

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 25	Boxtops deadline for fall submissions
Oct. 26	Leadership Breakfast, 7:35 am
Oct. 26	Town Hall Meeting, 6:30 pm at Fellowship Bible Church
Oct. 27	2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
Oct. 29	8:15 chapel group activity
Nov. 2	Mrs. Johannsen here for grades KK-4th
Nov. 3	2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
Nov. 4	Town Hall meeting, 6:30 pm at Fellowship Bible Church
Nov. 6	Celebration of Friends Banquet
Nov. 9	Mrs. Johannsen here for grades 5th-8th
Nov. 9	Clover Kids, 3:15-4:15 in music room
Nov. 10	2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
Nov. 11	Jr. High Fall Music Festival at PCHS
Nov. 12	End of our 1st Trimester
Nov. 12	Chapel hosted by teachers, 8:15 am

REMINDERS



Town Hall Meeting next week Tuesday!!

Town Hall Meetings: The Oskaloosa Christian School board has exciting news! The board will present the Society with plans to both update our current facility and to potentially expand our school. You are invited to two town hall meetings to share and discuss these endeavors. The meetings will be Tuesday, October 26 and Thursday, November 4 at Fellowship Bible Church from 6:30-7:45 p.m. The same information will be shared at both meetings, so please attend at least one of the two. Both meetings will be live streamed using the links below, and recordings will be made available as well. Please join us to discuss the future of Oskaloosa Christian School!

Livestream link for October 26: https://youtu.be/Tpb3er_5Meo
 Livestream link for November 4: <https://youtu.be/HRf5pnbkxlc>
 (These links will also be available on our website: www.oskaloosachristian.net.)

•A survey is being sent to parents today regarding Inter-State Studio in taking our school pictures. Your input will help us to make a decision for next year's pictures and any information you can provide about your experience with them will be greatly appreciated!



RSVP by next Monday!

CELEBRATION OF FRIENDS BANQUET!

Oskaloosa Christian School wants to invite you to our Celebration of Friends banquet for 2021. The banquet will be on Saturday, November 6. Doors will open at 5:30 pm, with dinner being served at 6 pm. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Friday Night Fire, a local praise group. This is a fundraising event for our tuition assistance program, *For Generations to Come*, so please prayerfully consider how you can help in this endeavor. Please RSVP for the event **by Monday, October 25**, to Patti Westra, either by phone at 641-672-2174, or by email at westrap@oskaloosachristian.net. We look forward to seeing you for a night of food, fun, and fellowship!

The Advancement Committee is asking for dessert donations for our Celebration of Friends Banquet on November 6. If you are willing to donate, please contact MaryBeth Jackson by next Friday, October 29, at 641-777-4635 or mbjacksonfavjewellady@yahoo.com. Thank you! All donations will be greatly appreciated!

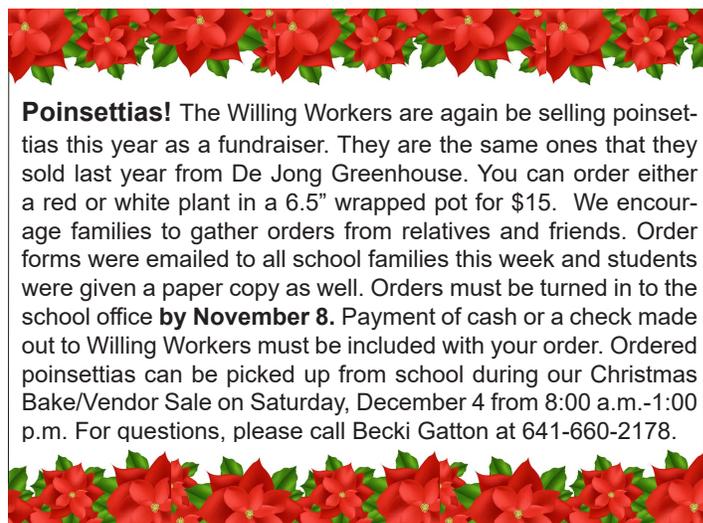
MINTS ARE HERE!

