

# Crusader Chronicles



**OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

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*December 1, 2023*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 1	Cookie Decorating, 9:00 a.m.
Dec. 1	No BB Practice
Dec. 2	Willing Workers Bake Sale/Vendor Fair
Dec. 2	Pick up Poinsettia orders
Dec. 2	Oskaloosa Lighted Christmas Parade
Dec. 4	Girls BB Practice 3:30-5:30
Dec. 5	Girls BB home game vs. Osky, 4:30
Dec. 6	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Dec. 7	Girls BB game at Ankeny Christian, 4:00
Dec. 8	Praise & Worship Time, 8:15-8:50
Dec. 8	Girls BB Practice, 3:30-5:30
Dec. 11	Boys BB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Dec. 11	Girls BB Game at Osky Public, 4:30
Dec. 12	Girls BB Home Game vs. Moravia, 4:00
Dec. 12	No Boys BB Practice
Dec. 13	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Dec. 13	Boys BB Practice, 2:30-4:00
Dec. 14	Middle School Science Fair, 6:00-7:00
Dec. 14	No BB Practice
Dec. 14	Clover Kids after school
Dec. 15	Parent Christmas Dinner

**Staff Update:** We are excited to welcome Dan Carmichael to the OSCI staff. Dan will serve as the 5th grade band director and band lessons instructor. Dan loves the Lord and has lots of experience teaching music, including directing summer bands from Osky Nazarene Church and North Mahaska.

*Welcome to our school, Mr. Carmichael!*

## CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE / VENDOR FAIR!

Get an early start on your Christmas baking and shopping! Plates of goodies will include Decorated Sugar Cookies, Fudge, Divinity, Oreo Snow Balls, Peanut Butter Brittle and so much more! There will also be many vendors and crafts present at the same time as the bake sale.

WHEN: Saturday, December 2, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Oskaloosa Christian School gym

See you there!

If you're donating food for the bake sale...Thank you!! Please follow the delivery to school instructions you received from the Bake Sale Committee that was included with your plates/bowls. Thanks to everyone who helped with this fundraiser!

**Spruce Tip Planter and Poinsettia orders can be picked up today from 3:00-5:30 or tomorrow from 8:00-9:00 am in the school gym.**

## REMINDERS



•**Attention families who live outside the Oskaloosa School District:** Information was emailed to you earlier this week about how you can be reimbursed for mileage for providing your child's transportation to school. Just bring completed forms to your residing school district by today. Extra forms are in our school office if needed and can be sent home by contacting Patti.

•**Parents, just a reminder** that any students who are attending our home basketball games are expected to be in the gym watching the game, and not roaming the hallways. Thank you for your cooperation.

•**A Lost and Found table is set up by the office.** Parents and students are welcome to check it at any time for items your family may be missing. All unclaimed items will be boxed up right after Christmas break and donated to a local charity.

•**Advance Notice for Christmas Break:** We will dismiss for Christmas break on Friday, December 22 at noon. There will be no school lunch served, and no Osky buses for dismissal on that day so please make arrangements for your children to be picked up. There will be no after school care on that day. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 3 with a normal 2:15 dismissal and Osky buses available all day.

## Reservations due next Friday!!



Dear Parents,

We are delighted to invite you all to our annual Christmas Chapel and Dinner this year! It will be held on Friday, December 15th in our school gym. A Christmas chapel will begin promptly at 11:00 followed by a delicious dinner prepared by Carol and Linda. A freewill offering will be received to cover the cost of the meal.

We will be sitting by families again this year. Due to the limited space and large number of people who attend our Christmas dinner, we request that students in each family be limited to two guests. Since we are planning a special day for grandparents to visit in April, the Christmas Dinner is a time reserved for parents only. However, if parents are not able to come, we encourage grandparents or another guest to join our students instead. To make your reservations, do not call the school kitchen, but contact the teacher of your oldest child **no later than Friday, December 8th!** We will need to know if your family plans on 1 or 2 guests. We hope you can all join us!

## **BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!**

- Wednesday, Dec. 6: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Dec. 13: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Dec. 20: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Friday, Dec. 22: Noon dismissal with no Osky buses
- Wednesday, Jan. 3: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ryder De Zwarte	December 3
Emery Van Polen	December 4
Becky Groenenboom	December 5
Ella De Rooi	December 5
Logan Roberts	December 8

## 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:** Dec. 4, 11, Jan. 8

**•We will be doing 2 national orders per month this year.**  
 Order dates will be published in the Crusader Chronicles.

