

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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September 1, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 1	VB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 4	Labor Day-No School, No VB practice
Sept. 5	VB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 5	Advancement Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept. 6	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Sept. 6, 7	VB Practice, 2:30-4:00
Sept. 7	Favorite Team Dress up day
Sept. 8	KK-8th Chapel, 8:15 am
Sept. 8	School Pictures following chapel
Sept. 8	VB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 11	Mrs. Vander Leest-1st day as Guidance Counselor
Sept. 11	Volleyball home game vs. Osky Public, 4:30
Sept. 12	VB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 13	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Sept. 13	VB Practice, 2:30-4:00
Sept. 14	VB game at Pella Christian, 4:30
Sept. 15	Theme Activity, 8:15 am
Sept. 15	Pick up Mum orders from parking lot, 1-5:30 pm
Sept. 15	VB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 15	Believe Kids Fundraiser begins
Sept. 18	VB home game vs. Eddyville, 4:15
Sept. 18	8th Grade Leadership Day
Sept. 18	Mrs. Vander Leest here
Sept. 18	Dibels Testing this week
Sept. 19	VB home game vs. Pella Christian, 4:30
Sept. 20	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Sept. 20	VB Practice, 2:30-4:00
Sept. 21, 22	VB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 25	Mrs. Vander Leest here
Sept. 25	MAP Testing
Sept. 25	VB game at Osky Public, 4:30

MONTHLY CHAPELS: We would like to invite parents, grandparents, and friends to attend our monthly student chapels. This year all chapels will begin at 8:15 a.m. and will include all KK-8th students. Our first chapel will be held on Friday, September 8 beginning at 8:15 a.m. Our 2nd and 7th graders will be hosting. Mr. Alex Foley will be speaking from II Samuel 9:1-7 and we will be learning more about the Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness. Chapel guests can enter the south door using the security system and signing in at the office is not required.

A school directory will be published toward the end of September. If any information for your family is different from your registration form, or if you would prefer not to have your name and information published, please call or email Patti in the office. **If your family has not emailed a family picture, please do so by September 15,** and include all family names who are in the picture. If you would like to use last year's picture, that is perfectly fine, just let us know.



REMINDERS



- There will be no school for Labor Day on Monday, September 4.
- IF YOU ARE PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN FOR A 2:15 DISMISSAL, please do not arrive before 2:00!** The SONshine Pre-school students are dismissed at 2:00, and all vehicles waiting for them will be given the first places in car line. OSCI parents should follow the car line to the east around the bus and stop there, waiting for SONshine parents to load first. Once SONshine students are loaded, they will wave the waiting cars to pull forward. Thank you for your cooperation in making our car line safe and effective.
- A reminder about medications:** Parents, if you are sending medicine to school with your child, please include a note giving us permission to administer it. The note should also include the name of the medicine, the dosage and the time it can be taken. Students must not keep medicines in their desks, backpacks, or lockers, but must bring them to the office, where they can be kept locked up to follow State of Iowa regulations. Some considerations are given in the case of inhalers for students with asthma. Reminder: The school does not provide medicines such as Tylenol or cough syrup. All medication is to be provided by parents. Thank you!

Picture Day September 8, 2023!

This year's school pictures will again be taken by B & C School Pictures from Ottumwa. Pictures will be taken during the morning of Friday, September 8 for all Kinder Kids - 8th graders following our morning chapel. Any students absent on picture day will have opportunity to have their picture taken on a later retake day. Picture order forms were sent home with students this week. Please read the order form carefully. **ALL STUDENTS** who are ordering pictures either by paper order or online **must bring an envelope to school on picture day which includes either payment or an order confirmation code.** All students will receive a complimentary class composite whether they order or not. Digital images can be purchased either alone or in addition to a picture package. You can even building your own picture package (see back of flyer). If you have any questions about the order form, please call B & C Pictures at 641-682-6357 or email bcschoolpictures@pcsia.net.

Favorite Team Dress-up Day: On Thursday, September 7, come to school dressed out in your favorite team's colors and apparel.



Thank you to everyone who ordered mums from our first Willing Workers fundraiser of the year. A reminder to please pick up your mums on Friday, September 15 from 1:00 – 5:30 PM at the school parking lot. Thank you for your support!

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Sept. 6: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 13: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 20: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 27: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 29: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jaxon Van Den Heuvel	September 3
Charlie Bruxvoort	September 6
Emily Hoksbergen	September 7
Raegan De Groot	September 8
Kinnick Reisetter	September 10
Ben McDonald	September 10
Leo Johnson	September 11
Mrs. Joy Mitchell	September 14
Cora Ferree	September 14
Caroline Jabaay	September 19

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: Sep. 11 & 25, Oct. 9 & 23

- There will be **no national orders** processed the first week of October due to no school October 5 and 6.
- We will be doing **2 national orders per month this year.** Order dates will be published in the Crusader Chronicles.
- REGISTER!** If you have not registered for TRIP for this school year please do so as soon as possible in the school office. The forms need to be filled out EVERY year!