Wilhelmina Dutch Peppermints are now for sale! The price is \$2.00 per box or \$11.00 for six boxes. You can even buy a whole show box of 24 for \$44.00! 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!**



Staff Appreciation Week will be celebrated November 8-12. More information will be emailed to parents next week.

Parents, be looking for info next Friday to order theme shirts! Due to supply chain issues, some colors and sizes may be limited.



Poinsettias! The Willing Workers are again be selling poinsettias this year as a fundraiser. They are the same ones that they sold last year from De Jong Greenhouse. You can order either a red or white plant in a 6.5" wrapped pot for \$15. We encourage families to gather orders from relatives and friends. Order forms were emailed to all school families this week and students were given a paper copy as well. Orders must be turned in to the school office **by November 8**. Payment of cash or a check made out to Willing Workers must be included with your order. Ordered poinsettias can be picked up from school during our Christmas Bake/Vendor Sale on Saturday, December 4 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For questions, please call Becki Gatton at 641-660-2178.

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!



- Wednesday, October 27: 2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
- Wednesday, Nov. 3: 2:15 dismissal with Osby buses
- Wednesday, Nov. 10: 2:15 dismissal with Osby 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."

October Bible Character: Abraham and Isaac

Key Verse: Genesis 22:17-18

Chapel Speaker: Alex Foley

Theme: What is our response to God's faithfulness?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Owen Van Donselaar	October 25
Axton Johnson	October 26
Mrs. Angie Dawson	October 26
Chloe Landgrebe	October 29

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Oct. 25-29

Monday: Chicken Soup, Carrots, Sliced Peaches, Cinnamon Roll
 Tuesday: Hamburger/Cheeseburger on a WG Bun, French Fries, Banana, Pudding
 Wednesday: Ham and Cheezy Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Roll
 Thursday: Taco Casserole, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, WG Caramel Roll
 Friday: Pizzaburger, Baked Beans, Sliced Pears, Yogurt

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 dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15

Bonus: Shutterstock is 11.75% instead of 9% until 10-29

Quick facts: June 2021--to date:

Total Sales to date: \$107,000!

Credit Accumulated: over \$4,200!

If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at trip@oskaloosachristian.net or 641-670-0583.

October Chapel "Forever God is Faithful" 2nd & 8th Grades

The 2nd and 8th graders led the students in looking at faithfulness through the story of Abraham & Isaac. (Genesis 22:1-18) They discussed how God is faithful to us and our response needs to be obedience. "I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.

Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." Mr. Foley helped us dig deeper into Scripture and also emphasized why it is reasonable to trust God. By unpacking God's faithfulness shown to Abraham, he also reinforced the value of remembering all that God has done for us. -Mrs. Kendra Foley and Mrs. Jana Boonstra



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.



Mrs. Alicia Vander Wal - 4th

Deep Hope: My Deep Hope is that as Fully Known and Fully Loved people, we can use what we learn to be BOLD disciples of Christ.

Story Line: Fully Known and Fully Loved

TfT Reflection: My Deep Hope starts out with my desire for kids knowing that God knows them fully and loves them fully. Romans 5:8 tells us that "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." In knowing about God's amazing love for us comes that 2nd part of my Deep Hope, which is that kids use what they know to be BOLD disciples of Christ. Let's live differently for Him! In our devotions every morning we read stories about people who have done just that, lived boldly for Christ.

Our FLEx project comes when we review letter writing. We take the time to write thank-you notes to people in our lives who we appreciate. My students can be bold disciples of Christ by showing appreciation for those around them.



Mrs. Joy Mitchell - 5th

Deep Hope - My deep hope for us is that we would aim to be more like Jesus Christ.

Story Line - We will explore, examine, and exhibit a Christ-like spirit.

