

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 15	Mrs. Vander Leest will be here
Jan. 15	Boys BB game at Fremont, 4:30
Jan. 16	Boys BB home game vs. Pella Christian, 4:30
Jan. 17	Deadline for SONshine Cupcake Orders!
Jan. 17	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Jan. 17	Boys BB Practice, 2:30-4:00
Jan. 18	Boys BB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Jan. 19	Osky Christian Has Talent, 1:45-2:45
Jan. 19	Boys BB Practice 3:30-5:00 (newly added!)
Jan. 22	Boys BB home game vs. Twin Cedars, 4:00
Jan. 23	Boys BB home game vs. North Mahaska, 4:30
Jan. 24	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Jan. 24	Boys BB Practice, 2:30-4:00
Jan. 25	Storybook Players, 2:00-3:00
Jan. 25	Boys BB Game at Osky Public, 4:30
Jan. 26	Jump for Heart Assembly, 8:15-8:30, followed by theme activity
Jan. 26	Boys BB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Jan. 29	Boys BB Game at Grandview Christian, 4:15
Jan. 30	Boys BB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Jan. 31	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Jan. 31	Boys BB Practice, 2:30-4:00

ESA Payments: Parents, earlier this week you received an email about logging in to your Odyssey account to approve your 2nd semester tuition. We have since learned that the numbers are incorrect, so we are asking that you not approve anything at this time. If you have already approved it, no worries. We are just waiting to hear back from Odyssey about correcting it and we will send another email when we have further instructions.

Sorry if this created any frustration or inconvenience for you. We thank you for your patience during this year as we learn a new system for paying tuition.

This year the 'Osky Christian Has Talent' Show will include an afternoon performance ONLY, eliminating the Friday evening performance and giving our families an extra night "off". The students will still perform for the KK-5th graders during the school day on January 19th from 1:45-2:45. Everyone is invited to attend this afternoon show, and we will also record the performance if you'd like to watch it at a later date. A link will be available on our school's website at www.oskaloosachristian.net.

Pizza and Parenting: Join us for "Parenting With Love and Logic" for parents of all aged children. Three sessions will be held at our school on January 31, February 7, and February 14 from 5:30-8:00. Childcare will be available for a freewill donation, and there will be no charge for a meal, a book, and the class. These classes are jointly sponsored by Oskaloosa Christian School and SONshine Preschool. A flyer is attached today with more information to share.

REMINDERS



•**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, especially during this time when our community has been hit hard with a variety of illnesses.

•**TESTING!** A reminder that Dibels Testing for students in grades KK-5th will be done January 15-19, and MAP Testing for 3rd-8th grades will be the week of January 22. Please do not schedule morning appointments for students during these weeks if at all possible. Thank you!

•**The Oskaloosa Senior High School Storybook Players** will be performing in our gym on Thursday, January 25 beginning at 2:00. All K-8th students will be in attendance. Parents, siblings and friends of our school are invited to join us!

•**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.

•**Attention Boys Basketball Parents!** Please note that there will be boys basketball practice on Friday, January 19 from 3:30-5:00.

•**Parents, a reminder** to provide warm coats, hats, gloves and snow pants for your children on cold and snowy days. Students are expected to go outside for recess when the feels like temperature is zero degrees or above.

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!



CLASS BASKETS/PROJECTS!

The February 23 Willing Workers school auction is quickly approaching. As part of the auction each class will either prepare a project or donate items to a basket to help raise money for the school.

If your child's classroom is assigned a project, we are asking each child to bring \$3-\$5 to help cover the cost of the project. Their teacher will have an envelope to collect the money. All projects will be done during school hours.

If your child's class has a theme basket, we are asking each student to donate one or two items- or partner with another family to pool funds and donate a larger item. There will be a box in your child's classroom to collect the items.

Attached today is more information on items to donate for your child's basket or project. The deadline for donations is February 2.

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Jan. 17: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Jan. 24: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Jan. 31: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Luke Van Donselaar	January 15
Dylan Roozeboom	January 18
Nora Bolkema	January 19
6-month birthdays	
Paxten De Jong	July 13
Duke De Ronde	July 16
Ben Allmaras	July 17
Lexi Kane	July 17
Rachel Groenendyk	July 18
Haven Hol	July 18
Brett Thomes	July 18

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: Jan. 22, Feb. 5, 26

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

If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at trip@oskaloosachristian.net or 641-670-0583.



SONshine this year is going to do a Cranberry Stone Bakery Cupcake Fundraiser! They are a delicious bakery out of Pella! Cranberry Stone says their cupcakes freeze well so keep that in mind for future events. Our Fundraiser this year will be going toward Religious Instructions and Gifts to families of SONshine. The order forms are due back to the OCSI front desk or SONshine room on January 17th and the cupcakes will be in on January 24th. Pick up place and time will be determined later. Payment is due the time of dropping off your order form. Please make checks payable to SONshine Preschool.

A few things to keep in mind when placing your order. The cupcakes must be ordered in increments of 6. You can mix any combination of cupcakes in that six. Whether it be 6 different cupcakes, 2 of each or 6 of one kind of cupcake.

Order forms are available in the school office and will also be attached to today's parent email.

If you have any questions please contact me at samvee12@gmail.com or 641-204-1484. Thank you for all the support!

-Sami De Bruin, SONshine Board Member

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Jan. 15-19

Monday: Pancakes, Hashbrowns, Little Smokies, Peaches

Tuesday: Pork Tenderloin on WG bun, Corn, Applesauce, Blueberry Muffin

Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll

Thursday: Mac-n-Cheese, Ham, Carrots, Cinnamon Apples, Caramel Roll

Friday: Pizzaburger, Corn, Pear

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

PC Clay Target Team 2024 Sign-up and Safety Meetings

The 2024 sign-up and safety meetings for the PC Clay Target team are scheduled for Thursday, January 18 from 6pm- 8pm and Saturday, January 20 from 8:30am-10:30am in the auditorium at PCHS. Students from 4th grade through 12th grade may compete on the team. To be eligible to participate on the team for the 2024 season, you and one parent or guardian must attend one of these meetings. Also, please print and fill out all the forms found under the Forms section of the PC Clay Target team website (pcclaytarget.com) and bring them along with you to the meeting along with a form of payment (preferably a check). If you have any questions, please contact Greg Stravers at 641-780-2068.