

# Crusader Chronicles



**OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

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August 25, 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 25	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Aug. 28	First day of Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Aug. 29	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Aug. 29	Parent Information Night <i>(see article)</i>
Aug. 30	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Aug. 30	VB Practice, 2:30-4:00
Aug. 31	Order deadline for Mums!
Aug. 31	VB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 1	KK-8 Praise & Worship in gym, 8:15-8:50
Sept. 1	VB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 4	Labor Day-No School, No VB practice
Sept. 5	VB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 5	Advancement Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept. 6	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Sept. 6	VB Practice, 2:30-4:00
Sept. 7	VB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 8	KK-8th Chapel, 8:15 am
Sept. 8	School Pictures following chapel
Sept. 8	VB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 11	Mrs. Vander Leest-1st day as Guidance Counselor

## REMINDERS



•Parents, mark your calendars for **P.I.N. (Parent Information Night)**! It will be Tuesday, August 29. In order to maintain a strong home/school partnership, we strongly encourage one or both parents to attend the meeting. You will meet the teachers and learn what to expect in your child's classroom for the upcoming year during the teachers' 6:00-6:30 and 6:30-7:00 sessions. Because parents of Kinder Kids and 6th graders have already attended their Open House/Orientation, they are not required to attend. A meeting for 8th grade parents will follow PIN at 7:00.

•**A reminder that if your child will be absent or late for school**, please let a teacher or the school office know before 8:00. If we are not able to take your call, please leave a message. Our morning classes begin at 8:05, with the first bell ringing at 8:00. Students arriving after 8:05 will be considered tardy. To provide adequate time for all students to get dropped off and settled into their classroom, all children should arrive to school no later than 7:55. Please make every effort to have your children on time every morning. All students arriving after 8:05 must sign in at the office.

•A reminder that all visitors must sign in at the school office upon arriving. As requested by the school board, **ALL VISITORS, INCLUDING PARENTS**, are required to use the west door by the office for entry into the school. Please check in at the office to sign in and receive a visitor's pass. There's no need to sign in if you are only picking up or dropping off your child, but you do need to use the west door.

•**IF YOU ARE PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN FOR A 2:15 DISMISSAL, please do not arrive before 2:00!** The SONshine Pre-school students are dismissed at 2:00, and all vehicles waiting for them will be given the first places in car line. OSCI parents should follow the car line to the east around the bus and stop there, waiting for SONshine parents to load first. Once SONshine students are loaded, they will wave the waiting cars to pull forward. Thank you for your cooperation in making our car line safe and effective.

•**There will be no school for Labor Day on Monday, September 4.**

•**A reminder that students who have not been picked up after school by 3:25, (2:25 on Wednesdays) or the end of the carline**, will automatically be sent to after-school care and families will be charged the appropriate fee. After-school care is available for any K-8 student on most school days. More information about after-school care can be found in the Parent Handbook.



We're praising God for a great first week of school!...and we are very thankful for air-conditioned classrooms!

**Our enrollment** this year is 176 students...89 girls and 87 boys.

**Our new students in Kinder Kids this year are:** Ariana Adams, Nora Bolkema, Astrid Bucklin, Emmett De Bruin, Duke De Ronde, Ella De Rooi, Kade Ford, Hazel Hessing, Bella MacDonald, Allie Mauer, Mabel Nieuwsma, Judah Orr, Audrey Peterson, Emma Plate, Mason Refer, Isaiah Ruckman, Addilynn Steinbach, Joey Thomes, Riley Van Maanen, Emery Van Polen, Mia Walker, and Josie Zimmerman.

**Also, new students in other grades this year are:** August Glandon, Lexi Kane, Axle Petersen, and Evelin Pogany in 2nd, Lila Clingon, Alia Glandon, MacKenzie Kane, and Avery Mauer in 3rd, Nicolas Platt in 4th, Ayla Glandon in 5th, Ally Glandon and Laurel Platt in 6th, and Joel Pogany in 8th.

**Also, a special welcome to our new staff members:**

Mrs. Tiffany Roozeboom-2nd Grade Teacher  
Mrs. Megan Keith-5th-8th Band and Choir Teacher  
Mrs. Kristin Plate-KK-8th Art Teacher  
Mrs. Jeanine Vande Geest-8th Grade Algebra Teacher  
Mrs. Anne De Bruin-Business Manager  
Mrs. Molly Vander Leest-Guidance Counselor  
Mrs. Colleen Platt-Classroom Aide in 4th Grade  
Mrs. Rachel Yang-SONshine Preschool Teacher  
Mrs. Kristen Van Donselaar & Mrs. Amber Adams-SONshine Aides

**We are thankful for new and returning staff and students! Please pray for a great school year as we learn to "BE FRUITFUL!"**

## Picture Day September 8, 2023!

This year's school pictures will again be taken by B & C School Pictures from Ottumwa. Pictures will be taken during the morning of Friday, September 8 for all Kinder Kids - 8th graders following our morning chapel. Any students absent on picture day will have opportunity to have their picture taken on a later retake day. Picture flyers will be sent home with students next Monday and Tuesday.

