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November 1, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 1	Girls Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Nov. 4	Mrs. Vander Leest with Grades TK, K, 2, 5
Nov. 4	TRIP Orders Due
Nov. 4, 5, 7, 8	Girls Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Nov. 5 & 6	Vision Screening for TK and K
Nov. 5	Advancement Committee Meeting, 7pm
Nov. 6	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey Buses
Nov. 8	Thanksgiving Chapel at 8:10 hosted by 6th
Nov. 8	TK-3rd Attending Play at PCHS
Nov. 11	No Oskey Buses All Day
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Assembly, 8:30 Refreshments 8:00-8:30
Nov. 11	Mrs. Vander Leest with Grades 6th-8th
Nov. 11	Girls Basketball Home Game vs. Eddyville, 4:30
Nov. 11 & 12	SONshine Brown Day
Nov. 12	Girls Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Nov. 13	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey Buses
Nov. 13	Yang Benefit Dinner
Nov. 14	Clover Kids, 3:15
Nov. 14	Middle School Fall Music Festival in Pella
Nov. 14	No Basketball Practice



Honoring our Veterans! Please join the Oskaloosa Christian School students and staff for a Veterans Day observance assembly on Monday, November 11. All Society members are welcome to join us, especially those who have served or are family members of veterans. Refreshments will be served from 8:00-8:30 with the assembly beginning at 8:30. Please plan to join us for this special time of recognition and remembrance.

If students would like to wear patriotic attire for this day, we ask that it be **respectful and honoring** to our veterans.

Yang Benefit Dinner

The Oskaloosa Christian School is planning to host a Benefit Dinner for the Yang family on Wednesday, November 13 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the gym. The menu will include pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, cheesy potatoes, apple slices with caramel sauce, desserts, and drink. "Grab & Go" dinner meals will also be available. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Yang children. Save the date to bless the Yang family! A flyer will be attached to today's parent email that you can share with others.



REMINDERS

•**Everyone is invited to our Thanksgiving Chapel** next Friday, November 8. Join us at 8:10 in the gym as the 6th graders host. Visitors may enter the south door by using our security system. Students, wear your theme shirts for the day!

•**Last Friday was the end of our first quarter.** Since progress reports are available to parents at any time through FACTS, report cards will be shared after the 1st and 2nd semesters only. To see your child's information, click on student in your parent portal.

•**Vision Screening will be available for all TK and K students on November 5 and 6.** Parents, please turn in your permission form next Monday to have your child tested. Thank you to the Lions Club for offering this service free of charge to our students. If a vision concern is found, the results will be shared with parents.

•**On Friday, November 8 our TK-3rd graders** will be attending a matinee performance of *Once Upon a December*, by Pella Christian's 8th graders. Students will leave at 12:10 and arrive back around 2:15.

•**OSKEY BUSES:** There will be no morning or after school Oskey buses available on Monday, November 11. If your child normally rides the Oskey Public buses, please provide transportation to and from school for that day. Thank you.

•**Absence Reminder!** Parents, just a reminder that if your child will be leaving during the day for an appointment, please let their teacher know before school begins that day, or as early in the day as possible. Thank you.

•**Attention families who live outside the Oskaloosa School District:** Information was emailed to you today about how you can be reimbursed for mileage for providing your child's transportation to school. Just bring completed forms to your residing school district by December 1. Extra forms are in our school office if needed and can be sent home by contacting Mrs. Patti.

•**A reminder to sign up for our Willing Workers Christmas Bake Sale!** We are asking each school family to donate at least one Christmas treat to sell at our upcoming sale on December 7. The sign-up link will be included in today's parent email.

•**Advance Notice: Thanksgiving Break** will begin on Wednesday, November 27 with a noon dismissal. There will be no morning or afternoon Oskey buses, so please provide transportation for your children for that entire day. On Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 we will have no school for Thanksgiving Break. On Monday, December 2 we will have no school for Teacher Professional Learning.

•**Our school apparel store is open!!** Check out new designs and shirt colors. Adult and youth sizing are available in t-shirts, long sleeves, hoodies, and crew necks. This will be your last chance this school year to order! Stock up on Christmas gifts! **The webstore will close at noon November 13.** If you choose 'PICK UP' as the shipping method your order will be delivered to school by December 3. Shipping options are available for an additional fee.

