engr.colostate.edu. Follow the link to "Exploration Day, February 14th", click on "PRE-REGISTER ON-LINE" and enter information. You will receive an e-mail confirmation with instructions.
 - ⇒ The Nebraska Children's Groundwater Festival and Jami Harper are offering an annual \$250 scholarship for students entering a water resources field. Applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is April 1 at 5:00 pm.
 - ⇒ Swanson Russell is offering a \$500 scholarship to one Spring 2009 graduate of a Nebraska High School. The scholarship is available for students who plan to enroll in a Nebraska college or university and pursue a degree in one of the following fields: advertising, marketing, mass communications, communication studies, public relations, journalism or graphic design/desktop publishing. Applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 15.
 - ⇒ The Discover Scholarship Program awards diverse high school juniors on their exemplary achievements in Leadership, Community Service while overcoming an obstacle. Scholarships may be applied towards costs for college, university, specialized training or education beyond high school in any career path the winner chooses. Applications are available at www.discoverfinancial.com/community. Deadline is Jan. 31.
 - ⇒ America's Milk Processors along with USA TODAY are offering the 12th annual "Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year" (SAMMY) Award program. The program will award 25 high school senior student athletes a \$7,500 college scholarship, an invitation to attend the SAMMY weekend at the Disney World Complex in Orlando, Fla. and an opportunity to star in a Milk Mustache ad in USA TODAY. The SAMMY Awards reward student athletes who demonstrate excellence in academics, athletics, community service, leadership and include milk as part of their healthy lifestyles. Applications and official rules are available online at www.sammy.bodybymilk.com until March 6.
 - ⇒ Students can access FREE College Resources by going to www.ChristianCollegeGuide.net/Subscribe.
 - ⇒ The KFC Colonel's Scholars Program will be awarding a scholarship for up to \$5,000 per year. Applicants must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75 or higher, enroll in a public, in-state college or university and pursue a bachelor's degree. Applicants can complete their application online at www.kfcscholars.org. Deadline is Feb. 10.
- Calendar:**
- Jan. 12 - Emmaus Bible College Rep Visit
 - Jan. 16 - Late ACT Reg. Deadline for Feb. 7 Test
 - Feb. 10. - SAT Reg. Deadline for March 14 Test
 - Feb. 24 - Late SAT Reg. Deadline for March 14 Test
 - Feb. 27 - ACT Reg. Deadline for April 4 Test

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Gate/Concessions/Clean-up

Friday, January 16 at Grace University

Gate - 3:45 pm: JV Boys & V Girls - The Lahms

7:00 pm: V Boys - Suzette Toelle

Concessions - 4:00 pm: JV Boys & V Girls

Kris & Sarah Smith

Kerri & Nikki Tulsie

7:00 pm: V Boys Game

Clean-up: Sophomore Families

Saturday, January 17 @ College of St. Marys

Gate - 2:45 pm: Brian & Georgene Lahm

Concessions - 3:00 pm: John & Cindy Ostry

Clean-up: Senior Families

Cub Scout Corner

Did you see us on TV? Webelos were volunteering at the Open Door Mission on the Saturday before Christmas when Channel 6 was doing a story. If you saw a familiar face, it may have been one of our boys or their leaders.

Congratulations, Webelos! Your service was well done, with a cheerful attitude, and your leaders were proud of you!

Please mark your calendars for these important upcoming dates:

December Pack Meeting:

Thursday, January 22 - 6:45 pm

School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Jan. 12	HOT— Chicken Nuggets COLD— Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich	Green Beans Apple Wedges Dinner Roll Chocolate Chip Cookie
Jan. 13	HOT— Cheese-burger on a Bun COLD—Crispy Chicken Salad Box	California Vegetables Orange Smiles Oatmeal Bar
Jan. 14	HOT— Hotdog on a Bun COLD—Chicken Salad with Flat-bread Triangles	Baby Carrots Fruit Cocktail Chocolate Cake with White Fluffy Frosting
Jan. 15	HOT— Stuffed Pizza Pocket COLD—Salad Box with Hard Boiled Egg	Lettuce Salad Peaches Brownie
Jan. 16	HOT— Crispy Tacos COLD—Chicken Salad Sandwich	Lettuce & Cheese Cup Corn Cinnamon Apples Snickerdoodle Cookie

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.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are being sent home today with students. You may also access your child's report card on Sycamore Education. Follow these steps:

1. Login on Sycamore Education using your family login and password.
2. In the left column, click on "My Organizer"
3. In the left column, click on "My Students"
4. In the main window, click on your child's "code" number.
5. In the window that pops up, click on the "Documents" tab.
6. Click on the "2008-2009 Grade Card - Q2"

Booster Club Presents the Annual

Pack the Gym!