And remember that TRIP cards make a great gift as you think about your Christmas giving this year! Cash and Carry cards can sell fast during the holiday season. Place an order to guarantee you will receive the cards you need! **December 11 will be the last day to place an order for Christmas!** After that date, cash and carry cards will be available while supplies last.

*If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at [trip@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:trip@oskaloosachristian.net) or 641-670-0583.*

### Wilhelmina Dutch Peppermints are for sale!

The price is \$3.00 per box or you can buy a whole show box of 12 for \$36.00! **They make great stocking stuffers and thank you gifts!** They sell fast, so contact any 8th grader or stop by the school office to purchase yours soon. A BIG THANK YOU to all those who faithfully support this 8th grade fundraiser every year!



## Legacy of Grace

SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION

One of the means for us to bless families to have access to a quality Christian education is through the Legacy of Grace School Tuition Organization (LOG-STO). This state program allows for individuals and businesses to donate money to help families with tuition at a private school, receiving a 75% state tax credit of the donation. As an example, if you donate one hundred dollars to the LOG-STO, you will receive a state tax credit of \$75, which reduces your state tax liability. In other words, you can dictate where some of your state tax money will go by making a donation to LOG-STO.

Our LOG-STO can raise a total of \$552,935 to help families who desire to send their children to a Christian school. A donation of any size would help us to move closer to our goal. Would you please prayerfully consider a gift to the LOG-STO to help a family access Christian education for their children? Please visit the website, [www.logsto.org](http://www.logsto.org), for more information and a donation form. Thank you.



**Copies of the Willing Workers Cookbook** that was published in 2004 are available for sale in the school office. They are a great deal at a reduced price of \$10.00. They make great Christmas or wedding shower gifts, or a keepsake for your OSCI graduates.

Stop in the office between 8:00-3:00 on any school day to purchase yours. They will also be available for sale at tomorrow's bake sale.

## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Dec. 4-8

**Monday:** Mexican Straw Hats, Corn, Peaches, WG Dinner Roll  
**Tuesday:** Maidrite on WG bun, Broccoli w/cheese sauce, Applesauce, Bar  
**Wednesday:** Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll  
**Thursday:** Sub Sandwich on WG Bun, Carrots, Apple Slices, Sun Chips, Ice Cream Bar  
**Friday:** Max's Pizza, Baked Beans, Pears, Yogurt

**Science Fair!** Save the date for our upcoming Middle School Science Fair on Thursday, December 14. From 6:00-7:00 p.m. the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will display their projects and be available for questions. Everyone is invited to enjoy our students' work!

**Extra Booklets!** Our school has several 75th Anniversary booklets available at no charge. If you are interested in one or more copies, you can stop in the office or contact Mrs. Patti to have them sent home with students.

## WEATHER-RELATED CHANGES



**A reminder to all parents** to please tune in to one of the sources below for possible weather-related changes in our schedule. This includes morning cancellations or delays and also afternoon early dismissals. A text from Mr. Rietema with information on the change will be sent to all parents who are signed up for a Jupiter Ed account, and it will also be listed on our website's home page. **If you have not yet signed up for an account, please call the office so we can get you signed up.** All K-8 parents will also receive an email for all weather-related changes.

KBOE Radio (104.9 FM, 740 AM)

KCWN Radio (99.9 FM)

WHO-TV (Channel 13), WHO Radio (1040 AM)

WHO website - [www.whotv.com](http://www.whotv.com)

KCCI-TV (Channel 8), KCCI website - [www.kcci.com](http://www.kcci.com)

WOI-TV (Channel 5)

**The annual Lighted Christmas Parade** will take place in downtown Oskaloosa on Saturday evening, December 2, at 7 pm. As in past years, we will have a float in the parade. We are asking for your student's participation in the parade that evening. Here are the details:

- 1) The float will be on 2nd Avenue East (east of N. 3rd Street) for loading at 6:30 pm. We will be in Slot #23, which should be staked and easy to find.
- 2) Be sure to sign your children in upon arrival and sign them out after the parade.
- 3) Once the float has been through the parade, we will need you to come get your child/ren so we can get out of the way of the other floats.
- 4) The float will be an open-air trailer, so please dress warmly; hats, gloves, etc!
- 5) KK-4th students will ride the float and 5th-8th will be walking the route.
- 6) 5th-8th graders will hand out candy (note: candy cannot be tossed or thrown, via parade organizers).

The more students we have, the more fun this will be, and the more of an impact our float will have. Please make every effort to attend the parade on Saturday night! Thank you!

-The Advancement Committee