

# Crusader Chronicles



**OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 24	No Osky buses all day
Sept. 24	VB game at Ankeny Christian, 4:00 & 5:00
Sept. 24	Believe Kids Fundraiser begins
Sept. 27	VB game at Osky Public, 4:30 & 5:30
Sept. 28	VB home game vs. Twin Cedars, 4:30 & 5:30
Sept. 28	PC Middle School football game at Pleasantville High School, 4:00
Sept. 29	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Sept. 29	No Volleyball practice
Sept. 30	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Oct. 1	Chapel groups Praise & Worship time, 8:15
Oct. 1	Kinder Kids to Autumn Acres
Oct. 1	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Oct. 4	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Oct. 5	Mrs. Johannsen here for grades 1st-4th
Oct. 5	PC Middle School football home game vs. Norwalk, 4:15
Oct. 6	Noon dismissal, no buses for dismissal only

## REMINDERS



•**Theme Shirts!** A big thanks to our Willing Workers for providing theme shirts for our students this year. And a big thanks to Kevin Klucas for again designing them! A reminder for students to wear their theme shirts on Fridays since we have chapels or a chapel activity on that day. Also, be on the lookout soon in an upcoming Crusader Chronicles for information about how your family can order additional theme shirts.

•**Anniversary shirts!** We still have a few t-shirts left from the 75th anniversary. Available in sizes small, medium, XL, and 3XL for \$20 a piece. They will be available in the office for the next two weeks. Also there are some youth medium (fit like a youth large) for \$5 a piece but they are a different material and slightly different color.

•**Parents, we want to remind you** of our after school care policy: **Any students** not picked up from school ten minutes after our dismissal will be sent to after school care and will be charged a \$2.00 fee. Our normal dismissal time is 3:15, so please make every effort to pick up your children before 3:25. Our complete after school care policy can be found in the Parent Handbook on page 18.

•**Advance Notice:** Our teachers will be attending the Heartland Convention in Northwest Iowa on October 7 and 8. There will be no school on those two days. To allow for traveling time, on Wednesday, October 6 we will have a noon dismissal. There will be no Osky buses available for this dismissal, so please make other arrangements for your children to be picked up at noon. No school lunch will be served on October 6.

•**Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held 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. Sign-up will again be handled through a link to [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com). This link will be emailed **next Monday, September 27** to parents who have two or more children in KK-8th. This will allow them to sign up for more than one teacher for back-to-back conferences. Next **Thursday, September 30** the link will be emailed to all other parents. We are asking ALL families to sign up so that Dibels and Map Testing results can be reviewed. Signup deadline is Wednesday, October 6.

•**The Highlights** is our school's monthly publication. It is provided to all school families, grandparents and other school supporters. Churches who financially support our school receive copies for their members. Families who are members of other churches will receive a copy sent home with their oldest child today.

### BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Friday, Sept. 24: No Osky buses all day
- Wednesday, Sept. 29: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Oct. 6: noon dismissal with no Osky 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."*

September Bible Character: Paul

Key Verse: Isaiah 25:1

Chapel Speaker: Pastor Jon Spronk



**POP CANS!** Thanks to a wonderful donation, we now have a shed dedicated for pop cans instead of holding pop can drives. The shed is the smaller white shed located on the east side of the parking lot. You can drop off your pop cans at any time inside the shed.

As before, PLEASE separate glass from plastic and cans. There will be a bin coming at a later date for glass. More information to follow. Thanks for your support!



**Today is the kick off** for our Believe Kids fundraiser. We are excited to be able to hold this fundraiser and help

the school raise money to provide the best learning opportunities for our kids. Every family will be receiving a packet to bring home next Friday. If you would like an additional order form, we will have them available in the information rack outside of the office. Inside the packet you will find a parent letter, brochures, and order form. It will be very important for everyone to register at [shopfund.com](http://shopfund.com). Family and friends nationwide can help support our school by going to [www.shopbelieve.com](http://www.shopbelieve.com). Those who order 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. As it says on the packet, we do NOT want our students to sell to strangers. Our fundraiser will end on Tuesday, October 12. All orders will need to be turned in to the school on or before that date. Watch for more details later about pick up in mid-November! If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Van Zee at 641-660-1972 or [vanzeeek@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:vanzeeek@oskaloosachristian.net). Thank you in advance for your help to raise money for our school! **Every order counts!**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Jaynee Grafke  
Avery Vander Wal

September 26  
September 28

## 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: Sept. 27, Oct. 11, 18, 25

- There will be no orders the week of October 4.
- **Shoe Dept.** will no longer be participating in our TRIP program. There are a few \$25 cards left while supplies last.

So far this school year we have sold over \$66,000 in TRIP cards! You could be earning credit for your children's education too! Just stop in the school office to sign up.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at [trip@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:trip@oskaloosachristian.net) or 641-670-0583.



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.



#### Mrs. Jaynee Grafke

**Deep Hope:** We are growing in faith and knowledge!  
**Storyline:** How have you grown?

**TfT Reflection:** In Kinder Kids, we really want to see ourselves growing and learning, both academically and spiritually. By the end of the year, it is fun to reflect on how we have grown physically, academically, and spiritually. Our FLEx project happens on Earth Day when we are able to go out into the community and pick up trash and enjoy God's creation.



#### Miss Van Kooten

**Deep Hope:** My deep hope for us is that we intentionally live to KNOW, SEE, and LOVE others, even those not like us, as a means of serving God, and that we understand the path to living out Micah 6:8.

**Storyline:** Act Justly. Love Mercy. Walk Humbly.

**TfT Reflection:** Over the last four years in becoming familiar with TfT as an Early Adopter to integration in my classroom, I have thoroughly enjoyed the connections made with my students to Micah 6:8 and the habits of living (throughlines). To see students being community builders and servant workers and then living out their story God has in place for them as truth discerners has been amazing!

Over the last couple of years, I have taken the 7th and 8th graders to the State Capitol as a FLEx activity to meet with our state legislatures and gain a better understanding and appreciation for the real work they do on a regular basis. It is also wonderful to hear their Christian perspectives and how that plays a role in politics and the committees they are involved in.

## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Sept. 27-Oct. 1

Monday: Tacos, Cheese, Lettuce, Refried Beans, Blueberries, WG Roll  
 Tuesday: Mr. Rib on a WG Bun, Broccoli w/cheese sauce, Applesauce, Bar  
 Wednesday: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Roll  
 Thursday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Green Beans, Cinnamon Apples, WG French Bread  
 Friday: Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/marinara sauce, Baked Beans, Pears, Yogurt

### FOOD ALLERGIES! IMPORTANT!



Dear Parents,  
We have recently made you aware of food allergies in the lower grades, specifically allergies for peanuts and tree nuts. In addition, there are also allergies to fish and sunflower products in the lower grades. We ask that you please do not send any food items to school with your children who are in Kinder Kids through 5th grade that contain peanuts, tree nuts, fish, or sunflower oil, sunflower butter, or anything else containing sunflower products. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe and healthy!



The 8th graders will be having a rummage sale in the gym on 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.



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



### 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. We will be determining the times and venues of the meetings shortly and will share that information once those details are secured. 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. Please join us on October 26 and/or November 4 to discuss the future of Oskaloosa Christian School!



The 8th graders will be selling Dutch Wilhelmina Peppermints again this year beginning around October 18. They make great gifts and stocking stuffers!

Profits from the rummage sale and mints will be used for 8th grade class expenses this year. Thank you for supporting our 8th grade class!