

News & Notes

From the Director

January 30, 2009

Enrollment for school year 2009-2010 will officially open on February 4! Tuition & fees for next school year will be approved at the upcoming Association Meeting on February 3 and will be announced next week. A flyer about our upcoming Kindergarten Roundups is attached as well as a flyer about our pre-school program.

OCA has served the greater Omaha area for over 35 years providing quality Christian education to thousands of students and their families. By its very nature, OCA is an extension of family and church values in working to instill in our students Christian character and a strong sense of discipline and respect.

As was said of Jesus in Luke 2:52, OCA emphasizes the intellectual, spiritual, social and physical well-being of our students and provides opportunities for students to reach the

maximum development of their interests and talents.

OCA offers a Bible-based curriculum where instruction is founded upon a Biblical worldview. Teaching is based upon a belief in moral absolutes, the fallen nature of man, the possibility of redemption and the intrinsic value of man to God.

Omaha Christian Academy is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and by the Nebraska Department of Education.

Excitement is buzzing at OCA – especially with our move to new facilities for next school year. Don't miss being a part of what God is doing at Omaha Christian Academy! Enroll for school year 2009-2010. And, pass the good word about OCA to family & friends! You are OCA's best recruiters!

Since we will not be able to move to the new school location until after this school year has ended, we are able to make some adjustments to the school calendar. **High School Graduation has been moved to Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 am at Liberty Christian Center.** The final day of high school this school year will be Friday, May 22 (unless a further adjustment has to be made due to snow days). Complete calendar revisions will be announced next week once the changes have been finalized.

<i>School Calendar</i>	
Feb. 3	Association Meeting - 7:00 pm
Feb. 5	V G/JV B BB @ St. Peter Claver, 5301 S 36th Street, Omaha - 5:30/7:00 pm
Feb. 5	Quiz Bowl @ Education Service Unit - 9:00 am
Feb. 6	Booster Club Meeting - 8:00 am
Feb. 6	ACSI Spelling Bee
Feb. 6	MS GBB vs Prague - 5:00 pm
Feb. 6	V G&B BB vs Prague @ St. Peter Claver, 5301 S 36th Street, Omaha - 6:15/8:00 pm Senior Night NHS Servant Auction
Feb. 9	NFC Speech @ Parkview - 4:00 pm
Feb. 10	JV B/VG&B BB vs Concordia @ College of St Marys - 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm
Feb. 12	Elementary Valentine Parties - 2:00 pm
Feb. 13 & Feb. 15	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
Feb. 13	JV B & V G&B BB @ Mead - 5:00/6:30/8:00 pm
Feb. 18	1st grade to Western Heritage Museum - 9:40-11:50 am
Feb. 18	4th-6th grade to Omaha Symphony Concerts for Youth at the Holland Performing Arts Center - 9:15 am
Feb. 20	JV/V BBB vs Omaha Nation @ College of St. Marys - 6:15/8:00 pm
Feb. 24	Kindergarten Roundup - 6:30 pm
Feb. 26	Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb. 27	5th grade to Strategic Air & Space Museum
Feb. 28	Quiz Bowl @ Thomas Jefferson HS
March 2-6	Teacher Appreciation Week

ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 pm
OCA Cafeteria

The Association will vote on the proposed budget for the 2009-2010 school, year as well as prospective board members at this meeting . Information will be presented about the new building and the Development Director. If you are not a member and would like voting rights, forms are available in the school office or you can join the night of the meeting.

INDUSTRIAL FANS NEEDED

LOAN OF INDUSTRIAL FANS NEEDED FOR 3 WEEKS AT THE NEW BUILDING-URGENT!

In the next few days, we will be starting up the roof top units on the new high school to begin thawing out the frozen ground inside the building. The concrete floors cannot be poured until the frost is out of the ground. However, once the ground thaws, there will be a big layer of mud inside the building due to the moisture in the soil. In order to dry out the soil quickly so the concrete can be poured, we need 4 or 5 heavy duty 2000 cfm industrial fans that we can suspend from the roof structure to circulate the warm air created by the building heating units. The fans are the type that are used in industrial buildings to circulate the air during the summer or from unit heaters during the winter months.

