

# Crusader Chronicles



**OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 7	BB practice, 3:30-5:00
Jan. 8	SEIBA Honors Band auditions
Jan. 10	AEA Hearing screening, grades SONshine, KK, 1, 2, 5 and students new this year
Jan. 10	BB practice, 3:30-5:00
Jan. 11	Mrs. Johannsen here for 5th-8th grades
Jan. 11	BB home game vs. Twin Cedars, 4:00
Jan. 11	Clover Kids 3:15-4:15
Jan. 12	2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
Jan. 12	BB practice, 2:30-4:00
Jan. 13	BB game at Pella Christian, 4:30
Jan. 14	Chapels, 8:15-8:50 5th-8th, 9:00-9:35 KK-4th
Jan. 14	BB practice, 3:30-5:00
Jan. 17-21	MAP Testing
Jan. 17	No Oskey buses all day
Jan. 17	BB practice, 3:30-5:00
Jan. 18	Leadership Breakfast, 7:35
Jan. 18	BB home game vs. Pella Christian, 4:30
Jan. 19	2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses

## REMINDERS



•**Hearing Tests will be done by the AEA** and are scheduled for next Monday, January 10 for students in SONshine Preschool, grades K, 1st, 2nd, 5th and students who are new to our school this year. If you have a hearing concern for your child who is not in these grades, please call or email the school office early Monday morning to have their name added to the list.

•**MAP TESTING!** Just a reminder that MAP Testing will be done for students in grades 3rd-8th during the week of January 17. Please do not schedule morning appointments for students during this week if at all possible. Please see page 2 for more info on MAP testing. Thank you!

•**Parents**, a friendly reminder that, for safety reasons, if there is a change in your child's after school plans, we must be notified by parents only. A phone call or email as early in the day as possible would be appreciated. Thank you.

•**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.

•**The Oskaloosa Senior High School Storybook Players** will be performing in our gym on Friday, January 21 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, 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 \$4.00.

## Bids for Kids!!



Save the date for the annual Bids for Kids Auction coming up on Feb. 18, 2022. We are all a GIFT...Growing In Faith Together!

**Silent Auction items** - will be online only this year. Same format as last year. More details to come.

**Live Auction** - 7:00 - will be in person only this year.

**Supper Served** - 5:00-7:00 (Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Cheesy Potatoes, Beans, Asian Salad - \$5/\$8) (gluten free buns and to-go containers available by request.

**See you there!**



**Mark your calendars! Everyone is invited to attend our next chapels** on Friday, January 14 at the following times:

8:15-8:50 5th-8th Chapel (hosted by 6th graders)

9:00-9:35 KK-4th Chapel (hosted by 3rd graders)

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

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We want to give you an update on the progress of our Phase I Capital Campaign, where we are raising money to address our exterior (roof and windows) and interior (i.e. furnaces, plumbing, etc.) school facilities. To date, your generosity has added up to over \$170,000 collected in hand, with other sources currently in progress that will yield additional funding. Our initial goal of \$250,000 to begin exterior projects is within reach, thanks to the blessings of those who have shared. Would you be willing to help us with this endeavor? Or do you know someone who may be able to help and would like someone to speak to them? Please contact the school at 641-672-2174, or email me at mitchellid@oskaloosachristian.net, and I would be happy to help. Thank you for your support, and praise God for the blessings He has given us thus far!

## BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!



- Wednesday, Jan. 12: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Monday, Jan. 17: no Oskey buses all day
- Wednesday, Jan. 19: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Jan. 26: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses

## 2021-2022 Theme - "FOREVER GOD IS FAITHFUL"

*Isaiah 25:1: "Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago."*

January Theme: What does a good and faithful servant look like?

Key Verses:

**Psalms 119:30:** "I have chosen to be faithful; I have determined to live by your regulations."  
**I Samuel 17: David fights Goliath** (A good and faithful servant keeps their promises!)



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Harper De Bruin	January 8
Kohen De Bruin	January 10
<b>6-month birthdays:</b>	
Mrs. Jana Boonstra	July 8
Leah Spronk	July 9
Mrs. Kendra Foley	July 10
Violet De Groot	July 11
Paxten De Jong	July 13

## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Jan. 9-14

Monday: Tasty Burger on a WG Bun, Corn, Applesauce, Bar  
 Tuesday: Burrito, Nachos w/cheese, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, WG Roll  
 Wednesday: BBQ Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Roll  
 Thursday: Lasagne, Carrots, Sliced Peaches, WG French Bread  
 Friday: Pizzaburger, Baked Beans, Pear 1/2, Yogurt



# IT'S A BOY

**Congratulations to Becky Groenenboom (2nd) and Will Groenenboom (KK)! They have a new baby brother! Kenneth John was born on January 4, weighing 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. Congratulations also to parents Kaleb and Rachel Groenenboom. We PRAISE THE LORD for this precious gift to your family!**

## TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

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

**Order dates: Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31**

**A reminder that we now have both \$10 and \$20 Taso's gift certificates available.**

**Make a New Year's resolution to order more TRIP cards this year!** To make it more convenient, you can even order them online. And it's easier than you might think! Orders placed by noon on Mondays will be available on Friday of the same week. Contact the office for a handout with step-by-step instructions on how to order your cards online or contact Kristin at her info below!

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

## 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.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** We will again be requesting pre-registration payments for the 2022-2023 school year for students who will be entering Kinder Kids, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th 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 April 1, 2022 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.



## MAP TESTING

will take place January 17-21 for students in 3rd-8th grades. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress. It is a testing platform that has been around for twenty years, which, as the title indicates, measures students' academic progress. This has replaced the ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) test, as this test was phased out in order to phase in the ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress). Both the ITBS and ISASP are once-a-year tests that track progress from year to year. Since Oskaloosa Christian had to move away

from ITBS, we looked at alternate testing platforms to see what would give us the best data to assess the progress of our students. MAP testing is an online testing platform that will be given three times a year so we can not only track progress from year-to-year, but also within a school year, allowing data to be shared with parents during both conference times. We ask that you please not schedule appointments, especially during the mornings of January 17-21. It is important that all students are on time and attend for this important testing. Our first MAP testing was held in September and the final testing will be in April.

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.