

# Crusader Chronicles



**OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 16-19	Teacher Inservice
Aug. 16	Full Staff meeting at 9:00, Breakfast at 8:30
Aug. 16	Kinder Kids Orientation (1st session) 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Aug. 16	Kinder Kids Orientation (2nd session) 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Aug. 16	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 17	6th Grade Orientation at 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Aug. 17	1st-8th students Meet & Greet, Noon-2:00 p.m.
Aug. 17	1st-8th students Meet & Greet, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Aug. 18	Board/Staff Social at 6:00 p.m. at Boender Cabin
Aug. 22	Optional teacher workday
Aug. 23	First day of school begins at 8:05 a.m.
Aug. 23	First day chapel at 8:15 a.m. in the gym
Aug. 23	All Kinder Kids attend this first day
Aug. 23	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Aug. 24	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Aug. 29	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00 (first 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

## 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 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**.

•**IMMUNIZATION FORMS** are needed prior to the start of the first school day for ALL new students. Also, students entering 7th grade are required to have a booster Tdap and Meningitis vaccine. Please be sure an updated immunization form is brought to our school office before or on the first day of school. **DENTAL SCREENING FORMS** are required for all new KK students. If it is more convenient for you, Immunization and Dental forms can also be emailed to [westrap@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:westrap@oskaloosachristian.net) or faxed to our school at 641-672-1451.

•**Meet and Greet:** Our teachers will hold "Meet and Greet" sessions on Wednesday, August 17. This is a time for students and parents to meet the teachers and bring in school supplies. You are welcome to come any time between noon-2:00 or 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**Kinder Kids Orientation will be held:**

Tuesday, August 16 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (1st session) and 5:00-7:00 p.m. (2nd session)

**6th Grade Orientation will be** Wednesday, August 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Parents are required to review the Parent Handbook** before the new school year begins. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

**BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!**

- Tuesday, August 23: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, August 24: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, August 31: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 7: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses



## WELCOME to the 2022-2023 School Year!

**On Monday, August 23, classes will resume for all KK-8th graders!** The first bell rings at 8:00, with classes beginning at 8:05 a.m. At 8:15 am, we will have our First Day Chapel with all grades present. Singing, prayer, introductions of students, staff, and new families will take place, as well as announcing our theme for this year. All parents and friends of Christian education are invited to attend.

We will have a dismissal time of 2:15 on our first day. There will be Osky Public buses for both the morning and afternoon. **On Wednesday, August 24** we will have a 2:15 dismissal along with Osky Community, so there **WILL** be Osky buses for the ride home on that day also. Thursday, August 25 and Friday, August 26 will be normal school days along with Osky Community buses.

All parents will again receive our school newsletter every week. The **Crusader Chronicles will be emailed** on the last school day of the week, which is usually on Friday. It is VERY important for parents to read this communication from school, to receive timely information and updates of our schedule, etc. If you do not receive the first issue on August 26, please call the office or email [westrap@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:westrap@oskaloosachristian.net).

Register  
Now!

## TRIP

(Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

**Tuition Reduction Incentive Program:** All TRIP participants will need to re-register for the new school year if you haven't already done so over the summer.

•**Summer Trip:** Cash and Carry will be available for sale in the office of the First Christian Reformed Church (815 N. 11th St.) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

•**Moving:** TRIP will be moving back to school on Tuesday, Aug. 23, with Cash & Carry available. Your first weekly order is due Monday, August 29 by NOON.

•**Order Deadlines** will again be noon on Mondays this year, with order pick-up on Fridays from 8:00-3:00.

•**Coordinator:** Kristin Plate will again be our TRIP Coordinator this year. If you would like more information on how you can reduce your tuition cost or help someone else, please email [trip@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:trip@oskaloosachristian.net) or call 641-670-0583.

**After School Care Policy:** After-school care is available to any KK-8th student until 4:00 for families who are interested. The charge is \$2/per student/per day, or families with 3 or more children are charged \$5/per family/per day. **PLEASE NOTE** that ANY students who have not been picked up after school by 3:25 will automatically be sent to after-school care and families will be charged the appropriate fee. Parents interested in after-school care are asked to call or email the school office ahead of time to sign their children up. It is important for staff to know which students will be staying. **Late fees will be charged** for any students not picked up by 4:05.

This year after school care has been extended to also include our 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. The complete after-school care policy is available in the parent handbook.

**Medication:** If your child is prone to have headaches or another medical condition, we encourage parents to bring in medication from home that can be given to them, as needed, during the school day. Please bring the medication to the school office, along with a note signed by parents, giving our staff permission to administer it, as needed. All medication is to be provided by parents. The school does not provide medicines such as Tylenol or cough syrup. Also, students must not keep medicines in their desks, backpacks, or lockers, but must bring them to the office, where they can be kept locked up to follow State of Iowa regulations. Some considerations are given in the case of inhalers for students with asthma. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Friday Wear:** Theme t-shirts will be provided to students again this year at no charge. **(Thank you to our Willing Workers for paying for them!)** Students will be divided into chapel groups, and will participate in theme-related activities throughout the year. All **Fridays** have been designated as days to wear their theme shirt or other OSCI apparel. Families will have the opportunity to order additional theme shirts in September. More details will be shared later.

## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Aug. 23-26

Tuesday: Hot Dog on WG Bun, French Fries, Sliced Peaches, Bar  
Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Roll  
Thursday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Broccoli w/cheese sauce, Pineapple, WG French Bread  
Friday: Max's Pizza, Baked Beans, Pears, Breadsticks w/marinara sauce



## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

The cost for student lunches this year is \$2.85. The cost for reduced meals is 40 cents. 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.** 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 the first day of August 23.** All forms are kept confidential.

**Hot Lunch Balance:** If your family has a past due hot lunch balance, please pay it as soon as possible. Your balance can be checked from our school's website. Use the Hot Lunch Program listing on the left side of our homepage, then go to the School Lunch Web Account Viewer from there, using the login information for your account, provided to you by our Food Service Department. Checks can be made to OSCI Food Service.

**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](mailto:derondec@oskaloosachristian.net).

**Attention Parents of Kinder Kids - 5th Grades:** 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, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 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. There will be no hot lunches that include these foods served to anyone this year. If your child has a food allergy, 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!

## 2022-2023 DAILY SCHEDULE

### Grades KK through 2nd Schedule

8:05 - 8:15	Devotions, etc.
8:15 - 9:50	Morning Classes
9:50 - 10:05	Morning Recess
10:05 - 11:25	Morning Classes
11:25 - 11:55	Lunch
11:55 - 12:15	Noon Recess
12:15 - 1:45	Afternoon Classes
1:45 - 2:00	Afternoon Recess
2:00 - 3:05	Afternoon Classes
3:05 - 3:15	Clean-up & Closing Prayer
3:15	Dismissal

### Grades 3rd through 5th Schedule

8:05 - 8:15	Devotions, etc.
8:15 - 11:10	Morning Classes
11:10 - 11:32	Lunch
11:32 - 11:52	Noon Recess
11:52 - 2:15	Afternoon Classes
2:15 - 2:30	Afternoon Recess
2:30 - 3:05	Afternoon Classes
3:05 - 3:15	Clean-up & Closing Prayer
3:15	Dismissal

### Junior High Schedule (M, T, TH)

8:05 - 8:15	Devotions, etc.
8:15 - 8:58	1st period
9:01 - 9:44	2nd period
9:47 - 10:30	3rd period
10:33 - 11:16	4th period
11:19 - 12:02	5th period
12:02 - 12:20	Lunch
12:20 - 12:28	Noon Break
12:32 - 1:15	6th period
1:18 - 2:01	7th period
2:04 - 2:47	8th period
2:50 - 3:10	Intramurals (M, T, F)
3:10	Clean-up & Closing Prayer
3:15	Dismissal

### Junior High Schedule for 2:15 dismissals:

8:15-8:58	1st Period
9:01-9:44	2nd Period
9:47-10:30	3rd Period
10:33-11:16	4th Period
11:19-12:02	5th Period
12:02-12:20	Lunch
12:20-12:28	Noon Break
12:32-1:15	6th Period
1:18-2:10	Band (study hall for non-band students)



### P.E. SCHEDULE:

Gym shoes are required for P.E. class. All shoes worn in the gym must be non-marking. Please remind your children to dress appropriately for the days they have PE classes:

Kinder Kids	<u>Tuesdays and Wednesdays</u>
1st Grade	<u>Mondays and Thursdays</u>
2nd Grade	<u>Tuesdays and Thursdays</u>
3rd Grade	<u>Mondays and Thursdays</u>
4th Grade	<u>Wednesdays and Fridays</u>
5th Grade	<u>Wednesdays and Fridays</u>
6th Grade	<u>Mondays and Fridays</u>
7th/8th Grade	<u>Tuesdays and Fridays</u>

**ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL:** Please make every effort to bring your children to school on time every day. Classes begin with morning prayer and devotions and it is important for all students to be present during that time. Our morning classes will again 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 by 7:55. **Students arriving before 7:50 will report to the gymnasium. At 7:50, students will report to their classrooms to wait for school to start at 8:05.** When dropping off your children, please pull ahead to the first available spot. For your children's safety, and to eliminate interference with increased bus traffic on "E" Street, **DO NOT** drop off children at the west door by the office.

After school pick-up will stay the same as last year. The west entrance to the parking lot will be blocked to route cars back through the parking lot to exit as last year. **PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OUR SCHOOL NEIGHBORS, AND DO NOT BLOCK ANY DRIVEWAYS** as you are waiting in line. Thank you!

**Students Leaving:** We encourage before or after school appointments for all students if possible. However, if your child must leave during the school day for any reason, parents must come to the office to sign their children out. Office personnel will notify teachers when you arrive, or you may go to the classroom to pick up your child. Please call or email teachers before school begins of any changes in your child's plans for that day.