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 TK-8th students are invited to wear the same color clothing on these designated days. You can support our SONshine Preschool students by wearing **brown** on November 11 or 12!

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Nov. 6: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Monday, Nov. 11: No Oskey buses all day
- Wednesday, Nov. 13: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Juan Rodriguez	November 3
Lola Nance	November 5
Mrs. Kristin Van Zee	November 5
Daxton Roozeboom	November 7
Astrid Bucklin	November 7
Hayden Van Donselaar	November 8
Cash Malloy	November 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: November 4, 18

•We will be doing 2 national orders per month this year.

Order dates will be published in the Crusader Chronicles.

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

ADVANCE NOTICE! This year's Christmas Chapel and Dinner is set for Friday, December 13 beginning at 11:00 in the gym. Parents, you will be invited to join your children and the OC staff for a meal and Christmas celebration. Reserve the date! More details coming later.



Legacy of Grace

SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION

One of the means for us to bless families to have access to a quality Christian education is through the Legacy of Grace School Tuition Organization (LOG-STO). This state program allows for individuals and businesses to donate money to help families with tuition at a private school, receiving a 75% state tax credit of the donation, which reduces your state tax liability.

Our LOG-STO has been allocated to collect \$559,683.00 this year to help families who are not currently eligible for a State of Iowa Education Savings Account. For example, our Transitional Kindergarten students are not eligible because they attend fewer days. A donation of any size would help us to move closer to our goal. Would you please prayerfully consider a gift to the LOG-STO to help a family access Christian education for their children? Please visit the website, www.logsto.org, for more information and a donation form. Thank you.



WHAT: Oskaloosa Christian Middle School Packing Party

WHEN: Friday, November 15

DETAILS: Perhaps you've heard the buzz—it's shoebox packing time! Once again, OCS middle school students will be preparing boxes to send to children in other countries. In these boxes we include school supplies, toys, stuffed animals, toiletries, and even socks!

Along with these items, the students will also include letters and cards telling the recipients about themselves and Jesus! The boxes will then be sent through a distribution center before being shipped and delivered to children somewhere in the world!

These boxes provide missionaries, pastors, and other local believers the opportunity to share the GOOD NEWS of the GOSPEL with the children through a 12 lesson discipleship program! We are SO EXCITED to GO and MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS from our own classroom using these boxes!

If you would like to partner with Mrs. Stam and the middle school students in this ministry, feel free to reach out to her at staml@oskaloosachristian.net. Donations of items to pack or money to help cover the cost of shipping are always welcome! Most importantly, please join us in PRAYING for: us as we choose items, for the folks on the ground who will be sharing the Gospel, and for the hearts of the kids who will receive the boxes and hear and experience God's love! Stay tuned for updates!

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Nov. 4-8

Monday: Pancakes, Lil' Smokies, Hashbrown Potato, Orange

Tuesday: Sloppy Joe on WG Bun, Broccoli w/cheese sauce, Peaches, Bar

Wednesday: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll

Thursday: Lasagne, Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, WG French Bread

Friday: Bosco Sticks w/marinara sauce, Green Beans, Pears, Yogurt

WEATHER-RELATED CHANGES



Parents, please take note of the changes in weather-related notifications for this year. You can use one of the three sources below to receive information on weather-related changes in our schedule. This includes morning cancellations or delays. Afternoon early dismissals will be by texts and Facebook only.



•Phone Text from our FACTS system (OCS-IA)

•KCCI-TV (Channel 8), KCCI website - www.kcci.com

•OC Facebook Page

A 'test text' was sent to parents on Thursday, October 31 at noon. If you did not receive this text, and would like to receive them in the future, please sign up in your FACTS Family Portal using the instructions below.

To change text preferences in FACTS, you can edit your family information in the FACTS Family Portal:

- 1) Log in to the FACTS Family Portal
 - 2) Select the Custodial Parent Form
 - 3) In the Parent Preferences section, you can:
 - Choose which phone numbers to receive Parent Alert Messages from
 - Edit your email address and phone number
 - 4) Scroll to the bottom of the page and select Save
- You can also set family preferences to designate which family members will receive alerts.

Please note that if you reply STOP at the end of your text, you will no longer receive messages.