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

UPCOMING TESTING!

- 1) DIBELS testing** will be taking place for students in grades K-5 the week of September 18. DIBELS stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. It is a reading assessment that Oskaloosa Christian does three times a year to track reading progress. This has been done over the last few years at OSCI, so this is a continuation of a process that is already in place.
- 2) MAP testing** will take place the week of September 25. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress. MAP testing is an online testing platform that will be given three times a year so we can not only track progress from year-to-year, but also within a school year. Data from this testing will be shared with parents at both conferencing times to show how your student is progressing. We will also be conducting MAP testing in January and April.

Note these future events that have been added to our calendar!

- September 15: Believe Kids Fundraiser begins
 - October 4: Deadline for Believe Kids Fundraiser
 - Week of November 5: Believe Kids Fundraiser Deliveries
 - November 9: Middle School Music Festival in Pella
 - November 17: KK-8th Fall Music Program
 - November 29 & 30: AEA Hearing Tests for KK, 1st, 2nd, 5th students
 - December 1: Willing Workers Cookie Decorating
 - December 2: Willing Workers Christmas Vendor/Bake Sale
 - December 14: Middle School Science Fair
 - January 19: Osky Christian Talent Night
 - February 9: Pastor Appreciation Day
 - February 20: OSCI Fine Arts (Middle School students)
 - February 23: Willing Workers Auction
 - February 29: District Fine Arts in Pella
 - March 1: Kinder Kamp
 - April 9: 5th Grade Music Concert
 - April 15: District V Track Meet
 - April 26: Grandparents Day and KK-4th Musical
 - April 27: 8th Grade Banquet
- A date has not yet been decided for the Parent Christmas Dinner, but we'll be sure to let you know!!*

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Sept. 5-8

Monday: No school for Labor Day

Tuesday: Chicken Patty on WG Bun, Broccoli w/cheese sauce, Mandarin Oranges, Bar

Wednesday: Creamed Turkey over Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll

Thursday: Lasagne, Carrots, Watermelon, WG French Bread

Friday: French Bread Pizza, Baked Beans, Pears, Yogurt

Hot Lunch Balance: Parents, please be sure your family's hot lunch account is supplied with adequate funds throughout the year. Your balance can be checked from our school's website under the Parent Resources tab. From there go to Hot Lunch Program, and select the School Lunch Web Account to log in and view your account. Payments must be made by cash or check and can be mailed or brought in to school. Checks should be written to OSCI Food Service. If you have any questions, or need login information, please contact Carol at derondc@oskaloosachristian.net.

IMPORTANT! Attention Parents of ALL grades: Due to students with food allergies, we are asking that parents DO NOT send lunches or snacks that contain fish, peanuts, or tree nuts with their children. Tree nuts include pecans, almonds, cashews, walnuts, hazelnuts (Nutella is a hazelnut product that should be avoided), pine nuts, and other nuts that grow on trees. Please also avoid peanut butter and other peanut products. Items that are processed in a place where nuts are used are acceptable (ex. no peanut M&Ms, but plains, even though produced in the same factory, are OK). Most packaging will indicate such a situation when it occurs. There will be no hot lunches that include these foods served to anyone. If your child has a serious food allergy that is not listed here, please contact the office, your child's teacher, or our Food Service Department. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping our students safe and healthy!

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Molly Vander Leest as our school's guidance counselor this year. She comes to us from Hope Restored Counseling and Consulting in Pella. She will be conducting sessions in classrooms and will be available to talk with students one-on-one on the days she is at our school. If you would like her to speak with your child about a specific concern you have, feel free to email her at vanderleestm@oskaloosachristian.net. She will be at school on three Mondays of each month and her schedule will be listed in the Crusader Chronicles under upcoming events. Her first day with us will be Monday, September 11 and she will be teaching in the 1st-5th grade classrooms. We thank her for providing this important service to our students!

We thank Mrs. Colleen Platt for coaching our girls' volleyball team again this year. We invite you to this year's games!

OSCI VOLLEYBALL

Come to cheer for our 7th and 8th team!

Oskaloosa Christian School Volleyball Games 2023		
Date	Team	Location/Time
Sept. 11	Oskaloosa Public	Home 4:30
Sept. 14	Pella Christian	Away 4:30
Sept. 18	Eddyville-Blakesburg	Home 4:15
Sept. 19	Pella Christian	Home 4:30
Sept. 25	Osky Public	Away 4:30
Sept. 29	Ankeny Christian	Away 4:00
Oct. 3	Eddyville-Blakesburg (at Eddyville High School)	Away 4:15