**Weather-related changes:** Because many OSCI students are transported to and from school by the public school buses, the cancellation of classes is coordinated with the public school as often as possible. It is the responsibility of parents to learn of weather-related early dismissals, delays, and cancellations. Students will not be calling their parents from school to inform them of early dismissals. It is the responsibility of parents to learn of changes in the schedule through the following means.

**\*An announcement** will be made on the home page of our school's website.

**\*The following media** will be contacted as soon as possible: KBOE (104.9 FM, 740 AM), KCWN (99.9 FM), WHO-TV (Channel 13), [www.who.com](http://www.who.com), WHO radio (1040 AM), and KCCI-TV (Channel 8), [www.kcci.com](http://www.kcci.com), and WOI-TV (Channel 5). Please keep your radio/tv tuned to these stations or their websites during extreme weather conditions.

**\*Text:** Contact Mr. Mitchell if you would like to receive a text for morning cancellations or delays.

**\*An email** will be sent to parents with information of early dismissals to all families.

Occasionally there may be circumstances that would call for a delay or early dismissal for our school only, and therefore, the public school buses will not be available. In such cases, parents will be sent an email, and all other notifications will remain the same if possible.





**Cell Phone Policy:** Cell phones are a large part of adults' and students' lives, as well as a source of security. But they can also be a distraction and even a cause for discipline issues during the school day. Understanding this, we require that all students who bring cell phones to school in grades KK-5 have them in their backpacks and not on their person. In grades 6-8, cell phones will be collected in homeroom and given back at the end of the day. Students may ask teachers for permission to use their cell phones during the day if deemed necessary. This practice will help to reduce any problems with cell phones, while keeping the convenience. If a student is found to have cell phones on his/her person during the day, the phone will be confiscated until the end of the day. If this persists, we will ask that the student not take a phone to school with him/her any longer. Thank you for your cooperation.

**The annual OSCI Society meeting** was held June 27. Three board members were elected: Rob Bruxvoort, Ben De Bruin, and Mary Beth Jackson. The Society also approved the budget for the new year. The School Board officers for this year are: President Dan McKinney, Vice-President BJ Boender, Secretary Matt Drost, Treasurer Rob Bruxvoort, and Vicar Stacy Boender.

**The Willing Workers Committee assignments** for this year will be emailed to families soon. 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!

**Willing Workers Officers for 2022-23:**

- President: Kristen De Bruin
- Vice-President: Deann De Groot
- Treasurer: Kate De Jong
- Vice-Treasurer: Morgan Younger
- Corresponding Secretary: Ariel Nance

**A school directory** will be published after school begins, using information from this year's registration forms. Please contact the school office **if you do not** wish your family information (name, address, phone, email, etc.) to be included.

**FAMILY PICTURES:** We would like to again include family pictures in our school directory, so we are asking that you email a family picture to Patti in the office at [westrap@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:westrap@oskaloosachristian.net). Please include names of all family members in the order they are pictured. Last year's family pictures can be reused for this year if you like; just let us know. Thank you!



**School pictures:** Pictures will be taken this year on Friday, September 9 of all Kinder Kids - 8th grade. Any students who are absent on September 9 will be able to have their picture taken on a re-take day which will be scheduled at a later date.

**Just a reminder** that there will again be a school bus stopping at our school every morning to provide transportation for high school students to Pella Christian High. Please drive safely, and obey all traffic rules in the parking lot at that time.

**From the Finance Committee:** Tuition statements will again be sent by email this year. Tuition payments will be made by automatic withdrawal. If you have questions about your account during the year, please email our bookkeeper Robbyn De Bruin at [bookkeeper@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:bookkeeper@oskaloosachristian.net)

**BUS SCHEDULE:** To be kept informed of the Oskaloosa Community bus schedule, please read the Crusader Chronicles each week for updates. Our schedule allows for 2:15 dismissals on most Wednesdays in conjunction with the Oskaloosa Community Schools. However, there may be times when our schedule is not the same, and there will be no bus service available. Please provide transportation for your children on those days. *Please note that at this time, students are not required to wear masks when riding the Oskaloosa Community buses.*

**SONshine Preschool** has a few student openings for the 2022-2023 school year. Email [directorsonshineps@gmail.com](mailto:directorsonshineps@gmail.com) if you are interested in more information.

**WELCOME** to our new staff members!

Mrs. Kristi Jabaay: Junior High Math and Science,  
8th Grade Homeroom

Mr. Jimmie Summers: Custodian

**Oskaloosa CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

**Our 2022-2023 school theme is "Miracles in God's Story".**

**Our focus verse is Psalm 40:5.**

**"Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare."**

Look for our monthly theme chapel schedule in an upcoming Crusader Chronicles!

**ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR SUMMER... ONLY 19 days left until the first day of school!**

