

Principal's Points

I've learned....."that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile." By Andy Rooney

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The mission statement of Omaha North High Magnet School is to prepare all students for success in life long studies and careers.

The administration and staff of Omaha North High Magnet School extends a warm welcome to you as we begin our new school year. We are excited that you have selected Omaha North as a place to continue our educational experiences. We also extend to each of you the opportunity to meet and greet the faculty and staff.

We will continue striving to provide a well-balanced curriculum that prepares all students for a variety of lifelong endeavors. Your support is encouraged and greatly appreciated.

Attendance in school directly relates to students success. Our attendance policy has changed somewhat this year. Our new student information system this year will be counted in minutes and not blocks. Instructional time is very important, remember every minute counts.

All parents/guardians will be sent a letter once your child reaches (5) full days. Upon (10)

days an absent/lost of instructional time letter will be mailed out to parents/guardians. We are obligated to notify the Douglas County Attorney if the student continues to miss instructional time. We appreciate knowing if you have a valid reason for such absences; hospitalization, illness and personal injury.

We are very excited that our school year is off to a great start. Our students are demonstrating exemplary leadership in all aspects of this school year. Students and staff have both contributed to the success of a wonderful new school year.

H1N1 Information: Special tips for promoting and protecting public health.

- Teach your children to wash their hands
- Teach your children not to share personal items.

For more information, visit www.douglascountyhealth.com, www.cdc.gov or www.flu.gov or call Douglas County Health Department at (402)444-7214 for assistance.

Principal/Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) – Room #103 (Principal Conference Room) meets on:

- Oct 13, 2009 6:00 P.M.
- Nov 10, 2009 6:00 P.M.
- Dec 8, 2009 6:00 P.M.
- Jan 12, 2010 6:00 P.M.
- Feb 9, 2010 6:00 P.M.
- Mar 9, 2010 6:00 P.M.
- April 21, 2010 6:00 P.M.
- May 11, 2010 6:00 P.M.

Parent Advisory will meet promptly at 7:00 P.M. on the above dates. This is the opportunity for parents to meet with the Principal to express your concerns.

Parent Teacher Conference Dates: Location MPC (Multi Purpose Center)
Nov 5, 2009 12:30 – 7:30 P.M.
March 4, 2010 12:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Omaha North High Magnet School is very proud of our rich tradition, and we will continue to enhance the school climate that will ensure a safe and secure learning environment for all students. We expect all students to demonstrate excellent behavior as we prepare them for a global society.

Sincerely,
Gene R. Haynes
Principal
Omaha North High Magnet School



Counselor's Comments

Welcome to the guidance and counseling program at Omaha North High Magnet School. We have the Comprehensive Competency-Based Guidance Program with three components—Domain Specialization Counselors, Assigned Counselors, and Response Counselors. This means that your student has eight counselors who can help them with their needs.

The counselor assignments are as follows:

B	Ms. Bernard	Records
C,D,E	Ms. Jamal	Personal/Social
F,G,K,L	Ms. Lawton	Academic
H,I,J,	Mr. Mertz	Careers
M,N	Mr. Moneke	Advanced Education
A, O,P,Q,R	Mr. Wisner	Advanced Education
S	Mr. Custard	Guidance Director
T-Z	Mr. Wiley	Personal/Social

Omaha North High Magnet School continues to educate our students with an A+ education. We are very proud to announce that graduating seniors from the class of 2009 received over 400 scholarships totaling over \$8,000,000. This is a wonderful achievement attained by students, parents, and staff of Omaha North High School through dedication, learning, and determination. Students in all grade levels are encouraged to take classes that will stretch their learning and increase their opportunities for the future.