Friday, January 16, 2009

Grace University

OCA Eagles vs Brownell Talbot Raiders

Fan of the Game

Come dressed in OCA navy spirit wear or in your navy shirts and you will be placed in a drawing for one of four prizes.

The Great Shoot-Out

A chosen student from each Middle school and High school class will have a chance to shoot a free throw, a 3 pointer, and a half court shot for prizes for his/her class! This will take place during the Junior Varsity Eagles' halftime.

Horseback Relays

Grab one of your parents for a "horseback ride" down the court - Make a basket and win a prize!

This relay will take place during the Lady Eagles' Varsity halftime. For Preschool - 5th grade

Eli and your Friends

Take a picture with Eli and your friends to put on a button!

Cost is \$2.00 per button.

Junior Cheerleaders

Come cheer on our Junior Cheerleaders as they do their new routine for you during the Eagles' Varsity halftime.

Bucks for Baskets

Help us raise \$10,000 for our new school. Can OCA earn \$100/point for the Eagles girls' and boys' varsity games? More details following in News and Notes.

Many more prizes

We will have prizes to be given away all evening. So come join in the fun and cheer on the Lady Eagles and the Eagles to a victory over Brownell Talbot!

BUCK\$ FOR BASKETS

Help OCA Raise \$5,000 and win a Family Fun Night @ FFC!

Come to the game at 4:30pm Friday January 16th

Every paid student will receive 10 FREE Tokens to the Family Fun Center!



FAMILY FUN CENTER

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- ROCK WALL
- PRIZE GAMES

BUCKS FOR BASKETS!

LET'S RAISE \$10,000 FOR OUR NEW SCHOOL!

This year, OCA has a donor that will match our first \$5,000. So \$5,000 means \$10,000!!

This contest is for the entire student body. During "Pack the Gym" week (January 12-16), we will be trying to earn money per point for the total of the OCA boys' and girls' varsity games vs Brownell Talbot. We will only count OCA's score. Can you give \$.10 a point? Can you give \$.25 a point? Can you give \$1.00 a point? Could the student body at OCA earn \$100/point by the end of the week? Could the student body earn \$10,000 for the new building? We will take donations until the end of the game on Friday night. Last year, we earned \$96/point and brought in \$8,000. But we need everyone's help!

Let's break that down. If the teams were to score a total of 70 points between both games and we earned \$100/point, this would total \$7,000 for the new building. If the teams were to score 90 points and we earned \$75/point, the total would be \$6,750. What does that mean individually? If a student would donate \$.25/point at 70 points, that student would donate \$17.50 to the new school building. We will cap the points at 100 points so you will know the most that you could pay.

What is our goal? \$10,000 for the new school building

What happens when we make our goal? We will have an OCA Family Fun Night at Family Fun Center!

An evening that promises to hold lots of fun and memories!! Come join your friends to a game of the all new glow golf, a game of pool, rock climbing, Football Frenzy, Jumpshot, Lazertag and more!! Earn an OCA Family Fun Night!

Elementary and Middle School Family Fun would start at 5:30 on Friday evening, January 23 with free tokens, two free attractions and lots of fun! Middle School and High School Family Fun would be the same evening starting at 7:30.

Students – all those attending the game on Friday, January 16, will receive free tokens compliments of Family Fun to use whenever you want!

So join in the fun! Come cheer on the Eagles to see if we reach our goal! Each basket is two points closer to our goal!



BUCKS FOR BASKETS!

