

# Crusader Chronicles



## OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 25	End of 3rd Trimester
May 25	End of year chapel, 10:00
May 25	Noon dismissal with Osky buses at 12:15, no school lunch
May 26	Teacher Workday
June 1-3	School Cleaning
June 26	Annual Society Meeting at Jubilee Family Church
June 28 & July 25	TRIP orders (see cash & carry hours on page 2)
August 3 & 7	Registration for 2023-24 school year
August 23	First day of school, 2:15 dismissal
August 24	2:15 dismissal w/Oskey buses
August 25	2:15 dismissal w/Oskey buses
August 30	2:15 dismissal w/Oskey buses
September 4	No school for Labor Day
September 6	2:15 dismissal w/Oskey buses
September 8	School Pictures

### REMINDERS



- Today marks the end of our 3rd trimester.** We will have a noon dismissal with Oskey buses available at 12:15 for the ride home. No school lunch will be served today. Report cards will be sent home with Kinder Kids today, and 1st-8th report cards will be emailed to parents on May 30.
- LOST AND FOUND!** Be sure to check in the office or email Mrs. Patti for any items your family may be missing. Any lost and found items that are left after May 25 will be donated to a local thrift store.
- Parents,** we ask that you please take care of all tuition, hot lunch, or any other fees that you may still owe as soon as possible. Thank you!
- Parents, if your child has medication at school,** it will be sent home with them today.
- SOCIETY MEETING: Mark your calendars for Monday, June 26** at 7:00 p.m. for our school's annual society meeting at Jubilee Family Church in Oskaloosa. Please attend, as we value your input in the governing of our school. You will be able to approve a budget and tuition schedule, and elect new Board members for the 2023-2024 school year. See you there!
- We are looking for some help with our Highlights publication.** If you, or someone you know, has experience with Adobe Illustrator and would be willing to help us with the Highlights, please contact Mr. Mitchell at 641-672-2174 or mitchelld@oskalooosachristian.net. Thank you!
- POP CAN DRIVE:** A reminder that our pop can drive is ongoing and will continue throughout the summer. You are welcome to bring all your cans to the little white shed on the east end of the parking lot all summer long! Thank you for your support!

### "I CARE" AWARD WINNER



Every year the Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa sponsors the "I Care Award." This award is given to a student who demonstrates a spirit of volunteerism, community interest, and acts of kindness toward others. We are happy to announce this year's recipient, 8th grader Taylor Hol. Taylor is the daughter of Eric and Kim Hol of New Sharon. Taylor received a plaque and a \$500 check in recognition of her award. Congratulations to Taylor and her family!



The **Joe Gray Award** has been given to students in Oskaloosa in recognition of improved and exemplary penmanship for many years. Mr. Joe Gray, an Oskaloosa resident who thought his own handwriting was poor, wanted to encourage students to improve their own penmanship skills. He began the Joe Gray Foundation, and every year, he donated money to the Oskaloosa schools to use in a way to encourage students. After the passing of both Mr. and Mrs. Gray, Oskaloosa Christian has continued this tradition of awarding students the honor.

**Congratulations to the recipients of this year's Joe Gray Penmanship Awards who were recognized during today's chapel and awards:**  
**2nd Grade:** Malaki Boender, Sara De Boef, Jayde De Groot, Lola Nance  
**4th Grade:** Erin Bregar, Harbor Brink, Bently De Bruin, Cora Ferree, Claire Swope, Louise Vermeulen  
**6th Grade:** Josie Hessing, Emily Hoksbergen, Aubrey Kaisand, Harper McKinney, Leah Spronk

### SCHOOL CLEANING!

The annual school cleaning is scheduled for June 1 from 5pm-8pm, June 2 from 9am-8pm, and June 3 from 9am-noon. **Each school family is responsible to clean part of the school during these days.** The complete schedule indicating the cleaning job that your family is assigned was emailed last week and will also be attached to today's parent email. **If you are unable to do your assigned job, you must make arrangements for someone to do it for you.** Thank you for your cooperation in helping to maintain our school! More details are included on the attachment, but if you have any questions you may contact the Maintenance Committee: Eric Hol at 641-660-4799 or Ben De Bruin at 641-295-6733.



### BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

•Thursday, May 25: Noon dismissal with Oskey buses at 12:15



## TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

**There will be no TRIP orders or Cash & Carry May 26-June 26.**

### SUMMER TRIP SCHEDULE:

**Cash & Carry** will be available for sale in the office of **First Christian Reformed Church** on **TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS** from 9:00-11:30 a.m. beginning June 27.

**Cash & Carry dates:** June 27, 28  
July 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26  
August 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16

**Summer National Order Dates (due by 10:00 a.m. to the church office):** June 27, July 25

**NEW THIS YEAR! Cash and carry will be available during registration hours on August 3 and August 7.**

*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.*



**Oskaloosa Christian School is actively seeking applicants** for the 2023-2024 school year for the openings below. Please take note of these employment opportunities and share with anyone who may be interested! Inquiries can be made to Principal Don Mitchell at 641-672-2174 or [mitchelld@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:mitchelld@oskaloosachristian.net). Application forms as well as other required documents can be found on our website at [www.oskaloosachristian.net](http://www.oskaloosachristian.net) under the 'News' tab. Thank you for spreading the word!!

- Full-time instrumental and choir music teacher for 5th-8th grades
- Part-time art teacher for K-8th grades
- Part-time teacher for a daily 8th grade Algebra class



**SONshine Preschool** has an opening for a Teacher's Aide for the 2023-2024 school year. Please visit [www.sonshinepreschool.org](http://www.sonshinepreschool.org) - Employment Opportunities for more information.

**ESA reminder!** Parents, a reminder that the applications for the Education Savings Accounts will be available on May 31 through the Students First ESA Webpage. There you will find instructions on how to apply, webinars to sign up for and other information. We strongly encourage all families to set up an account. Applications will be due by June 30, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. The webpage link was emailed to parents last week, but will also be included in today's parent email.

### Staff Recognition

During the 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony on May 19, the following staff members were recognized and thanked by the Board for their years of service to our school.

**5 years** Mrs. Rebecca Hoksbergen, Mrs. Kaitlin Johannsen, Mr. Don Mitchell, Mrs. Joy Mitchell, and Mrs. Keri Spronk

**10 years:** Mrs. Angie Dawson

**36 years:** Carol De Ronde

**2022-2023 Theme**  
**"MIRACLES IN GOD'S STORY"**  
Psalm 40:5: "Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare."

Have a great  
**Summer**  
Vacation!

## SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!

Being a part of God's Story includes following God's command in faith to love and serve our neighbors. Our students worked as 'community builders' this week with the following service projects:

•1st, 4th, and 7th graders went to the Oskaloosa Care Center to sing, read books and scripture, play games, color, and hang out with the residents.

•3rd and 6th graders assembled Blessing Bags and then delivered them to businesses around our town square.

•2nd and 8th graders cleaned at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds.

•Kinder Kids and 5th graders wrote notes and planted flower pots and delivered them to school neighbors.

