

# News & Notes

*From the Director*

April 17, 2009

The parent comments which follow were taken directly from the application forms which they submitted for the enrollment of their children in a Christian school (none are from OCA). All these applications were prior to 1980. If these comments were true then, how much more are they vital today?!

"We believe that our children are gifts of the Lord. We are responsible as parents to train them according to His Word not only at home and in church, but in school as well. No longer can we entrust our son's future to unregenerate educators who teach opposition to God's Word and confusion to our child's mind. We thought we could but the Lord has shown us we were wrong. We are thankful for this truth and by faith are acting upon it with this application. We are confident that the Christian school will offer a Christ centered education, taught by teachers who love the Lord, who will strive for discipline and a high academic level as well."

"Because we believe in training up a child in the way he should go, we desire a Christ-centered education for our son. We appreciate the freedom to openly discuss Christ in the classrooms and the special interest we feel Christian teachers will give each student."

"We feel very definitely that an education which is Christ-centered is essential in today's world. Realizing the strength of our enemy, we understand the importance of equipping our child for the battle she will face. We want her to have an education which will prepare her mentally, physically and spiritually according to the Scriptures."

*Tim Thompson*  
Director

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*"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*



<b>School Calendar</b>	
April 17	Junior/Senior Banquet - 6:00 pm
April 18	Quiz Bowl @ Norris HS, Firth NE
April 18	MS Track @ Iowa School for the Deaf, Council Bluffs, IA - 1:00 pm
April 21	Track @ Syracuse - 10:00 am
April 21	Boys Soccer vs Creighton Prep - 5:00
April 22	NHS Induction - 9:00 am
April 22	Preschool to Petco - 9:30-11:30 am
April 22	Yearbook Field Trip - 10:47 am
April 24	District Music Contest
April 25	Track @ Wahoo - 9:00 am
April 25	MS Quiz Bowl @ Lincoln Northeast HS
April 27	Boys Soccer @ Conestoga - 4:00 pm
April 27	4th-8th Grade Spring Concert - 7:00 pm
April 28	Track @ Fort Calhoun - 3:00 pm
April 28	Boys Soccer vs NE Lutheran - 5:00 pm
April 28	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
April 29	Rotary Club Honor Roll Luncheon
April 30	Boys Soccer vs St. Peter Claver - 5:00
April 30	High School Rally @ Evangelical Bible Church- 7:00-8:30 pm
May 1	Booster Club Meeting in OCA Cafeteria - 8:00 am
May 1	HS Ensemble Concert @ Grace U.
May 2	NFC Track @ Wahoo
May 2	Quiz Bowl @ Norris HS
May 4	HS Performing Arts Concert - 7:00 pm
May 7	OCA Day of Prayer
May 7	AP English Exam - 7:45 am
May 7	Athletic Awards - 6:30 pm
May 8	2nd grade to MUD - 11:00 am
May 8	Kindergarten Graduation - 6:30 pm

## **HIGH SCHOOL RALLY**

On Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, OCA will host a High School Rally from 7:00-8:30 PM at Evangelical Bible Church (7820 Fort Street). The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity for prospective high school parents and students to experience the school spirit and learn more about student life at OCA. The attached color flyer is being mailed to Trinity, Bellevue, Lutheran schools and home school 8<sup>th</sup> graders. I encourage you to e-mail this electronic flyer to parents you know who are looking for MORE. Also, I will provide color flyers that you can distribute to parents in your adult SS class. See Kathy Larsen for flyers or for more information.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to the OCA Quiz Bowl team. The team traveled to Lincoln Northeast on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The novice team continues to show progress, being seeded 13<sup>th</sup> out of 19 teams and being eliminated in the afternoon rounds when they came up against their OCA teammates on the varsity team. Varsity went on to win the third place trophy after losing a close game to the home team of Lincoln Northeast. The team has one more meet remaining in the school year on May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Firth, NE.

*~Coach Arant*

## **A.G.A.P.E. Debuts in May**

Actors Glorifying the Almighty with Parables for Eternity (A.G.A.P.E.) is an elite group of drama students. They are preparing eight pieces of religious drama including the classic one act "Ten Miles to Jericho" by Earl Reimer.

