

# Crusader Chronicles



**OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

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**January 6, 2023**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 6, 9, 10	Boys BB practice 3:30-5:00
Jan. 7	SEIBA Honor Band Auditions
Jan. 10	Mrs. Johannsen for grades 5th-8th
Jan. 11-12	AEA Hearing Rescreening
Jan. 11	2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
Jan. 11	Boys BB practice 2:30-4:00
Jan. 12	Boys BB home game vs. Pella Christian, 4:30
Jan. 13	5th-8th Chapel, 8:15-8:50 KK-4th Chapel, 9:00-9:35
Jan. 13	Boys BB practice 3:30-5:00
Jan. 16-20	Dibels testing for KK-5th graders
Jan. 16	No Oskey buses all day
Jan. 16	Boys BB practice, 3:30-5:00
Jan. 17	Leadership Breakfast, 7:35
Jan. 17	Boys BB game at Pella Christian, 4:30
Jan. 18	2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
Jan. 18	Boys BB practice, 2:30-4:00
Jan. 19, 20, 23	Boys BB practice, 3:30-5:00
Jan. 20	Chapel Group Activity, 8:15
Jan. 20	Storybook Players, 2:00
Jan. 23-27	MAP Testing for 3rd-8th graders

## REMINDERS



•If anyone missed buying Wilhemina Dutch Peppermints, we have just a few boxes left for sale. You can stop by the school office anytime during school hours to purchase!

•**TESTING!** A reminder that Dibels Testing for students in grades KK-5th will be done January 16-20, and MAP Testing for 3rd-8th grades will be the week of January 23. Please do not schedule morning appointments for students during these weeks if at all possible. Thank you!

•**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.

•**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.

•**The Oskaloosa Senior High School Storybook Players** will be performing in our gym on Friday, January 20 beginning at 2:00. All K-8th students will be in attendance. Parents, siblings and friends of our school are invited to join us!

•**The 2nd payment of band fees is due on January 10.** The fee for each 5th grade band student is \$165 OR payments of \$55 each on Nov. 10, Jan. 10, and March 10. Fees for 6th-8th band students are \$180 and can also be paid in 3 payments of \$60 each. Checks can be made out to the school and brought or sent to the office.

•**Parents, you are welcome** to join us for lunch on any school day! Just call or email the office or kitchen by 10:00 on the day you plan to come to be sure enough food can be prepared for everyone. The cost of a guest lunch is \$4.15.

### PC Clay Target Team 2023 Sign-up and Safety Meetings

The 2023 sign-up and safety meetings for the Pella Christian Clay Target team are scheduled for Thursday, January 19 from 6PM - 8PM and Saturday, January 21 from 8:30AM-10:30AM in the auditorium at PCHS. Students 4th grade through 12th grade may compete on the team. To be eligible for the team for the 2023 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 ([pc-claytarget.com](http://pc-claytarget.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.

### BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Jan. 11: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Monday, Jan. 16: No Oskey buses all day
- Wednesday, Jan. 18: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Jan. 25: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses



**Mark your calendars! Everyone is invited to attend our next chapels** on Friday, January 13 at the following times:

8:15-8:50 5th-8th Chapel (hosted by 5th graders)

9:00-9:35 KK-4th Chapel (hosted by 4th graders)

Students, please wear your theme shirts for chapel! All chapels are being recorded this year and available for viewing on our school's website and Facebook page.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** We will again be requesting pre-registration payments for the 2023-2024 school year for students who will be entering Kinder Kids, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. The purpose of this pre-registration payment is to better determine the class sizes and staff needs for the coming year. A \$300 fee for each student will be due by March 31, 2023 to secure a place in these classrooms. School parents of students in these grades will receive an email soon from our Finance Committee with more information. Parents of future Kinder Kids will receive the information at Kinder Kamp on March 3.