GRADUATION—CLASS OF 2010—Thursday, May 20, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Civic Auditorium

Parents of Juniors and Seniors:

Please share the CUES publications. These publications have very important information concerning college admissions and scholarship information. You can locate the CUES on our Guidance web page or you are welcome to stop in the GRC to get a copy of this at any time. The CUES are also emailed to the juniors and seniors when they come out. The Junior CUES will come out approximately once a month. The Senior CUES will be issued every 2 weeks. Juniors and Seniors have received their first issue. **BE SURE TO ASK FOR THE CUES.** Included will be information about ACT, SAT testing; review sessions for these tests; procedures for college applications, scholarships and visits. Cost of processing each application is \$1.00. Resources are located at the EducationQuest (391-4033) and Omaha North High School. Over 275,000 scholarships, grants, and loans and 650 college scholarships are on file at website--www.fastweb.com

How can you help your student (as a parent)? Here are some suggestions:

1. Attend orientation meetings or other information meetings
Meet teachers, counselors, and administrators.
Ask questions.
Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences (November 5 & March 4)
2. Help your student with time management. Encourage them to study every night, do homework, and start projects early.
3. Encourage your student to become involved in at least one activity other than classes.
4. Get involved in the PTSO or as a volunteer at our school.
5. Communicate with your child, your child's teachers, and your child's friends (and their parents).

If you have a need for licensed therapy counseling, please contact a counselor to get FREE, confidential counseling services. These services are provided by Nebraska Methodist Hospital Foundation. The counselor at North High School three days a week is Ms. Charlene Hills.

CONGRATULATIONS

Senior Class 2010 Officers: **Chancellor Smith**, President; **Camille Scott**, Vice-President; **Dominique Johnson**, Secretary; **Darion Archie**, **Tiffanee Davis**, **TreVon McKay**, **Abram Walker**, Sergeants-At-Arms.

Counselor's Comments

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NOVEMBER 5th TESTING DAY

The following activities will be held for student on Thursday November 5th:

9th grade – EXPLORE Test

10th grade – PLAN test

11th and 12th grade students will have the opportunity to visit a college campus or participate on a service learning project.

OMAHA NORTH HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SENIOR CLASS OF 2010

Dates Subject to Change

Oct 1	SAT Registration deadline for November 7 Test
Oct 10	SAT
Oct 16	End of 1 st Quarter, Teachers submit 1 st Quarter Grades
Oct 22	College Night—5-6 p.m., Lecture Hall
Oct 24	ACT @ ONHMS
Oct 25	Metro College Fair--12:30 -4:00 p.m., UNO Fieldhouse
Oct 28	VOCATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR—Viking Center—11-1:15 p.m.
Oct 30	SAT Registration Deadline for December 5 Test
Nov 5	All Grades Testing ½ Day--7:45-11:00 a.m
Nov 5	Parent-Teacher Conferences--12:30-7:30 p.m., MPC.
Nov 6	ACT Registration Deadline for December 12 Test
Nov 6	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Nov 7	SAT
Nov 12	Senior Class Meeting--10:15 a.m., ONHS Aud, Jostens
Nov 18, 19, 20	School Traditions Cap & Gown & Graduation Announcement Ordering—11-1:15 p.m., Viking Center, under \$25/cap,gown,tassel
Nov 25	Teacher Inservice Day—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Nov 26-27	Thanksgiving Recess--NO SCHOOL
Dec 5	SAT
Dec 12	ACT @ ONHMS
Dec 15	SAT Registration Deadline for January 23 Test
Dec 18	1 st Semester Ends
Dec 18	Finals Tests for 1 st Semester
Dec 21-Jan 1	Winter Break--NO SCHOOL
Jan 5	Second Semester Starts
Jan 5	ACT Registration Deadline for February 6 Test
Jan 18	NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 23	SAT
Jan 19	Last day to Add a class
Jan 26	Last day to Drop a class
Feb 4	SAT Registration deadline for March 13 test
Feb 5	Last Day to Order Cap & Gown—11-1:15 p.m., Viking Center
Feb 6	ACT @ ONHMS—8:00 a.m.
Feb 8-12	IN HOUSE REGISTRATION ALL WEEK
Feb 15	NO SCHOOL--President's Day
Feb 16	NO SCHOOL for students--Teacher Inservice
Mar 5	ACT Registration Deadline for April 12 Test
Mar 13	SAT @ ONHMS
Mar 12	School—7:45-11:30 a.m.; Parent Teacher Conferences—12:30-7:30 p.m.—MPC
Mar 22-26	Spring Break
Mar 25	SAT Registration Deadline for May 1 Test

