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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 8/07 OCA Entrance Testing
10:00 AM
- 8/13 Orientation Night 7:00
PM in the CBC
auditorium
- 8/16 First Day of School
- 8/21 OCA Entrance Testing
10:00 AM
- 8/24 School Picture Day

NEWS AND NOTES

ORIENTATION

The annual Parent/Student Orientation Meeting will be held on **Friday, August 13th** at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium of Central Baptist Church. All parents should attend this meeting. The meeting will begin in the auditorium with several very important announcements concerning school and the athletic program and the introduction of OCA's 2010-2011 faculty. After the general meeting, everyone will be dismissed to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers. Class and teacher assignments will be given that

night (Please do not ask for these earlier). Students in 7th - 12th grades will also be able to pick up their class schedules and locker assignments. The office will be open for anyone that needs to take care of any last minute items.

PICTURE DAY DRESS GUIDELINES

For School Picture Day, August 24th **only**, we allow all of our students, from grades K-3 through 12th, to wear a shirt or top other than the school uniform for this one day provided the following guidelines are met: 1) no t-shirts, 2) no shirts with prominent writing on them, 3) no immodest tops of any kind (length, tightness, etc.), 4) regular uniform skirt and pant guidelines will still be in effect this day.

OFFICE ITEMS

RECORDS REMINDER

This is a reminder that all 7th graders and K-5 students need to submit a new Certificate of Immunization to the main office

prior to the start of school.

Please note the following immunization requirements for Florida for the 2010-2011 school year:

- Students entering Kindergarten through 2nd Grade need documentation of 2 doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine
- Students entering grades 3 - 9 need documentation of 1 dose of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine
- Students entering grades 7 - 8 need documentation of Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis)
- Students entering Kindergarten and 1st Grade need documentation of 2 doses of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine.

For questions regarding school immunization requirements, please contact Dianne Mennitt at (850) 245 - 7851 or via email at dianne.mennitt@fldoe.org.

UNIFORM NEWS

Pasteur's Sports has teamed up with OCA to provide you with a

Family & Friends Day on Saturday, August 7, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. On this day, family and friends of Ocala Christian Academy will receive 15% on everything in the store, including school uniforms and sports equipment. All you need to do is mention OCA at checkout to receive your discount. A portion of all sales will be donated to OCA.

Pasteur's Sports is located at 1835 SW College Road.

CONTINUING SUPPORT PROJECTS

The Scrip program will be continuing this school year. Please check our Scrip order form for a complete list of merchants participating in the program. The program will be explained during Orientation Night and packets will be available. This purchasing program allows our families to earn credit toward each semester's school bill. Orders will begin being taken the first day of school. Mrs. Haley Zimmerman will be in charge of the Scrip Program for our school this year.

We are once again collecting Campbell's UPC symbols and General Mills Box Tops for Education. These can be turned in to your student's teacher or the main office.

Target is also offering a school assistance program. If you have a Target card or would like to get one, all you need to do is request your card be counted toward the School Fund raising program for Ocala Christian Academy. After that, OCA will receive a percentage of each credit card purchase. You can obtain more information at the Target

service desk or at www.target.com.

These are several ways that your child can benefit as a student at OCA without having to do the extra things involved with other fund raisers. Won't you please help?

SENIOR CLASS ITEMS

YEARBOOK PORTRAITS

Every senior needs to make sure he has had his senior portraits taken at **Lifetouch** Photography. These are the only photos that will be accepted for yearbook use. *You should be selecting one formal and one casual portrait for the yearbook.* Please remember that students are expected to abide by school standards for hair, modesty, etc, if the pictures are to be printed in the school's yearbook. If you still need to schedule your portrait sitting, call **Lifetouch** at 732-3645.

COLLEGE TESTING

As an OCA graduation requirement, all Seniors need to register for ACT or SAT testing if they have not already taken one of these tests as a Junior. Please see Mrs. Loyd for information packets.

Sylvan Learning Center is offering a free practice SAT Test to Juniors and Seniors on Saturday, August 7, from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, at the Sylvan Learning Center of Ocala. Seating is limited. To secure your seat, call Sylvan at 352-622-6284 to sign up by August 5, or email them at Learning@SylvanOcala.com.

