

News & Notes

From the Director

February 6, 2009

ENROLL NOW!

Enrollment for school year 2009-2010 is now officially open! Attached is a flyer detailing the tuition for next school year along with a re-enrollment form. Also, this year for the first time, **you may re-enroll your children for school year 2009-2010 online via Sycamore Education.** Follow the steps below:

Login to your family account on Sycamore Education.

Click "My School" along left-hand column.

Click "My Admissions."

Enter your password again on the Registration page and click "Next."

STEP 1: Family Contacts are listed on this first page. Please confirm the personal information for each contact by clicking on each name. Note the distinction between "legal guardians" (usually parents) and emergency contacts (indicated by the red cross on the left-most column). At least one emergency contact is required in addition to legal guardians. You may add a contact by clicking "Add Contact" at the bottom of the page. Once you have checked and updated all personal information, click "Next."

STEP 2: Your child(ren) is listed on this page. Please check and update personal information by clicking on each name. Please click on the "Medical" column for each student to update that information. When you are finished with this page, click "Next."

STEP 3: This page asks for family medical information. Please fill in as completely as possible. Click "Next" when you are ready to move on.

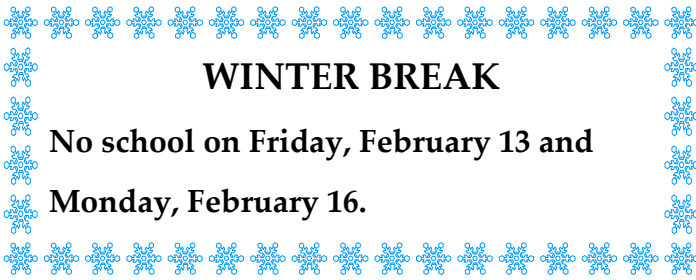
STEP 4: This page allows you the option of requesting that your phone number or address not be published in the Sycamore Education school directory. Click "Next" to move on.

STEP 5: This is a verification page that gives you the ability to confirm one last time the information you have entered. You may also print out this information. Click "Next" when you are ready to move on.

Congratulations you have completed the re-enrollment process EXCEPT for one last step. Please mail a check for the Registration Fee to OCA (or you may drop it by the school office). A down payment of \$50 per student will confirm your re-enrollment. The balance is due by June 1. Registration fees are non-refundable.

WELCOME TO OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010!

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. Please note the revisions on the attached May 2009 calendar (only major events are listed; check Sycamore Education for the complete calendar). Also please note there is one calendar change in March as well as two calendar changes in April. All these changes are now reflected on Sycamore Education as well.



WINTER BREAK

No school on Friday, February 13 and
Monday, February 16.

<i>School Calendar</i>	
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. 11	8th grade to Douglas County Courthouse & Omaha Children's Museum - 8:00 am
Feb. 12	Elementary Valentine Parties - 2:00 pm
Feb. 13 & Feb. 16	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
Feb. 13	JV G&B and V G&B BB @ Mead - 5:00/5:45/6:30/8:15 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 & Staff Appreciation Week

Would you be interested in hosting a Korean exchange student? OCA will be able to enroll a new 8th grade boy if a host family can be located. Please contact Tim Thompson at OCA as soon as possible for more information.

Association Meeting Report

This past Tuesday, February 3, was OCA's Parent Association Meeting. Here is a brief report from the meeting.

- The Association voted on 3 board members – 2 returning members and 1 new member were elected. Congratulations to Jeff Byal, Bob Sweeney and Stan Manus.
- The Association approved a planning budget of \$1,408,470 for school year 2009-2010. This budget is based upon approximately 250 students and a 4% increase in tuition. Board treasurer, Jeff Byal, gave a full financial report including information about the financing of our current building program.
- OCA's new Development Director, Kathy Larsen was introduced. She spoke of God leading her to this position and of her excitement in coming to serve at OCA.
- School Director, Tim Thompson, gave an update on the status of the building program. Due to weather delays over the past 6 months, we will not be able to move into the new facility until May/June. Because of this the school calendar is being adjusted so that the school year will finish a week earlier. More information about the building project as well as the upcoming move will be announced later.

