

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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February 9, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 9	Boys BB Home Games vs. Pella Christian, 4:00
Feb. 14	2:15 dismissal with Osby 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 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. 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 7-8	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 8	No School
March 11-15	Spring Break

REMINDERS



- Advance Notice:** 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, 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!

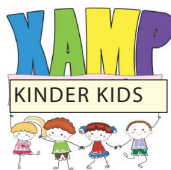


We still have some Wilhelmina Dutch Peppermints for sale! Get yours while you can! The price is \$3.00 per box or a whole show box of 12 for \$36.00! Contact any 8th grader or stop by the school office to purchase yours soon!



Update on Kids Heart Challenge:

We currently have \$3,500 (50%) of our total goal of \$7,000. Our event is February 14 in the afternoon. Students will participate in different stations in the gym and also work in the classroom learning more about the heart and how it functions. Thanks to those who have given this far! Remember if we don't reach our goal, Mr. Rietema won't kiss a pig!



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. 14: 2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
- 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





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Riley Van Maanen	February 10
Mrs. Kristin Plate	February 11
Anton Boender	February 11
Hailee Fawcett	February 11
Violet Campbell	February 15
<u>6-month birthdays</u>	
Judah Orr	August 14
Pippa De Ronde	August 15
Brynn Vonk	August 15

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 or 641-670-0583.

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Feb. 12-16

Monday: Corn Dog, Nachos w/cheese, Corn, Peaches, WG Dinner Roll
Tuesday: Chicken Patty on WG Bun, Tator Tots, Apple Slices, Bar
Wednesday: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll
Thursday: Taco Casserole, Carrots, Banana, Corn Bread
Friday: Max's Pizza, Baked Beans, Pears, Breadsticks w/marinara sauce

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 sent home with students next Friday and will also be attached to a February 16 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**).

Elective Classes!

Thanks for all those who have offered help with our elective classes. We now have enough classes lined up for our first session, but could use help with the 2nd session. If you would like to share a hobby or interest with our middle school students on Thursday afternoons, please contact Miss Van Kooten at vankootenr@oskaloosachristian.net or Mrs. Goemaat at goemaats@oskaloosachristian.net. **We could also use drivers and/or facilitators for both sessions.** 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

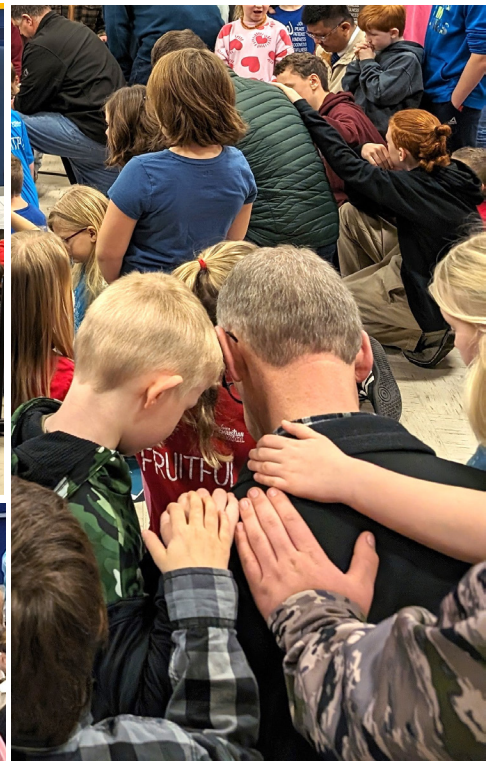
2nd session: April 18, 25, May 2, 16



Pastors Day! Today we were excited to welcome many of our pastors to our school! They joined all of us for our morning chapel, met with Mr. Rietema for refreshments, and joined students in their classrooms. Students also

shared letters of appreciation to them. During chapel our 4th graders played "Popcorn BAG", "God is so Good" and "Amazing Grace" on their recorders, the 5th graders recited a poem called "A Poetic Prayer for my Pastor" and Mr. Rietema talked on the subject of "Loved to Love", sharing several verses from the Bible that teach us about love.

1 John 3:1 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"



We appreciate our pastors and the important part they play in the lives of our families and we were excited to welcome them to our school!