

News & Notes

From the Superintendent

April 24, 2009

Parents and Christian school educators have the delightful and sometimes frustrating task of raising and teaching children to live productive lives that will bring honor to Christ. When we think of children and young people, it is important to keep the long-range, full-life perspective in view.

Life is like a tapestry. The total picture is not complete until the last threads are finally woven into the work. The early weaving, of course, greatly affects the completed picture. There is much more to our job description, as the molders and shapers of the next generation, than training children in the basics of elementary literature. Quality in academics is important, but proficiency in basic skills represents only a few threads in the overall tapestry of life. Preparing young people for the demands of life involves much more than filling students' minds with information and training them in the rudiments of making a living. A partial list of our broader responsibilities in helping children to develop an inner and outer order in their lives is as follows:

1. We need to inspire them to follow Jesus Christ. Proverbs 23:19 states, "Hear thou my son, and be wise and guide thine heart in the Way." Christ is the cornerstone of which meaningful lives are built.
2. We must stimulate their vision. Train the students and your children to visualize the useful things that they can do with their lives. Too many young people now say that they have no vision for the future. It has been stated that...
 - In the 50's, the kids lost their innocence;
 - In the 60's, they lost respect for authority;
 - In the 70's they lost love and turned to self love;
 - In the 80's and 90's they lost hope;2000 is a new millennium. Together we can do much to expand youthful horizons.
3. We need to teach them patience. Patience has become a lost virtue in our "instant everything" society. We want our way immediately. In Romans 8:25 we read, "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."
4. We must train them to cope with failure. Patience and coping with failure go hand in hand. Failure many times builds godly character, and yet we don't want our students to face any failure. We are depriving them of something they could greatly learn from. Thomas Edison made 586 experimental failures before finding the right filament for the light bulb.
5. We must ground them in the Word. Psalm 119:105 says, "Thy Word is lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." The chances of your children developing a pattern of personal Bible reading is greatly enhanced if they see their parents faithfully reading God's Word. If we are to effectively prepare students for the long range demands of life, it is imperative that we have the stabilizing influence of Biblical principles to guide them.

The purpose of Christian school education is to expose students to the real world as revealed through the eyes of God, and to instill in those students solid defenses against conformity into the unreal world of a secular community. Martin Luther wrote, "I am afraid that the universities and schools will prove to be the gates of hell unless they diligently labor explaining the Holy Scriptures and engrave them on the hearts of youth." I advise no one to place their child where Scriptures do not reign paramount.

~Gene Bentley, Superintendent

<i>School Calendar</i>	
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	Track: Orville Retig Invite - 9:00 am
May 8	2nd grade to MUD - 11:00 am
May 8	Yearbook Workshop - 3:30 pm
May 8	Kindergarten Graduation - 6:30 pm
May 9	MS Band to Adventureland - 7:30 am
May 11	5th grade Band Recital - 1:50 pm
May 11	MS Track Meet @ Fremont Bergan - 3:00 pm
May 11	HS Awards - 7:00 pm
May 12	Physics Field Trip - 5:30 am
May 13	Last Day of Preschool & Childcare
May 14	Elementary Field Day Last Day K-5th grade
May 15	District Track Meet

HIGH SCHOOL RALLY

On Thursday, April 30th, 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 8th 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT



High school students who have participated in any athletic event this school year (2008-2009) are invited, with their families, to the Sports Award Night on Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Sophomore and junior families are asked to bring one pie per family. Senior parents are to set up, serve and clean up. **Chapel dress is required.**

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

New National Honor Society Members Inducted

Congratulations to the new members of OCA's Chapter of National Honor Society. They were inducted during a special chapel on Wednesday, April 22. Membership is based upon character, leadership, scholarship and service. The following students were inducted: Parker Adams, Lizzie Webster, Kathryn White, Brendan Byal, Nick Jenkins, Kyle Krumwiede, Czarina Lim, Kelly Nupson, Holly Sly, Alyssa Sterling, Kendra Strasser and Nikki Tulsie.

