

# Crusader Chronicles



**OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 16-20	Teacher Inservice
Aug. 20	Optional teacher workday
Aug. 17	Board/Staff Social at 6:00 p.m.
Aug. 18	KK Orientation (1st session) 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Aug. 19	1st-8th Meet & Greet, Noon-2:00 p.m.
Aug. 19	1st-8th Meet & Greet, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Aug. 19	Kinder Kids Orientation (2nd session) 5:00-8:00
Aug. 20	6th Grade Orientation at 9:30-11:30 a.m.
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. 24	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 25	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses, Staff PL
Aug. 27	Only M,W, F Kinder Kids attend this day
Aug. 30	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00 (first day)
Aug. 31	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Aug. 31	Parent Information Night (see article)
Sept. 1	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Sept. 2	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00

## REMINDERS



•**Parents, mark your calendars for our P.I.N. (Parent Information Night)!** It will be 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 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*.**

•**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 or backpacks, 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.

•**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.



## WELCOME

to the 2021-2022 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 Tuesday, August 24 and Wednesday, August 25** we will have a 2:15 dismissal along with Osky Community, so there **WILL** be Osky buses for the ride home on those days also.

**Meet and Greet:** Our teachers will hold a "Meet and Greet" session Thursday, August 19. 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:**

Wednesday, August 18 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. (1st session)

Thursday, August 19 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. (2nd session)

**6th Grade Orientation:** Friday, August 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**We are still looking for a volleyball coach for this fall!  
If you are interested,  
please call AD Shannon Semini at 641-660-7036.**

## BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Monday, August 23: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Tuesday, August 24: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, August 25: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 1: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses



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 Monday, Aug. 23, with Cash & Carry available. Your first weekly order is due Monday, August 30 by NOON.

•**Order Deadline:** Order deadline will again be Noon on Mondays this year, and order pick-up will be Fridays from 8:00-3:00.

•**Coordinator:** Kristin Plate will 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@oskaloochristian.net](mailto:trip@oskaloochristian.net) or call 641-670-0583.



### P.E. SCHEDULE:

Please note that 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>Tuesdays and Thursdays</u>
5th Grade	<u>Wednesdays and Fridays</u>
6th Grade	<u>Mondays and Fridays</u>
7th Grade	<u>Tuesdays and Fridays</u>
8th Grade	<u>Mondays and Fridays</u>

**After School Care Policy:** As a service for parents who have children attending both Pella Christian High and our school, we provide after-school care for our students who are waiting for their older siblings to arrive on the PCHS bus. Students are supervised at school until 4:00 at no cost to these families. During the last few years, this after-school care has been extended to include care for other OSCI students as well, for a small fee to families who are interested. **ANY other students** who stay after school are charged \$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 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 who will be staying. **Late fees will be charged** for ANY students not picked up by 4:05.

The complete after-school care policy is available in the parent handbook. At this time there is no after school care available on early dismissal days.

**Parents are required to review the Parent Handbook** before the new school year begins.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Aug. 23-27

Monday: Sloppy Joe on a WG (Whole Grain) bun, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Bar

Tuesday: Mini Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Banana, Mini Donuts

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

Thursday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Broccoli, Pineapple, WG French Bread

Friday: Max's Pizza, Baked Beans, Pears, WG Breadsticks

Sign Up!



## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

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.

**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 \$4.00. 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, our Food Service Director, at [derondec@oskaloochristian.net](mailto:derondec@oskaloochristian.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!

**DAILY SCHEDULE:** Listed below are times for classes and recesses for all grades.

## 2021-2022 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)

**ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL:** 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!

**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 who have requested it.

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.

**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.*

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 27, please call the office or email [westrap@oskaloochristian.net](mailto:westrap@oskaloochristian.net).

**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 have them kept in their locker or in their backpacks and not on their person. 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 28. Three board members were elected: Janel Campbell, Eric Hol, and Stacy Boender. The Society also approved the budget for the new year. The School Board officers for this year are: President Dan McKinney, Vice-President Jim Eveland, Secretary Matt Drost, Treasurer Lucas De Groot, 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 2021-22:**

President: Kara Edel  
Vice-President: Kristen De Bruin  
Treasurer: Lindsay Watts  
Vice-Treasurer: Kate De Jong  
Recording Secretary: Lynn Hook  
Corresponding Secretary: Kristin Boender

**The 2021 Christmas Bake Sale/Vendor Event** will be held Saturday, December 4th from 8am to 1pm. If you own a home-based business or are a crafter, you may purchase a designated spot to sell your goods. Please contact Mary Beth Jackson at 777-4635 or Kristi Jabaay at 319-899-8342.

**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!

**Inter-State Studio School pictures:**

Pictures will be taken this year during the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 8 for Kinder Kids - 8th grade. There is only one picture day scheduled this year. Kinder Kids students who attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays can be brought in to school for their picture on Sept. 8, or they can wait to have their picture taken on our retake day of Tuesday, October 19.

**Friday Wear:** Theme t-shirts will be provided to students again this year. Students will be divided into chapel groups, with color-coordinated shirts, and will participate in theme-related activities throughout the year. All **Fridays** have been designated as days to wear their t-shirt or other OSCI apparel.

**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)

**WELCOME to our new staff members!**

Mrs. Shawna Goemaat: Junior High Language Arts,  
7th Grade Homeroom  
Mrs. Juli Veldhuizen: SONshine Preschool Teacher

**2021-2022 School Theme: Forever God is Faithful**

**Theme Verse: Isaiah 25:1**

*"Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name,  
for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things,  
things planned long ago."*



**It's Our Anniversary!**

**Celebrate with us September 3-4, 2021**

This year's first all-school event will be the celebration of our school's 75th Anniversary. Check the schedule of events for the week-end that is printed below.

**Some things to remember:**

- **It is necessary to RSVP before August 20** to eat at Friday's Banquet. Call or text MaryBeth Jackson at 641-777-4635, or email [75th@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:75th@oskaloosachristian.net), or send a message on our 75th Anniversary Facebook page.
- **6th-8th graders** will be asked to be servers at the banquet
- **Students of the '20-'21 4th grade** will be asked to sing & sign *The Goodness of God* at the banquet.
- **Former Interim principal, Dr. Bob Stouffer**, will challenge us as we look to the future.
- **Saturday's Mix and Mingle** will include retro activities, traditional games & inflatables, and celebration cupcakes. (FOR THIS YEAR only, the Mix and Mingle will replace the Fall Harvest Festival usually held later in September.)
- **5K/Mile Signup:** <https://runsignup.com/Race/IA/Oskaloosa/OskaloosaChristianSchoolGraceRace20185k1milewalkrun>  
Sign up by August 23 to be guaranteed at t-shirt.

**Weekend Schedule:**

**Alumni & Friends of OSCI Banquet and Celebration Service**

@ Osky Christian & Gateway Church of the Nazarene  
4 - 6pm: Museum Displays and History Timeline (at school)  
6 - 8pm: Dinner and Celebration Service (at church)

**5K and One Mile Run/Walk & Family Mix and Mingle**

7am - 10am: Free Will Breakfast Served by Dad's Waffles  
8am - ? : 5K and One Mile Run/Walk Followed by Awards  
9am - Noon: Open House, Games, Food, Living Stone Activity