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Apr 10	ACT @ ONHMS
Apr 7	Blue & Gold Academic Breakfast @ 7:30 a.m. & Convocation
Apr 14	Graduation Tickets go on sale—Seniors receive 6 complimentary tickets; additional tickets are \$3 each (cash only)
Apr 29	SAT Registration Deadline for June 2 Test
May 1	SAT
May 3	Teacher Inservice—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
May 7	ACT Registration Deadline for June 14 Test
May 13	Senior Scholarship Night--7:00 p.m., NHS Aud.
May 14	Vikings of Distinction
TBA	Senior Banquet—6 p.m., Parents Invited
May 17	Eric Awards (Seniors' Last Day)--9:00 a.m., NHS Aud., Awards, Caps & Gowns issued, Senior Picture with Mr. Haynes taken (Pictures will be available for purchase on Graduation Day for \$8 each)
May 20	Thursday--Graduation Practice--9-10:30 a.m. --MANDATORY
May 20	COMMENCEMENT--Seniors report at 6:00 p.m.; Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
Jun 5	SAT
Jun 12	ACT

Important Resources for You:

SENIOR CUES--College Reps, college applications, scholarship applications and deadlines; see Ms. Brace

EducationQuest, 11031 Elm St., is an excellent, free source to obtain college, scholarship, and financial aid information. Call Sheila Schoessler, 391-4033, for an appointment.

Military Recruiters—See Mr. Mertz in the GRC

School Traditions (Cap & Gown; Graduation Announcements)-Representative: 733-0300

Information for professional counseling services may be obtained through your counselor.

Art News

Great news for the North students.....as usual, big smile! This past summer provided yet another opportunity for North students to shine at the Omaha Summer Arts Festival Student Competition.

Top Merit Awards went to **Kelsey Schneider** ('10), **Justin Waskowiak** ('10), and **Trevor Jaixen** ('10). All three received twenty-five dollar awards. All three entered pottery pieces.

The Judges Award went to **Elise White** ('10) for her Giraffe inspired pottery vessel. Elise won \$50.00!

The Senior Scholar Award went to **Ashley Hauger** ('09) for her self-portrait bust and Ashley won \$150.00!

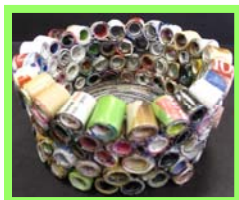
Best of Show, THE WHOLE SHABANG!, went to **Ellen Siemer** ('10) for her stoneware and copper vessel with swirls. Ellen won \$100.00.

Way to go Omaha North! You have made us proud.

Currently we have many students involved in a celebration of the Omaha Public Schools 150th year celebration. A large installation is being constructed in the Viking Center on the wall under the Viking clock. It will be made of wood, clay, metals, glass, cement, lots of glue and maybe even the kitchen sink! North wrote and asked for a mini-grant and was awarded \$2,100.00 for the project. Check the Viking Center wall for progress during the year-long project.

Going Green in the Art Department

Applied design has been making functional recycled art. Using folded magazine strips rolled together to make colorful coasters and bowls. These coasters and bowl created by **Kaitlyn Tonack**, 10th Grade.



French Club



We proudly announce our slate of officers for 2009-2010.

Presidents: Tyler Hogan, Tiffanee Davis, Jessica Powell Lafond.

Vice presidents: Estephani Findlay, Zigang Chen.

Our first big challenge of the year was the Homecoming Parade. We Frenchified the overall theme of "Under the Big Top" by portraying the Cirque du Soleil. Dedicated students stayed after school for

two weeks painting, stuffing chicken wire with tissue paper, and having a good time. About 40 students marched in costume in the parade. Photos of the float are shown.

French Club helped celebrate the 150 anniversary of Omaha Public Schools by running a Crêpe Booth at the birthday event on Saturday October 10th at North High School.

A fall event was offered to all World Language students. We

visited Shady Lanes for a hot dog roast and a hayrack ride (and hay fight) through the woods north of Council Bluffs.

We are looking forward to the November World Languages Volleyball Tournament and the December Ice-skating event.

A group of North High French students will be traveling to France in summer 2010 for a three week visit combining travel and family home stay.

