



# CRUSADER CHRONICLES

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 15	Girls Basketball Game in Fremont, 4:30
Nov. 18	TRIP Orders are Due
Nov. 18	Girls Home Basketball Game vs. Twin Cedars, 4:30
Nov. 19	Girls Home Basketball Game vs. Pella Chr., 4:30
Nov. 20	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey buses
Nov. 20	Believe Kids Pick Up
Nov. 21	Girls Home Basketball Game vs. Newton, 4:30
Nov. 22	TK-8th Fall Music Program, 7:00 pm
Nov. 22	No Basketball Practice
Nov. 25	Mrs. Vander Leest with Grades 1, 3, 4
Nov. 25	Girls Basketball Game at North Mahaska, 4:15
Nov. 26	Girls Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Nov. 27	Noon Dismissal, No School Lunch, No Oskey Buses All Day
Nov. 28, 29	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 2	No School for Staff Professional Development
Dec. 3	Mrs. Vander Leest for Grades TK, K, 2, 5
Dec. 3	TRIP Orders Due



**Our all-school FALL MUSIC PROGRAM** celebrating Running with JOY – Jesus, Others, Yourself- is next Friday night, November 22! ALL students, Transitional Kindergarten through eighth grade, are required to participate in the program. The program will include performances by the middle school band, TK-4th and 5th – 8th choirs, fifth grade band, and our all school theme song.

These are the times students need to be at school  
on November 22nd:

- Middle School Band Students** should be at school in the music room by 6:30 p.m.
- Piano Prelude Students** should be in the little music room by 6:40 p.m.
- Middle School Non-Band Students** should report to the eighth grade room by 6:50 p.m.
- TK-5th Grade Students** should report to their classrooms between 6:45-7:00 p.m.

Students will stay together with their class in their rooms for the parts of the program when they are not performing. All students should be dressed in our school theme shirts (Running With Joy) and nice pants.

**Celebrate as community an evening of music and joy!**



## REMINDERS

•**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.

•**Attention families who live outside the Oskaloosa School District:** Information was emailed to you 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.

•**Parents, just a reminder** that any students who are attending our home basketball games are expected to be in the gym watching the game, and not roaming the hallways. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Yang Benefit Dinner



### A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Community!

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the 77 incredible volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to make this event a true blessing. From directing traffic, serving meals, cooking, baking, and warmly greeting each guest, each of you played an essential role in helping us serve 822 meals with love.

A special shout-out to our co-chairs, Brenda Sytsma and Shari Westercamp, whose leadership and organization were instrumental in making this event run smoothly and successfully. Your dedication and heart for this mission were evident in every detail.

To the Oskaloosa community and our neighbors from surrounding areas—thank you for coming together and showing such generous support for the Yang family. We are truly blessed by each of you!

And we extend our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors who made it possible to cover the event's costs through their generous contributions. We couldn't have done it without your partnership and support.

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."*

—1 Peter 4:10

### BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Nov. 20: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Nov. 27: Noon dismissal, NO Oskey buses all day
- Wednesday, Dec. 4: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Dec. 11: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses



We are happy to announce the hiring of Carter Lake to be this year's boys basketball coach. He lives in New Sharon and is a graduate of North Mahaska High School. The boys' basketball season will begin in January with a home game on the 9th. A complete game schedule will be published soon.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lila Clingan	November 18
Claire Swope	November 19
Eli Watts	November 19
Henry Steinbach	November 19
Mrs. Leah Stam	November 19

## 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 18, December 3, 16

**December 16 will be the last order before Christmas!**

*If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at  
[trip@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:trip@oskaloosachristian.net) or 641-670-0583.*



Mark your calendars! The items your student sold during our Believe Kids fundraiser will need to be picked up **this coming Wednesday, November 20.** We will have everything ready to pick up in our gym starting at 2:00. If your child rides the bus, we are NOT able to send items with them on the bus so you must come and pick up your items. We do our best to get items out to you during the car line but if we miss you, you may need to park. If you are unable to pick up your items, you will need to arrange for someone else to pick up your orders. Please have items picked up by 2:45! Please do not send individuals who ordered from you to pick up only their items. All items are packed by the student who sold it. We do not open boxes and bags to separate them. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Van Zee at 641-660-1972 or [vanzee@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:vanzee@oskaloosachristian.net). Thanks again for supporting our school!



**We are delighted to invite parents to join us for our annual Christmas Chapel and Dinner this year!** It will be held on Friday, December 13 in our school gym. A Christmas chapel will begin promptly at 11:00 followed by a delicious dinner prepared by Carol and Linda. A freewill offering will be received to cover the cost of the meal.

We will be sitting by families again this year. Due to the limited space and large number of people who attend our Christmas dinner, we have limited each family to two guests. Since we are planning a special day for grandparents to visit in April, the Christmas Dinner is a time reserved for parents only. However, if parents are not able to come, we encourage grandparents or another guest to join our students instead. To make your reservations, do not call the school kitchen, but contact the teacher of your oldest child no later than Friday, December 6! We hope you can join us!



**Cookie Decorating at Oskaloosa Christian!** Mark your calendars to join the Christmas Cookie Committee for a fun morning of decorating cookies on Friday, December 6. We will begin at 9:00 in the gym. We will not be able to offer childcare again this year. All skill levels are welcome; you do not need to know how to frost cookies. We need people willing to sprinkle, sort, and organize cookies as well! Please come out for some great fellowship as we work together to help make this fundraiser a blessing for our school!

## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Nov. 18-22

**Monday:** Chicken Fajita Quesadilla, Nachos w/cheese, Broccoli, Peaches, WG Dinner Roll

**Tuesday:** Hot Dog on Wg Bun, Carrots, Chips, Apple Slices, Ice Cream Bar

**Wednesday:** Thanksgiving Dinner-Turkey, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Stuffing, Corn, Fruit cups, Finger jello, Pumpkin Pie Dessert, WG Dinner Roll

**Thursday:** Goulash, Corn, Pineapple, Cornbread

**Friday:** French Bread Pizza, Green Beans, Pears, Yogurt



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!

Today, our middle school students at OC lived out the Great Commission by participating in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party! Together, they packed an incredible 71 shoeboxes, each filled with love, hope, and the message of the Gospel.

These shoeboxes will travel to children around the world, becoming a tangible way for pastors and volunteers to share the Good News of Jesus at outreach events. Through this simple act, our students are helping to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), spreading Christ's love to those who may not yet know Him.

Thank you, students, for being Community Builders and answering the call to serve! Let's continue to pray for the children who will receive these gifts and for the hearts that will be touched by the message of salvation.

**View pictures and a video on our website under NEWS!**



**Thank you to all who attended our Veterans Day Assembly on November 11. What a privilege it was for our students and staff to celebrate our veterans' service to our country and to pray with them!**

