

Crusader Chronicles

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OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8	Mrs. Vander Leest here for K-5th
April 8	Middle School Knowledge Bowl, 4:00-6:30 pm
April 9	Lockdown drill at 8:30 a.m.
April 9	5th Grade Concert at 6:30 p.m.
April 10	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
April 11	Middle School Electives, 1:20-3:00
April 12	K-8th Chapel, 8:20 a.m., 1st & 8th graders host
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 afternoon 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

We are excited to announce the hiring of three people to fill positions for next year:

Mrs. Tracy Klucas, Director of Learning and Advancement
Mrs. Cassi Fitzpatrick, K-8 Art and Library
Mrs. Cathy Fay, Kinder Kids Classroom Aide

Please join us in praising the Lord for bringing these individuals to these positions at Oskaloosa Christian! It is with great expectation and a realization of God's goodness that we move forward to finish out this year and continue into the next. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to fill a few more positions for next year. A short bio of each new staff member can be found on our school's website or Facebook page.

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.

Due to the amount of 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 Apr. 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!

REMINDERS



- We are looking for someone to sit at Mrs. Patti's desk from 8:30-noon during our District V Track Meet on Monday, April 15. If you would be willing to answer the phone and the door for the morning, please call the school office at 672-2174 or send an email to westrap@oskaloosachristian.net. Thank you!
 - ESA Applications are scheduled to open April 16 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 was emailed to parents last week.
 - Testing Requirements: Parents, for those of you who qualify for the Education Savings Accounts, you may have recently received an email from the Iowa Department of Education regarding testing that is required for students in order to qualify for ESAs. We want to assure all OSCI families that our school is following all guidelines for parents to qualify for ESAs. The ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) testing that is required will be done the last week in April, and is in addition to the MAP and DIBELS testing that our school currently has.
 - Advance Notice: Our band will again be marching with students from other area Christian schools for three of the Tulip Time parades. Please note that the marching times for this year are different from last year, so mark your calendars!
 - Thursday, May 2: 2:45 pm parade
 - Friday, May 3: 8:30 pm parade
 - Saturday, May 4: 2:45 pm parade
- Because of the change, there will be no middle school elective classes on Thursday, May 2.



5th Grade Music Concert! The 5th grade class will be sharing some of the musical talents that they have developed this past year during a concert this coming Tuesday, April 9th, at 6:30 p.m. Their music teacher, Mrs. Keith, will have them perform three vocal numbers and their band teacher, Mr. Carmichael, will have them perform several selections as well. Both the vocal and band songs will be accompanied by guest performers. Please invite your family and friends to this special event!



2024-2025 Enrollment (Registration): Parents, there will be some changes in how our school does registration. First of all, we are now calling it 'enrollment', and it will be handled through our new FACTS Student Information System. Also, it will now be done in the spring instead of summer, and there will be an enrollment fee of \$50 per student instead of the previous \$300. More information will be emailed to parents when it becomes available, hopefully sometime this month.

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, April 10: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- 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





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Josie Hessing	April 5
John Rohr	April 5
Laurel Platt	April 7
Kade Ford	April 11

HOT LUNCH MENU



April 8-12

Monday: Burrito, Nachos w/cheese sauce, Broccoli, Peaches, WG Dinner Roll
 Tuesday: Pork Tenderloin on a WG Bun, Corn Applesauce, Bar
 Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll
 Thursday: Chicken Fajita Quesadilla, Carrots, Pineapple, WG Cinnamon Squares
 Friday: Bosco Sticks, Green Beans, Pears, Yogurt

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 8, 22

**Turn vouchers in by Monday, April 15. Vouchers turned in
 after that date will be applied to the next year's tuition.**

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



GIVING TREE: The Giving Tree Committee is excited to announce our upcoming Giving Tree Project. Here is how it will work. There will be a tree set up during our annual Grandparents' Day and Spring Musical (April 26) with ornaments on the tree. On the ornaments are wishes from the teachers and staff for items they are requesting for their classrooms, the office, the gym, etc. Grandparents, parents and friends are encouraged to take the ornaments off the tree, purchase the requested item(s) and return the item(s) to the teacher with the name of the giver on the back of the ornament and attached to the item. Also, each classroom and department will have their own color of ornaments so if you choose to buy something for a certain classroom/department you will know which color you are looking for. There will be a color chart by the tree that will show the color for each class/department. We ask that the item(s) purchased be delivered to the teachers/staff by the end of the school year. For those of you who wish to give a monetary cash donation, please bring those to the office. Let's join together and bless our staff!

The 4th graders recently had fun with "Idiom Day". Can you find....break a leg, raining cats and dogs, adding insult to injury, a blessing in disguise, busy as a bee, cool as a cucumber, a frog in my throat, caught red handed, cat got your tongue, and hold your horses?



Iron Giraffe Challenge

The 7th graders would like you to join them in their quest to raise money for Water for South Sudan (WFSS). As a class they read the novel *A Long Walk to Water* which inspired this giving project. Their goal is to raise \$1,000 to help build wells, teach proper hygiene, or get better sanitation to the villages in South Sudan. Many children in South Sudan walk several miles daily for dirty water which could make them sick. This prevents them from getting an education. The 7th graders would like to give the children of South Sudan a chance to have an education, so we would ask that you consider helping them out. Information was sent home with all students this week. 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. Thank you for helping our students be God's Community Builders and Servant Workers through this project!



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 with no Osky buses and no school lunch will be served this year. Be watching for more details on dismissal procedures for the day.

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!