

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 10	End of 1st Trimester
Nov. 10	Veterans Day Assembly, 12:45-1:15
Nov. 10	Samaritan's Purse Packing Party
Nov. 10	Girls BB home game, Eddyville, 4:30
Nov. 13	No School for Teacher Work Day
Nov. 13	No BB Practice
Nov. 14	Girls BB game at Pella Christian, 4:30
Nov. 15	1st-8th report cards emailed to parents
Nov. 15	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Nov. 15	Girls Open Gym, 2:30-4:00
Nov. 16	Girls BB game at Newton, 4:30
Nov. 17	KK-8th Fall Music Program
Nov. 17	No BB Practice
Nov. 20	Girls BB home game vs. Newton, 4:30
Nov. 21	8th Graders visit Pella Christian High
Nov. 21	Girls BB Practice 3:30-5:30
Nov. 22	Noon Dismissal, no Osky buses all day
Nov. 23-24	Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 27	No School for Teacher Professional Learning
Nov. 28	Girls BB Practice, 3:30-5:30
Nov. 29	2:15 Dismissal with Osky Buses
Nov. 29 & 30	Hearing Tests for SONshine, KK, 1st, 2nd, 5th



Our all-school **FALL MUSIC PROGRAM** celebrating the Fruit of the Spirit is coming on Friday evening, November 17! ALL students –Transitional Kindergarten through eighth grade- are required to participate in the program. The program will include performances by the middle school band, KK-4th and 5th – 8th choirs, and our all school theme song.

These are the times students need to be at school Friday night:

•**Jr High Band Students** should be at school in the music room by 6:30 p.m.

•**Piano Prelude Students** should be in the little music room by 6:40 p.m.

•**Middle School Non-Band Students** should report to the eighth grade room by 6:50 p.m.

•**Fifth Grade Students** should report to their room by 6:50 p.m.

•**KK-4 Students** should report to their classrooms between 6:45-7:00 p.m.

•Students will stay together with their class in their rooms for the parts of the program when they are not performing.

All students should be dressed in our school theme shirts (Be Fruitful) and nice pants.

Celebrate as community an evening of music and fruitful praise of our God!

REMINDERS



•**Today marks** the end of our first trimester. There will be no school next Monday, November 13 for a teacher work day. Report cards for 1st-8th graders will be emailed to parents on November 15. Kinder Kids will receive report cards before Christmas break.

•**Thanks to everyone who has signed up for our Willing Workers Christmas Bake Sale!** Please pick up the packaging supplies for your items from your oldest child's classroom following next Friday's Music Program. Thanks to everyone for your help in making this year's bake sale a success!

•**Attention families who live outside the Oskaloosa School District:** Information was emailed to you earlier this week about how you can be reimbursed for mileage for providing your child's transportation to school. Just bring completed forms to your residing school district by December 1. Extra forms are in our school office if needed and can be sent home by contacting Patti.

•**The pop can shed** was emptied this week, so your pop cans can now be brought in. The shed is located at the east end of our parking lot. Thank you to those who support our school in this way!

•**Hearing Tests** will be administered by the local AEA on November 29 and 30 for students in SONshine, KK, 1, 2, and 5. If you have a hearing concern for your child who is not in these grades, please call or email the school office so that he/she can be tested also.

•**Parents, just a reminder** that any students who are attending our home basketball games are expected to be in the gym watching the game, and not roaming the hallways. Thank you for your cooperation.



Cookie Decorating at Oskaloosa Christian! Mark your calendars to join the Christmas Cookie Committee for a fun morning of decorating cookies on Friday,

December 1. We will begin at 9:00 in the gym. We will not be able to offer childcare again this year. All skill levels are welcome; you do not need to know how to frost cookies. We need people willing to sprinkle, sort cookies, and organize cookies as well! Please come out for some great fellowship as we work together to help make this fundraiser a blessing for our school!

Wilhelmina Dutch Peppermints are now for sale!