The total points will be capped at 100 points so the following is the most you would donate:

\$.10 point at 100 points = \$10.00

\$.25 point at 100 points = \$25.00

\$.50 point at 100 points = \$50.00

\$1.00 point at 100 points = \$100.00

I will donate _____ per point at the OCA vs Brownell Talbot basketball game on Friday, January 16 , 2009. I understand that this will be capped at 100 points.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

We will have a table set up after the game to collect money pledged. If you leave before the game is over, please send in your money to the office on Monday to the attention of Tammy Krumwiede.



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College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

January 2009

It's time to prepare for the FAFSA!

Preparation is the key to successfully completing and filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is the application for state, federal and college-specific financial aid. Even if you don't think you'll qualify for need-based financial aid, you should complete the FAFSA to qualify for low-interest student and parent loans.

Follow these steps to complete the FAFSA and the financial aid process:

Contact the college(s) you applied to and ask for their FAFSA priority filing date. Because some types of financial aid are awarded first-come, first-served, it's important that you submit the FAFSA before that date.

Request a Personal Identification Number (PIN) for you and one for a parent at pin.ed.gov. The PIN is your signature for the online FAFSA.

Complete your 2008 taxes early as the FAFSA requires current tax information.

Gather these student and parent items:

- 2008 federal income tax forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)
- 2008 W-2 forms
- Student's driver's license number
- Social Security numbers
- Birth dates
- Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed
- Current cash, savings and checking account balances
- Current investment values (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CDs, etc.) excluding retirement accounts
- Value of business (if more than 100 employees)
- Value of investment farm (Do not include the value of a family farm that you or your parents live on and operate.)
- 2008 child support (paid and/or received)
- 2008 Workers Compensation
- Other untaxed income in 2008 such as veteran's benefits, housing/food/ living allowances for military and clergy
- Alien Registration Number for eligible non-citizens

Be prepared to answer these FAFSA questions which relate to grant eligibility:

1. Did your student or anyone in the household receive any of the following federal benefits?
 - Supplemental Security Income
 - Food Stamps
 - TANF
 - Free or Reduced Price Lunch
 - WIC
2. Did your student complete at least two Advanced Placement courses with a passing test score of 3 or higher?
3. Did your student complete and pass the following high school courses?
 - 4 years of English
 - 3 years of math (Algebra I and above)
 - 3 years of science (2 of 3: Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
 - 3 years of social studies
 - 1 year of a language other than English

Complete and file the FAFSA electronically at fafsa.ed.gov before your college's priority date. For user-friendly clarification of any FAFSA question, see the [FAFSA Tutorial](#) at EducationQuest.org.

Expect a Student Aid Report acknowledging that your form was processed.

Expect Financial Aid Award Notifications in the spring from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA. The notifications will detail the assistance the colleges are offering (could be a combination of scholarships, grants, work-study and student loans).

Apply for student and parent loans (if necessary) in the summer through your college.

Check out these free FAFSA tools and resources

Visit the "[Completing the FAFSA](#)" section at EducationQuest.org where you'll find:

- **FAFSA Checklist** – provides a complete list of items you need to gather before you complete the FAFSA
- **College Funding Estimator** – estimates your FAFSA results
- **FAFSA Tutorial** – provides user-friendly clarification of each FAFSA question
- **Financial Aid Video** – explains the types of financial aid and how to apply

If you are filing a FAFSA for the first time and would like free personal help, call the EducationQuest location nearest you to make an appointment. Contact the Kearney office at 308-234-6310 or 800-666-3721; Lincoln at 402-475-5222 or 800-303-3745; or Omaha at 402-391-4033 or 888-357-6300.

January "To Do" List

Complete these tasks during January to stay on the right college planning track.

Seniors:

- Ask the college(s) you applied to for their FAFSA priority date.
- Attend the [Financial Aid Program](#) at your school or in your area.
- Apply for FAFSA Personal Identification Numbers at pin.ed.gov.
- Complete your taxes early as you'll need that information for the FAFSA.
- Continue to apply for scholarships.

Juniors:

- Attend the [Financial Aid Program](#) at your school or in your area.
- Register by January 6 for the February 7 ACT
- Continue to research colleges.
- Start setting up college visits.

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

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