Class Verse - Acts 20:24

In 5th grade, we begin our year by exploring the TfT terminology. We examine the deep hope, story line, and throughlines. As we work through our lessons, we look for ways that people are or are not exhibiting a Christ-like spirit. Then we look for lessons we can learn from their examples that will lead us to be more like Jesus. On Fridays, we set aside some time for specific reflection based upon the lessons we have learned. The students have drawn pictures and written reflection pieces that are displayed on the classroom or hallway walls. We are also working on creating digital reflections through Google slides that can be shared electronically with our friends and family.

OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN VOLLEYBALL 2021



**Front row l to r: Megan Veenstra, Haiden Spray, Natalie Plate, Arianna Jackson.
Middle Row: Sydney Bruxvoort, Jazzy Jones, Ava Westercamp, Anniston Meyer, Elie Westercamp. Back row: Lacey Campbell, Kynnah Chamberlin, Annabelle Carter, Aubrey Bowen, Rebecca Hoksbergen, Taylor Hol, Alli Campbell, Coach Colleen Platt**

Practices were hard work, but with a sprinkle of joy: the most requested drill of the season was called “Squirmy Wormies and Dead Bugs.”

We learned that while winning a match is fun, we can also enjoy the learning process, enjoy encouraging our friends and celebrating their successes, and even learn to enjoy the hard work and discipline that makes us better people and better athletes. We won a number of matches this season, but we also rejoiced when we doubled our score against a stronger opponent, or when someone got a serve in for the first time in a game! Throughout the season, I enjoyed watching these young women grow as volleyball players, as teammates, and as daughters of the King. —Coach Colleen Platt

This year at Oskaloosa Christian we were blessed to have sixteen girls on the volleyball team. The 8th graders—Aubrey Bowen, Sydney Bruxvoort, Lacey Campbell, Kynnah Chamberlin, Jazzy Jones, Anniston Meyer, Megan Veenstra, Ava Westercamp, and Elie Westercamp—provided great leadership in both skills and mental toughness. The 7th graders—Allison Campbell, AnnaBelle Carter, Rachel Hoksbergen, Taylor Hol, Arianna Jackson, Natalie Plate, and Haiden Spray—came in with tons of energy and excitement, ready to learn new skills.

Because it was my first year coaching here, I had to learn everyone’s names, and try to quickly discover what level the team was at and the best drills to use at practice. The players had the challenge of learning a new coach’s terminology, practice and game expectations, and new drills. Our team goal was to learn and improve our basic skills throughout the season, learn to spike and serve overhand, but most of all, to have fun playing the game of volleyball.

PELLA CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Left to right: Elijah Boender, Trenton De Bruin, Dane Van Mersbergen

The 2021 junior high football season was a success! The team came together with athletes and managers from Oskaloosa, Newton, Peoria and the Pella area. They stayed healthy and had fun meeting new people while learning to play very competitive football. At our year end party I asked each athlete and manager to share a highlight of the season and there were many typical responses of great catches, tackles, touchdowns and interceptions. There also were many who found joy in the game day battles with tough opponents. The scoreboard didn’t always have the result we wanted, but they found success in embracing the challenge of taking on some very good football teams and building their confidence in themselves in their ability to compete. There are more victories in the game of football than just the scoreboard and that is why the season was a success.

The 7th grade played two full games and 3 half games (40 play scrimmages) due to low participation numbers at our competing schools. They had 20 athletes that worked hard together to learn an offensive and defensive strategy for the games. They maintained great attitudes as we moved teammates

around to learn some different skills and take advantage of various talents that God has given them. Overall, they had many successful plays throughout the season to make the most of every time they stepped on the field. I am excited for next year to see how much they grow and come together as a team and become our leaders for the program.

The 8th grade had 21 players this year that played 6 full games ending up with a record of 1 win, 1 tie and 4 losses. They had some very tough competition this year. They learned along the way how to mentally prepare to compete through adversity. Overall, they competed well and had a lot of laughs along the way. I am excited to see this group integrate with the high school program next year! The future of eagle football is exciting!

Thank you for all your support of our program.
Coach Joe Ritzert