

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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October 6, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 6 Noon dismissal, no buses for dismissal only
- Oct. 6 Volleyball Practice, 12:00-1:30
- Oct. 7 & 8 No School, no Volleyball Practice
- Oct. 11 Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
- Oct. 12 Believe Kids orders are due
- Oct. 12 Mrs. Johannsen here for grades 5th-8th
- Oct. 12 Clover Kids in music room 3:15-4:15
- Oct. 12 VB games at Pella Public, 4:30 & 5:30
- Oct. 13 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Oct. 14-15 Book Fair
- Oct. 14 Noon dismissal with no Oskey buses
- Oct. 14 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1:00-8:00
- Oct. 15 No School
- Oct. 15 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 8:30-noon
- Oct. 16 8th Grade Rummage Sale, 7:00 am-11:00 am
- Oct. 18 Mints are for sale
- Oct. 19 Mrs. Johannsen checking in on grades KK-8
- Oct. 19 Picture Retake Day
- Oct. 19 School Board meeting at 6:30 pm
- Oct. 20 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses

REMINDERS



- Our teachers will be attending the Heartland Convention in Northwest Iowa this week Thursday and Friday, October 7 and 8 so there will be no school those two days. Please pray for safety for our teachers as they travel to and from the convention this week-end!
- Today, October 6 we will have a noon dismissal. There will be no Oskey buses available for this dismissal, so please pick up your child promptly at noon. No school lunch is being served today.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are next week for all grades, KK through 8th, on Thursday, October 14 from 1:00-8:00 pm and Friday, October 15 from 8:30 am - noon. Schedules will be email from teachers to parents next week. We will be keeping a strict schedule, so please do not be late for the time you signed up for. Please wear any PPE that you feel comfortable with. The DIBELS reading assessment and MAP testing results will be shared during conferences. We ask that students not attend conferences unless requested by their teacher. **We look forward to connecting with all of our parents for our fall conferences!**
- Parents, be sure to check the lost and found table that will be set up during conferences next week. Anything unclaimed will be donated to our next rummage sale!



We have just under a week left to support our school with our Believe Kids fundraiser. We are excited to help

the school raise money to provide the best learning opportunities for our kids. Every family received a packet with a parent letter, brochures, and order form. If you need additional forms, there are more outside the office in the information rack or e-mail vanzeek@oskaloosachristian.net and we can send them home with your student. It is very helpful to our school if everyone registers at shopfund.com! Family and friends nationwide can help support our school by going to www.shopbelieve.com. Those who order online will have the option to have items shipped to their home or they may choose to have them shipped to the school. Keep in mind that if someone wants to order but is uncomfortable with the internet, you can place the order online for them and have them pay you for the order. Our fundraiser will end on Tuesday, October 12. You will need to have all orders and money sent to school by that date. Just a reminder that all checks should be made out to **OSCI Willing Workers**. Items will need to be picked up from the school in mid-November. Watch for more details later! If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Van Zee at 641-660-1972 or vanzeek@oskaloosachristian.net. Thank you in advance for your help to raise money for our school! Every order counts!

School Pictures: We are expecting student school pictures to arrive next week. They will be sent home with your child on the day they arrive. If your child missed our first picture day or if you would like your child's picture retaken for another reason, please note that our retake day will be Tuesday, October 19.



Our upcoming Usborne Book Fair will be held in the gym during Parent/Teacher Conferences October 14 and 15. Our school library will receive 50% back of all sales for free books for the library. Also, teacher wishlists will be available for teachers to receive books for their personal classrooms! Mark your calendars!

Book Fair Hours: Thursday, October 14 1:00-8:00 pm
Friday, October 15 8:30-12:00 pm

Use this link to order online through October 17:
<https://d6532.myubam.com/2217339>

Or use this QR code for easy access to the link!
Questions? contact Jenessa Kaisand,

Usborne Books Representative
kaisandj@oskaloosachristian.net



BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!