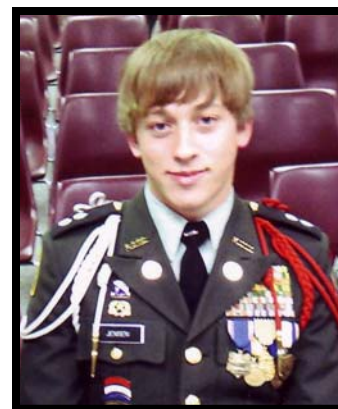


JROTC

Cadet 1st Lieutenant **Dana Jensen** (picture at right) was awarded the Legion of Valor (Bronze) Cross for Achievement at the school board meeting on September 21st. Dana was one of seventeen cadets worldwide that received the prestigious award. Dana was the 19th North Cadet in the last 17 years to receive the award.

The North High JROTC Marksmanship teams are now in the second week of competitions against other schools in the area. The Varsity team of **Brett Fabian, Elizabeth Arnanon, Courtney Baker and Devaunte Youngblood** are currently in second place just a few points out of first. Brett leads the league in average at 262.

The North Junior Varsity team leads the JV league with an average of 714 points. The team of **Matthew McLaughlin, Shane Smith, Chauncey Bloemker, Jeff Volker, and Robert Holliday** have a commanding lead over the second place team.



Update on emailed progress reports

The school district implemented Infinite Campus, a new student information system, over the summer of 2009. This was a long project that culminated in the rollout of most functions with the start of the 2009 - 2010 school year.

Unfortunately, the ability of teachers to send emailed progress reports is not yet supported by Infinite Campus. Current district plans are to enable parent access to student grades via a "parent portal." This portal, currently under design, will grant parents access to the teacher's gradebook for his/her students via

the web and a set of credentials - a user name and password. More information will be posted on the Omaha North web site as received.

For questions or comments, please email north@ops.org.

Spanish Department

Hola Madres y Padres!



Your students taking Spanish are off to wonderful start this year. We are using a line of texts from Holt, Rinehart and Winston for all levels with terrific online features. Miss Eggleston has introduced several of these features to her classes so feel free to ask your student for a tutorial if he/she has Miss Eggleston.

We are going to Costa Rica June 16-25, 2010 for 10 days. Any student is welcome to attend as long as he/she is 13 years or older and has a genuine interest in the Spanish language and Latin American culture. The cost of the trip is very reasonable at *about* \$2100 which includes airfare, hotel, 3 meals daily, full time bilingual tour guide daily and all activi-

ties. Activities include a volcano tour, white water rafting and much more. For complete details visit www.explorica.com. Under the "parents" tab, click "find a tour". Our tour ID is eggleston-4941. For more information, please contact Miss Eggleston at jsharee.eggleston@ops.org or call 557-3499 ext. 8827.

Parents often complain that they are unaware of their students' progress. Your student's Spanish teacher may have up to 180 students. With so many students, it is not possible for the teacher to call for everything. We are asking for your help. Please call if you have questions about anything. We are unable to send out

mass e-mails, but we will respond to your e-mail requests for grades. If your child never has homework, that may be a problem and we wish you would call us if that happens. Also, you should receive a report card in the mail about twice every nine weeks.

If you missed open house, consider taking time out to get to know your students' Spanish teachers. Our names are: Brad Pospishil, Sharee Eggleston, Colin Riggins, Karla Rodriguez Miletsky, and Ella Patkovsky. Feel free to contact any of us by e-mail or phone. Thanks you parents for all your support. We appreciate it more than you know.

Yearbook Information

The time to buy Yearbooks is now!

Buy them from the treasurer before school, after school, or during lunch for only \$45!

Senior Pictures are due Thursday, December 17.

- ◆ Must have neutral background
- ◆ Head and shoulders only
- ◆ No hands
- ◆ Color
- ◆ Vertical

Can be submitted electronically to Andrea Miller [smillea237@ops.org] via First Class, .jpg preferred. To submit manually, write your full name on back and deliver it to room 261.

