

Crusader Chronicles



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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September 3, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 3	No Volleyball Practice
Sept. 3-4	75th Anniversary Celebration
Sept. 6	Labor Day-No School, No Volleyball Practice
Sept. 7	Mrs. Johannsen here for grades 1st-4th
Sept. 7	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 8	School Picture Day for KK-8th
Sept. 8	2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
Sept. 8	Volleyball Practice, 2:30-4:00
Sept. 9	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 9	PC Middle School home football game vs. Eddyville-Blakesburg, 4:15
Sept. 10	Favorite College Dressup Day
Sept. 10	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 13	VB home games vs. Oskey, 4:30 & 5:30
Sept. 14	Mrs. Johannsen here for grades 5th-8th
Sept. 14	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 15	2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
Sept. 15	Volleyball Practice, 2:30-4:00
Sept. 16	VB games at Pella Christian, 4:30 & 5:30
Sept. 16	PC Middle School home football game vs. Sigourney-Keota, 4:15

Picture Day

September 8, 2021!

•This year's school pictures will again be taken by Inter-State Studio. Pictures will be taken during the morning of Wednesday, September 8 for Kinder Kids - 8th graders. **That's next week! This is the only picture day scheduled for this year.** Kinder Kids students who attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays can be brought to school for their picture on September 8 between 8:30-10:00, OR they can wait to have their picture taken on our **retake day of Tuesday, October 19.** •Flyers were sent home with students last week that includes information on how to order pictures online. An ordering link will also again be included in today's parent email. If you would prefer to have a paper copy of the picture order and pay by check, please email Patti at westrap@oskaloosachristian.net and we will print one for you.

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!

REMINDERS



- If you have not provided immunization records for your child who is new this year, please bring or email them next week.
- Attention 7th grade parents!** All 7th graders also need to provide an updated immunization form showing their Tdap and meningitis boosters. Please bring or email them next week.
- We are still taking names for Room Parent volunteers.** We could use more parents for Grades 5, 7, and 5th-8th band and 5th-8th 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.
- There will be no school** for Labor Day on Monday, September 6.
- 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 e-mail Patti in the office next week. **If your family has not e-mailed a family picture, please do so soon,** 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.



Next Friday, September 10 will be our "Favorite College Dressup Day!" Students are encouraged but not required to dress up in their favorite college garb!

UPCOMING TESTING!

- 1) DIBELS testing** will be taking place for students in grades K-5 the week of September 13. 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 20. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress. It is a testing platform that has been around for twenty years, which, as the title indicates, measures students' academic progress. This testing program has replaced the ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) test, as this test is being phased out. 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.

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Sept. 8: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 15: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Sept. 22: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Friday, Sept. 24: No Oskey buses all day
- Wednesday, Sept. 29: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charlie Bruxvoort	September 6
Emily Hoksbergen	September 7
Raegan De Groot	September 8
Landon Van Donselaar	September 9
Kinnick Reisetter	September 10
Ben McDonald	September 10

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. 7, 13, 20, and 27

- **There will be no orders** processed the first week of October (4th-8th)
- **TRIP Bonuses** will be held throughout the year from various companies. Be watching the Crusader Chronicles to receive extra special deals!
- **Shoe Dept.** will no longer be participating in our TRIP program. There are a few \$25 cards left while supplies last.
- **REGISTER!** If you have not registered for TRIP for this school year please do so as soon as possible. The forms need filled out EVERY year!

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



Friday Wear: Theme t-shirts for students have been ordered and will hopefully arrive soon. Students will be asked to wear their theme t-shirts on days we have chapel. All other Fridays have been designated as days to wear their theme shirt or other OSCI apparel, if desired. **Parents will have the opportunity** to order additional theme t-shirts for their family later this month. Watch for more details in an upcoming Crusader Chronicles.

ADVANCE NOTICE: We are delighted to be able to invite visitors to attend our student chapels this year. Our first chapels will be:
Friday, Sept. 17: 8:15-8:50 5th-8th Chapel (hosted by 5th graders)
9:00-9:35 KK-4th Chapel (hosted by 4th graders)

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

Are you traveling to the Grand Rapids, Michigan area in September or early October, or do you know someone who is? We are looking for someone to pick up Dutch peppermints for our 8th graders to sell this year. Please call or text Mrs. Boonstra at 641-780-3501 if you are willing! Thank you!



The students and teachers of Oskaloosa Christian did a prayer walk around school this morning within their grade level classes. Prayers were offered of praise to God, wisdom and guidance for our teachers and staff, students, principal and secretary, families, and our community. It was a wonderful way to start the school year and worship God together!

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Sept. 6-10

Monday: No School for Labor Day

Tuesday: Chicken Pattie on WG Bun, Broccoli w/cheese sauce, Watermelon, Bar

Wednesday: Creamed Turkey on Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Peaches, WG Roll

Thursday: Beefaroni, Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, WG Caramel Roll

Friday: Hot Dog on WG Bun, Chips, Carrots, Pears, Ice Cream Bar

A reminder to turn in your Free and Reduced Hot Lunch forms by next Friday, September 10! Even though school lunches are no cost this year, it is important that everyone who qualifies for free or reduced lunches provides a completed application form. This will benefit our hot lunch program and also our ability to receive grants for our school. All forms are kept confidential. Thank you!

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 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, there will be no hot lunches that include these foods served to anyone this year. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe and healthy!



IT'S OUR ANNIVERSARY!

We are looking forward to celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Oskaloosa Christian School with all of you on September 3 & 4!

FRIDAY EVENING EVENTS at SCHOOL:

4:00-6:00 Museum & Open House

3:30-6:00 5/K Shirt Pickup & Race Registration

FRIDAY EVENING EVENTS at GATEWAY NAZARENE:

6:00-8:00 Supper and Celebration

SATURDAY MORNING EVENTS at SCHOOL:

7:00-7:45 Shirt Pickup & Race Registration

8:00 Race begins

7:00 -10:00 Belgian Waffle Breakfast

9:00-noon Family Mix and Mingle (Games, Museum, Setting up Stones)

SATURDAY PARKING: The limited parking at the school on Saturday will be for handicapped and seniors. With limited street parking (DO NOT BLOCK OUR NEIGHBORS' DRIVEWAYS), we are offering parking at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds. There will be a shuttle service back and forth to the school beginning at 7am. Since the E Street entrance will be closed during the race, we ask that you enter our parking lot via North D Street, drop off your riders, follow the signs to exit the parking lot and proceed to the fairgrounds. The shuttle will bring the driver back to enjoy the activities! This same service will be available for the ride home.

Anniversary Reminders!

• **Setting Up Stones Activity:** We have about sixty stones to use for this activity that have been thoroughly washed and sealed, so a family name can be written on each. You may bring your own rock, but we ask that you wash it before bringing so your rock can be completed while you are present.

• **5K Packet & Shirt pick-up** is 3:30 - 6 Friday, and Saturday before the race.