

# Crusader Chronicles



## OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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February 16, 2024

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 20	OSCI Fine Arts for 6th-8th graders
Feb. 21	2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
Feb. 22	End of 2nd Trimester
Feb. 23	No School for Teacher Workday
Feb. 23	Willing Workers Auction
Feb. 28	2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
Feb. 28	Parent/Teacher Conference sign-up deadline
Feb. 29	District V Fine Arts at PCHS for 6th-8th
March 1	Kinder Kamp
March 5	SONshine Preschool Reading Night
March 6	2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
March 7	Noon dismissal with NO Osby buses
March 7-8	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 8	No School
March 11-15	Spring Break
March 19	SONshine Preschool Open House
March 20	2:15 dismissal with Osby buses

### REMINDERS



- February 22 will mark the end of our 2nd trimester. There will be no school on Friday, February 23 for a teacher work day.
- Parents, a friendly reminder that, for safety reasons, if there is a change in your child's after school plans, we must be notified by parents only. A phone call or email as early in the day as possible would be appreciated. Thank you.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held for all grades, KK through 8th, on Thursday, March 7 from 1:00-8:00 pm and Friday, March 8 from 8:30 am - noon. Sign-up will again be handled through a link to signnupgenius.com. This link will be emailed next Monday, February 19 to parents who have two or more children in KK-8th. This will allow them to sign up for more than one teacher for back-to-back conferences. Next Thursday, February 22 the link will be emailed to all other parents. We are asking ALL families to sign up so that Dibels and Map Testing results can be reviewed. Signup deadline is Wednesday, February 28.
- Due to conferences, we will have a noon dismissal on Thursday, March 7 with no Osby buses, and no school on Friday, March 8.
- Advance Notice: Spring Break will be March 11-15.



### Bids for Kids!!

Everyone is invited to participate in this year's Oskaloosa Christian School auction February 16-23!

•SILENT auction items will all be online and available for bidding starting Feb. 16th and closing on Feb. 22nd. Check out the website for our silent auction at <https://osciauction.asimobile.net/#/index> and keep checking back as items will be added daily!!

•LIVE auction items will be in person in our gym with bidding starting at 7pm on Friday the 23rd. There will be no option for online bidding of LIVE items, but you can preview live auction items by going to the website listed above, or use the QR code below.

•A meal will also be served in the gym of either a hot dog or pulled pork sandwich available for \$7/\$10, from 5:00-7:00pm.

Themed class baskets and some class projects will be available this year to bid on. All other auction items and services are donated by families, supporters, and local businesses.

Please note: There will be no childcare or children's activities available this year.

If you have any questions about our auction or if you would like to donate, please contact Cassie Veldhuizen at 641-295-0493. The deadline for donations is February 12.

Use this QR code to go to the auction website!



We still have some Wilhelmina Dutch Peppermints for sale! Get yours while you can! The price is \$3.00 per box or a whole show box of 12 for \$36.00! Contact any 8th grader or stop by the school office to purchase yours soon!



**FINE ARTS!** Everyone is invited to our Middle School Fine Arts night on Tuesday, February 20. Students in 6th-8th grades will perform speech, music, and instrumental pieces. This year we will also have a culinary arts portion added to the evening. Make sure to stop by the gym to taste some of the entries. Events will be held from 5:00-7:30 p.m. The schedule for the evening will be attached to today's parent email. Some students will advance to the District Fine Arts event on February 29 at Pella Christian High School (\*\*Please note the change of location this year\*\*).



**Kinder Kamp** at Oskaloosa Christian School will be held on Friday, March 1. Kinder Kamp is our readiness assessment for four year olds who are interested in attending our school this fall. Any child who will be 5 years old on or before September 15, 2024 is welcome. To sign up, visit our website at [www.oskaloosachristian.net](http://www.oskaloosachristian.net) and use the 'admissions' tab to register. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. All incoming kindergartners who are 5 by September 15, 2024 are eligible for an Education Savings Account for the 2024-2025 school year regardless of income. Flyers will be attached to today's parent email to share with anyone you know who may be interested, and they are also available in the school office.

### BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Feb. 21: 2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
- Wednesday, Feb. 28: 2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
- Wednesday, Mar. 6: 2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
- Thursday, Mar. 7: noon dismissal with NO Osby buses





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lilly Ramthun February 19  
**6-month birthdays**  
 Mrs. Cheryl Groenenboom August 17  
 Allie Mauer August 18  
 Erika Zimmerman August 20

## 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:** Feb. 26, March 4, 25

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

**Fee Increase:** Please note that the convenience fee that participants pay when using a credit card during checkout on RaiseRight.com and the mobile app has increased from 2.6% to 3% per transaction. Shipping rates have also increased for organizations, but there are no price changes to family Ship to Home orders.

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



*Laurel Platt in 6th grade received a check and recognition from Scott Vaughan (Oskaloosa Fire Department Chief) on Tuesday, February 13 for her United States Flag essay.*

**Congratulations Laurell!**

*This morning for our chapel activity, students wrote letters of thanks to our local road crews.*



## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



**Feb. 19-23**

**Monday:** Breakfast Burrito, Lil' smokies, Hashbrown Potato, Orange Juice  
**Tuesday:** BBQ Pork on a WG Bun, French Fries, Applesauce, Bar  
**Wednesday:** Sliced Ham with Cheezy Potatoes, Strawberries, WG Dinner Roll  
**Thursday:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Green Beans, Peaches, WG French Bread  
**Friday:** No School

**Job Openings:** Oskaloosa Christian School has the following job openings for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Kinder Kids Classroom Aide
- Part-time Art Teacher
- Part-time 6th-8th Math Teacher

Application forms can be found on our website at [www.oskaloochristian.net](http://www.oskaloochristian.net) or in our school office. Questions? contact Mr. Rietema at [rietemaj@oskaloochristian.net](mailto:rietemaj@oskaloochristian.net) or call 641-672-2174.



**SONshine Preschool Open House** will be March 19, 2024, 4:30-5:15 or 5:30-6:15. Parents and children are invited for a casual come and go visit to the classroom, meet the teachers and learn about the Christ-centered learning at SONshine Preschool. Online Sign Up opens on

Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 5:30pm. Visit our website at [www.sonshinepreschool.org](http://www.sonshinepreschool.org) for more "Admission and Registration" information. SONshine Preschool is limited to the first 40 students through on-line signup. After 40 seats are filled, students will be placed on a waiting list.

*SONshine Preschool is an interdenominational Christian Preschool that not only teaches school readiness skills, but also proclaims the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*



**Thanks to all our students** for participating in this week's Kids Heart Challenge! Be looking for information on results next week!