ATHLETIC NEWS

FALL SPORTS PRACTICES BEGINNING

Varsity football practice will begin on Monday, August 9 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM. Practice on Tuesday, August 10, and Thursday, August 12, will also be from 5:30 - 8:00 PM. Practice on Wednesday, August 11, will be from 2:30 - 5:00 PM. Practice on Friday, August 13, will be from 3:30 - 6:00 PM. Beginning Monday, August 16, practice will be daily from 3:30 - 6:00 PM, except on Wednesdays when practice will end at 5:00 PM. Varsity football is available to all young men in the 9th - 12th grades. Please contact Coach Zimmerman at 419-989-3335 for further information.

Junior Varsity football practice will begin Monday, August 9 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Practice on Tuesday, August 10, and Thursday, August 12, will also be from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Practice on Wednesday, August 11, will be from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. There will be no practice on Friday, August 13. Beginning Monday, August 16, practice will be daily at 3:30 PM. JV football is available to all young men in the 6th - 8th grades. Please contact Coach McDonald at 209-2475 for further information.

Varsity volleyball practice will begin on Monday, August 9 from 3:30 - 6:00 PM. Practice on Tuesday, August 10, and Thursday, August 12, will also be from 3:30 - 6:00 PM. Practice on Wednesday, August 11, will be from 3:30 - 5:00 PM. Practice on Friday, August 13, will be from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Athletes will need an OCA PE uniform, a

water bottle, and knee pads. Beginning Monday, August 16, practice will be daily from 3:30 - 6:00 PM, except on Wednesdays when practice will end at 5:00 PM. Varsity volleyball is available to all young women in the 9th - 12th grades. Please contact Coach Twigg at 229-1385 for further information.

JV volleyball practice will begin on Monday, August 16 from 3:30 - 5:30 PM. All participants should bring a water bottle and knee pads. JV volleyball is available to all young ladies in the 7th - 8th grades. For further information on JV volleyball, please contact Coach Monroe at 694-1914.

Football cheerleading practice will begin Monday, August 16 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM. Cheerleading is available to all young ladies in the 7th - 12th grades. Cheerleaders will be cheering at all JV and varsity football home games, so cheerleaders are asked to note the game times for both JV and varsity home games and plan accordingly. Any girls who have not previously signed up for cheering are asked to contact Mrs. McDonald at rachelandruss@gmail.com. For further information, please contact Coach McDonald at 208-1068.

Varsity golf practice will begin on Monday, August 16 from 3:30 - 5:45 PM. Practice on Tuesday, August 17, and Thursday, August 19, will also be from 3:30 - 5:45 PM. Practice on Wednesday, August 18, will be from 3:30 - 5:00 PM. Varsity golf is available to all young men in the 7th - 12th grades. For further information on varsity golf, please contact Coach

Etheredge at 362-0555.

MS volleyball and **MS flag football** practice times will be announced shortly. MS volleyball is available to all girls in the 5th - 6th grades, and MS flag football is available to all boys in the 5th - 6th grades. All athletes must be registered at OCA, show proof of medical insurance, and have a complete physical dated after May 18, 2010, on OCA's form on file with the Athletic Department prior to participating in any practices or tryouts.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of Crusader athletics!

UPCOMING VARSITY AND JV SPORTS EVENTS
8/27 Football vs Potter's House
8/30 Volleyball at Oak Hall
8/31 Volleyball vs Meadowbrook

UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS
8/31 MS Volleyball at Redeemer
8/31 MS Flag Football at Redeemer

ATHLETIC EVENT DIRECTIONS
Driving directions for all OCA away athletic events can now be found at c2cschools.com/ocacrusaders. On the front page of this web address, click on the sport, then the team, and then the date of the contest. Follow the link for map and directions. Paper copies of driving directions will continue to be available in the main office as well.

ATHLETIC NEEDS
Parent support is greatly needed to insure the success of the Crusader athletic program.

Parents are encouraged to get involved by becoming active in the Booster Club, volunteering to help in the concession stand, and coming out to the games to cheer on their athletes and the Crusaders.

****We would like to encourage those of our OCA family who do not have a regular church home to visit Central Baptist Church. Sunday services are at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM; Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Wednesday evening service is at 7:30 PM; Youth Group is at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays; and Master's Club for elementary ages is at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays. Without the influence and support of a local church, Christian education is incomplete.****

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