



OSKALOOSA
CHRISTIAN
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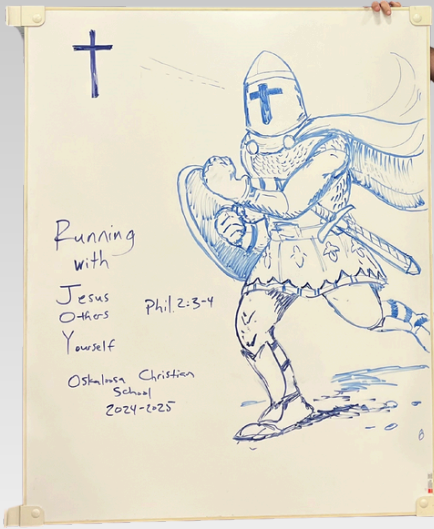
Our mission is to assist families in equipping children to be effective disciples of Jesus Christ.



Behind our Brand

Thank you for the support and excitement over the rebranding of Oskaloosa Christian School. Oskaloosa Christian is excited to share new academic and athletic logos that have been implemented for the 2024 school year and beyond. This exciting development reflects our commitment to providing a Christ-centered education while embracing the future with renewed vigor and clarity.

A special thanks to artist Joe Hoksbergen who created the logos. He also joined us for the first day of school chapel with a live art demonstration. Students were gifted a t-shirt and we are grateful for all the many hands that made the implementation of the brand happen. Be sure to check out the new website for upcoming events, information, calendars and more at www.oskaloosachristian.net



Interested in learning more about Oskaloosa Christian or want to see the new updates? Schedule a tour today!

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Check out the new website for announcements, calendars and other resources.



Check out our Facebook page for photos, school activities and more!

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!

We are well into the first quarter already and the academic rigors and rhythms of the school schedule have set the stage for another amazing year at Oskaloosa Christian. We are so happy to partner with you in our mission to educate and disciple children to know and fear the Lord.

Our theme for this year is "Running with JOY" (based on Phil. 2:3-4). These well known verses read as follows: "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 the others". This theme excites me because it highlights not only our motivation in life as Christ followers but also our disposition towards everyone we come in contact with. The "JOY" we want to emphasize running with does include the joy of the Lord as an example of one of the fruits of the spirit. The deeper meaning of JOY is a memorable acronym laying out a prioritization of our loves: Jesus first, Others second and Yourself third. This message is completely foreign to an unbelieving and self-absorbed generation but it is the framework for our life in Christ. Happiness is ultimately fickle because it comes and goes as our experiences in life ebb and flow. Joy on the other hand, finds its longevity in this deeper and more enduring principle.

The foundation of our joy rests in the person and work of Christ. He is the motivation for running this race of life but also serves as the author and perfecter of our faith story (Heb. 12:1-3). Furthermore, in Philippians 2 Paul highlights the finished work of Jesus and calls us to live a life that emulates his humility and self sacrifice for others. Within the very heart of Christ is the attitude of humility by valuing others above ourselves which he exemplified for us with his birth, life, and ultimately his death on the cross. This attitude that Jesus exemplifies is such a high calling for us as Christians and a fantastic thing to reiterate to our children. When we put others ahead of ourselves and Jesus on the throne of our hearts everybody wins and God gets the glory.

When I ran my first marathon in San Diego I was expectedly nervous and completely unprepared for the experience. At approximately mile sixteen I hit the infamous "wall" and nearly quit the race. With some assistance I managed to get to mile twenty-two. I was completely exhausted but determined to make it to the finish line. I'll never forget when I looked up and saw a person shoot out of the crowd and ran up to me. With a bounce in her step and a smile on her face my little sister decided to run with me for the remainder of the race. With newfound energy and support I was able to finish the race with her by my side. This selfless act of care and support was just what I needed to accomplish my goal.

