

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 8	RSVP deadline for Christmas dinner
Dec. 8	Girls BB Practice, 3:30-5:30
Dec. 11	Mrs. Vander Leest will be here
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	No Boys BB Practice-(schedule change due to Cadet Christmas Party)
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
Dec. 15	Girls BB Practice, 3:30-5:30
Dec. 15	Boys BB Practice, 5:30-7:00
Dec. 18	Mrs. Vander Leest will be here
Dec. 18	Boys BB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Dec. 19 & 20	Hearing Re-screens
Dec. 19	Girls BB Practice, 3:30-5:30
Dec. 19	Boys BB Practice, 5:30-7:00
Dec. 20	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Dec. 20	Boys BB Practice, 2:30-4:00
Dec. 21	6th-8th Choir to Nursing Home at 1:45
Dec. 21	Girls BB Game at Eddyville High, 4:15
Dec. 21	Boys BB Practice, 3:30-5:00

Reservations due TODAY!!



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 **TODAY!** We will need to know if your family plans on 1 or 2 guests. We hope you can all join us!

REMINDERS



- **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 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 also 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.
- **HEALTH REMINDER!** Parents, a reminder that if your child has been sick, please do not send him/her back to school until he/she has been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the aid of a fever-reducing medication. **Thank you** for your help in preventing unnecessary spread of sickness among our students and staff.
- **Parents, just a reminder** that if your child will not be coming to school to please call or email your child's teacher or the school office before 8:00. If we are not able to take your call, please leave a message. For safety reasons it is important for all of our students to be accounted for.
- **Science Fair!** Save the date for our upcoming Middle School Science Fair next 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!

Here are upcoming dress-up days for December. Participation is optional.

- Monday, Dec. 18--Favorite Nativity Character Day-** Kids (and teachers!) can be any barn animal, an angel, Mary, Joseph, the star, a wise man, or even Herod.
- Tuesday, Dec. 19--Christmas Jammies and Bad Hair vs Plaid/Flannel.** This day will be a contest to see who wears more of which option.
- Wednesday, Dec. 20--Deck the Halls Day-**Wear all things that sparkle, light up, jingle, or glow.
- Thursday, Dec. 21--Christmas hats, socks, and slippers.**
- Friday, Dec. 22--Red vs. Green Day.** Can either be a competition or wear as much of both as you can!



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.

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- 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

Collin Stam	December 11
Piper Van Engelenhoven	December 15
Mrs. Alicia Vander Wal	December 15
<u>6-month birthdays!</u>	
Ellie Watts	June 1
Rogan Brummer	June 1
Ella De Boef	June 5
Levi De Bruin	June 5
Mia Walker	June 8
Mason Refer	June 11
Lindsay De Bruin	June 12
Tierney Thomes	June 12

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. 11 (last date to order for Christmas!), Jan. 8

•We are 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 next Monday to guarantee you will receive the cards you need!

NEXT MONDAY, December 11 will be the last day to place an order for Christmas! After that date, cash and carry cards will be available until December 22 while supplies last.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at 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, for more information and a donation form. Thank you.

HOT LUNCH MENU

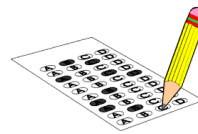
(milk provided with every meal)



Dec. 11-15

Monday: Pancakes, Lil' Smokies, Hashbrown Potatoes, Orange Juice
Tuesday: Pork Tenderloin on WG Bun, French Fries, Applesauce, Bar
Wednesday: Creamed Turkey over Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll
Thursday: Hot Dog on WG Bun, Carrots, Cinnamon Apples, Chips, Ice Cream Bar
Friday: Christmas Dinner: Ham, Au gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Jello Cups, Golden Roll, Cake Dessert

Hot Lunch Balance: Parents, please be sure your family's hot lunch account is supplied with adequate funds. **We would like all accounts to be paid up by Christmas break.** 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.



ADVANCE NOTICE: MAP testing will take place January 22-26 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 22-26. 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.

OSCI BASKETBALL



Basketball season has begun for our boys Oskaloosa Christian team! They will start practicing next week with their first game on January 4. Our boys team has six 7th graders and seven 8th graders. The 7th graders are Jace Brummer, Lane Bruxvoort, Johnathon Jackson, Cayden Plate, Noah Ruckman, and Hayden Van Donselaar. The 8th graders are Anton Boender, Michael Boender, Dean De Ronde, Coleton Fawcett, Joel Pogany, Dylan Roozeboom, and Luke Van Donselaar. The boys are being coached by Mark Boender. Be sure to check out the game schedule below and come to cheer for our team! Concessions will be available for our home games. -Mrs. Semini, AD

BOYS BASKETBALL GAMES

2023-2024

Jan. 4	..... Ankeny Christian Academy	..... Away	..... 4:30
Jan. 8	..... Twin Cedars	..... Away	..... 4:00
Jan. 9	..... Eddyville Blakesburg	..... Away	..... 4:30
Jan. 11	..... Pella Christian	..... Away	..... 4:30
Jan. 15	..... Fremont	..... Away	..... 4:30
Jan. 16	..... Pella Christian	..... Home	..... 4:30
Jan. 22	..... Twin Cedars	..... Home	..... 4:00
Jan. 23	..... North Mahaska	..... Home	..... 4:30
Jan. 25	..... Oskaloosa	..... Away	..... 4:30
Jan. 29	..... Grandview Christian	..... Away	..... 4:15
Feb. 5	..... Newton	..... Away	..... 4:30

This schedule is subject to change.

Check the Crusader Chronicles or our school's website for updates.