National Merit Scholarship Program

Congratulations to Luke Henkenius and Stephen Jay for meeting the requirements to enter the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. The students met the requirements by being among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants of some 1.5 million entrants who took the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Of the 50,000 students that Luke and Stephen are a part of, 16,000 will be named National Merit Program Semifinalists. Semifinalists will be the only students who will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for about 8,200 National Merit Scholarships to be offered in 2010.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Sophomore Kelly Nupson will be reading her poem "A Day on the Platte River" at the 2009 Nebraska Writing Project Poetry of Place Celebration to be held at the State Capitol on May 1. The selection of Kelly's poem by Nebraska State Poet William Kloefkorn and Nebraska poets Twyla

Hansen and Matt Mason is truly an honor—only nine-to-twelve poems by students statewide are chosen each year. Along with the reading at the Capitol, Kelly's poem will be published on the Nebraska Writing Project website, and she will have the opportunity to participate in public readings at various other venues in the state. *Congratulations, Kelly, and nice writing!*

*"But those who wait
on the Lord shall re-
new 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

Guidance Corner

The Assistance League of Omaha is offering an ACT Review Course at Westside High School. The review includes, two, three-hour sessions with an optional third session addressing ACT writing. The first session will be held on Monday, June 8 or Tuesday, June 9 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The second session will be held on Wednesday, June 10 or Thursday, June 11 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The optional third session will be held on Thursday, June 11 from 6:30-8:30 pm. There is a \$30 fee for two sessions and \$40 for all three sessions. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

Calendar:

May 5 - SAT Reg. Deadline for June 6 Test

May 7 - AP Exam - 8:00 am

May 8 - ACT Reg. Deadline for June 13 Test

May 15 - Late SAT Reg. Deadline for June 6 Test

May 22 -Late ACT Reg. Deadline for June 13 Test



Christian Arts & Academic Meet Art Awards

We celebrate and Praise God for all the students who are using their God given talents and entered their work in the Christian Arts & Academic Meet. OCA had a good representation and received several special awards. Best of Show: Madison Vesely--fiber art. Excellent awards: Kaycee Burggraaf --giraffe tempera painting, Amanda Krehbiel -- pencil self portrait and floral watercolor. The 1st-8th grade entries will be on display for the Spring Fine Arts Concert, Monday, April 27.

Kaete Johnson	Kindergarten	Superior
Myles Omoresemi	Kindergarten	Superior
Taylor Carey	Kindergarten	Superior
Jacey Burggraaf	Kindergarten	Superior Excellent Award
Kaleb Lewis	Kindergarten	Superior
Jacob Hawk	Kindergarten	Superior
Nina Willars	1st grade	Superior
Carrie Drake	1st grade	Superior
Abby Tulsie	1st grade	Superior
Amanda Meusch	1st grade	Excellent
Jonathon Cisneros	1st grade	Excellent
Chloe Gregory	1st grade	Superior
Brayden Dietz	2nd grade	Superior
Zachary Willars	2nd grade	Excellent
Noah Krehbiel	2nd grade	Superior
Sarah Krehbiel	2nd grade	Superior
Joanna Richards	2nd grade	Superior
Loyal Johnson	2nd grade	Superior
Grace Hall	3rd grade	Superior
Jordyn Carey	3rd grade	Superior
Joanna James	3rd grade	Superior
Grace Hall	3rd grade	Superior
Isabelle Vargas	3rd grade	Superior
Joanna James	3rd grade	Superior
Madison Vesely	4th grade	Best of Show
Stephanie Quiroz	4th grade	Excellent
Brianna Farrington	4th grade	Excellent

Serenity Bryce	4th grade	Excellent
Kari Nupson	4th grade	Excellent
Bryce Taylor	4th grade	2 - Excellent
Stephen Reinholz	5th grade	Excellent
Matt Kempkes	5th grade	Superior
Steven Gregory	5th grade	Superior/Excellent
Rachel Lee	6th grade	Superior
Hannah Lindsey	6th grade	Superior
Lyle Reinholz	6th grade	Excellent
Morgan Myers	6th grade	Superior
Gabe Stiansen	6th grade	Excellent
Trevor Zank	6th grade	Superior
Amanda Krehbiel	7th grade	Superior 2 - Excellence Awards
Will Theroult	7th grade	2 - Superiors
Sidney Gray	7th grade	Excellent
Shun Nye Fong	7th grade	Excellent
Raven Rapaich	7th grade	Excellent
Mikayla Rye	7th grade	Superior
Jared Saiz	7th grade	Superior
Will Theroult	8th grade	2 - Superiors
Jonathan Hempel	8th grade	Superior
Micaela Myers	8th grade	Superior
Lauren Abell	8th grade	Superior
Katherine Marshall	8th grade	Superior



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OCA/West YMCA Fall Youth Sports



K-6th Co-ed Soccer
5th & 6th Boys Flag Football
5th & 6th Girls Volleyball

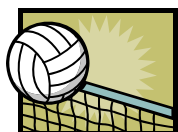
Season: August 29 - October 17

Cost: \$52.00 per player

Fall Sport Sign-ups going on now!

