

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 15	District V Track Meet for 5th-8th graders
April 15	Mrs. Vander Leest here
April 15	TRIP vouchers due
April 16	ESA Applications open
April 17	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
April 17	Marching Band Practice, leaving at 1:55
April 18	Middle School Electives, 1:20-3:00 (2nd session)
April 18	No after school Osky Community buses
April 19	No Osky Community buses all day
April 19	Chapel Group Activity
April 22	Mrs. Vander Leest here for 5th-8th
April 22	TRIP orders due
April 23	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
April 24	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
April 25	Middle School Electives, 1:20-3:00
April 26	Grandparents Day & K-4th Musical
April 26	Noon dismissal
April 26	Evening K-4th Musical Performance
April 27	8th Grade Banquet

We are actively seeking applicants for the following 2024-2025 positions:

- Full or Part Time Middle School Math Teacher
 - Full Time 3rd Grade Teacher
 - Full Time Elementary Classroom Aide
- Please stop by the office for an application or contact Joel Rietema (rietemaj@oskaloosachristian.net) for more information.

SONshine Preschool is accepting applications for a Teacher's Aide position, please visit sonshinepreschool.org/employment opportunities for more information.

District V Track Meet: Our school will host the District V Track and Field Meet for area Christian schools next Monday, April 15. Our 5th-8th graders will be participating in the events. Field events will begin at 9:00 with running events starting by 10:20. We should conclude by 2:45. It will be held at the Statesman Community Stadium on the Lacey Complex, and concessions will be available through Sodexo. A reminder that the parking spaces by the stadium are reserved, so please use the parking lot. In the case of inclement weather, the track meet will be held the following Monday, April 22.

Iron Giraffe Challenge

Thank you! We have gotten our desired goal of \$1,000 that will go to benefit the South Sudan water crisis. Yet the more money we raise, the more we can help, so this mission is not over yet. If you have not already, please consider donating to our quest in helping others. Thank you for being community builders and servant workers! -From, the 7th graders

To donate, visit this website: http://secure.waterforsouthsudan.org/goto/OSCI_7thGrade or use the QR code that is included in today's parent email.

REMINDERS



- ESA Applications** will be accepted April 16-June 30 through the withodyssey.com website. Due to changes in the Iowa tax forms, you might qualify for ESA funding even if you did not qualify last year. More information will be emailed to parents next week.
- NO BUSES!** There will be no Osky buses after school next Thursday, April 18. There will be no morning or after school Osky buses next Friday, April 19.

Due to the Snow Days we took this winter we need to make up a small amount of time to reach the minimum state required hours for the year. **Starting April 29** for the rest of the school year we will be starting school at 8:00 sharp instead of 8:05. Please prepare for this slight change and make every effort to honor teachers by getting your student(s) here on time every day. **NOTE: This start time will carry over to next year's daily schedule as well!**



GRANDPARENTS/FRIENDS DAY

We are excited to announce that Oskaloosa Christian School's Grandparents/Friends Day will be held on Friday, April 26. Join us for the K-4th Musical, "Danny and the Shacks" in the gym at 9:30. Following the musical you will enjoy a time of welcome and fellowship in the gym followed by classroom visiting. We will have a noon dismissal that day and no school lunch will be served this year. Please see the note below for dismissal procedures.

A second performance of the musical will be held that evening at 7:00 p.m. with the SONshine Preschool students joining the K-4th graders. Offerings received during both musical performances will support our Music Department and Student Activity Fund. We look forward to our grandparents/friends joining us on this special day and can't wait to share God's fantastic and faith-affirming stories of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that inspire our own faith, obedience, and trust in Him!

Parents, here are the dismissal procedures for Grandparents Day on Friday, April 26:

-We will have a noon dismissal with no Osky buses, and no school lunch will be served. Students may leave with grandparents for our noon dismissal. If it is your plan for a grandparent or someone else to pick up your child that day, please let your child's teacher know soon. Grandparents will need to sign out students from the classroom before leaving.

-Parents, if you are picking up your child(ren) that day, **please DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL BEFORE 12:10**. This will allow time for the grandparents to leave and prevent congestion in our parking lot before carline begins.

Thank you for your cooperation!

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, April 17: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Thursday, April 18: No Osky buses after school
- Friday, April 19: No Osky buses all day
- Wednesday, April 24: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aria Schaefer	April 14
Eli Bruxvoort	April 16
Malaki Boender	April 17
John Peters	April 18

TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

TRIP orders are due by Noon in the office on these dates, and can be picked up on Fridays of the same week.
Upcoming order dates: April 22, May 6 (last order date for this school year)

Cash and Carry cards will be available for sale until the last day of school. Supplies may be limited toward the end of the year.

Turn vouchers in by NEXT Monday, April 15. Vouchers turned in after that date will be applied to next year.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at trip@oskaloosachristian.net or 641-670-0583.

KNOWLEDGE BOWL 2024



Seven teams competed against each other in the competition. Our school had two teams with the Gold team advancing to the Competition round earning 2nd place. The final score was Pella Community 12 and Oskaloosa Christian 11. An Incredible job was done by the entire team. The students competing were [Gold] Leah Spronk, Olivia De Groot, Lindsay De Bruin, Cayden Plate, and Emily Hoksbergen; [Blue] Johnathon Jackson, Tierney Thomes, Olivia Roberts, Noah Ruckman, and Josie Hessing. Congratulations, Team!

HOT LUNCH MENU



April 15-19

Monday: Max's Pizza, Corn, Applesauce, WG Breadsticks
Tuesday: Maidrite on a WG Bun, French Fries, Peaches, Bar
Wednesday: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mandarin Oranges, WG Dinner Roll
Thursday: Lasagna, Carrots, Mixed Fruit, WG French Bread
Friday: Hot Dogs on WG Bun, Apples Slices, Carrots, Chips, Bar

SUMMER LEARNING with Mrs. Kaisand

Parents, this summer there will be an optional opportunity for summer learning lessons for those students who are committed to work, show up, and maintain their skills to be prepared for the next grade level at our school. Students will review grade level skills to keep them fresh for the next school year and avoid the summer slide. These lessons are typically one-on-one tutoring sessions for reading/phonics/ELA and/or math for students currently in grades PreK - 4th grade.

There will be approximately 10 weeks available throughout the summer, from June through mid-August, with occasional breaks for fairs or vacations, etc. Each session will be 45 minutes and held 2 times/week. Spots are limited!

It may look a little different than years past, but please contact Mrs. Kaisand to reserve your spot today or ask any questions that you may have. Serious inquiries only. It is nice to secure a schedule before school is out in May.

Email: kaisandj@oskaloosachristian.net Phone: 641.891.0802

On Monday, April 8, ten Oskaloosa Christian middle school students made up two teams to compete in the Knowledge Bowl hosted by Pella Christian Grade School. The Knowledge Bowl is a competition comprising three rounds of questions. The first round is a written test of forty multiple-choice questions which a team must complete in 15 minutes. The second round is a white-board round, where teams receive thirty questions, one at a time, to answer as a team by writing their answer to each question on a whiteboard. The third round is a buzzer round, where two teams of students face off. The student who buzzes in the quickest can answer the question first. This round also has 30 questions.

April Chapel: PATIENCE

FRUITFUL

Thanks to the 1st & 8th graders for hosting!



The morning's chapel service was led by first and eighth-grade students, with Pastor Joel Ruisch from Federated Fellowship Church in Pella delivering a message on the theme of patience, emphasizing the importance of being long-tempered as our God is patient with us.