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REMINDERS

•**HEALTH REMINDER!** Parents, a reminder that if your child has been sick, please do not send him/her back to school until he/she is completely recovered and has been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the aid of a fever-reducing medication. **Thank you** for your help in preventing unnecessary spread of sickness among our students and staff.

•**Christmas Break:** We will dismiss for Christmas break on Friday, December 20 at noon. There will be no school lunch served, and no Oskey buses for dismissal on that day so please make arrangements for your children to be picked up. There will be no after school care on that day. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6 with the Oskey buses running their normal schedule.

•**The 3rd graders are collecting non-perishable food items** for the Oskaloosa Food Pantry in connection to the novel "Twenty and Ten" that they just completed. There will be a table outside of the 3rd grade classroom where the donations can be brought. Donations can be brought in anytime between now and Dec. 19.

•Christmas Sing-A-Long!

Our middle school band and choir students will be hosting a brief "sing-a-long" on December 20th, starting at 10am before the classroom parties begin. Join us as we sing familiar Christmas carols, accompanied by the 6-8 band. The honor choir and boys/girls choir will also be leading us in some songs. **Let's join our voices and praise the only One who is worthy!**

•**AUCTION REMINDER!** Parents, a reminder that all classroom auction donations need to be turned in by next Friday, December 20. You can contact Kari Fite at 641-919-7379 with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 13	Parent Christmas Chapel & Dinner hosted by 5th Graders, 11:00, All-School Movie at 1:15
Dec. 13	Girls Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Dec. 16	"White Christmas" Dress-up Day
Dec. 16	Mrs. Vander Leest with Grades K, 1, 3, & 4
Dec. 16	Girls Basketball Game at Oskey Public, 4:30
Dec. 16	Boys Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Dec. 17	"Toasty Tuesday" Dress-up Day
Dec. 17	Girls Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Dec. 17	Boys Basketball Parent Meeting, 5:15
Dec. 17	Boys Basketball Practice, 5:30-7:30
Dec. 18	Deck the Halls Dress-up Day
Dec. 18	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey Buses
Dec. 18	Boys Basketball Practice, 2:30-4:30
Dec. 19	"Happy Birthday Jesus" Dress-up Day
Dec. 19	Girls Basketball Game at Twin Cedars, 4:30
Dec. 19	Boys Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Dec. 20	End of 2nd Quarter
Dec. 20	"Red vs. Green" Dress-up Day
Dec. 20	Christmas Sing-A-Long 10:00 am, followed by classroom Christmas parties
Dec. 20	Noon Dismissal for Christmas Break, no Oskey Buses for Dismissal
Dec. 23-Jan. 5	Christmas Break



We would like to thank all the parents who joined us for our Christmas Chapel and Dinner today! A BIG thanks to Carol and Linda for the delicious meal served. They prepared and served 414 meals today! And thanks to all those who worked in other ways to prepare for this special day. It was great to have our parents here to help us celebrate the coming of Jesus,

We have Dress-up days for next week!
Participation is optional.

Monday: "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas"

--pajama and crazy hair day

"Toasty" Tuesday: Christmas socks, hats and ugly sweaters

Wednesday--"Deck the Halls/Christmas from head to toe"

--wear things that sparkle, light up, or jingle.

Thursday--"Happy Birthday Jesus!"

--favorite Nativity Character day

Friday--"Red vs Green Day"--wear all red or all green or a combination of both.



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.

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Dec. 18: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Friday, Dec. 20: Noon dismissal with NO Oskey buses
- Monday, Jan. 6: Classes resume with Oskey buses running their normal schedule
- Wednesday, Jan. 8: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Piper Van Engelenhoven	December 15
Mrs. Alicia Vander Wal	December 15
Mack Jackson	December 17
Wyatt De Ronde	December 17
6 month birthdays:	
Remi De Jong	June 17
Mrs. Anne De Bruin	June 19

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Dec. 16-20

Monday: Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Sliced Apples, Bar
Tuesday: Hamburger/Cheeseburger on WG Bun, French Fries, Peaches, Pudding
Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll
Thursday: Sub Sandwich, Sun Chips, Carrots, Sliced Apples
Friday: Noon Dismissal – NO LUNCH

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 16 (last date to order for Christmas!)**

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! Cash and Carry cards will be available for sale until December 20 while supplies last.

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

WEATHER-RELATED CHANGES



Parents, please take note of the 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



The **TRIP Program** is making an exciting change. Due to the changes in the registration process, the OC Trip Program will be moving the yearly payout to reflect a calendar year instead of its current school year. This means that the TRIP program will close its books for the 2024 year on December 31, 2024. Your credit earned July 1- December 31 will be available in January 2025. This means credit can be used for things like Hot Lunch, Band Fees, or Tuition for this current school year, or Registration for the 2025-26 school year. Please fill out the NEW Registration form if you want your earnings to go to a specific location (ie hot lunch). Please note there are changes in the form, so read it carefully. It will be attached to today's parent email. This form can be emailed to Kristin at trip@oskaloosachristian.net or brought to the OC office. Paper copies will also be available in the office. If you have any questions please contact Kristin Plate at (641) 670-0583.

SHINE DANCE CLINIC AND SHOWCASE

Pella Christian Shine Dance Team invites you to join their clinic for students ages preschool through 8th grade. Join us on January 18th for a morning clinic from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and showcase at 4:00p.m. The form is attached to today's parent email. Please return with payment to the Oskaloosa Christian office by Dec 20. Contact Coach Sarah with questions at saraheblom@gmail.com.



Copies of the Willing Workers Cookbook that was published in 2004 are available for sale in the school office. They are a great deal at a reduced price of \$10.00. They make great Christmas or wedding shower gifts, or a keepsake for your OC graduates. Stop in the office between 8:00-3:00 on any school day to purchase yours.



December Christmas Chapel

5th Grade



Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Redeemer, Immanuel, Lamb of God, Light of the World, Good Shepherd, Chief Cornerstone, the True Vine, and Alpha and Omega - these are just some of the many names that represent Jesus shared by the 5th graders in our Christmas chapel. May you have a blessed Christmas!

-Mrs. Joy Mitchell and Ms. Haley Albright

