

Crusader Chronicles



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December 2, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 2	Cookie Decorating/Packaging at 9:00
Dec. 2	No basketball practice
Dec. 3	Willing Workers Christmas Bake/Vendor Sale
Dec. 3	Pick up ordered poinsettias
Dec. 5	Hearing Tests for KK-2nd, 5th, & new students
Dec. 5	BB practice, girls 3:30-5:00, boys 5:00-6:30
Dec. 6	Mrs. Johannsen for grades KK-4th
Dec. 6	Girls home BB game vs. Osky Public, 4:30
Dec. 7	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Dec. 7	BB practice, girls 2:30-4:00, boys 4:00-5:30
Dec. 8	Girls & Boys BB games at ACA, 4:00 (girls first)
Dec. 9	Christmas Dinner and Chapel with Parents
Dec. 9	BB practice, girls 3:30-5:00, boys 5:00-6:30
Dec. 12	Girls BB game at Osky Public, 4:30
Dec. 12	Boys BB practice, 5:00-6:30
Dec. 13	Mrs. Johannsen for grades 5th-8th
Dec. 13	Girls & Boys Home BB games vs. Twin Cedars, 4:00 (girls 1st)
Dec. 14	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Dec. 14, 15, 16	No BB practice
Dec. 15 & 16	<i>The Lion King Jr.</i> performance at 7:00 pm

REMINDERS



•**Hearing Tests** will be administered by the local AEA next Monday and Tuesday for students in SONshine, KK, 1, 2, and 5. If you have a hearing concern for your child who is not in these grades, please call or email the school office early on Monday so that he/she can be tested also.

•**Save the date** to enjoy our 5th-8th graders perform *The Lion King, Jr.* on December 15 and 16! Performances will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the George Daily Auditorium. Admission is free, but we invite you to bring along an item to donate to the Ecumenical Cupboard. All Osky Christian students will be viewing the show on Thursday afternoon, the 15th. We're sorry, but parents are not invited to the afternoon showing so that we can provide seating for students from other schools who may be invited. Please come for one of the two evening performances!

•**Lost and Found items are located in the school 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 sold at next year's rummage sale.

•**Advance Notice for Christmas Break:** We will dismiss for Christmas break on Thursday, December 22 at our normal time of 3:15 and with Osky buses. There will be no after school care that day. Classes will resume on Monday, January 3 with a full day and Osky buses running their normal schedule.



CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE/VENDOR FAIR!

Come to our **Willing Workers Christmas Bake Sale and Vendor Fair** December 3 from 8 am-1pm in the gym. Great vendors and a wide variety of Christmas goodies will help you get a good start on Christmas! 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. And if you ordered poinsettias and spruce planters this year, please pick them up during the sale on Saturday! Thanks to everyone who helped with this fundraiser!

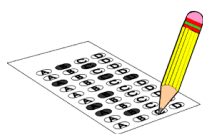
Reservations due next Monday!!



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 9 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, and the 5th grade band will be providing our dinner music.

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 next Monday, December 5! We hope you can all join us!



ADVANCE NOTICE: MAP testing will take place January 16-20 for students in 3rd-8th grades. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress. MAP testing is an online testing platform that will be given three times

a year so we can not only track progress from year-to-year, but also within a school year, allowing data to be shared with parents during both conference times. We ask that you please not schedule appointments, especially during the mornings of January 16-20. It is important that all students are on time and attend for this important testing. Our first MAP testing was held in September and the final testing will be in May.

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Dec. 7: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Dec. 14: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Dec. 21: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kyler Drost	December 3
Ryder De Zwart	December 3
Becky Groenenboom	December 5
Logan Roberts	December 8
Miss Carolyn Brickley	December 9
6 month birthdays:	
Ellie Watts	June 1
Rogan Brummer	June 1
Ian Fay	June 4
Ella De Boef	June 5
Levi De Bruin	June 5

Thanks to everyone who purchased Dutch peppermints for our 8th grade fundraiser. They have all been sold and we will not be ordering any more. We appreciate your support of our 8th graders!

TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

TRIP orders are due by noon on the dates below, and can be picked up on Fridays of the same week.

(Please note that due to shipping delays that we are experiencing, orders placed on Mondays by noon may not be ready until the end of day on Friday. Thanks for your understanding!)

Upcoming order dates: Dec. 5, 12

•Cash and Carry cards can sell fast during the holiday season. Place an order to guarantee you will receive the cards you need!

Please continue to turn in your vouchers. Vouchers are processed twice a year.

Eagles Nest: Please note that the Eagles Nest Christian Book Store will not be participating in our TRIP program for the time being. Please redeem all Eagles Nest TRIP certificates before December 31.

Please note that **Wendy's** gift cards are temporarily unavailable.

Only 2 TRIP shopping days until Christmas! (for ordering)
If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at trip@oskaloosachristian.net or 641-670-0583.

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 \$551,193 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, for more information and a donation form. Thank you.

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Dec. 5-9

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: Hot Dog on a WG Bun, Carrots, Cinnamon Apples, Chips, Ice Cream Bar

Friday: Christmas Dinner: Meatballs, Cheezy Potatoes, Green Beans, Jello Cups, Golden Rolls, Strawberry Cake with Topping

Hot Lunch Balance: Parents, please be sure your family's hot lunch account is supplied with adequate funds throughout the year. Your balance can be checked from our school's website under the Parent Resources tab. From there go to Hot Lunch Program, and select the School Lunch Web Account to log in and view your account. Payments must be made by cash or check and can be mailed or brought in to school. Checks should be written to OSCI Food Service. If you have any questions, or need login information, please contact Carol at derondc@oskaloosachristian.net.



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.

SERVANT WORKER

Serves others with his/her gifts and talents and brings glory to God and joy to others!



Mrs. Leah Stam, Junior High Bible Teacher

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

In junior high Bible, we consider how we can be disciples and servant workers...and how we can help spread the Gospel around the world...from our classroom tables! Operation Christmas Child, an outreach of Samaritan's Purse, gives us the opportunity to do just this!

As a junior high, we gathered together for a "packing party" on November 11. This was a chance for us to pack shoeboxes with toiletries, school supplies, toys, and letters to send to children somewhere else in the world! Along with these tangible expressions of God's love, these children will also receive a copy of "The Greatest Journey," a Bible storybook that tells the story of salvation. Those kids are also invited to a Bible study to grow in their knowledge and faith! We so enjoyed being able to bring joy to these young people (whom we hope to meet in Heaven someday!) while pointing them to and glorifying God!



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 until December 22 to purchase yours.