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September 13, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 13	Pick Up Mum Orders!
Sept. 13	Board/Staff/SONshine Social, 6:00 pm
Sept. 13	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 16	First Volleyball Home Game! vs. Osky Public, 4:30
Sept. 16	Mrs. Vander Leest for 6th-8th
Sept. 16 & 17	SONshine Preschool Wearing Red!
Sept. 17	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:00
Sept. 18	TK-8th Devotions 8:05-8:20
Sept. 18	2:15 Dismissal with Osky Buses
Sept. 19	Volleyball Game at Pella Christian, 4:30
Sept. 19	PC Middle School Football game at Keota High School, 4:15
Sept. 20	Chapel Group Activity, 8:05
Sept. 20	Volleyball Game at Ankeny Christian, 4:30
Sept. 20	Believe Kids Packets Sent Home
Sept. 23	VB Home Game vs. Eddyville, 4:15
Sept. 23	TRIP Orders Due
Sept. 24	VB Home Game vs. Pella Christian, 4:30
Sept. 24	PC MS Football Home Game, No. Mahaska, 4:15
Sept. 25	TK-8th Devotions, 8:05
Sept. 25	2:15 Dismissal with Osky Buses
Sept. 26	VB Practice, 3:30-5:00



Mum pick up is TODAY from 2:30-5:30 in the school parking lot!



On Friday, Sept. 20 we will be kicking off our Believe Kids fundraiser. We will be working with the Believe Kids Company again this year. 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 child will be receiving a packet to bring home. You may decide if you would like to participate as a family or have each of your children participate individually. 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. 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. As it says on the packet, we do NOT want our students to sell to strangers. Our fundraiser will end on Thursday, October 10. 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 early November! If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Van Zee at 641-660-1972 or vanzee@oskaloosachristian.net. Thank you in advance for your help to raise money for our school! Every order counts!



REMINDERS

•**CAR LINE SAFETY!** Parents, if you are picking up your children after school, please do not park and walk toward school to pick them up. With the increased traffic in our parking lot please use our car line procedure as the best way to keep your children safe. Thank you for your cooperation in making our car line safe and effective. Also, for morning drop off safety, please do NOT pass cars on the left since some students exit their vehicle on the left side!

•**Parents, please make every effort to bring your children to school on time every day.** Classes begin with morning prayer and devotions and it is important for all students to be present during that time. Our morning classes begin at 8:00, with the first bell ringing at 7:55.

If students must leave during the school day or if their after school plans change, please notify their teacher as early in the day as possible. Any change in a student's plans will be accepted from a parent only.

•**Colorful Days!** The SONshine Preschool staff has scheduled 2 days of each month for their students to wear a specific color of clothing. This year the KK-8th students are invited to wear the same color clothing on these designated days. You can begin supporting our SONshine Preschool students by wearing red on September 16 and/or 17!

DIRECTORY: We will again print a school directory this year. If any information for your family has changed since your enrollment, please correct it in FACTS as soon as possible. If you would prefer not to have your name and information published, please call or email Patti at westrap@oskaloosachristian.net. If you have not emailed a family picture, we would love to include one in our directory. Just email it to Patti 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.



SCHOOL WEBSITE! We are excited that our school's new website is up and running! We are still adding content, but most information is available. New this year is a tab at the top of the home page that will bring you to FACTS where you can then access your family's portal. Our website would be a great resource for families who may be interested in our school, so we encourage you to share it! www.oskaloosachristian.net

A BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. Tracy Klucas for all her work on setting up and maintaining our website!!



POP CANS!

Just a reminder of our ongoing pop can drive. Please bring your pop cans to the small white shed located on the east side of the parking lot. You can drop them off at any time inside the shed. Thank you!

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Sept. 18: 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

Mrs. Joy Mitchell
Caroline Jabaay
Lillian Plate

September 14
September 19
September 20

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: September 23

New this year! Dominos at 8% for ordering and cash & carry!

•**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.*

The Willing Workers Vendor Fair takes place during our Christmas Cookie & Bake Sale Saturday, December 7th. If you have a home based business and you'd like to have a table at the vendor fair please reach out to MaryBeth Jackson to reserve your spot...641-777-4635.

TESTING next week!

1) DIBELS testing will be taking place for students in grades K-5 the week of September 16. 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 several years so this is a continuation of a process that is already in place.

2) MAP testing will take place the week of September 23. 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.

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Sept. 16-20

Monday: Corn Dog, Nachos w/Cheese Sauce, Corn, Peaches, WG Dinner Roll
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe WG Bun, French Fries, Fruit Cup, Bar
Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll
Thursday: Spaghetti, Carrots, Watermelon, WG French Bread
Friday: Weiner Winks, Green Beans, Pears, Yogurt

Hot Lunch payments need to be made this year through FACTS. To put money into your Food Service account log in to your Family Portal, choose Financial then Prepay Accounts. If you have already submitted a payment by check, it will be applied to your account. If you have any questions, please contact Anne De Bruin at bookkeeper@oskaloosachristian.net.

ESA UPDATE!! We are in the process of billing the state for the first semester tuition. You will receive notice to approve the amount that we billed Odyssey. This amount will be anywhere from \$3400 - \$3913. Many of you have received some STO credits so this is why the amount isn't the same for everyone. Please approve the amount so we can receive the funding from the state.

If you have any questions please call our Business Manager, Anne De Bruin at 641-660-9520.

Non Discrimination Policy

Subject to the Constitution of the United States and all applicable state and federal laws, Oskaloosa School for Christian Instruction does not discriminate against applicants or students on the basis of race, color, and national or ethnic origin in its admissions or in the administration of its education policies, programs, or activities.

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September JOY Chapel



Running with JOY

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others."

-Philippians 2:3-4

The 8th graders kicked off the year by focusing on the O in JOY, putting others ahead of ourselves. We learned the story of the Good Samaritan and how to be loving and kind to our neighbors.

-Mrs. Jabaay