**Hot Lunch Balance:** Parents, please be sure your family's hot lunch account is supplied with adequate funds throughout the year. Your balance can be checked from our school's website under the Parent Resources tab. From there go to Hot Lunch Program, and select the School Lunch Web Account to log in and view your account. Payments must be made by cash or check and can be mailed or brought in to school. Checks should be written to OSCI Food Service. If you have any questions, or need login information, please contact Carol at [derondc@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:derondc@oskaloosachristian.net).



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cyrus Hol	January 7
Harper De Bruin	January 8
Kohen De Bruin	January 10
<b>6 month birthdays:</b>	
Lane Bruxvoort	July 7
Erin Thomes	July 7
Jayde De Groot	July 7
Alex Drost	July 7
Leah Spronk	July 9
Mrs. Kendra Foley	July 10
Violet De Groot	July 11
Paxten De Jong	July 13

## TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

**TRIP orders are due by noon on the dates below, and can be picked up on Fridays of the same week.**

**Upcoming order dates:** Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30

**Participant Payment Fee:** We wanted to let you know about a change in the fees. Effective January 9, 2023 the transaction fee for orders placed using your bank account will increase from \$0.15 to \$0.29 per order. There has not been an adjusted fee since 2011. This change will be reflected in the mobile app and on the Raise Right website when selecting Bank Account as your option.

**We will now be requiring cash and carry and national orders to be placed separately. If paying by check the orders must be on separate checks.**

•**McDonald's is now participating in our TRIP program at 2%.** \$10 and \$25 Cards are available in cash and carry and can also be ordered.

•**Eagles Nest:** Please note that the Eagles Nest Christian Book Store will not be participating in our TRIP program for the time being.

•Please note that **Wendy's** gift cards are temporarily unavailable.

*If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at [trip@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:trip@oskaloosachristian.net) or 641-670-0583.*

## HELLO BABY



**Congratulations to Hayden Van Donselaar (6th) and Owen Van Donselaar (3rd)!** They have a new baby sister! Norah Elizabeth Van Der Wal was born on January 3 at 8:15 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Congratulations also to parents Cory and Laura Van Der Wal and her other brothers, Landon, Hayden, and Brecken.



**Congratulations to Collin Stam (4th) and Maria Stam (2nd)!** They also have a new baby sister! Lacey Jo Stam was born on December 31 at 2:22 p.m., weighing 5 pounds and 15 ounces. Congratulations to parents Caleb and Leah Stam and big brother Ryan who also welcomed her home.

**We celebrate with all of you and give thanks to God for His precious gifts to your families!**

## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Jan. 9-13

**Monday:** Corn Dogs, Nachos w/cheese, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, WG Roll  
**Tuesday:** Hamburger/Cheeseburger, French Fries, Pineapple, Pudding  
**Wednesday:** BBQ Meatballs, Hashbrown Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Roll  
**Thursday:** Lasagne, Carrots, Peaches, WG French Bread  
**Friday:** French Bread Pizza, Baked Beans, Pears, Yogurt

## WEATHER-RELATED CHANGES

**A reminder to all parents** to please tune in to one of the sources below for possible weather-related changes in our schedule.



KBOE Radio (104.9 FM, 740 AM)

KCWN Radio (99.9 FM)

WHO-TV (Channel 13), WHO Radio (1040 AM)

WHO website - [www.whotv.com](http://www.whotv.com)

KCCI-TV (Channel 8), KCCI website - [www.kcci.com](http://www.kcci.com)

WOI-TV (Channel 5)

Parents are responsible for learning of weather-related early dismissals; students and staff will not be calling from school to notify parents, except in special circumstances. If you are not already on the list and would like to be notified of early school dismissals by email, just send an email to Patti in the office at [westrap@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:westrap@oskaloosachristian.net). All email addresses on the list last year will be included on this year's list. All schedule changes due to weather will also be posted on the home page of our school's website. Parents also have the option to sign up through Jupiter Ed to receive an email/text in the case of a school cancellation or delay. If you are a new parent who does not have a Jupiter Ed account, please contact the school office so we can get you signed up.

## KK-5th Dibels Testing Jan. 16-20

(Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills)

## 3rd-5th MAP Testing Jan. 23-27

(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 as much sleep each night as you normally get on a school 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.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:11