

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

December 17, 2021

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 20	BB away game, North Mahaska, 4:30
Dec. 21	Mrs. Johannsen here checking in with KK-8th
Dec. 21	BB practice, 6:00-7:30 am
Dec. 22	Red and Green day, Christmas activities
Dec. 22	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Dec. 23-Jan. 2	Christmas Break
Jan. 3	Classes resume, full day with Osky buses
Jan. 3	BB game at Des Moines Christian, 4:00
Jan. 4	BB practice, 3:30-5:00
Jan. 4	Mrs. Johannsen here for KK-4th grades
Jan. 4	Advancement Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Jan. 5	BB practice, 2:30-4:00
Jan. 6	BB home game vs. Ankeny Christian, 4:15
Jan. 7	BB practice, 3:30-5:00
Jan. 10	AEA Hearing screening, grades KK, 1, 2 and 5
Jan. 10	BB practice, 3:30-5:00
Jan. 11	Mrs. Johannsen here for 5th-8th grades
Jan. 11	BB home game vs. Twin Cedars, 4:00
Jan. 11	Clover Kids 3:15-4:15
Jan. 12	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Jan. 12	BB practice, 2:30-4:00
Jan. 13	BB game at Pella Christian, 4:30
Jan. 14	Chapels, 8:15-8:50 5th-8th, 9:00-9:35 KK-4th
Jan. 14	BB practice, 3:30-5:00
Jan. 17-21	MAP Testing

REMINDERS



•With the colder temperatures comes an ever growing **lost and found pile** that is set up in the hallway. Parents, please check for items your family may be missing. Unclaimed items will be boxed up during Christmas break and sold at next year's rummage sale.

•**Christmas Break:** We will have a 2:15 dismissal on Wednesday, December 22 for Christmas Break. There WILL BE Osky buses for our dismissal. Classes will resume on Monday, January 3 with a full day and buses running their normal schedule.

•**Due to a short week,** there will be no Crusader Chronicles published next week. The next issue will be Friday, Jan. 7. Any important communication to parents until then will be done by email.

•**Hearing Tests will be done by the AEA** and are scheduled for Monday, January 10 for students in grades K, 1st, 2nd and 5th. If you have a hearing concern for your child who is not in these grades, please call or email the school office to have their name added to the list.

•**MAP TESTING!** Just a reminder that MAP Testing will be done for students in grades 3rd-8th during the week of January 17. Please do not schedule morning appointments for students during this week if at all possible. Thank you!



•**Mark your calendars! Everyone is invited to attend our next chapels** on Friday, January 14 at the following times:

8:15-8:50 5th-8th Chapel (hosted by 6th graders)
9:00-9:35 KK-4th Chapel (hosted by 3rd graders)

Students, please wear your theme shirts for chapel! All chapels will again be recorded this year and available for viewing on our school's website and Facebook page.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS!

On December 2, Oskaloosa Christian School held a special **Society meeting**, where the Society unanimously voted to begin a capital campaign for updates to the interior and exterior of the school building. The time for fundraising has begun. The total project will cost about one million dollars, but we would like to begin the exterior projects this summer, specifically the roof and windows. To make that happen, we need a minimum of \$250,000 by the end of the calendar year. We currently have \$125,000 in hand, which we would like to match by December 31 to meet our initial goal. We are asking you to prayerfully consider an end-of-year gift for the capital campaign to meet this deadline. No gift is too large nor too small.

To donate, you can send your gift to the school office, either by dropping it off, or by mailing it to 726 N. E Street, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Don Mitchell, school principal, at 641-672-2174 (school), 419-989-1961 (cell), or via email at mitchelld@oskaloosachristian.net. We are excited that God has opened the door for this opportunity, and we look forward to seeing His provision through His people. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Below is our schedule for December 22.

Students are invited to wear red and green for the day!

9:15-11:00	Christmas Rotations, followed by lunch
12:15-1:00	Christmas Sing-along (you are invited!)
1:00-2:00	Class Christmas parties
2:15	Dismissal for Christmas Break



BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Dec. 22: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Jan. 5: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Jan. 12: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses



2021-2022 Theme - "FOREVER GOD IS FAITHFUL"

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."

