

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 30	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Aug. 31	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Aug. 31	First Library Day!
Aug. 31	Parent Information Night <i>(see article)</i>
Sept. 1	2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
Sept. 1	Volleyball Practice, 2:30-4:00
Sept. 2	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 3	No Volleyball Practice
Sept. 3-4	75th Anniversary Celebration
Sept. 6	Labor Day-No School, No Volleyball Practice
Sept. 7	Mrs. Johannsen here for grades 1st-4th
Sept. 7	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 8	School Picture Day for KK-8th
Sept. 8	2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
Sept. 8	Volleyball Practice, 2:30-4:00
Sept. 9	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 9	PC Middle School home football game vs. Eddyville-Blakesburg, 4:15
Sept. 10	Favorite College Dressup Day
Sept. 10	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 13	VB home game vs. Osby, 4:30 & 5:30

REMINDERS



•Parents, mark your calendars for our P.I.N. (Parent Information Night)! It will be next Tuesday, August 31. 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 20.

•A reminder that if your child will be absent or late for school, please let the teacher know or call the school 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.

•We are happy to welcome visitors to our school 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.

•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 5, 7, and 5th-8th band and 5th-8th 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 Preschool 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 6.

•BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION: Included in today's parent email are attachments and links for our school's boxtops for education program. There will be more information shared periodically during the school year. Feel free to share this information with family members and friends. If you have any questions, please contact Kari Fite at kari.fite@cir3.com.



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 183 students...100 girls and 83 boys.

Our new students in Kinder Kids this year are:

Camden Beal, Lucy Bolkema, Kyah Briggs, Violet Campbell, Kaden De Jong, Ryder De Zwarte, Clint Hol, Haven Hol, Eva Johnson, Callum Jorgensen, Tahj Mullens, Miley Nance, Bexley Pierson, Everly Pierson, Lincoln Reisetter, Juan Rodriguez, Roselyn Schaefer, Lucas Stam, Henry Steinbach, Scarlett Steinbach, and Carter Younger.

Also new students in other grades this year are Sara De Boef, Gavin Dyk, and Eli Nieuwsma in 1st grade, Rogan Brummer in 2nd grade, Ella De Boef in 4th grade, Jace Brummer in 5th grade, and Lizzie Brummer in 8th. Also, Ivy Burress is a returning student in 3rd grade and Nash Burress in 1st grade. And Oliver Chilcote is dual-enrolled as a homeschooler in our 5th grade band.

Also, a special welcome to our new staff members:

Mrs. Shawna Goemaat - Jr. High Language Arts and 7th Home-room Teacher

Mrs. Juli Veldhuizen - SONshine Preschool Teacher

We also welcome Mrs. Colleen Platt who will be our volleyball coach this year!

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

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Sept. 1: 2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 8: 2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 15: 2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 22: 2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
- Friday, Sept. 24: No Osby buses all day





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Reese Vander Wal	August 24
William Groenenboom	August 25
Eli Nieuwsma	August 25
Rebekah Vermeulen	August 26
Mrs. Keri Spronk	August 27
David Stam	August 28
Ben Spronk	August 29
Graham Jorgensen	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. 30, Sep. 7, 13, 20, and 27

- There will be no orders processed the first week of October (4th-8th)
- 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. The forms need 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 8, 2021!

•This year's school pictures will again be taken by Inter-State Studio. Pictures will be taken during the morning of Wednesday, September 8 for Kinder Kids - 8th graders. **This is the only picture day scheduled for this year.** Kinder Kids students who attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays can be brought to school for their picture on September 8 between 8:30-10:00, OR they can wait to have their picture taken on our **retake day of Tuesday, October 19.**

•Flyers will be sent home with students today that includes information on how to order pictures online. An ordering link will also be included in today's parent email. If you would prefer to have a paper copy of the picture order and pay by check, please email Patti at westrap@oskaloosachristian.net and we will print one for you.

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.



ITEMS NEEDED by Anniversary Committee:

Please bring items by next Thursday afternoon.

CRAFT PAINT: The Anniversary committee could use any extra craft paint you may have. These may be partially used bottles of any color, and will be used for a printing during Saturday morning's Mix and Mingle. They may be brought to the office by Thursday.

VINTAGE LUNCHBOXES: Do you have a vintage or unique lunch box, the metal type that would have been used to carry school lunches in the 60's - 90's? We would like to have a display that shows how lunch boxes have changed over the years. They should be labeled and brought to the office as well.

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Aug. 30-Sept. 3

Monday: Mexican Straw Hats, Refried Beans, Sliced Peaches, WG Roll
 Tuesday: Pork Tenderloin on a WG Bun, French Fries, Applesauce, Bar
 Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Roll
 Thursday: Mac-n-Cheese w/Ham, Carrots, Cinnamon Apples, WG Roll
 Friday: Pizzaburger, Baked Beans, Pears, Yogurt

Free or Reduced Hot Lunch application forms were emailed to all parents and also made available at registration. The free lunch program for students has been extended to include this coming school year, so student meals will again be no charge. **But it is still important that everyone who qualifies for free or reduced lunches completes an application form.** It is vitally important to the hot lunch program itself in generating extra income. Also, a number of grants and federal programs are based upon the percentage of families in a school participating in the Free and Reduced program. Please check the income eligibility guidelines included on the form, and if your family qualifies, please bring your completed form to school by September 10. All forms are kept confidential.

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, there will be no hot lunches that include these foods served to anyone this year. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe



IT'S OUR ANNIVERSARY!

We are looking forward to celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Oskaloosa Christian School with all of you on September 3 & 4!

FRIDAY EVENING EVENTS at SCHOOL:

- 4:00-6:00 Museum & Open House
- 4:00-6:00 5/K Shirt Pickup & Race Registration

FRIDAY EVENING EVENTS at GATEWAY NAZARENE:

- 6:00-8:00 Supper and Celebration

SATURDAY MORNING EVENTS at SCHOOL:

- 7:00-7:45 Shirt Pickup & Race Registration
 - 8:00 Race begins
 - 7:00 -10:00 Belgian Waffle Breakfast
 - 9:00-noon Family Mix and Mingle (Games, Museum, Setting up Stones)
- SATURDAY PARKING:** The limited parking at the school on Saturday will be for handicapped and seniors. With limited street parking (DO NOT BLOCK OUR NEIGHBORS' DRIVEWAYS), we are offering parking at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds. There will be a shuttle service back and forth to the school beginning at 7am. Since the E Street entrance will be closed during the race, we ask that you enter our parking lot via North D Street, drop off your riders, follow the signs to exit the parking lot and proceed to the fairgrounds. The shuttle will bring the driver back to enjoy the activities! This same service will be available when you are ready to go home.