

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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January 5, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 5	Boys BB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Jan. 8	Boys BB Game at Twin Cedars, 4:00
Jan. 9	Boys BB Home Game vs. Eddyville, 4:30
Jan. 10	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Jan. 10	Boys BB Practice, 2:30-4:00
Jan. 11	Boys BB Game at Pella Christian, 4:30
Jan. 12	KK-8th Chapel, 8:15 a.m.
Jan. 12	Boys BB Practice, 3:30-5:00
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	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



Mark your calendars! Everyone is invited to attend our next chapel on Friday, January 12 at 8:15 a.m. The 3rd and 6th graders will host our chapel on the topic of gentleness. Students, please wear your theme shirts on that day!

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.

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.

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.



Congratulations to these three students on their HUGE achievement of getting the Golden Stand award by memorizing all 12 major scales!

- Reese Vander Wal (7th)
- Nora De Groot (6th)
- Josie Hessing (7th)

Please join me in congratulating these girls next time you see them! -Mrs. Keith

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Jan. 10: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Jan. 17: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Jan. 24: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cyrus Hol	January 7
Kohen De Bruin	January 10
6-month birthdays	
Miss Renee Van Kooten	July 6
Lane Bruxvoort	July 7
Jayde De Groot	July 7
Leah Spronk	July 9
Violet De Groot	July 11

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. 8, 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.

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!



The Fred J. Brunner Foundation is an organization that has been awarding grants to various organizations since 1956. The Foundation specifically grants awards to organizations that serve children and the elderly. This year our school has been blessed to receive a \$10,000 grant to help with technological needs at the school. **Praise God for His provision, and thank you to the Fred J. Brunner Foundation for their very generous gift!**

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.

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.

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Jan. 8-12

Monday: Corn Dogs, Nachos with cheese sauce, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, WG Dinner Roll

Tuesday: Hamburger/Cheeseburger, French Fries, Strawberry Cups, Pudding

Wednesday: BBQ Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll

Thursday: Lasagne, Carrots, Peaches, WG French Bread

Friday: French Bread Pizza, Green Beans, Pears, Yogurt



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

KK-5th DIBELS Testing Jan. 15-19

(Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills)

3rd-8th MAP Testing Jan. 22-26

(Measures of Academic Progress)

Below are some test taking tips that can help your child obtain test scores that accurately reflect his or her achievement. Many of these suggestions apply to all kinds of test-taking, not just standardized achievement tests. If your daughter or son is an inexperienced test taker, you may want to talk with her or him about these ideas.

- During the week of testing, make sure you get plenty of sleep each night.
- Read and listen carefully to the directions for each test while your teacher reads them. Then follow those directions exactly. If you don't understand the directions, ask your teacher to explain them.
- Look at all the answer choices for a question before you select one as your answer. For many test questions, you will need to compare the answer choices and then choose the best one.
- If you are not sure about the correct answer to a test question, first eliminate any choices you know are wrong. Then choose your answer from among the choices that remain.
- When your teacher gives you rest periods between tests, use them to stretch if you feel tired of sitting.