It's a GREAT time to be a part of Omaha Christian Academy – a school with a **legacy of excellence and a bright new future!**

A NEW ONLINE RESEARCH TOOL FOR OCA STUDENTS

The SIRS Researcher, a knowledge database for K-12, has been purchased for OCA. This online research database is an invaluable research tool for papers and projects, providing access to hundreds of newspapers, magazines, professional journals, books, videos, and graphics. Students can tag articles, build citations, cut and paste, and even get writing tips on this research tool. At school, SIRS will come up as a home page when students click on Internet Explorer.

SIRS can be also accessed from home by following these steps:

1. Simply go online to www.proquestk12.com
2. Enter the login ID: oca.
3. Enter the password: eagles.

Your student is ready to research his or her paper or project.

OCA SPEECH NOVICES COMPETE

Nine first year speech students traveled to Millard South High School on Friday, January 30 for a city-wide GOLD Novice Speech Tournament. Over three hundred students gathered to compete in seven different speaking events. OCA duo interpretation team Rachel Sweeney and Steven Hamilton brought home first place. Cody Pearson placed third in poetry interpretation and sixth in extemporaneous speaking. Meredith Roberts earned several ribbons within the preliminary rounds. The other speakers participating included Kelcey Arndt, Luke Henkenius, Sarah Reinholz and Lizzie Lempeotis.

The Varsity Speech Team travels to Parkview Christian for our conference tournament on February 9. Several of these novice speakers will help fill our team for this event.

IT'S RED WHEEL TIME!



OCA's annual Red Wheel Fundraiser begins today. Red Wheel offers a variety of yummy selections from pizza and burritos to cookie dough and pies.

You can enjoy them as a snack on a cold night in, or as a quick and easy dinner for your family on a busy night on the go. Proceeds from the sale are used to support OCA's performing arts and athletic programs. In previous years, Booster Club has used Red Wheel proceeds to purchase bleachers for the football field, chairs for the music room and scholarships for OCA seniors.

This year's top salesperson will receive a \$50 Visa Credit Card. And for every 15 items sold, you will receive one free chocolate chip cookie dough or a combo pizza. Information and order forms will be sent home today with preschool-5th grade students and will be handed out at tonight's basketball game to parents of 6th-12th grade students. If you are not at the game, the forms will be sent in the mail. If you do not receive an order form, you may pick one up in the office. Turn-in day for orders is February 27th. Pick-up day for orders is March 12. Thank you for supporting our performing arts and athletics programs by participating in the Red Wheel Fundraiser.

QUIZ BOWL TEAM COMPETES

On Thursday, February 5, OCA competed in the Educational Service Unit #3 Quiz Bowl in La Vista. This is a double elimination in which the top two teams go on to represent the ESU#3 in the state championship. Twenty four teams were entered for the day. OCA was victorious in our first three matches, beating Blair (135-40), Fort Calhoun (155-20) and Plattsmouth (130-80). We were eliminated with losses to Elkhorn (140-105) and Bellevue East (180-60). The team competes again on February 28th in a meet at Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs.

~Coach Arant

OCA ART DEPARTMENT

The following items are requested for our art classes:



1. Tooth Brushes
2. 1 gallon ice cream pails
3. Old calendars with interesting pictures
4. Box of sawdust
5. Bucket of clean wood ashes from fireplace
6. Cheesecloth and/or burlap



Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

Teacher & Staff 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.