We also have scripted scripture, monologues, spiritually challenging skits, and serious duets. We will be performing in elementary chapel on May 6 in the activity room, and then in both high school and middle school chapels on May 13 in the cafeteria. You could attend all three performances and see the range of our material. We are excited for the opportunities this group will experience. They are able to perform for church youth groups, elementary schools, church senior groups, etc. If you are involved in a small group and would like them to perform for you, please contact OCA and we will schedule a date. Our pieces are flexible to allow for a 10 minute program or a 90 minute program. These students look forward to ministering to you.

*Ellen Nupson & Pam Rozema, Drama*

## CHRISTIAN ARTS & ACADEMIC MEET RESULTS

### Junior High Speech Division

OCA Students Sweep Junior High Arts & Academic Meet.

OCA 7th and 8th graders performed well at the April 3 Arts & Academic Meet. Each speaker looked sharp and presented his material well. The top performer in each category earns a medallion, blue ribbons are earned by a superior ranking (45 of 50 points), blue ribbons represent excellent rankings (40 to 44 points), white ribbons are awarded for a good ranking.

#### Oral Ensemble of Drama:

##### Superior - Medallion:

Reid Jenkins, Alex Tulsie, Katherine Marshall, Andrew Intorre, Jonathan Hempel

##### Excellent:

Cody West, Robin Chatterjee, Jesse Richards, Abby Gingrich, Amanda Krehbiel

#### Duet Acting:

##### Superior - Medallion:

Lizzy Lyle & Micaela Myers

##### Excellent:

Tyler Deaver & Grace Stiansen

##### Superior:

Zach Lee & Clay Hamilton

##### Superior:

Richard Sweeney & Cody West

#### Visualized Bible Story:

**Superior - Medallion:** Alia Brown

**Superior:** Cody West

**Excellent:** Robin Chatterjee

#### Interpretation of Poetry:

**Superior:** Shye Wirges

**Superior:** Raven Rapaich

**Excellent:** Lisa McLean

**Excellent:** Anthony Valdez

#### Interpretation of Prose:

**Superior - Medallion:** Mikayla Rye

**Excellent:** Nye Fong

#### Humorous Interpretation

**Superior - Medallion:** Kristen Nupson

**Superior:** Lauren Abell

**Superior:** Olivia Lovgren

**Excellent:** Christian Cuzzo

#### Dramatic Interpretation:

**Superior - Medallion:** Jesse Wirges

**Superior:** Rachel Walter

#### Informative:

**Superior - Medallion:** Mikayla Rye

**Superior:** Alex Tulsie

**Superior:** Amanda Krehbiel

**Superior:** Jessica Colegrove

**Good:** Christian Cuzzo

#### Persuasive:

**Superior - Medallion:** Jesse Richards

**Excellent:** Josh Roberts

**Good:** Nye Fong

**Good:** Zach Lee

#### Devotional:

**Superior - Medallion:** Lizzy Lyle

**Superior:** Erin Clifton

**Excellent:** Katherine Marshall

**Excellent:** Catherine Vargas

A special thank you to the advanced drama high school students who helped Mrs. Nupson coach these students. Also, Mrs. Wiese and Mr. Nilius who gave class time to let students practice.

*Mrs. Nupson*

*7th/8th grade English Teacher*

### Math Competition

Congratulations to the OCA students who placed in the math competition at the Christian Arts & Academic Meet on April 3rd, 2009.

