



# CRUSADER CHRONICLES

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Osky 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
Dec. 3	Girls Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Dec. 4 & 5	Wear Green for SONshine
Dec. 4	2:15 Dismissal with Osky Buses
Dec. 5	Girls Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Dec. 6	Deadline for Christmas Dinner sign-up
Dec. 6	Cookie Decorating for Bake Sale
Dec. 6	No Basketball Practice
Dec. 7	Willing Workers Vendor and Bake Sale
Dec. 9	Mrs. Vander Leest with Grades 6-8
Dec. 9	Girls Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Dec. 9	Boys Basketball Practice, 5:30-7:30
Dec. 10	Girls Home Basketball game, Osky Public, 4:15
Dec. 11	2:15 Dismissal with Osky Buses



**Our all-school FALL MUSIC PROGRAM** celebrating Running with JOY – Jesus, Others, Yourself- is **TONIGHT!** 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 tonight:

- 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 Osky 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.

•**Due to the short week of school** for Thanksgiving break, there will be no Crusader Chronicles published next week. Any communication to parents that is needed next week will be done by email.

•**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.

•**Thanks to everyone who has signed up for our Willing Workers Christmas Bake Sale!** Please pick up the packaging supplies for your items from your oldest child's classroom TONIGHT following the Music Program. Thanks to everyone for your help in making this year's bake sale a success!

•**A Lost and Found table is set up by the office.** Parents and students are welcome to check it at any time for items your family may be missing. All unclaimed items will be boxed up right after Christmas break and donated to a local charity.

•**Thanksgiving Rotations:** This week, students in TK-8 will participate in Thanksgiving Rotations—a special time filled with gratitude, fun, and community building! The activities are designed to bring multiple grade levels together, fostering relationships and creating lasting memories. Students will enjoy Would You Rather...Thanksgiving Edition, Blessing Pumpkins, Thanksgiving Family Fued and Brain Breaks, Blessing Bags and I Spy, and all-time favorite Turkey Round-up Game.

These rotations celebrate the heart of Thanksgiving while building connections across grade levels. We are grateful for this opportunity to grow as a school community!



**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!

## **BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!**

- Wednesday, Nov. 27: Noon dismissal, NO Osky buses all day
- Wednesday, Dec. 4: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Dec. 11: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Dec. 18: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Friday, Dec. 20: Noon dismissal with NO Osky buses





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Amara Bowen	November 23
Jonathan Stam	November 25
Louise Vermeulen	November 30
Ryder DeZwarte	December 3
Emery Van Polen	December 4
Becky Groenenboom	December 5
Ella De Rooi	December 5

## 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:** December 3, 16

Remember that TRIP cards make a great gift as you think about your Christmas giving this year!

Cash and Carry cards can sell fast during the holiday season. Place an order to guarantee you will receive the cards you need! **December 16 will be the last day to place an order for Christmas!**

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



**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!

## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



**Nov. 25-29**

**Monday:** Chili Soup, Carrots, Peaches, WG Cinnamon Roll  
**Tuesday:** Chicken Patty on WG Bun, French Fries, Pears, Bar  
**Wednesday:** Noon dismissal-no school lunch  
**Thursday and Friday:** Mom's Turkey! Happy Thanksgiving!

**Dec. 2-6**

**Monday:** No School for Staff Professional Development  
**Tuesday:** Maidrite on WG bun, Broccoli w/cheese sauce, Applesauce, Bar  
**Wednesday:** Chicken-n-Noodles over Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll  
**Thursday:** Mac-n-Cheese w/Ham, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Cinnamon Squares  
**Friday:** Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/marinara Sauce, Green Beans, Pears, Yogurt



**Thank You!**

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to lunch ladies Carol and Linda, who prepared and served a delicious Thanksgiving feast for us on Wednesday.

**We are thankful for you!**

## 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](http://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 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.*

*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."*

**-Colossians 3:15**



SONshine Preschool planting the "Miss Rachel" tree, with the help of Luke Meinders from Stam Greenhouse. Thanks to SONshine parents, staff and Oskaloosa Christian staff for donating towards this lasting memory.