Guidance Corner

- ⇒ Nebraska Wesleyan University will be hosting several visitation days. Prairie Wolf Days will take place on Saturday, March 7 (9am-1pm); Friday March 27 (12-3pm) and Saturday, March 28 (9am-1pm). RSVP at 800-541-3818, ext. 2218 or email them at admissions@nebwestleyan.edu.
 - ⇒ Grace University will be hosting their College Preview and Music Scholarship Days during Feb. 15-16. College Preview Days will take place on the 15th and 16th with check in on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 5:30-6:00 pm. The Music Scholarship Day will take place on Feb. 16. For more information and/or to register contact the admissions office at 800-383-1422.
 - ⇒ High school students who have volunteered in their community may be eligible to apply for the Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program. Kohl's will reward students whose volunteer efforts have made a positive impact on the communities. This year they plan to recognize more than 2,000 kids and award over \$350,000 in scholarships and prizes. For more information go to www.kohlkids.com.
 - ⇒ The Nebraska American Legion and the Nebraska State Patrol are sponsoring The Junior Law Cadet Program this summer. Two sessions have been scheduled, offering identical programs for boys and girls. The girls session will be held June 8-12 while the boys session will be June 15-19 at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island. If interested in applying please contact the guidance office for more information. Application deadline is March 1.
 - ⇒ The Foundation of the Better Business Bureau has established the Scott Mecham Student of Integrity Awards for high school juniors and seniors who reside in Nebraska, South Dakota and southwest Iowa. Three \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to students who exemplify ethical behavior and personal integrity and who demonstrate humility, courage, compassion and respect for their peers, teachers and community. The application guide with full details and required forms can be downloaded at www.nebraska.bbb.org. Deadline is March 6.
 - ⇒ Several scholarship opportunities are available to seniors interested in attending Iowa Western. For more information contact the guidance office.
 - ⇒ The Great Plains Association for College Admissions Counseling is sponsoring a scholarship opportunity for students who attend high school within their tri-state region (Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma). Three one-time \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to one student per state. To be eligible, students must have an ACT composite of 22-28 or SAT equivalent and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Details can be found at www.gpacac.net. Deadline is Feb 28.
 - ⇒ Metropolitan Community College has started a program, CollegeNOW!, designed to help high school students jumpstart their college plans. High school juniors and seniors can sign up to take regular MCC courses, either on campus or online, and receive a 1/2 price tuition discount. Students call MCC at 457-2400 to set up an appointment with an academic advisor to select classes.
 - ⇒ UNK will be hosting a Senior Day on Monday, Feb. 16. Register online at www.unk.edu. From the home page, type Admissions Calendar of Events in the search field. You can then click on Feb. 16 to register. Reservations will be accepted until Feb. 11 at 5 pm.
- Calendar:**
- Feb. 10 - SAT Reg. Deadline for March 14 Test
 - Feb. 17 - UNL Rep Visit
 - Feb. 23 - LaJames Int'l Rep Visit
 - Feb. 24 - Late SAT Reg. Deadline for March 14 Test
 - Feb. 24 - Wayne State Rep Visit
 - Feb. 27 - ACT Reg. Deadline for April 4 Test
 - March 13 - Late ACT Reg. Deadline for April 4 Test

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Spring Fundraiser</i>	2 <i>NFC Track Meet</i>
3	4 <i>High School Performing Arts Concert—7p</i>	5	6	7 <i>Athletic Awards— 6:30p</i>	8 <i>Kindergarten Graduation—6p Track Meet</i>	9
10	11 <i>HS Awards—7p</i>	12	13 <i>ES Awards—9a District Track Meet</i>	14 <i>ES Field Day District Track Meet</i>	15 <i>MS Awards—9a Grad. Rehearsal—2p Last Day—PS-8, 12 (PS-8 Dismiss noon)</i>	16 <i>Commencement— 10a</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Last Day—9-11</i>	23
			<i>Semester Exams 9-11 (Dismiss noon)</i>			
	<i>Senior Trip</i>				<i>State Track Meet</i>	<i>State Track Meet</i>
24	25 <i>Memorial Day— No School</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>No School</i>	30
		<i>Possible Make-up Days for Semester Exams 9-11</i>				
31	<i>Other Changes: March 16—No School ES—NFC Band/Art Event April 3—No School ES & MS—Christian Arts & Academics Meet April 27—Elementary Spring Concert</i>					

OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 2008-2009 SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORMS

Please Circle Size	Quantity	Price
NAVY POLO SHIRTS – OCA EAGLE LOGO-\$35.00 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL Women's: S, M, L, XL	_____	_____
NAVY FONT T-SHIRTS – SHORT SLEEVE Youth Sizes: \$10.00 Small, Medium, Large Adult Sizes: \$15.00 S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL Women's Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
NAVY HOODIES – NEW OCA EAGLE LOGO Youth Sizes: \$24.00 Small, Medium, Large Adult Sizes: \$28.00 S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL	_____ _____	_____ _____
NAVY ZIP FRONT HOODIE- \$32.00 Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL	_____	_____
GYM BAGS Medium Size - \$23.00 Monogram Name - \$5.00 Name to Monogram _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
Sizes 2X and Up Add \$1.50 Make Checks Payable to: Omaha Christian Academy	TOTAL ORDER _____	\$ _____

