

# Crusader Chronicles

May 5, 2023



## OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5	Noon dismissal, no Osky buses
May 5	Tulip Time Marching, afternoon parade
May 6	Tulip Time Marching, afternoon parade
May 8	Boys Track Conference, 4:30 at DCG
May 8	Girls Track at Norwalk, 4:30
May 9	Mrs. Johannsen here for 5th-8th grades
May 9	All Library Books are due
May 9	5th Grade Music Concert, 6:30 pm
May 9	Osky Track Meet at Norwalk, 4:30
May 10	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
May 11	K, 1st, & 2nd to Blank Park Zoo
May 11	8th Field Trip
May 12	6th & 7th Field Trip
May 12	1st and 4th to Ag Venture day at PCHS
May 12	KK-5th Chapel at 8:15 with Kinder Kids hosting
May 15	Sno Biz treats at 9:00
May 16	Mrs. Johannsen checking in with KK-8th
May 17	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
May 18	Last Day of Middle School Electives, 1:20-3:00
May 19	3rd and 5th graders go to Science Center
May 19	4th graders go to Living History Farms
May 19	8th Grade Graduation, 7:00 pm

### REMINDERS



- Noon Dismissal!** A reminder that we have a noon dismissal today with no lunch served. Sack lunches from school will be provided for our marching band students only. Osky buses will not be available for dismissal.
- Parents:** The Kinder Kids through 8th graders will be given a sno cone treat from Sno Biz on Monday, May 15. If your child is sensitive to this type of treat, you are welcome to provide a replacement. Just bring it to the school office. There is also a sugar free/dye free option they can ask for. We will also be providing freeze pops after our field day activities the last week of school, so replacement treats are welcome for that day too.
- 8th Grade Parents:** A reminder that a completed dental screening form for 9th grade students will be due on or before their first day of high school. A form and flyer was emailed to all 8th grade parents this morning.
- 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.
- Giving Tree!** You still have the opportunity to bless our teachers and staff through the Giving Tree! Many items are still available for purchase. Stop by the school office or email Mrs. Patti at westrap@oskaloosachristian.net if you are interested.

#### KK-4th Grade Track Meet:

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our KK-4th grade track meet on Wednesday! A big thanks to Miss VK for organizing the event, Mr. Mitchell as our starter, teachers and aides for writing numbers on their students hands, 8th graders for lining students in their lanes, and students for all their hard work in preparing for the meet. A wonderful way to celebrate a beautiful day!

**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@oskaloosachristian.net. Thank you!

#### Oskaloosa Christian School is actively seeking applicants for the following openings for the 2023-24 school year.

- Full-time 2nd grade teacher
  - Full-time instrumental and choir music teacher for 5th-8th grades
  - Part-time art teacher for K-8th grades
- Inquiries can be made to Principal Don Mitchell at 641-672-2174 or mitchelld@oskaloosachristian.net. Application forms as well as other required documents can be found on our website at www.oskaloosachristian.net under the 'News' tab.



**Tulip Time Marching:** The middle school marching band invites you all to attend the Pella Tulip time parades. They will be marching with the Central Iowa Christian Schools Marching Band, which consists of 212 students total. We are the only marching band in the parade with Dutch attire (red wooden shoes and all) We will be marching all 3 days, May 4th at 8:30 pm, May 5th at 2:30 pm and May 6th at 2:30 pm.

**Everyone is invited to our May theme chapel** on Friday, May 12 beginning at 8:15 am. Our chapel will include Kinder Kids through 5th graders with Kinder Kids hosting. (The 6th-8th graders will be on their class trip.) Students, wear your theme shirts for the day!

#### 5th GRADE MUSIC CONCERT!

We are very excited to announce that the 5th grade band and choir will showcase all of their musical accomplishments this year. Their concert will be Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 pm in the OSCI gymnasium. We invite you all to come and be blessed by their musical gifts.

#### LIBRARY BOOKS!

Parents, a reminder that **ALL library books are due back to school on Tuesday, May 9!** Any missing books will be fined \$10 for replacement. Thank you!



#### BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Friday, May 5: noon dismissal with no Osky buses
- Wednesday, May 10: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, May 17: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, May 24: 3:15 dismissal with NO Osky buses
- Thursday, May 25: Noon dismissal with Osky buses at 12:15





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Declan Bowen

May 10

## 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:** May 8 (last order for this school year)

**Cash and Carry** will still be available in the school office until the last day of school while supplies last.

**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.*

## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



May 8-12

**Monday:** Pancakes, Smokies, Hashbrown Potatoes, Orange Juice

**Tuesday:** Hamburger/Cheeseburger on WG Bun, French Fries, Banana, Pudding

**Wednesday:** Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll

**Thursday:** Sub Sandwich, Carrots, Apple Slices, Sun Chips, Bar

**Friday:** Pizza Entrees', Corn, Pears, Yogurt



## Teaching for TRANSFORMATION

### TfT Spotlight: See the Story. Live the Story.

*Our teachers are using TfT tools in their classrooms to create learning experiences that empower our students to play their part in God's Story.*



### EARTH KEEPER

Respond to God's call to be stewards of ALL creation.

### KINDER KIDS

**Mrs. Rebecca Hoksbergen**  
Transitional  
Kinder Kids Teacher



**Mrs. Jaynee Grafke**  
Traditional  
Kinder Kids Teacher

In KK and TK we have been talking about being Earth Keepers, God calls us to be good stewards of all the creation. On Friday, April 21 in anticipation of Earth Day we put our knowledge into practice. We went on a trash hunt around the school, through the alley, and to Friend's Park. We ended at the park with some play-time and disposed of our trash properly. We also learned about the 3 R which are: Recycle, Reuse, and Reduce. We brainstormed ways to cut back on things we waste like water, electricity, and paper. Finally we ended our day by making some recycled art projects. The kids were great at being Beauty Creators, some of the things they made included: a horse, a snowman, a tank, a farm, binoculars, and a few 'whatchamacallits'!



**"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." -Psalm 24:1**



**Left to Right: Josie Hessing, Kate De Bruin, Leah Spronk, Reese Vander Wal, Aubrey Kaisand, Noah Ruckman**

Several middle school students participated in the Great Prairie AEA Battle of the Books competition on Tuesday, May 2. Students read from a preselected list of 18 books and were quizzed over their comprehension. They competed via Zoom against 12 other middle school teams from southeast Iowa.

### SUMMER LEARNING!

Mrs. Kaisand will be offering summer tutoring sessions again this summer for those who are committed to work, show up, and maintain their skills to be prepared for the next grade level at our school. They will review grade level skills to keep them fresh for the next school year.

This summer she is offering private one-on-one tutoring sessions at her home in reading/phonics/ELA and/or math for students currently in grades PreK - 4th grade.

There will be approximately 9 weeks that she is available throughout the summer, from June 12 through mid-August. Each session will be 45 minutes and held 2 times/week. There are very limited spots available, and priority will be given to those whom she has worked with before.

Please contact Mrs. Kaisand to reserve your spot today. Serious inquiries only. She would like to have the schedule secured before the end of the school year in May.