#### Grade 8

Jeong Won Cho: 1st Place in Computation

Alia Brown: 3rd Place in Reasoning

#### Grade 7

Zach Lee: 2nd Place in Reasoning

#### Grade 6

Hannah Lindsey: 1st Place in Computation

#### Grade 5

Jeremy James: 3rd Place in Reasoning

#### Grade 4

Jun Young Lee: 1st Place in Computation

Grant Rye: 3rd Place in Reasoning

#### Grade 3

Joanna James: 3rd Place in Computation

## Christian Arts & Academic Meet Results

### Elementary Speech Division

#### 1st Grade

##### **Bible Memory:**

Abby Tulsie: **Superior - Medallion**

Evan Kaldowski: **Superior**

##### **Poetry:**

Hannah Schafer: **Superior**

Jonathan Cisneros: **Superior**

#### 2nd Grade

##### **Bible Memory:**

Sarah Krehbiel: **Excellent**

Hannah Tulsie: **Superior**

##### **Poetry:**

Loyal Johnson: **Superior**

Noah Krehbiel: **Superior**

#### 3rd Grade

##### **Bible Memory:**

Joanna James: **Superior**

Eli King: **Excellent**

##### **Poetry:**

Elizabeth Hawk: **Excellent**

Amber Patterson: **Superior**

#### 4th Grade

##### **Bible Memory:**

Dalton Wirges: **Excellent**

Daniel Taylor: **Superior**

##### **Poetry:**

Grant Rye: **Superior - Medallion**

Kari Nupson: **Superior**

#### 5th Grade

##### **Bible Memory:**

Branden Perkins: **Excellent**

Jeremy James: **Excellent**

##### **Poetry:**

Joslyn Brewer: **Superior**

Colt West: **Superior**

#### 6th Grade

##### **Drama Bible Prose:**

Kaitlyn Pearson: **Superior - Medallion**

##### **Patriotic Oration:**

Rachel Lee: **Superior**

Hannah Lindsey: **Superior - Medallion**

##### **Poetry:**

Morgan Myer: **Superior - Medallion**

Sarah Smith: **Superior**

## Update on the Anderson Family...

Please continue to pray for Marge Anderson and her family. Her house burnt last week. The home will be rebuilt and they will be able to move back into their home in about 4 months. Marge and her children, Jessica and Joey are planning to move into an apartment this coming week. Many have asked what items they need. They are in need of kitchen items; small appliances such as a toaster, etc., any kitchen utensils, pots & pans, etc. Also, they are in need of bath & kitchen towels & laundry baskets. If you would like to donate any items or a gift card please contact Kerri Tulsie @ 253-7537 or Nancy Taylor @ 850-9638. OCA is collecting money for the family, you may take your donation to the school office and it will be given to the Anderson family. However, your donation is not tax deductible.

If you would like to volunteer your time, there is a need for volunteers to take inventory at the Anderson house on Saturday. She is required to turn in a comprehensive list to her insurance company. Also, she needs help clearing out her garage and will need volunteers to help with this on Saturday.

# Thank you!

Thank you to all of the OCA families who gave food, clothing, and other items after our house fire. Also, thank you for your monetary gifts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

~Marge Anderson



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## Who Are KoAm's Exchange Students?

KoAm's exchange students are fine young citizens. They are selected on the basis of their English capability, personality, sense of purpose, academic standing, and parental support of KoAm's program goal - so you can be sure that the student who comes to your home is a bright, exemplary citizen. KoAm students have studied English for years and are conversant in English before their arrival. Once KoAm finds a student for your family, you will be able to communicate and get to know each other through email and phone calls to ensure you feel comfortable. When you and your student meet face to face for the first time, you won't feel like strangers. Your family will see a photo collage of your student among family members and friends and you will read a "Dear Host Family" letter written by your student.

If you would like to become a host family with KoAm Education Alliance, please contact the school office or area coordinator, Mison Cowell at 991-4616 or 301-5257. If you would like more information, you may go to KoAm Education Alliance website [www.koameduall.org](http://www.koameduall.org).



## School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
April 20	HOT— Ham-burger on a Bun COLD—Cottage Cheese & Fruit	French Fries Apple Wedges Sweet & Crunchy Granola
April 21	HOT— Pancakes w/ Sausage Links COLD—Tuna Salad on Whole Wheat	Bread Tri-Tater Banana Blueberry Crisp
April 22	HOT— Bratwurst COLD—Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich	Roasted Baby Carrots Fruit Cocktail Slice of Whole Grain Bread Dirt Cake
April 23	HOT— Lasagna COLD—Salad Box with Scoop of Tuna Salad	Lettuce Salad Pears Garlic Breadstick Chocolate Chocolate Chip Cookie
April 24	HOT— Creamed Chicken over Rice COLD— Smart Box	Asparagus Peach Cup Leaf Cookie Brownie

**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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### Activity Corner

### Go Fly a Plane!



Your children can use this activity to find out which materials make a paper airplane fly the fastest.

**Materials:** loose-leaf notebook paper, magazine page, cardboard or file folder, poster board, tape measure

First, make four airplanes, one from each type of paper. (Tip: For instructions, look for books at the library or on websites, such as [www.paperplane.org](http://www.paperplane.org))

Next, mark a starting point, toss each plane in the air. Then, measure the distance from the starting point to where they land. The firmer the paper is, the longer the plane will stay in the air. But *very* heavy paper will cause the airplane to fall faster. Which airplane flies the farthest?