If you have any fans of this type in your business or know of anyone who could loan them to use for 3 weeks, please contact Paula Wells at 658-5202. No further interior work can be done in the high school until we get the concrete floors poured, so this is an urgent need. Letting Mother Nature dry out the mud could take 6-8 weeks in this type of weather and that just delays completion more.

SPEECH TEAM COMPETES

The Speech team traveled to Concordia University on Saturday, January 24 for the Concordia High School Classic Speech tournament. After two preliminary round, eleven of our entered speakers made it to final rounds. As a team, we placed fourth out of eight teams, several of which had much larger speech teams than ours. The following individuals brought home trophies:

Chris Rubarth & Chelsea Smith - Duet - 1st
 Kelly Nupson - Interpretation of Poetry - 1st
 Steven Hamilton & Rachel Sweeney - Duet - 2nd
 Marissa Lindsey - Serious Interpretation - 4th
 Allison Rozema - Impromptu - 4th
 Emily Weber, Sam Minturn, Josh Binko, Annalea Svatos - Oral Interpretation of Drama - 4th
 Chris Rubarth - Impromptu - 5th
 Allison Rozema - Humorous Interpretation - 6th

Frontier Conference Speech Meet is February 9 at 3:00 pm at Parkview Christian in Lincoln.

GRANDPARENT'S NIGHT

As a part of Senior Night, the Booster Club would also like to acknowledge grandparents for their support of OCA. All Cheerleaders, Junior Varsity and Varsity players are encouraged to invite their grandparents to attend the game next Friday, February 6 for a time of special recognition.

National Honor Society

Servant Auction

This year's NHS servant auction will be held on February 6 during half-time of both the girls' and boys' varsity basketball games. First-year NHS members will perform four hours of service for the highest bidder, so see you there!

Gate/Concessions/Clean-up



Friday, February 6 at

Gate - 5:30 pm: John & Cindy Ostry

Concessions - 5:45 pm: Jim & Pat Lempeotis

Clean-up: The Wirges' and Junior Families

Visit www.QSP.com for Year-Round Fundraising

All through the year you may shop at QSP online (our magazine sale fundraiser company). Go to www.qsp.com. Then click "Just Shopping". Enter our school code "425000527" to shop for magazines. Enter our school code "710321979" to shop for various gifts and magazines,

Besides magazines there are items to choose from on the left like: Candles, Gift Wrap, Kitchen items, Stationary, Books, Music and more. 40% will go to OCA!

You may also share this information with friends and family! Thank you for benefiting OCA with shopping online all through the year!



You didn't get your magazines yet that you ordered?

Everyone that ordered magazines should be receiving them by now. **If you have not received them yet, please call 1-800-678-2673**, QSP Customer Service. (M-F 7am-6pm CST) to check on them. They will be able to tell you when the first issue is expected to ship to you. Those dates are set by the magazine company. Sometimes magazines may have the wrong address, so please call and check on your order if you have not received them yet. If there are some magazines that you wish you had ordered, you may do so online! Go to "www.qsp.com" and order it!

Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated to Bucks for Baskets. This year the total amount brought in was \$27,000! Praise the Lord. The junior high and high school students alone brought in \$1,100. If you still need to make your donation, the total points scored for the two varsity games was 58. Please make your payment to the office. May God bless each one of you that gave and also that prayed for this fundraiser. To God be the glory!



YOUTH SPORTS SOCCER SIGN-UPS



Now through Jan. 31 - No
Late Fee

February 1st-3rd - \$10 late fee

Spring K-8 Soccer Season is March 21-May 23
Cost: \$52.00 per player

- Registration forms can be found on the OCA Website, on the home page of Sycamore Education (simply click on the documents tab at the top) or attached to this *News & Notes*.
- OCA families, friends and neighbors are all welcome to sign-up on an OCA team.
- We will deposit checks no sooner than Wednesday, February 3.

