

# Crusader Chronicles



**OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 22	End of 2nd Trimester
Feb. 23	No School for Teacher Workday
Feb. 23	Willing Workers Auction
Feb. 28	2:15 dismissal with Osky 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 1	Chapel Group Praise & Worship
March 5	SONshine Preschool Reading Night
March 6	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
March 7	Noon dismissal with NO Osky 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 Osky buses
March 21	Middle School Electives, 1:20-3:00, 1st day
March 21	SONshine Preschool Sign-up
March 22	K-8th Chapel with Teachers hosting

## REMINDERS



- Today marks the end of our 2nd trimester.** There will be no school tomorrow on Friday, February 23 for a teacher work day. Report cards will be emailed to parents of students in 1st-8th grades on Wednesday, February 28.
- 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 on Thursday, March 7 1:00-8:00 pm and Friday, March 8 from 8:30 am-noon. A sign-up link was emailed to all families this week. We are asking ALL families to sign up so that Dibels and Map Testing results can be reviewed. **Signup deadline is next Wednesday, February 28.**
- Due to conferences,** we will have a noon dismissal on Thursday. There will be no Osky buses for dismissal only on that day, and we will have no school on Friday, March 8.
- Advance Notice:** Spring Break will be March 11-15.

## 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.oskalooosachristian.net](http://www.oskalooosachristian.net)) or in our school office. Questions? contact Mr. Rietema at [rietemaj@oskalooosachristian.net](mailto:rietemaj@oskalooosachristian.net) or call 641-672-2174.

Oskaloosa Christian School is excited to announce an opening for a new full-time administrative position! We are currently collecting applications for a **new Director of Learning and Advancement**. This person will serve the school in various capacities including Teacher & Student Support, Marketing/Promotions, Admissions, and Administrative Assistance. If you or anyone you know might be interested in applying, please stop by the school office or contact Joel Rietema at [rietemaj@oskalooosachristian.net](mailto:rietemaj@oskalooosachristian.net) for an application packet.



## 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 until tonight at 8:00! Check out the website for our silent auction at <https://osciauction.asimobile.net/#/index>.

•**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, please contact Cassie Veldhuizen at 641-295-0493.

Use this QR code to go to the auction website!



**BB Coach!** Oskaloosa Christian School will be looking to hire a **Boys Basketball Coach** for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Athletic Director Shannon Semini at 641-660-7036.



**A reminder that Kinder Kamp is next Friday, March 1!** Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested! Sign up for Kinder Kamp on our school's website at [www.oskalooosachristian.net](http://www.oskalooosachristian.net) and use the 'admissions' tab to register.  
**Sign up for Kinder Kamp today!**

## BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

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





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
Nicolas Platt  
February 27

**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@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:trip@oskaloosachristian.net) or 641-670-0583.*



On Wednesday, February 14, students in grades TK-3rd participated in Jump Rope for Heart and the 4th-8th graders participated in Hoops for Heart as part of the Kids Heart Challenge through the American Heart Association. While one group was in the gym doing their physical fitness activities, the other group was learning about the heart and how it works back in their classroom. It was a fun afternoon and wonderful way to finish our Kids Heart Challenge event. Our school goal was \$7,000 and we finished by raising \$7,419.23 for the American Heart Association. AMAZING!! Thanks to all the families who donated to the cause! Since we met our goal, Mr. Rietema will get to kiss a pig (students are looking forward to that). The 3rd graders raised the most money, so they have earned a movie and popcorn party. Our top two earners in each group were Ben Allmaras in 2nd grade (\$603.34) and Elijah Watts in 4th grade (\$230.69). They will each receive a \$25 Amazon gift card. A SPECIAL THANKS to the teachers, staff, and my parents for helping to run the stations and making the event run smoothly! Also, to Fareway for donating granola bars and water bottles for our healthy snack! Thanks for demonstrating Micah 6:8 and being heart heroes! -Miss VK



**HOT LUNCH MENU**

(milk provided with every meal)



**Feb. 26-Mar. 1**

**Monday:** Chili Soup, Carrots, Peaches, WG Cinnamon Roll  
**Tuesday:** Hamburger/Cheeseburger, French Fries, Pineapple, Pudding  
**Wednesday:** Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll  
**Thursday:** Lasagne, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, WG French Bread  
**Friday:** Bosco Sticks, Green Beans, Pears, Yogurt



**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.*

**FINE ARTS!** Thanks to everyone who joined us for our Middle School Fine Arts this past Tuesday. Students in 6th-8th grades participated in speech, music, and creative writing. We also enjoyed a culinary arts portion during the evening. Thank you to all the students who worked hard on their performances and projects. Thank you to those who accompanied students on the keyboard or piano, and thanks to our judges Mary Fopma, Rusty Raymond, Jim De Prizio, and Megan Pothoven. And especially thanks to Mrs. Goemaat, Mrs. Keith, and Mr. Carmichael for helping our students prepare and for organizing the event. Some students will advance to the District Fine Arts, which will be held on February 29 at Pella Christian High School. You are invited to join us there to celebrate the gifts of our students, as well as students from other area Christian schools. An attachment is included with the parent email today that lists the students who will be representing our school at the District Fine Arts Event.

**Elks Lodge Free Throw Contest:**

In the last couple weeks of December, students participated in our school competition as part of the Elks Lodge Free Throw Contest. Unfortunately, students were unable to advance due to a canceling of the event at the local and district level which we just found out in the last week. I still wanted to recognize those students for their efforts in winning their respective age bracket. Those winners include:

8-9 group:

Jayde De Groot, Violet De Groot, Daniel Peterson, Jude De Ronde

10-11 group:

Ella De Boef, Kohen De Bruin, Charlie Bruxvoort, Lake De Ronde

12-13 group:

Aubrey Kaisand, Nora De Groot, Clay Bruxvoort, Jace Brummer

-Miss VK

