

News & Notes

From the Director

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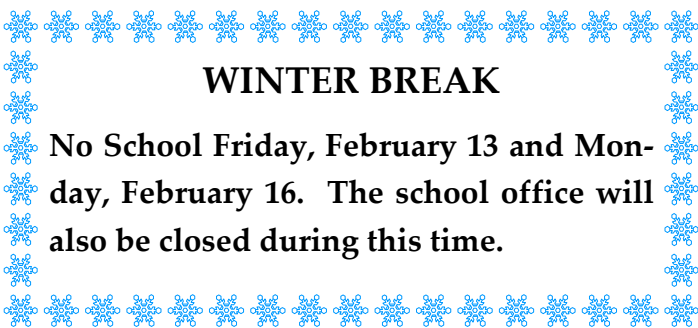
I recently read an article written by Dr. Jim Eckman, President of Grace University, which was both distressing and challenging. In writing about the abandonment of God in America he says, "You cannot understand America if you eliminate its dependence on God and its acknowledgment of Him." He gives several rather shocking examples of America's abandonment of God.

- "The new Capitol Visitor Center included a replica of the House speaker's rostrum but failed to include the phrase engraved over the structure: 'In God We Trust.'"
- "The Capitol Visitor Center identified America's official national motto as 'E Pluribus Unum,' rather than the correct motto: 'In God We Trust.'"
- "Displays [in the Capitol Visitor Center] deleted these words from Article 3 of the Northwest Ordinance: 'Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind' and the words 'in the year of the Lord' from Article VII of the Constitution."
- "Inside the Washington Monument a replica of the monument's aluminum cap was turned so that the words 'Laus Deo' ('Praise be to God') were no longer visible to visitors."
- "Neither the World War II Memorial (2004) or the FDR Memorial (1997) - Washington's two newest monuments - contain references to God. The WWII Memorial includes a God-related quote from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's D-Day message, but it ends just before the general seeks 'the blessings of the Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.'"

Dr. Eckman concludes by lamenting that "it is sad that we are slowly, subtly and, apparently intentionally, abandoning the recognition of who we are as a nation." The tragic results of our national abandonment of God are reflected in every segment of our society - extending to each and every family. Next week we'll take a look at some of these results.

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WINTER BREAK

No School Friday, February 13 and Monday, February 16. The school office will also be closed during this time.

<i>School Calendar</i>	
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. 16	V G BB Subdistricts: OCA vs Brownell-Talbot @ Yutan - 7:00 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. 24	8th grade Wax Museum - 9:00 am
Feb. 26	Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb. 27	5th grade to Strategic Air & Space Museum - 9:30 am
Feb. 28	Quiz Bowl @ Thomas Jefferson HS
March 2-6	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
March 3	Teacher & Staff Luncheon
March 5-8	HS Band Tour
March 6	Quiz Bowl @ Bellevue University - 9:00
March 9	Board Meeting
March 10	District Speech Meet @ Cross Country - 7:00 am
March 11	Elementary & MS Music Adjudication - 8:00 am
March 13	4th Grade to NE State Historical Museum & NE State Capital Bldg. - 8:30

OCA Speech Team are Conference Champions



The OCA Speech Team brought home the conference champion plaque for the third year in a row on Monday night. We scored 91 team points in a field of seven schools. Nebraska Lutheran took second place with 72 points. Points are scored by speakers ranking 1st, 2nd, or 3rd and by speakers earning a superior rating. OCA had 12 speakers/ensembles with superior ratings. The following speakers earned medals:

- Chris Rubarth/Chelsea Smith: Duet Act - gold
- Meghan Vilter: Serious Prose - gold
- Allison Rozema: Entertainment - gold
- Kandace McLean: Informative - bronze
- Marissa Lindsey: Serious Prose - bronze
- Luke Henkenius: Extemporaneous - silver
- Kelly Nupson: Poetry - silver
- Steven Hamilton: Poetry - gold

The speech team will be performing its top selections in chapel (both high school and middle school) on February 25 at 9:00 am and for elementary chapel on February 27 at 9:00 am. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Our District Meet is scheduled for March 10 at Cross County.

Heartland Gatekeeper Seeks Experienced Writer



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Booster Club's Fan of the Game

Congratulations to Booster Club's Fans of the Games Olivia Lovgren & Stephen Jay. You only have one more chance to win at the Eagles' final home game of the season on Friday, February 20. Wear your Navy OCA Spirit Wear or other navy shirt to be eligible for the drawing.



School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
Feb. 16	No School Winter Break	
Feb. 17	HOT— Chicken Nuggets COLD— Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich	Green Beans Tangelo Dinner Roll School Fuel
Feb. 18	HOT— Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Crispy Chicken Salad Box	Lettuce Salad Pears Sugar Cookie
Feb. 19	HOT— Bratwurst COLD—Salad Box with Scoop of Chicken Salad	Potato Pancakes Sliced Radish Garnish Baked Cinnamon Apples Bread & Spread Black Forest Cake
Feb. 20	HOT— Popcorn Chicken COLD— Smart Box	Corn-three-ways Orange Wedge 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

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Gate/Concessions/Clean-up



Friday, February 20 at College of St Marys

Gate - 5:30 pm: Stella Lim

Concessions - 5:45 pm: John & Cindy Ostry

Clean-up: The Vilters' and Junior Families

ATTENTION BASKETBALL FANS

For those of you who are traveling to Mead Friday, February 13 to cheer on our Eagles as they take on the Raiders, you may want to enjoy their "Taco Feed." You may purchase a Taco, Chips, Dessert and Drink for \$5.00. Children under 12 are \$3.00. Taco only - \$2.00, Chips/Salsa - \$3.00

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