

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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August 26, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 26	Volleyball Parent Meeting, 5:15 p.m.
Aug. 29	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00 (first day)
Aug. 30	First Library Day!
Aug. 30	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Aug. 30	Parent Information Night (see article)
Aug. 31	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Aug. 31	Volleyball Practice, 2:30-4:00
Sept. 1 & 2	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 2	KK-8th Morning Praise & Worship
Sept. 5	Labor Day-No School, No Volleyball Practice
Sept. 6	Mrs. Johannsen here for grades 1st-4th
Sept. 6	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 7	Willing Workers Mums orders are due
Sept. 7	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Sept. 7	Volleyball Practice, 2:30-4:00
Sept. 8	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 9	Chapel 8:15-8:50 (hosted by 6th graders) 9:00-9:35 (hosted by 3rd graders)
Sept. 9	School Picture Day for KK-8th
Sept. 9	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00

REMINDERS



•**Parents, mark your calendars for our P.I.N. (Parent Information Night)!** It will be Tuesday, August 30. We strongly encourage one or both parents to attend the meeting to meet the teachers and to learn what to expect in your child's classroom for the upcoming year. Teachers will be doing a 6:00-6:30 and a 6:30-7:00 session. Because parents of Kinder Kids have already attended the KK Orientation, they are not required to attend. Sixth grade parents should participate if they were not able to come to the 6th Grade Orientation on August 17.

•**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.

•**If you have not provided immunization records** for your child who is new this year, please bring or email them next week.

•**Attention 7th grade parents!** All 7th graders also need to provide an updated immunization form showing their Tdap and meningitis boosters. Please bring or email them next week.

•**We are still taking names for Room Parent volunteers.** We could use more parents for Grades 6, 8, K-4th music, and 5th-8th band and general music. Call or e-mail Patti in the office to sign up! westrap@oskaloosachristian.net

•**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.

•**There will be no school** for Labor Day on Monday, September 5.

•**A reminder that 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!

•**A reminder that this year after school care** has been extended to also include early dismissals on Wednesdays with a pickup time of 3:00. After school care will not be available on noon dismissal days or other early dismissal days before vacation breaks. If you are interested in after school care for your child, more information was shared in the August 4 Crusader Chronicles, or the complete after-school care policy can be found in the parent handbook.

•**A reminder that students who have not been picked up after school by 3:25 (or the end of the carline)** will automatically be sent to after-school care and families will be charged the appropriate fee.



We're praising God for a great first week of school! We currently have no covid mitigations in place and we are happy to be able to welcome visitors into our school!

Our enrollment this year is 171 students...88 girls and 83 boys.

Our new students in Kinder Kids this year are:

Livia Anderson, Sydnie Boender, Brakken De Bruin, Levi De Bruin, Wyatt De Ronde, Emmu Du, Sienna Dyk, Andrew Jabaay, Cash Malloy, John Peters, Jack Riggen, Logan Roberts, Jaxon Van Den Heuvel, and Brynn Vonk.

Also new students in other grades this year are Josiah Grimm in 2nd grade, Cora Ferree in 4th grade, and Braelynn Frock in 5th.

Also, a special welcome to our new staff members:

Mrs. Kristi Jabaay - Jr. High Math and Science and 8th Homeroom Teacher

Mr. Jimmie Summers - Custodian

Mrs. Donna Prins and Miss Katelyn Van Arkel - SONshine Pre-school Teacher Aides

We warmly welcome all of our new and returning students and staff!

We are happy to welcome visitors to our school again this year. 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.

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Aug. 31: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 7: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 14: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 21: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Friday, Sept. 23: No Osky buses all day





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jacob Ruckman	August 23
Reese Vander Wal	August 24
Will Groenenboom	August 25
Rebekah Vermeulen	August 26
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

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. 29, Sep. 6, 12, 19, and 26

- There will be no orders** processed the first week of October due to no school October 6 and 7.
- TRIP Bonuses** will be held throughout the year from various companies. Be watching the Crusader Chronicles to receive extra special deals!
- 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 or 641-670-0583.

Picture Day September 9, 2022!

This year's school pictures will be taken by B & C School Pictures from Ottumwa. Pictures will be taken during the morning of Friday, September 9 for all Kinder Kids - 8th graders. 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 week.

We are looking for a boys' basketball coach for this year. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact AD Shannon Semini at 641-660-7036 or seminis@oskaloosachristian.net.

Giving Project 2022



JOSHUA
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

As community builders, we are inviting you to partner with us as we bless Joshua Christian Academy (JCA South) - a new campus that will be across from Blank Park Zoo beginning this 2022-2023 school year. We have divided their needed school supplies into grade levels. Students may bring in supplies from now until September 8. We will also be accepting cash donations to purchase one additional, larger needed item. There will be a collection bucket in the office.

KK - crayons and seasonal/Christian stickers
 1st - glue sticks and watercolor paints
 2nd - colored pencils and jumbo paper clips
 3rd - spiral notebooks and pencils
 4th - erasers and dry erasers
 5th - plastic red folders and red pens
 6th - Clorox wipes and 3x5 and 4x6 note cards
 7th - folders and blue pens
 8th - pencil bags and popsicle craft sticks

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Aug. 29-Sept. 2

Monday: Mini Corn Dogs, Nachos w/cheese sauce, Corn, Apple Slices, WG Roll

Tuesday: Sloppy Joe 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 \$4.15. 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.

IMPORTANT! Attention Parents of Kinder Kids through 5th Grades:

A reminder that due to students with food allergies, we are asking that parents not send lunches or snacks that contain fish, peanuts, or tree nuts with their children who are in Kinder Kids through 5th grades. We are targeting these grade levels because these students share space and snacks at recess and lunch. 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. Also, no hot lunches served will include these foods. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe and healthy!

MONTHLY CHAPELS: We are delighted to invite visitors to attend our monthly student chapels this year. Our first chapels will be on Friday, September 9.

8:15-8:50 5th-8th Chapel (hosted by 6th graders)

9:00-9:35 KK-4th Chapel (hosted by 3rd graders)

All chapels will be recorded this year and available for viewing on our school's website and Facebook page.

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 e-mail Patti in the office next week. **If your family has not e-mailed 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.



NEW MUMS FUNDRAISER! The Willing Workers committee at the Oskaloosa Christian School is selling mums as a fundraiser this year. The mums are from Stam's Greenhouse and are 10 inch pots with your choice of color: white, yellow, red, purple or bronze. If you are interested in purchasing a mum for \$20, please mail or drop off an order form and payment to the Oskaloosa Christian School office by Wednesday, September 7. Mums will be available for pick up on Friday, September 16 from 1:00 - 5:30 PM at the school parking lot. Order forms were sent home with students today and will also be attached to today's parent email.