- Wednesday, Oct. 6: noon dismissal with no Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Oct. 13: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Thursday, Oct. 14: noon dismissal with no Oskey buses
- Wednesday, October 20: 2:15 dismissal with no Oskey 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

Mrs. Tracy Klucas	October 9
Mrs. Rebecca Hoksbergen	October 9
Mr. Don Mitchell	October 11
David Haman	October 11
Elizabeth Jabaay	October 11
Clara De Boef	October 14

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. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15

Bonuses:

Bath & Body 17% (Up from 12%)

Dominoes 12% (up from 8%)

TGI Fridays 14% (up from 9%)

ONLINE ORDERING REMINDER: If you are making an order online and use the "Ship To Home" option any cards you order that are local will come directly to the school NOT shipped to your home! They will be available for pick up the Friday of the same week ordered if submitted by noon on Monday. These local stores include: Breadeaux, Culver's, Eagles Nest, Fareway, Hy-Vee, Mahaska Drug, PC Mall, Sunny Slope, Taso's and Tupperware.

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



The 8th graders will be having a rummage sale

in the gym next Saturday, October 16. Come from 7:00-11:00 a.m. to shop for bargains galore! If you would like to donate clean used items, they can be brought to the

gym October 11-14. All items must be in good condition and in good working order! If you are bringing in large household items they must be okayed by Mrs. Boonstra. All donations must be on the stage by noon on October 14.

(Please do not donate car batteries, large appliances, paint, tires, or other items that require special fees for disposal. Thank you.)

The rummage sale will also be open on Friday, October 15 during Parent/Teacher Conferences from 8:00 am-12:00 pm for school families and friends.

MINTS ARE COMING!

Wilhelmina Dutch Peppermints will be available for sale **on Monday, October 18!** 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!



CELEBRATION OF FRIENDS BANQUET!

The Advancement Committee wants to invite you to our Friends banquet for 2021. The banquet will be on Saturday, November 6. Doors will open at 5:30, 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. We look forward to seeing you for a night of food, fun, and fellowship!

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Oct. 11-15

Monday: Corn Dog, Nachos w/cheese sauce, Broccoli, Peaches, WG Roll

Tuesday: Maidrite on WG Bun, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Bar

Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll

Thursday: Noon dismissal, no school lunch

Friday: No school

Sickness at school: At this time, there are several illnesses hitting our school at once. We have had confirmed cases of COVID-19, influenza A and B, strep throat, as well as colds and other illnesses. We ask that you continue to monitor your children's health carefully. If your child is experiencing symptoms of illness, especially if accompanied by a fever, please keep your child out of school until (s)he is symptom free. This was the standard set forward before COVID-19 came onto the scene, so this is simply a reminder of that standard.

In an effort to slow down further spread within the school, we have enacted a couple of short-term strategies:

- 1) We have already stepped up disinfecting protocols, especially in classrooms where we have identified multiple illnesses. That will continue until we see a slowing of the spreading of illness.
- 2) We have re-covered the spouts on drinking fountains and will continue with this through Friday, October 15 and then reevaluate where we are. **Please send a water bottle with your student(s) to school every day**, as the water bottle fillers will still be accessible to all students and staff.

We hope that these adjustments will see improved health with our students and staff and help to curtail any further spread. We thank you for your help!

Box Tops for Education Reminders:

1. Download the App to scan a photo of your receipt, within 14 days of purchase
2. Shop online and forward your email receipt, within 14 days of purchase, to receipts@boxtops4education.com
3. Clip and send the clip-able Box Tops from your purchases, to the school, at any time!
 - The expiration date and product code need to be clearly visible
 - Last day to turn in your clipped Fall submissions is October 25th 2021



If you have any questions, please feel free to email Kari, our Box Top coordinator at kari.fite@cir2.com

Town Hall Meetings

The Oskaloosa Christian School board has exciting news that we would like to share with you! As alluded to in both the June Society meeting and our 75th anniversary banquet, the board would like to 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 held on Tuesday, October 26 and Thursday, November 4. Both meetings will be held in the main sanctuary of Fellowship Bible Church from 6:30-7:45 p.m. The same information will be shared at both meetings, so our goal is to have as many Society members as possible attend at least one of the two meetings. Both town hall meetings will be live streamed, and recordings will be made available as well. Please join us on October 26 and/or November 4 to discuss the future of Oskaloosa Christian School!



Enjoy a wonderful, long weekend everyone!