Mail in Sign-ups only:

*Register Now through Jan. 31 with no late fee
All items postmarked Feb. 1-3 will have a
\$10.00 late fee*

Send a completed Registration Form with check made payable to:

Youth Sports
c/o Joyce West
6813 N 102nd Avenue Circle
Omaha, NE 68122

Guidance Corner

The Omaha Public Library subscribes to LearningExpress Library, and online service with practice tests and prep courses for the ACT, GRE, GED and subject-specific and career areas.

Library patrons can access it on any internet-connected computer by going to the library's home page, www.omahapubliclibrary.org. Click on the "Research" tab at the top of the page and then click on the "LearningExpress" link. The username is the library card number and a password is chosen when registering as a user.

Below is a brief description of this database and the resources offered:

Online practice test that are true previews of the official exams.

- Instant scoring and individual analysis help you improve your test scores.
- Explanations of both right and wrong answers to promote understanding and retention.
- Access to exams for an unlimited number of patrons simultaneously.
- The ability for patrons to proceed at their own pace.

Calendar:

Feb. 2 - Northwestern (Orange City, IA) Rep Visit
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

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



OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

5612 "L" Street
Omaha, NE 68117

Phone: 402-399-9565
Fax: 402-399-0248

E-mail: ktulsie@ocamail.org

www.omahachristianacademy.org



Excellence in Christ-centered Education

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Teacher Appreciation Week begins Monday, March 2nd. We will be honoring our employees throughout the week. Room parents will be organizing activities for the elementary teachers. Parents of middle school and high school students may send monetary donations to school (checks made payable to OCA are tax deductible). Gift certificates will be purchased and distributed to the middle school and high school teachers. A luncheon will be provided for all school staff on Tuesday, March 3rd. If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Margie Thierstein at 763-9978 or Pass-a-Note.



Cub Scout Corner

Excitement is building as we look forward to the best Blue & Gold Banquet ever! It will be February 20, 6:15 pm at Emmanuel Fellowship, 8345 Crown Point.

Scout families should have received their invitations this week. Please send them out and return the RSVP's to the Hempel's by Feb. 13.

OCA families, if you have boys in Grades 1-5 and are interested in checking out our Cub Scout Pack, feel free to come as our guests. Just call Steve or Jean Hempel at 572-7672 so we can plan for you.

School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Feb. 2	HOT— Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich COLD—Smart Box	Seasoned Potato Wedges Orange Smiles Cake
Feb. 3	HOT— Turkey & Gravy COLD—Salad Box with Steak	Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Medley Dinner Roll Brownie
Feb. 4	HOT— Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Tuna Salad Sandwich	Lettuce Salad Pears School Fuel
Feb. 5	HOT— Chicken Littles on Mini Buns COLD—Turkey & Swiss on Whole Wheat	Baby Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Chocolate Chocolate Chip Cookie
Feb. 6	HOT— Chicken Gordita with Texas Ranch Sauce COLD—Salad Box with Scoop of Tuna Salad	Lettuce & Cheese Cup Corn Rainbow Applesauce Oatmeal Cookie 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.

"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

***You're
Invited to...***

Omaha

Christian Academy's

**KINDERGARTEN
ROUNDUP**



All incoming Kindergarten students and their parents are invited to one of our Kindergarten Roundups to experience OCA's excellent Kindergarten program.

Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 pm

or

Tuesday, March 24, 1:30 pm

5612 L Street in our Kindergarten Classroom

(Near 60th & L in Liberty Christian Center)

***We're moving to 10244 Wiesman Dr. near I-680 & Fort
For the 2009-2010 School Year***

Excellence in Christ-centered Education since 1972!

402-399-9565

www.omahachristianacademy.org

Omaha Christian Academy Preschool

Enroll NOW!

OCA offers...

- ★ 5 Full Days
Monday – Friday
- ★ 3 Full Days
Monday – Wednesday – Friday
- ★ 5 Half Days
Monday – Friday
- ★ 3 Half Days
Monday – Wednesday – Friday

*OCA is an extension of
family & church values!*



We're moving
to 10244 Wiesman Drive
(off 103rd near the
intersection of I-680
and Fort) for
school year 2009-2010.

**Committed to Kids since 1972!
Come check us out!**

Excellence in Christ-Centered Education

(402)399-9565

www.omahachristianacademy.org