

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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September 2, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 2	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 2	KK-8th Morning Praise & Worship, 8:15-8:30
Sept. 5	Labor Day-No School, No Volleyball Practice
Sept. 6	Mrs. Johannsen here for grades 1st-4th
Sept. 6	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 7	Willing Workers Mums orders are due
Sept. 7	2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
Sept. 7	Volleyball Practice, 2:30-4:00
Sept. 8	Favorite Team Dress up day
Sept. 8	Deadline for giving to Joshua Christian Academy
Sept. 8	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 9	Chapel 8:15-8:50 (hosted by 6th graders) 9:00-9:35 (hosted by 3rd graders)
Sept. 9	School Picture Day for KK-8th!
Sept. 9	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 12	VB home game vs. Oskey, 4:30
Sept. 13	Leadership Breakfast for 8th graders, 7:35 am
Sept. 13	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 13	Mrs. Johannsen here for grades 5th-8th
Sept. 14	2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses

Picture Day September 9, 2022!

This year's school pictures will be taken by B & C School Pictures from Ottumwa. Pictures will be taken the morning of Friday, September 9 for all Kinder Kids - 8th graders for school records. Any students absent on picture day will have opportunity to have their picture taken on a later retake day. Picture flyers and ordering envelopes were sent home with students today.

This is the first year we are using B & C Pictures, so 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. New with this company: digital images can be purchased either alone or in addition to a picture package. If you have any questions about the order form, please call B & C Pictures at 641-682-6357 or email bcschoolpictures@pcsia.net.



We need your help! Oskaloosa Christian School is searching for a volunteer(s) to help maintain the beauty of our school landscape in front of the building and by the school sign. Primary responsibilities include trimming/clean up of leaves and plants in the fall, spring upkeep and weeding throughout the summer as needed. If you're interested in leading this crew or participating, please contact Kristin Boender @ 641-780-8073.

REMINDERS



- There will be no school for Labor Day on Monday, September 5.
- We are still taking names for Room Parent volunteers. We could use more parents for grades 6, 8, K-4th music, and 5th-8th band and general music. Call or e-mail Patti in the office to sign up! westrap@oskaloosachristian.net
- 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.
- A reminder that students who have not been picked up after school by 3:25 (or the end of the carline) will automatically be sent to after-school care and families will be charged the fee.

Next Thursday, September 8 will be our "Favorite Team Dressup Day!" Students are encouraged but not required to dress up in their favorite school sports garb!

Deadline September 7!



NEW MUMS FUNDRAISER! The Willing Workers committee at the Oskaloosa Christian School is selling mums as a fundraiser this year. The mums are from Stam's Greenhouse and are 10 inch pots with your choice of color: white, yellow, red, purple or bronze. If you are interested in purchasing a mum for \$20, please mail or drop off an order form and payment to the Oskaloosa Christian School office by Wednesday, September 7. Mums will be available for pick up on Friday, September 16 from 1:00 – 5:30 PM at the school parking lot. Order forms were sent home with students last Friday and will also be attached to today's parent email.

We will again print a school directory this year. 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 next Monday. **If your family has not e-mailed a family picture, please do so next week,** 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.



MONTHLY CHAPELS: We are delighted to invite visitors to attend our monthly student chapels this year. Our first chapels will be next Friday, September 9.

8:15-8:50 4th-8th Chapel (hosted by 6th graders)

9:00-9:35 KK-3rd Chapel (hosted by 3rd graders)

All chapels will be recorded this year and available for viewing on our school's website.

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!



- Wednesday, Sept. 7: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 14: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 21: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Friday, Sept. 23: No Oskey buses all day
- Wednesday, Sept. 29: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jaxon Van Den Heuvel	September 3
Charlie Bruxvoort	September 6
Emily Hoksbergen	September 7
Raegan De Groot	September 8

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: Tuesday, Sept. 6,
Monday, Sept. 12, 19, and 26

•Please note that on weeks that we have no school on Monday(such as next week), orders will be due by noon on Tuesday and processed that day. Due to shipping times, these orders will not be guaranteed to be ready for pickup by Friday.

•**There will be no orders** processed the first week of October due to no school October 6 and 7.

•**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.



Deadline September 8!

Giving Project 2022



As community builders, we are inviting you to partner with us as we bless Joshua Christian Academy (JCA South) - a new campus that will be across from Blank Park Zoo beginning this 2022-2023 school year. We have divided their needed school supplies into grade levels. Students may bring in supplies from now until September 8. We will also be accepting cash donations to purchase one additional, larger needed item. There will be a collection bucket in the office.

- KK - crayons and seasonal/Christian stickers
- 1st - glue sticks and watercolor paints
- 2nd - colored pencils and jumbo paper clips
- 3rd - spiral notebooks and pencils
- 4th - erasers and dry erasers
- 5th - plastic red folders and red pens
- 6th - Clorox wipes and 3x5 and 4x6 note cards
- 7th - folders and blue pens
- 8th - pencil bags and popsicle craft sticks

Joshua Christian Academy (JCA) was started 13 years ago because a group of God-loving people saw a need for a better way to educate and show God's love to the urban children of Des Moines. Their goal is to provide a faith-based education that is affordable for all children in the Des Moines Metro.

They started with just a few students in a few rooms at the Maple Street Baptist Church. As they added more students, God provided them with generous donors who helped purchase their first building at 1740 Garfield Avenue in Des Moines which is now JCA Main. JCA West was added at 2500 University in Des Moines. In 2022, they added JCA South at 1000 Wade Street.

In the last 13 years, they have gone from offering Kindergarten through 3rd Grade to now offering a complete Christian education through graduation. They now serve students all over metro Des Moines from three buildings.

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Sept. 5-9

Monday: No School

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

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

Thursday: Lasagne, Carrots, Watermelon, WG French Bread

Friday: Pizzaburgers, Green 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 Kinder Kids through 5th

Grades: A reminder that due to students with food allergies, we are asking that parents not send lunches or snacks that contain fish, peanuts, or tree nuts with their children who are in Kinder Kids through 5th grades. We are targeting these grade levels because these students share space and snacks at recess and lunch. 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. Also, no hot lunches served will include these foods. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe and healthy!

Mrs. Kaitlin Johannsen is our school's guidance counselor again this year. She comes to us from Grace Christian Counseling 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 contact her at 641-628-9599 or email johannsenk@oskaloosachristian.net. She will be at school two days per month and her schedule will be listed in the Crusader Chronicles under upcoming events. Her schedule for the entire year can be found on our school's website calendar. Her first day with us will be next Tuesday, September 7 and she will be teaching in the 1st-4th grade classrooms. We thank her for providing this important service to our students!

UPCOMING TESTING!

1) DIBELS testing will be taking place for students in grades K-5 the week of September 19. 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 26. 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.

We are looking for a boys' basketball coach for this year. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact AD Shannon Semini at 641-660-7036 or seminis@oskaloosachristian.net.