- Registration forms will be accepted with a postmarked date of April 17 to May 9 with *no late fee*.
- If you would like to have a neighbor, friend, or relative on an *no late fees* time frame, that's okay!
- All OCA families will have first priority.
- Registrations postmarked May 10 to May 16 will acquire a \$10.00 *late fee*.
- New families joining OCA for next fall, have a June 30th deadline with *no late fee*.
- No registrations accepted after postmarked date of June 30.
- We will deposit all checks no sooner than June 30.
- Make checks payable to: Youth Sports
- Mail payment and completed registration form to:

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



School Lunch Menu

	Entree	Sides/Dessert
April 27	HOT— Sloppy Joe on a Bun COLD—Salad Box with Hard Boiled Egg	Green Beans Grapes Toasti-O Munch
April 28	HOT— Chicken Baked Tagine Style COLD—Deli Sandwich	Basmati Rice Moroccan Carrots Orange Wedges Lemon Bar
April 29	HOT— Pizza Hut Pizza COLD—Egg Salad Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread	Lettuce Salad Pears Oatmeal Cookie
April 30	HOT— Egg, Sausage and Cheese on a Bun COLD—Grilled Chicken Salad Box	Hash Brown Casserole Banana Blueberry Muffin
May 1	HOT— Open Face Turkey Sandwich COLD— Hummus with Pita and Veggies	Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Fruit Cocktail Vanilla Cake with Sprinkles

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.

For Sale

OCA has two pianos for sale. They are old and in need of some TLC, but they still play and are in tune. The asking price is \$100.00. If you are interested, please contact Larry Niluis.

Fourth – Eighth Grade



Spring Concert



Monday, April 27, 2009
7:00pm

Liberty Christian Center Sanctuary



Featuring Performances by:

The Fifth Grade Band
The Fourth & Fifth Grade Choir
The Middle School Choir
The Middle School Band

Special Prelude at 6:40pm

5th grade Band students should wear their very best & arrive at 6:30pm
6th – 8th Band Students should wear black and white & arrive at 6:45pm
Choir Students should wear their very best & arrive at 6:45pm



ICE-CREAM SOCIAL

Following the concert



OCA Ensemble parents will be serving Ice-cream Sundaes and Root Beer Floats to everyone who comes to the cafeteria. All donations will support the Ensemble Members who will be singing at Carnegie Hall this summer.



Bible Bee



Evangelical Bible Church
7820 Fort Street, Omaha, NE 68134

For students age 7-18

Grand prizes ranging from \$25,000 - \$100,000

** see website for details on prizes and registration fees**

For information about the Bible Bee

Visit www.biblebee.org

For contestant information:

Please call Brian or Kit Fox at 455-0362

or e-mail omahabiblebee@hotmail.com

*** Registration deadline for Bible Bee is April 30th ***

"There is no greater investment than investing our lives in the Word of God—learning, speaking, and living out the commands and promises of Scripture. No man can begin to calculate the amazing eternal rewards that are obtained when we hide God's Word in our hearts! ... The long-term vision of the Bible Bee Competition is to equip children and youth to be bold ambassadors for Jesus Christ to the next generation!"

--From the Bible Bee website

Bible Bee Information

Who: Students, age 7-18

Senior Group (15 - 18)

Junior Group (11 - 14)

Primary Group (7 - 10)

What: Local Bible Bee Contest

When: Registration deadline: April 30

Local Contests: September 12

National Contest: November 5-6

Where: Evangelical Bible Church

7820 Fort Street, Omaha, NE 68134

Why: To further God's Kingdom through
scripture memory and increased knowledge.

It is our goal to :

Learn it! (memorizing, meditating, reciting)

Speak it! (sharing, defending, proclaiming)

Live it! (giving, loving, ministering)

How: Call Brian or Kit Fox @ 455-0362

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