Theme: Christmas-Faithfulness of God's Story
Key Verses: Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 2:1-20



Natalie Plate	December 20
Levi Jones	December 21
Johnathon Jackson	December 23
Coleton Fawcett	December 25
Trenton De Bruin	December 27
Cobie De Jong	December 29
Adi Boender	December 31
Trinity Roozeboom	January 3
Allison Boender	January 5
Eli Gatton	January 5
Ella Gatton	January 5
Cyrus Hol	January 7

6-month birthdays:

Anniston Meyer	June 19
Elijah Boender	June 19
Harper McKinney	June 21
Aubrey Abrams	June 21
Lake De Ronde	June 23
Jace Brummer	June 24
Brandon Groenendyk	June 25
Kinley De Bruin	June 25
Cayden Plate	June 25
Eva Johnson	June 27
Sophia Plate	June 29
Weston Schaefer	July 1
Lucy Bolkema	July 3
Miss Renee Van Kooten	July 6
Lane Bruxvoort	July 7
Erin Thomes	July 7
Jayde De Groot	July 7
Alex Drost	July 7

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Dec. 20-24

Monday: Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Sliced Apples, Mini Donuts
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe on a WG Bun, Broccoli, Peaches, Pudding
Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Roll
Thursday & Friday: No school for Christmas break

Jan. 3-7

Monday: French Toast Sticks, Hashbrown Potatoes, Sausages, Orange
Tuesday: Mr. Rib on a WG Bun, Broccoli, Applesauce, Cookie
Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Roll
Thursday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Carrots, Peaches, WG Roll
Friday: Cheese Sticks w/marinara sauce, Baked Beans, Pears, Yogurt



Teaching for
TRANSFORMATION

TfT Spotlight: See the Story. Live the Story.

Our teachers are using TfT tools in their classrooms to create learning experiences that empower our students to play their part in God's Story



Mrs. Kristin Van Zee
Resource

Deep Hope: My deep hope is that we will keep our eyes on Jesus so that his love shines through us.

Storyline: Keep the Son in your eyes.

TfT Reflection: Hebrews 12:2 reminds us to fix our eyes on Jesus. My deep hope started as a desire for my students to understand that God created every part of them and has a plan for their lives. If they keep their eyes focused on Jesus, then the things of the world will fade away and lose importance in our lives. The only important thing will be what our creator has designed for us to do with our lives. Max Lucado's book, "You Are Special", is a great story that illustrates this idea for my students.



Mrs. Jana Boonstra
8th Grade, Jr. High Math and Science

Deep Hope- My deep hope is that we will be ROOTED in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, GROW deeper in our understanding of him,

and BLOOM in seeing connections to our Creator.

Story Line - Rooted. Grow. Bloom.

Verse: 2 Peter 3:18 "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

When creating my deep hope, I based it on a verse that has been part of my teaching. I feel that it is important for my students to be rooted in knowledge, but I hope they do not stay there. Over the last two years, my students have done a wonderful job of reflecting on my deep hope and making connections between Math and Science and God as our creator. For each Math and Science Unit the students reflect on 3 questions. 1)Are you rooted deep in the knowledge of our Creator? 2)Are you Growing in your understanding of God? 3)Are you blooming in seeing and grasping connections that point to our amazing Creator? I have been blessed and encouraged by the connections they make.

Teaching for Transformation has given me a framework to intentionally teach from a Christian perspective. It has allowed me to point my students to Christ through the subjects of Math and Science. I continually reflect on how I can make more connections to our amazing Creator!

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.

Order dates: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (no orders Dec. 20-Jan. 2)

Cash and Carry cards will be available **until December 21 while supplies last.**

A reminder that we now have both \$10 and \$20 Taso's gift certificates available.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at trip@oskaloosachristian.net or 641-670-0583.



We would like to say a special thanks to all those who have donated to this

year's Legacy of Grace STO. We have successfully met our goal for 2021 of \$413,264.00!

We are no longer able to receive donations for the 2021 calendar year. Thank you for being generous and helping families experience a Christ-centered education. We thank the Lord for his continued faithfulness to Legacy of Grace STO!

This year's Pella Christian High Shine Dance Workshop will be January 15 and is open to all 4-year olds-8th graders. Sign-up forms will be attached to today's parent email and paper copies are also available in our school office. Completed forms must be returned to the OSCI office by Wednesday, January 5 for all who are interested in attending.

Other upcoming events we are looking forward to in 2022:

February 10	Jr. High History Fair
February 11	Pastors Day
February 18	Willing Workers Auction
February 22	Local Fine Arts for 6th-8th graders
March 3	District V Fine Arts
March 8	4th-8th Pops Concert
March 10 & 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 14-18	Spring Break