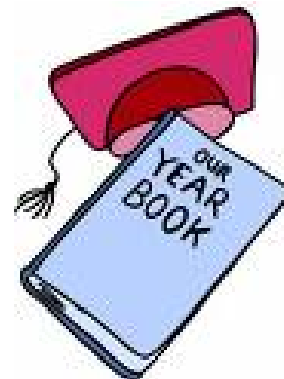
Want your own page in the yearbook?

Give that special student, teacher or friend his or her own page in the yearbook! You design it or have the yearbook staff design it for you!

- ◆ \$100 for a full page.
- ◆ \$75 for a half page.

Deadline to reserve your page is Wednesday, November 17.

Contact Andrea Miller [smillea237@ops.org] via email for more information or for a sample.



Viking Time

At Omaha North High Magnet School our mission is to prepare all students for success in life-long studies and careers. One way we work to achieve this mission is through our advisory program Viking Time. The goals of the Viking Time advisory program are:

- ◆ To provide curriculum and information regarding guidance, registration, advisement, and academic achievement.
- ◆ To provide students with opportunities to plan for their future through career exploration.
- ◆ To encourage students to build confidence by discussing social issues leading to productive citizenship.
- ◆ To provide the opportunity to have a meaningful relationship with an adult as well as a group of peers throughout their high school career.

Outlined below is our 1st Semester Curriculum for Viking Time.

<i>Date</i>	<i>9th Grade</i>	<i>10th Grade</i>	<i>11th Grade</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>
<i>8/26</i>	Self Inventory and Values Clarification	Self-Analysis-Part 1	Personality Inventory	Personal Values Inventory
<i>9/2</i>	Goal Setting-Part 1	Self-Analysis-Part 2	Learning Styles	Decision Making
<i>9/9</i>	Goal Setting-Part 2	Personality Exploration	You Be The Judge	Stress Management
<i>9/16</i>	Self Concept	Evaluating Oneself	Honesty and Account-	Conflict Resolution
<i>9/23</i>	Goal Setting: 1 st quarter progress grades	Goal Setting: 1 st quarter progress grades	Goal Setting: 1 st quarter progress grades	Goal Setting: 1 st quarter progress grades
<i>9/30</i>	Decision Making Skills	Obtaining a Driver's	Goal Setting	Goal Setting
<i>10/7</i>	Conflict Resolution-Part 1	Juvenile Justice	Overcoming Obstacles	Budgeting
<i>10/14</i>	Conflict Resolution-Part 2	Conflict Resolution	Decision Making	Forms in Everyday Life
<i>10/21</i>	Grade Review: 1 st quarter grades	Grade Review: 1 st quarter grades	Grade Reviews: 1 st quarter grades	Grade Reviews: 1 st quarter grades
<i>10/28</i>	Anger Management-Part 1	Healthy Relationships	Stress Management	Independent Living
<i>11/4</i>	Anger Management-Part 2	Stress Management	Driver's License/Buying and Maintaining a Car	Credit Cards
<i>11/11</i>	Note Taking Skills	Study Habits	Study Skills	Scholarship Applications
<i>11/18</i>	College Planning	Multiple Intelligences	Post Secondary Options	College/Personal Statements
<i>12/2</i>	Grade Review: 2 nd quarter progress check	Grade Review: 2 nd quarter progress check	Grade Review: 2 nd quarter progress check	Grade Review: 2 nd quarter progress check
<i>12/9</i>	Report Cards	Credit Recovery and College Credits	Financial Aid and preparing for College	Letters of Recommendation
<i>12/16</i>	Preparing for Finals/End of Semester Celebration	Preparing for Finals/End of Semester Celebration	Preparing for Finals/End of Semester Celebration	Preparing for Finals/End of Semester Celebration

Expansion of PLTW Offerings into Science



Many are already familiar with the pre-engineering program at Omaha North High Magnet School, a member of the national consortium of schools called "Project Lead the Way." For the 2009-10 school year, Omaha North has expanded its involvement with Project Lead the Way and now offers an elective program of study focused on BioMedical Sciences. The program will expand each of the next three years, adding new courses to provide students with a four-year sequence of courses exploring biotechnology, bioengineering, and medical applications. For additional details about PLTW BioMedical Science, visit the "Science" link under "Magnet Programs" on the Omaha North High Magnet School web site.