My prayer this year is that our students begin to think less about themselves, look around to see the interests of others, and look up to their Savior. In this way I believe we can exhibit a Christ like attitude and display the joy of the Lord for all to see. Let's have an impactful year running with JOY!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Joel Rietema, Principal



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Faculty and Staff 2024-2025



Joel Rietema
Principal



Tracy Klucas
Director of Learning
and Advancement



Patti Westra
Secretary, After
School Care



Carol De Ronde-
Richards
Food Service Manager



Linda Taylor
Cook



Jimmy Summers
Custodian



Anne De Bruin
Finance Manager



Cheryl Groenenboom
TK-4 Music



Megan Keith
5-8 Choir, General
Music, 6-8 Band



Cassi Fitzpatrick
TK-8 Library, Art



Molly Vander Leest
Guidance Counselor



Jenessa Kaisand
Teacher Aide



Carolyn Brickley
5-8 Band Lessons



Dan Carmichael
5th Band, 5-8 Band
Lessons



Kristin Van Zee
Resource Room



Rebecca Hoksbergen
Transitional
Kindergarten



Jaynee Grafke
Kindergarten



Cathy Fay
K Teacher Aide



Tricia Van Roekel
1st Grade



Tiffany Roozeboom
2nd Grade



Lisa De Bruin
3rd Grade



Alicia Vander Wal
4th Grade



Shannon Semini
4th Teacher Aide,
Athletic Director



Cora Groenenboom
4th Teacher Aide



Joy Mitchell
5th Grade



Haley Albright
5th Grade



Renee Van Kooten
6th Grade, 6-8 Social
Studies, TK-8 PE



Keri Spronk
6-8 Teacher Aide



Shawna Goemaat
7th Grade,
6-8 Language Arts



Kristi Jabaay
8th Grade, 6-8
Science & Computers



Leah Stam
6-8 Bible



Colleen Platt
5-8 Math



Kristin Plate
T.R.I.P. Coordinator



Vickie Van Donselaar
Preschool Director/
Teaching Staff



Rachel Yang
Teaching Staff



Kristen Van Donselaar
Teaching Staff



Lydia Umberger
Teaching Staff



Kate Vonk
Bookkeeper

Did you know?

- » 182 students (growth of 13% increase in the past 10 years)
- » 33 employees
- » 14 students graduated in May 2024
- » 108 families partnering with Oskaloosa Christian in their child's education
- » \$7,826.00 full cost for a Christ-filled education for one student
- » 25 churches represented at Oskaloosa Christian
- » 76 families participating in the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP)
- » \$13,249.95 TRIP earnings in the current & future student family accounts for the 2023-2024 school year
- » Willing Workers sold 333 mums at the 2024 Mum Fundraiser
- » Willing workers raised \$66,719 during the 2023-2024 school year
- » \$3,350,000 is the current balance of the endowment fund
- » \$143,000 provided by LOG-STO for tuition aid to families of Oskaloosa Christian in 2023-2024 school year
- » For Generations to Come helped Oskaloosa Christian families with \$51,022 in 2023-2024 school year

UPDATE: Capital Campaign

Contributions from our Society replaced the roof and windows, and updated new lockers. LED lighting to be completed over Christmas Break!



Upcoming Events & Important Dates

October

18: Chapel at 8:10 am
24 & 25: Parent Teacher Conferences
24: Book Fair, 12 - 8 pm
25: Book Fair, 8 - 12 pm

November

8: Chapel at 8:10 am
11: Veterans Assembly at 8:30 am
22: TK-8 Music Concert at 7 pm
28 & 29: Thanksgiving Break

December

7: Christmas vendor and bake sale, 8 am
13: Parent Christmas Lunch at 11 am
23-31: Christmas Break

January

6: Classes Resume
17: Chapel at 8:10 am

February

20: Bids for Kids Auction. New date and location at Bradbury Hall

Oskaloosa Christian School Board of Directors

Joel Groenenboom (2026) President	Karl Boender (2027)
Emily Jorgensen (2026) Vice President	Ben De Bruin (2025)
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