

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 29	VB Game at Ankeny Christian Academy, 4:00
Oct. 2	No Osky buses all day
Oct. 2	VB Practice, 3:30-5:00
Oct. 3	VB Game at Eddyville High School, 4:15
Oct. 4	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Oct. 4	Deadline for Believe Kids Fundraiser
Oct. 5 & 6	No School for Professional Development
Oct. 11	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Oct. 13	K-8th Chapel, 8:15 a.m.
Oct. 18	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Oct. 19	Noon dismissal with Osky buses, no school lunch
Oct. 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-8:00
Oct. 19	Book Fair 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Oct. 20	No School, PT Conferences 8:30-noon
Oct. 20	Book Fair 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Oct. 27	Chapel Groups activity, 8:15 am
Nov. 1	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
Nov. 7	Girls Basketball game at Grandview, 4:15
Nov. 8	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses

REMINDERS



- Our teachers will be attending Professional Development next week on October 5 and 6 in Pella. There will be no school on those two days. Next Wednesday, October 4 we will have our normal 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses.
- BUS NEWS:** Next Monday, October 2 there will be no morning or afternoon Osky buses. Please provide transportation for your children before and after school.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held for all grades, KK through 8th, on Thursday, October 19 from 1:00-8:00 pm and Friday, October 20 from 8:30 am - noon. Sign-up will again be handled through a link to signupgenius.com. This link will be emailed **next Tuesday, October 3** 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 **Friday, October 6** 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 11.
- The 2023 Christmas Bake Sale/Vendor Event** will be held Saturday, December 2nd from 8am to 1pm. If you own a home-based business or are a crafter, you may purchase a designated spot to sell your goods. Please contact Mary Beth Jackson at 777-4635 or Kristi Jabaay at 319-899-8342.
- Everyone is invited to our next KK-8th chapel** on Friday, October 13. The 4th and 5th grade classes will be hosting on the theme of self-control. Chapel will begin at 8:15 in the gym. Visitors are welcome to use the south door to attend chapel and do not need to sign in at the office. Mark your calendars to join us!
- Advance Notice:** All KK-8th students will be attending Pella Christian High School's performance of Mary Poppins during the school day of Wednesday, October 25. More details to come.



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 student 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 Wednesday, October 4. 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!

Attached in this week's parent email is information for the teachers/staff "Favorite Things". Sheets are arranged in alphabetical order according to their last name. This school year we will be celebrating Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week May 6-10, 2024. Please feel free to use this list if you wish to do any other gift-giving throughout the year.



Oskaloosa Christian is always striving to find ways to be more efficient in our administrative services. As a school we have recently purchased and begun the process of implementing the FACTS SIS (Student Information System). This online portal uses innovative software to streamline processes within the school for administrators, teachers and families.

Currently FACTS is being used for Tuition Management and Grant & Aid applications. This includes LOG-STO assistance, but not ESA Funding. Once a month we will be highlighting the other things FACTS will do for us such as: School Lunch Tracking, Online Registration, Student Grade Reports, Scheduling and Parent Alerts. If you have not already set up your portal, please do it soon! Contact Anne for support at bookkeeper@oskaloosachristian.net.

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joey Thomes
Kate De Bruin
Sara De Boef

September 29
October 6
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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: Oct. 9 & 23, Nov. 14, 28 (Tuesdays due to no school on those Mondays)

- 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!

Did you know your TRIP credit can be used for hot lunch payments and after school care costs? TRIP credits are deposited into school family accounts in May and can be used the following year.

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

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Oct. 2-6

Monday: French Toast Sticks, Lil Smokies, Hash Brown Potatoes, Orange Juice
Tuesday: BBQ Pork on a WG Bun, Tator Tots, Applesauce, Bar
Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mandarin Oranges, WG Roll
Thursday: No School
Friday: No School

The Kinder Kids and 1st Graders enjoyed a great morning at Autumn Acres today!



ADVANCE NOTICE! Christmas Dinner!

Parents, the date has been set 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.



5th Graders: Favorite Team Dress-up Day on September 7



The 2nd graders enjoyed their Friday at Camp Creation



Congratulations to Olivia De Groot (8th Grade) for being our first band student to receive the "Silver Stand" award this year! In order to receive this award, a student must know and be able to perform 8 Major Scales from memory. Great job, Olivia!!