Dual Enrollment News



Again this year, the University of Nebraska-Omaha, the Omaha Public Schools, and Omaha North High Magnet School have teamed to offer current high school students the opportunity for college credit through dual enrollment. For a fee much smaller than tuition for the same course in college, Omaha North students had the opportunity in September to apply for dual enrollment in these courses: Dr. Holley's AP Calculus BC, Dr. Holley's Honors Calculus 3, Mrs. Wilson's AP English Literature and Composition, and Ms. Roberts' AP United States Government and Politics.

In late January 2010, UNO will offer dual credit registration for students in Mr. Ahern's AP World History, Dr. Meyer's AP Calculus AB, Mrs. Westbrook's AP Environmental Science, Dr. Holley's AP Statistics and Honors Differential Equations, and Ms. Roberts' AP Comparative Government & Politics, as

well as the second semester equivalent of AP Calculus BC and AP English Literature and Composition.

For more information about Dual Enrollment with UNO, including frequently asked questions and UNO course equivalents, visit <http://www.ops.org/high/north>, then click on "Academics" then "AP Course Information" then "Dual Enrollment."

Metro Community College also offers dual enrollment to Omaha North students. MCC dual enrollment is for Honors Introduction to Banking (the senior-level Academy of Finance course during 2nd semester) and, for the first time, Computer Information Management.

For details about dual enrollment through either UNO or Metro CC, contact your student's teacher or Dan Sitzman, AP Coordinator at Omaha North, (557-3476 or dan.sitzman@ops.org).

Record Year for AP Scholars at Omaha North

Twenty-five students at Omaha North High Magnet School have earned recognition by the College Board for their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams. The 2009 totals for Omaha North nearly double the number of students recognized in 2008 and shattered the previous highest number of Omaha North AP Scholars that was set after exams in 2005. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement by individual students based on the number of yearlong courses and exams.

“AP Scholars with Distinction” is one of the highest honors bestowed by the College Board. Students qualified by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

“AP Scholars with Honor” qualify by earning an average of 3.25 or higher and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Students receive an “AP Scholar Award” by completing three or more AP Exams, with grades of three or higher. With AP college-level work this year, the eight returning high school students can earn another AP Scholar Award in 2010.

<i>Name</i>	<i>2008-09 Grade</i>	<i>2009 College Board Award</i>	<i>2008 College Board Award</i>
Caleb Peterson	12	AP Scholar with Distinction	AP Scholar with Distinction
Casey Griffin	12	AP Scholar with Distinction	AP Scholar with Honor
Justine Kohtz	12	AP Scholar with Distinction	
William Switzer	12	AP Scholar with Distinction	AP Scholar
Justin Asuncion	12	AP Scholar with Honor	AP Scholar
Tessa Phillips	12	AP Scholar	AP Scholar
Bejamin Kammerer	12	AP Scholar with Honor	
Kayla Klepper	12	AP Scholar with Honor	
Daniel Geschwender	11	AP Scholar with Honor	
Hannah Pinnt	11	AP Scholar with Honor	
Chelsea Rasing	11	AP Scholar with Honor	
Shane Beasley	12	AP Scholar	
Ravan Charles	12	AP Scholar	
Andrew Christensen	12	AP Scholar	
Jordan Franklin	12	AP Scholar	
Derek Jeck	12	AP Scholar	
Kayli Lake	12	AP Scholar	
Skyler Lewis	12	AP Scholar	
Cameron Mount	12	AP Scholar	
Emily Williams	12	AP Scholar	
Laura Armitage	11	AP Scholar	
Walter Bircher	11	AP Scholar	
Matthew DeVeney	11	AP Scholar	
John Glassman	11	AP Scholar	
Kelsey Schluter	11	AP Scholar	

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~ Reminder ~

Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday, November 5, 2009
12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Omaha North High Magnet School
Multi-Purpose Center



WOWT "Daybreak" kicked off a third year of the "High School Crib" feature on October 8 by again featuring Omaha North High Magnet School. For a link to the features on the WOWT web page, visit <http://www.ops.org/high/north>.