

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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February 2, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 2	Boys BB Game at Fremont vs. Eddyville, 4:30
Feb. 5	Boys BB Game at Newton, 4:30
Feb. 6	Boys BB Home Game vs. Oskey Public, 4:30
Feb. 7	2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
Feb. 7	Pizza & Parenting, 5:30-8:00 pm
Feb. 8	Boys Basketball Party 3:30-6:00
Feb. 9	Pastors Appreciation Day and Chapel
Feb. 9	Boys BB Home Games vs. Pella Christian, 4:00
Feb. 14	2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
Feb. 14	Jump for Heart
Feb. 14	Pizza & Parenting, 5:30-8:00 pm
Feb. 20	OSCI Fine Arts for 6th-8th graders
Feb. 21	2:15 dismissal with Oskey 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 Oskey buses
Feb. 29	District V Fine Arts at PCHS for 6th-8th
March 1	Kinder Kamp
March 6	2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses

REMINDERS



- Parents, just a reminder that any students who are attending our home basketball games are expected to be in the gym watching the game, and not roaming the hallways. Thank you for your cooperation.
- 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. **Also, if your child comes to school late, please remind them to sign in at the office before going to their classroom.**

Job Opening: Oskaloosa Christian School is looking to fill a position for a Kinder Kids Classroom Aide for the 2024-2025 school year. A teaching certificate is not needed, but a love for kids and a desire to help them learn and grow in the Lord is required. If you or anyone you know is interested, application forms are available on our website (www.oskaloosachristian.net) or in our school office. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rietema at rietemaj@oskaloosachristian.net or call school at 641-672-2174.



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!




Reminder: Class Basket items were due today. If you would still like to contribute, donations can be brought in on Monday.

The pastors of our students have been invited to attend our Pastors Day next Friday, February 9. They will join us for morning chapel at 8:15 hosted by our teachers, enjoy a time of refreshments, and will be given the opportunity to visit classrooms. We are thankful for the pastors who faithfully minister to our school families and we look forward to welcoming them to our school!




KAMP 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 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. 7: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Feb. 14: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Feb. 21: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Feb. 28: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Austin Van Zee	February 3
Alia Crill	February 5
Liam Beal	February 6
Jude De Ronde	February 9
6-month birthdays	
Rylee De Zwart	August 3
Lucas Stam	August 5

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. 5, 26

•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 or 641-670-0583.

Elective Classes! We will again offer elective classes to our 6th-8th students this year. If you would like to share a hobby or interest with them on Thursday afternoons, please contact Miss Van Kooten at vankootenr@oskaloosachristian.net or Mrs. Goemaat at goemaats@oskaloosachristian.net. If you are willing to share YOUR ideas, we are interested in hearing them! Our electives classes will be held on Thursdays from 1:15-3:00 on the following dates: 1st session: March 21, 28, April 4, April 11
 2nd session: April 18, 25, May 2, 16



Next Monday, we will welcome Mr. Craig Shannon to our school. He will begin serving as a part time volunteer primarily in the Middle School on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 12-2 PM. He will eat lunch with the classes and also be available to help with homework and monitor study halls. Here is his bio:

I graduated from Denver Christian High School, Dordt University and Drake Law School. I practiced law for 43 years with Grefe & Sidney with offices in Des Moines and Pella.

I have been married to Adele for 48 years. We have 5 children; all graduated from PCHS. They live, respectively, in Chicago, Raleigh, Jackson MS and Colfax. We have 13 grandchildren with one on the way. We live on an acreage in rural Knoxville.

We are members of Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church in Pella. I spend my time doing volunteer work, traveling to see children/grandchildren, occasionally traveling to see new sights, and maintaining our acreage.

Everyone in a Christian school setting (students, parents, teachers) come to the school with problems or issues. The advantage of a Christian school is that those concerns can be addressed from a Christian perspective. Teaching is done not only to benefit the student intellectually, but to demonstrate to the student what it means to work in a sinful world with the proper perspective towards work, co-employees, and "blooming where you are planted."

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Feb. 5-9

Monday: Porkrite on a WG Bun, Broccoli w/cheese sauce, Cinnamon Apples, Bar

Tuesday: Tacos, Corn, Peaches, Lettuce, Cheese, WG Dinner Roll

Wednesday: BBQ Meatballs, Au gratin Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll

Thursday: Chicken Fajita Quesadilla, Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, WG Cinnamon Squares

Friday: Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/marinara sauce, Green Beans, Pears, Yogurt

Wilhelmina Dutch Peppermints are for sale!

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!



Our school calendar has been approved for the 2024-2025 school year. A couple of changes will include changing to quarters instead of trimesters and we will also begin school at 8:00 next year instead of 8:05. Paper copies of the calendar are available in the literature rack by the office and can also be found on our website.



SNOW DAYS: At this time there have been no changes made to this year's calendar due to our January snow days. Any more snow days may result in using February 23 and/or April 1 as make up days. We'll keep you updated!



Last week we kicked off our Kids Heart Challenge event with an assembly in the gym. Lindsay Drake from the American Heart Association came and spoke to the students about what this

organization does and how our school can help in the cause. An informational letter and collection envelope was sent home with each student last Friday so please check that out and let Miss VK know if you have any questions. Be a heart hero!!



The lost and found pile is growing out of control once again! If your family is missing anything please feel free to email Patti to see if it's in our pile. It's hard to see all the items in the picture, but if anything looks familiar, let us know and we can check with your child to ask if it belongs to them. (We'll also email the picture today so you can see it larger.)

From left to right, the crate is full of gloves with a red thick winter coat on top, the first two rows in front are all stocking caps, there are 3 pairs of black snow pants (under the boots), 3 pairs of shorts, one pair of pants, one row of t-shirts, and three rows of sweatshirts and light jackets. Parents are invited to stop in the office to check next week for any items your family may be missing. **After next Friday, February 9, all items will be boxed up and donated to a local charity.**