### **BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!**

- Wednesday, Aug. 30: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 6: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 13: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jacob Ruckman	August 23
Emmett De Bruin	August 23
Reese Vander Wal	August 24
Will Groenenboom	August 25
Rebekah Vermeulen	August 26
Ariana Adams	August 27
Mrs. Keri Spronk	August 27
Mr. Jimmie Summers	August 27
Mrs. Kristi Jabaay	August 28
David Stam	August 28
Graham Jorgensen	August 29
Sydnie Boender	August 29
Joel Pogany	August 30

## 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:** Aug. 28, Sep. 11 & 25, Oct. 9 & 23

- **There will be no national orders** processed the first week of October due to no school October 5 and 6.
- **We will be doing 2 national orders per month this year.** Order dates will be published in the Crusader Chronicles.
- **REGISTER!** If you have not registered for TRIP for this school year please do so as soon as possible in the school office. The forms need to be filled out EVERY year!

*If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at [trip@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:trip@oskaloosachristian.net) or 641-670-0583.*

## WILLING WORKERS



**WILLING WORKERS MUM FUNDRAISER!** A reminder that all orders are due to the school office **by Thursday, August 31!** The mums are \$20 and are from Stam's Greenhouse. They come in 10 inch pots with your choice of color: white, yellow, red, purple or bronze. Mums will be available for pick up on Friday, September 15 from 1:00 – 5:30 PM at the school parking lot. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

**The Willing Workers Committee assignments** for this year will be emailed to families today. Be sure to check for your name, and make note of the committee you will be serving. We appreciate all of you who so faithfully serve our school on the various committees. You are a blessing to our school!

**School Apparel:** The Willing Workers Committee and Advancement Committee members are in the planning stages of marketing/rebranding; therefore, the Willing Workers Apparel Committee will not be open this year. If you would like a school apparel item, we would encourage you to purchase a chapel theme shirt this year.  
 -Thank you, Willing Workers Committee

*(Information on ordering extra theme shirts for your family will be included in an upcoming Crusader Chronicles.)*

### **Willing Workers Officers for 2023-2024:**

President: Deann De Groot, Vice-President: Katie Allmaras  
 Treasurer: Morgan Younger, Treasurer Advisor: Kate De Jong  
 Vice-Treasurer: Meredith De Ronde  
 Corresponding Secretary: Kristin Boender  
 Recording Secretary: Airianne Vonk

## HOT LUNCH MENU

*(milk provided with every meal)*



**Aug. 29-Sept. 2**

**Monday:** Mexican Straw Hats, Lettuce, Cheese, Corn, Peaches, WG Dinner Roll

**Tuesday:** Hot Dog on WG Bun, French Fries, Applesauce, Bar

**Wednesday:** Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Roll

**Thursday:** Mac-n-Cheese w/Ham, Broccoli, Watermelon, WG Roll

**Friday:** Mozzarella Cheese Sticks, Baked Beans, Pears, Yogurt

**Free or Reduced Hot Lunch application forms** were emailed to all parents and also made available at registration. It is important that everyone who qualifies for free or reduced lunches completes an application form. Please check the income eligibility guidelines included on the form, and if your family qualifies, please bring your completed form to school next Monday or Tuesday. All forms are kept confidential.

**Parents are invited** to eat lunch with students this year. Visitor lunches will be \$4.84. Please call or email the Food Service Department before 10:00 on the day you plan to visit so that enough food can be prepared for everyone. For any questions about Hot Lunch, please contact Carol De Ronde-Richards, our Food Service Director, at [derondec@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:derondec@oskaloosachristian.net).

**IMPORTANT! Attention Parents of ALL grades:** Due to students with food allergies, we are asking that parents **DO NOT** send lunches or snacks that contain fish, peanuts, or tree nuts with their children. Tree nuts include pecans, almonds, cashews, walnuts, hazelnuts (Nutella is a hazelnut product that should be avoided), pine nuts, and other nuts that grow on trees. Please also avoid peanut butter and other peanut products. Items that are processed in a place where nuts are used are acceptable (ex. no peanut M&Ms, but plains, even though produced in the same factory, are OK). Most packaging will indicate such a situation when it occurs. There will be no hot lunches that include these foods served to anyone. If your child has a serious food allergy that is not listed here, please contact the office, your child's teacher, or our Food Service Department. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping our students safe and healthy!

**MONTHLY CHAPELS:** We would like to invite parents, grandparents, and friends to attend our monthly student chapels. This year all chapels will begin at 8:15 a.m. and will include all KK-8th students. Our first chapel will be held on Friday, September 8 beginning at 8:15 a.m. Our 2nd and 7th graders will be hosting chapel on the topic of kindness. Chapel guests can enter the south door using the security system.

**We will again print a school directory this year.** If any information for your family is different from your registration form, or if you would prefer not to have your name and information published, please call or email Patti in the office next week. **If your family has not emailed a family picture, please do so soon,** and include all family names who are in the picture. If you would like to use last year's picture, that is perfectly fine, just let us know.



**We are still taking names for Room Parent volunteers.** We could use more parents for Grades 5, 7, K-4th music, and 5th-8th band and general music. Call or email Patti in the office next week to sign up! [westrap@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:westrap@oskaloosachristian.net)

**DON'T FORGET! Pop cans can be dropped off** in our little white shed by the music room at any time. Thank you to those who are supporting our pop can fundraiser!

**PE Grading:** Attached to today's Crusader Chronicles is information on PE Grading Criteria. Any questions? Just call Miss VK at 641-660-2623 or email [vankootenr@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:vankootenr@oskaloosachristian.net).