

# Crusader Chronicles



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**December 3, 2021**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Dec. 4    | Willing Workers Bake Sale/Vendor Fair 8am-1pm |
| Dec. 4    | Pick up Poinsettias 8am-1pm                   |
| Dec. 6, 7 | BB practice, 5:50-7:00 am                     |
| Dec. 7    | Mrs. Johannsen here for KK-4th grades         |
| Dec. 8    | 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses                |
| Dec. 8    | BB practice, 2:30-4:00                        |
| Dec. 9    | BB game at Ankeny Christian, 4:15             |
| Dec. 10   | Parent Christmas Dinner & Chapel, 11:00 am    |
| Dec. 10   | BB practice, 3:30-5:00                        |
| Dec. 13   | BB practice, 5:50-7:00 am                     |
| Dec. 14   | BB game at Twin Cedars, 4:00                  |
| Dec. 14   | Mrs. Johannsen here for 5th-8th grades        |
| Dec. 14   | Clover Kids, 3:15-4:15                        |
| Dec. 15   | 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses                |
| Dec. 15   | BB practice, 2:30-4:00                        |
| Dec. 16   | BB practice, 5:50-7:00 am                     |
| Dec. 17   | BB practice, 3:30-5:00                        |
| Dec. 20   | BB home game, North Mahaska, 4:30             |
| Dec. 21   | Mrs. Johannsen here checking in with KK-8th   |
| Dec. 21   | BB practice, 6:00-7:45 am                     |
| Dec. 22   | Christmas Sing-along                          |
| Dec. 22   | 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses                |

## 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 after our Christmas dinner on December 10. Unclaimed items will be boxed up during Christmas break and sold at next year's rummage sale.
- Advance Notice for 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.
- School Apparel:** Parents, a reminder that if you ordered school apparel, it will be available to pick up from the school office next Friday, December 10 following the Christmas dinner.

## 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 10 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 6! Be looking for an email next week with more information. We hope you can all join us!



## Come to our Christmas Bake Sale/Vendor Fair!

The Oskaloosa Christian School Bake Sale/Vendor Fair will be Saturday, December 4 from 8 A.M.-1 P.M. in our school's gym. Decorated Christmas Cookies, fudge, peanut brittle, baklava, puff pillows, and MANY, MANY more delicious treats will be for sale to help with your Christmas baking. There will also be a variety of vendors to help with some early Christmas shopping. Please spread the word to your families and friends!

**If you ordered poinsettias** they can also be picked up during the Bake Sale/Vendor Fair by using the south door. Additional large poinsettias and Christmas cactus plants will also be available for purchase during the bake sale. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to prepare for this fundraiser and thank you to all our faithful supporters!

## Special Society Meeting Results:

On Thursday, December 2, the school board called a special Society meeting to vote upon beginning a capital campaign to address interior and exterior needs for our school building. By unanimous vote, the Society approved to begin the capital campaign. In the near future, we will be releasing information as to how you can help us in this endeavor. We pray the LORD's blessing upon this endeavor as we seek to bless Him and His people through this project.

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



- Wednesday, Dec. 8: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Dec. 15: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Dec. 22: 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**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Rebekah Groenenboom       | December 5 |
| Miss Carolyn Brickley     | December 9 |
| <b>6-month birthdays:</b> |            |
| Ian Fay                   | June 4     |
| Ella De Boef              | June 5     |

## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Dec. 6-10

**Monday:** Mexican Straw Hats, Corn, Sliced Peaches, WG Roll  
**Tuesday:** Maidrite on a WG bun, Broccoli w/cheese sauce, Blueberries, Bar  
**Wednesday:** Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Roll  
**Thursday:** Hot Dog on a WG Bun, Carrots, Cinnamon Apples, Ice Cream Bar  
**Friday:** Christmas Dinner: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Au gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Jello cups, Rolls, Dessert

## 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 dates: Dec. 6, 13, Jan. 3**

**December 6 and 13** are the only order dates in December before Christmas break. Gift cards make great gifts for loved ones! Cash and Carry cards will be available until December 22 while supplies last.

**Please note that we are experiencing shipping delays in receiving TRIP cards. Please take this into account when placing your orders. We're sorry for the inconvenience!**

### CURRENT BONUSES:

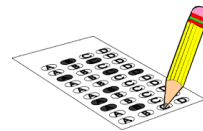
Applebee's: 11% instead of 8% until Dec. 10  
 Burlington: 11% instead of 8% until Dec. 10  
 Chili's: 16% instead of 11% until Dec. 10  
 Pizza Ranch: 11% instead of 8% until Dec. 10  
 Starbucks: 6.5% instead of 4.5% until Dec. 10  
**AND MANY MORE!...CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS!**  
[shopwithscript/bonusrebates](http://shopwithscript/bonusrebates)

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



**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.

**ADVANCE NOTICE: MAP testing** will take place January 17-21 for students in 3rd-8th grades. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress. It is a testing platform that has been around for twenty years, which, as the title indicates, measures students' academic progress. This has replaced the ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) test, as this test is being phased out in order to phase in the ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress). Both the ITBS and ISASP are once-a-year tests that track progress from year to year. Since Oskaloosa Christian had to move away from ITBS, we looked at alternate testing platforms to see what would give us the best data to assess the progress of our students. 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



17-21. 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.



## Supporters and Families of STO - your support is VITALLY needed in these final weeks of 2021!

As we come to the end of the year, a great way to support Christian education is with a donation to the Legacy of Grace (LOG) STO. For this year we have the chance and the need to raise \$413,264.00 to fulfill the tax credits for our STO (State of Iowa's School Tuition Organization). With your help we can raise these funds to support our local school and the surrounding Christian schools. The state of Iowa provides a **75% tax credit on your donation** which provides a reduction in one's tax liability. These donations are some of the most effective dollars that can be given to support families and Christian education. As of November 29 we have received \$346,433.35. Please prayerfully consider if you can support this cause as we close out this year of 2021. Donations must be received by December 31 and can be mailed to:

Legacy of Grace  
 726 North E Street  
 Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Donation forms can be found at [www.logsto.org](http://www.logsto.org) under the 'donation' tab and also from our school office. Call Mike Vermeer if you have any questions...641-780-8089.

**LOG-STO Mission Statement:** Legacy of Grace STO desires to build God's Kingdom through Christian Education. Our dedicated purpose is to collect and distribute available funds in order to extend mercy to those who struggle or are unable to afford a Christian Education for their children. This is in harmony with God's will for our lives. In Micah 6:8, God tells us "to act justly and to love mercy and walk humbly with your God."



**Praise and Worship  
December 3, 2021**