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____



OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

CURRENT ADDRESS: 5612 L Street, Omaha, NE 68117

ADDRESS AS OF JUNE 2009: 10244 Wiesman Drive, Omaha, NE 68134

PHONE: (402) 399-9565

FAX: (402) 399-0248

2009—2010 Tuition & Fees Schedule

REGISTRATION FEE

(Registration fees are non-refundable)

Pre-School \$50.00 per student

New Student \$250.00 per student

(\$50.00 discount if registered before April 15, 2009)

Returning Student \$225.00 per student

(\$50.00 due at registration, with balance due prior to June 1)

(\$50.00 discount if registered before March 16, 2009)

TUITION

Pre-School

5 full days \$500.00 per month

5 half days \$260.00 per month

3 full days \$310.00 per month

3 half days \$155.00 per month

(3 full days are Monday/Wednesday/Friday)

(3 half days are mornings)

Kindergarten

\$3,950.00 per year—1st child

\$3,750.00 per year—2nd child

\$3,550.00 per year—3rd child

No charge—4th, 5th child

1st—5th Grade

\$4,475.00 per year—1st child

\$4,275.00 per year—2nd child

\$4,075.00 per year—3rd child

No charge—4th, 5th child

6th—8th Grade

\$5,100.00 per year—1st child

\$4,900.00 per year—2nd child

\$4,700.00 per year—3rd child

No charge—4th, 5th child

9th—12th Grade

\$5,875.00 per year—1st child

\$5,675.00 per year—2nd child

\$5,475.00 per year—3rd child

No charge—4th, 5th child

MUSIC

Instrument Rental \$75.00 per year

Percussion Rental \$20.00 per year

BOOKS: Kindergarten—12th Grade

Textbooks for required classes are property of Omaha Christian Academy. The rental fee for these books is included in the tuition fee. All textbooks used for elective classes and consumable workbooks must be purchased prior to the beginning of the semester.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

\$7.00 per student per day

HOURS: 3:15pm—5:30pm

STUDENTS: Pre-School—5th Grade

TUITION PAYMENT PLANS:

1. If full year's tuition payment is paid by July 15, a three percent discount will be applied.
2. Semester tuition payments are due July 15 and January 15.
3. Tuition payments paid in monthly installments are due on the 1st of each month. Accounts must be paid in full by June 1, 2010. An accounting fee of \$25.00 per semester will be charged for monthly installments.

PENALTIES:

1. A fee of \$20.00 will be charged to your account after the 10th of the month for late payments
2. Returned checks will be assessed a \$20.00 fee. A second returned check will require all amounts due to be paid in cash or cashier's check.
3. Consumable workbooks, elective textbooks and incidental fees are due payable by the last day of the following month.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

This assistance is need based and includes Christian Ministries. Applications must be filed prior to May 30. Limited funds are available every year.

RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE:

If you are responsible for bringing a new student to OCA, \$500.00 will be credited to your account when he/she completes his/her first semester.



OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68117
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RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION

The registration fee is \$225.00 per returning student. All students registered by March 15 will receive a \$50 discount. To reserve a place on the class roster a \$50 deposit per student must accompany this form. The balance of the registration fee is due by May 31.

Name of Student(s)			Social Security #	Grade Entering	Birth Date
First	Middle	Last			
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Full name of both parents or guardians with whom student lives:

Father or Guardian		Mother or Guardian	
Father's work place	&	Phone Number	Mother's work place & Phone Number
Home Address _____	City _____	Zip _____	Home Phone _____
Cell phone _____	E-Mail address _____		
Emergency Contact _____	Phone _____		
Emergency Contact _____	Phone _____		
Church you attend _____			
Address _____			
Pastor's Name _____			

I understand that photos, videos, etc. of my child may be taken by the school and used for school publicity purposes. If you **do not** grant Omaha Christian Academy the right to use your child's image and name for publicity purposes check this box .

I understand that the registration fee is non-refundable. Upon request, refunds are made only if the family moves outside a commutable distance or if application for student admission is unapproved.

Signature _____

Bookkeeper Information:

Date Received _____ Amount Paid _____ Check # _____