

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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March 7, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7	Noon dismissal with NO Osby buses
March 7-8	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 8	No School
March 11-15	Spring Break
March 19	SONshine Preschool Open House
March 20	2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
March 21	Middle School Electives, 1:20-3:00, 1st day
March 21	SONshine Preschool Sign-up
March 22	K-8th Chapel with Teachers hosting
March 25	SONshine Preschool Registration
March 27	2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
March 28	Middle School Electives, 1:20-3:00
March 29	No School for Good Friday
April 1	No School for Easter Monday
April 3	2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
April 4	Middle School Electives, 1:20-3:00
April 5	Chapel Group Praise & Worship

REMINDERS



- Parent/Teacher conferences are this week!** They will be held today from 1:00-8:00 pm and tomorrow from 8:30 am - noon. Dibels (K-5th) and Map Testing (3rd-8th) results will be reviewed. Please be on time for the conference time you signed up for so we can stay on schedule. And a huge thanks to the Willing Workers officers who are providing dinner for our teachers today. You are appreciated!!
- Due to conferences**, we will have a noon dismissal today. There will be no Osby buses for today's dismissal and no school lunch will be served. **We will have no school tomorrow, Friday, March 8.**
- The Lost and Found pile is growing!** Items are set up on a table by the office. Parents, please check it this week when you are here for parent-teacher conferences. Any items that are left after this week will be boxed up and donated after spring break.
- Spring Break** is next week, March 11-15.
- Good Friday/Easter Break** will be Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1.
- New Student Information System:** Parents, our school is working on implementing a new student information system called FACTS, and we hope to start using it sometime after spring break. This will replace our current Jupiter Ed grading system and you will also be able to access your financial accounts, including hot lunch. We also plan to use it for our 2024-2025 registration. Be looking for information coming in the next few weeks.

➔ **New Job Opening!** We are taking applications for a full-time Elementary Classroom Aide. 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 have any questions or are interested in serving our school as a classroom aide, please contact Joel Rietema at rietemaj@oskaloosachristian.net or call the office at 641-672-2174.

----- JOB OPENINGS -----

Oskaloosa Christian School has the following job openings for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Classroom Aides for Kinder Kids and other elementary grade** - teaching certificate not required
- Part-time Art Teacher** - teaching certificate not required
- Part-time 6th-8th Math Teacher**

Application forms can be found on our website at www.oskaloosachristian.net or in our school office. Questions? contact Mr. Rietema at rietemaj@oskaloosachristian.net or call 641-672-2174.

Oskaloosa Christian School is excited to announce an opening for a new full-time administrative position! We are currently collecting applications for a **new Director of Learning and Advancement**. This person will serve the school in various capacities including Teacher & Student Support, Marketing/Promotions, Admissions, and Administrative Assistance. If you or anyone you know might be interested in applying, please stop by the school office or contact Joel Rietema at rietemaj@oskaloosachristian.net for an application packet.

BB Coach! Oskaloosa Christian School will be looking to hire a **Boys Basketball Coach** for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Athletic Director Shannon Semini at 641-660-7036.



SONshine Preschool Open House will be March 19, 2024, 4:30-5:15 or 5:30-6:15. Parents and children are invited for a casual come and go visit to the classroom, meet the teachers and learn about the Christ-centered learning at SONshine Preschool. Online Sign Up opens on

Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 5:30pm. Visit our website at www.sonshinepreschool.org for more "Admission and Registration" information. SONshine Preschool is limited to the first 40 students through on-line signup. After 40 seats are filled, students will be placed on a waiting list.

SONshine Preschool is an interdenominational Christian Preschool that not only teaches school readiness skills, but also proclaims the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SONshine Preschool has the following job opening:

Full-time teacher (classes are normally M/W and T/Th with prep day on Friday)

Go to <https://www.sonshinepreschool.org/employment-opportunities> for full job description and application link.

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Thursday, Mar. 7: noon dismissal with NO Osby buses
- Wednesday, Mar. 20: 2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
- Wednesday, Mar. 27: 2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
- Wednesday, April 3: 2:15 dismissal with Osby buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mabel Nieuwsma	March 8
Mrs. Shannon Semini	March 8
Olivia De Groot	March 8
Aubrey Kaisand	March 11
Avery Kaisand	March 12
Livia Anderson	March 16
Maria Stam	March 18
Nora De Groot	March 21

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: 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.



TRACK & FIELD SEASON 2024!



We have thirteen athletes participating in track this year. Back row left to right are Tierney Thomes, Clara De Boef, Olivia De Groot, Harper McKinney, Rachel Groenendyk, Cayden Plate, Michael Boender, Dean De Ronde, and Anton Boder. Front row are Leah Spronk, Emily Hoksbergen, Alia Crill, and Aubrey Kaisand. Joining Oskaloosa Community's team is Aubrey Kaisand, Cayden Plate, and Tierney Thomes, with the remaining athletes running with Pella Christian.

PC Track Meets



April 5	North Mahaska @ 4:15
April 11	DM Christian @ 4:30
April 16	Pleasantville @ 4:30
April 15	District V
April 22	Eddyville @ 4:30
April 25	DM Christian @ 4:30
April 30	Eddyville @ 4:30

Osky Track Meets



April 1	Pella @ 4:30 Girls & Boys
April 15	Williamsburg @ 4:10 Boys
April 16	South Tama @ 4:30 Girls
April 18	Chariton @ 4:30 Boys
April 18	Knoxville @ 4:30 Girls
April 22	Osky (Lacey Complex) @ 4:30 Boys
April 29	Osky (Lacey Complex) @ 4:30 Girls

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Mar. 18-22

Monday: Pancakes, Lil' Smokies, Hashbrown Potatoes, Orange Juice
Tuesday: Chicken Patty on WG Bun, French Fries, Cinnamon Apples, Bar
Wednesday: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll
Thursday: Mac-n-Cheese, Ham, Broccoli, Pineapple, Cinnamon Sticks
Friday: Max's Pizza, Carrots, Applesauce, Bar

Hot Lunch Balance: Parents, please be sure your family's hot lunch account is supplied with adequate funds. Check your balance on our website under 'Parent Resources'. Go to Hot Lunch Program, and select the Web Account to log in and view your account. Payments must be made by cash or check and mailed or brought in to school. Checks should be written to OSCI Food Service. **Please have your hot lunch balance up to date by March 30.** If you have any questions, or need login information, please contact Carol at derondc@oskaloosachristian.net.

Kids Heart Challenge! On Wednesday morning, Mr. Rietema followed through on his promise that he would kiss a pig if students/staff raised \$7,000 for the American Heart Association. Our grand total was \$7,419.23. Thanks for following through Mr. Rietema! He even named the pig, Wilbur. Special thanks to Rob Bruxvoort for bringing in a pig. Thanks to all for being heart heroes!