The price is \$3.00 per box or you can buy a whole show box of 12 for \$36.00! They make great stocking stuffers and thank you gifts! They sell fast, so contact any 8th grader or stop by the school office to purchase yours soon. A BIG THANK YOU to all those who faithfully support this 8th grade fundraiser every year!



BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Nov. 15: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Nov. 22: Noon dismissal, no Osky buses all day
- Wednesday, Nov. 29: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Dec. 6: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

No school birthdays this week

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: Nov. 14, 28 (Tuesdays due to no school on those Mondays), Dec. 4, 11, Jan. 8

•We will be doing 2 national orders per month this year. Order dates will be published in the Crusader Chronicles.

And remember that TRIP cards make a great gift as you think about your Christmas giving this year!

If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at 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. This includes morning cancellations or delays and also afternoon early dismissals. A text from Mr. Rietema with information on the change will be sent to all parents who are signed up for a Jupiter Ed account, and it will also be listed on our website's home page.

A test was sent to parents via text on Wednesday, so if you did not receive it and would like future texts, please call the office so we can get you signed up. All K-8 parents will also receive an email for all weather-related changes.

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

KCCI-TV (Channel 8), KCCI website - www.kcci.com

WOI-TV (Channel 5)



Legacy of Grace

SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION

One of the means for us to bless families to have access to a quality Christian education is through the Legacy of Grace School Tuition Organization (LOG-STO). This state program allows for individuals and businesses to donate money to help families with tuition at a private school, receiving a 75% state tax credit of the donation. As an example, if you donate one hundred dollars to the LOG-STO, you will receive a state tax credit of \$75, which reduces your state tax liability. In other words, you can dictate where some of your state tax money will go by making a donation to LOG-STO.

Our LOG-STO can raise a total of \$552,935 to help families who desire to send their children to a Christian school. A donation of any size would help us to move closer to our goal. Would you please prayerfully consider a gift to the LOG-STO to help a family access Christian education for their children? Please visit the website, www.logsto.org, for more information and a donation form. Thank you.

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Nov. 13-17

Monday: No School

Tuesday: Sloppy Joe on WG Bun, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, Bar

Wednesday: Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/marinara sauce, Baked Beans, Pears, Cinnamon Squares

Thursday: Thanksgiving Dinner-Turkey, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Stuffing, Corn, Fruit Cups, Finger Jello, Pumpkin Pie Dessert, WG Roll

Friday: Hot Dog on a WG Bun, Carrots, Chips, Apple Slices, Ice Cream Bar



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child: Soccer balls, stuffed animals, markers, stickers, toy cars, soap, toothbrushes, colored pencils...these are just a sample of some of the items that filled the gym on November 10 for our packing party!!

The middle school students spent part of their morning packing shoeboxes full of special things to send to a child in another part of the world. **This year we packed over 70 boxes!!!**

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Each year, the middle school students write letters to and pray for the child who will receive each box. We pray that the recipients' hearts will be open to hearing the good news of Jesus that will be presented to them with their box. What an exciting and fun way for us to be Living Stones of God's Church as we have the opportunity to share God's love in a real way to kids around the world! "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19 -Mrs. Stam

Advance Notice: Thanksgiving Break will begin on Wednesday, November 22 with a noon dismissal. There will be no morning or afternoon Oskey buses, so please provide transportation for your children for that entire day. On Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 we will have no school for Thanksgiving Break. On Monday, November 27 we will have no school for Teacher Professional Learning.

ADVANCE NOTICE! Christmas Dinner!

Parents, save the date for our annual Christmas Dinner. You will all be invited to join your children and the staff for our Christmas Dinner and Chapel in the gym.

This will be held Friday, December 15 at 11:00. Reserve the date to join us! More details will be coming later.



Christmas Vendor Fair/Bake Sale! Our Willing Workers Christmas Vendor Fair and Bake Sale is fast approaching. Be looking for more information next week on dates, times, and information to share with others. We appreciate everyone's help in making this large fund-raiser for our school a success.



Thank you to all those who joined us today to celebrate our Veterans! Pictures of today's Veterans Day celebration can be seen on our school's Facebook page.

HAPPY VETERANS DAY!