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REMINDERS

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

•**TESTING!** A reminder that MAP Testing will be done for students in grades 3rd-8th during the week of January 20. Please do not schedule morning appointments for students during this week. Thank you!

•**LOST AND FOUND!** Parents, please feel free to stop at the office after dismissal today to check the lost and found for any items your family may be missing. All items will be boxed up and donated right after Christmas break.

•**Wilhelmina Dutch Peppermints are for sale!**

The price is \$3.00 per box or you can buy a whole show box of 12 for \$36.00! **They make great thank you gifts!** They sell fast, so contact any 8th grader or stop by the school office to purchase yours soon. A BIG THANK YOU to all those who faithfully support this 8th grade fundraiser every year!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 20	End of 2nd Quarter
Dec. 20	Noon Dismissal for Christmas Break, no Oskey Buses for Dismissal, no school lunch
Dec. 23-Jan. 5	Christmas Break
Jan. 6	Classes Resume with Oskey Buses All Day
Jan. 6	Mrs. Vander Leest with Grades TK, K, 2, & 5
Jan. 6 & 7	Boys Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Jan. 7	Report Cards Emailed to Parents
Jan. 8	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey Buses
Jan. 9	Boys Basketball Home Game, Ankeny Christian Academy, 4:15
Jan. 9	Clover Kids, 3:15
Jan. 10	Chapel Praise Time, 8:10
Jan. 10	Boys Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Jan. 11	SEIBA (Band Auditions)
Jan. 13	Mrs. Vander Leest with Grades 6-8
Jan. 13 & 14	Wear White for SONshine
Jan. 13	Boys Basketball Home Game vs. Twin Cedars, 4:30
Jan. 15	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey Buses
Jan. 16	Boys Basketball Game at Pella Christian, 4:30
Jan. 17	TK-8th Theme Chapel, 4th Grade hosts, 8:10
Jan. 17	Hearing Rescreening by the AEA



Mark your calendars! Everyone is invited to attend our next chapel on Friday, January 17 at 8:10 a.m. with our 4th graders hosting. Students, please wear your theme shirts for chapel!

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.

WILLING WORKERS AUCTION!

The date has been set. The planning has begun. Our 2025 Bids For Kids Auction is quickly approaching. The Auction Committee is looking for donations. If you or a business have not been contacted yet and you feel led to donate please bring it to the school office after the first of the year or contact Kristin Plate at 641-670-0583 to arrange for pickup. Thank you!

PC Clay Target Team: To all athletes and their parents who plan to shoot on the PC Clay Target team in 2025. The required sign up and safety meetings are rapidly approaching. Those meetings are scheduled for Saturday January 4 starting at 8:00 AM and Thursday January 9 starting at 6:00 PM at the PCHS auditorium. Every athlete plus at least 1 parent must attend one of these meetings. IN preparation for the meetings, please go to our website www.pcclaytarget.com and click on the forms section. Every family must fill out form 1 which is the registration form and every athlete must fill out forms 2 - 9 regardless of which disciplines you plan to shoot. Please bring the completed and signed forms along with the registration fee check made out to PC Clay Target to one of the meetings. If you are absolutely unable to attend one of those 2 meetings, contact me at gregstravers@gmail.com. Thank you!

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- 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
- Wednesday, Jan. 15: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Johnathon Jackson	December 23
Levi Weber	December 24
Braelynn Frock	December 26
Isaiah Ruckman	December 26
Jack Riggen	December 27
Cobie De Jong	December 29
Greyson Neff	December 29
Alia Glandon	December 31
Iris Bregar	January 2
Trinity Roozeboom	January 3
Allison Boender	January 5
Eli Gatton	January 5
Ella Gatton	January 5
Cyrus Hol	January 7
Kohen De Bruin	January 10

6-month birthdays:

Lake De Ronde	June 23
Jace Brummer	June 24
Kinley De Bruin	June 25
Sophia Plate	June 29
Evelin Pogany	June 20
Weston Schaefer	July 1
Mr. Dan Carmichael	July 1
Lucy Bolkema	July 3
Ms. Renee Van Kooten	July 6
Lane Bruxvoort	July 7
Jayde De Groot	July 7
Leah Spronk	July 9

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Jan. 6-10

Monday: Corn Dog, Nachos w/cheese sauce, Broccoli, Peaches, WG Dinner Roll
Tuesday: Maidrite on WG Bun, French Fries, Applesauce, Bar
Wednesday: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll
Thursday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Carrots, Peaches, WG French Bread
Friday: Bosco Sticks w/marinara Sauce, Green Beans, Pears, Yogurt

Parents, would you like to receive payment reminders for your FACTS accounts? Below are instructions for setting up your account to receive notifications:

Family Portal Login - Financial - Financial Home - My Profile - Communication Settings [edit] - Sign up for Text or Email notifications - SAVE

Please let us know if you have any questions!

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: January 6 and 20

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

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.

BOYS BASKETBALL 2025

Our boys' basketball team has already been practicing and their first game will be January 9 with a home game with Ankeny Christian at 4:15. This year the boys are being coached by Carter Lake. Be sure to check out the game schedule below and come to cheer for our athletes! Go Crusaders! -Mrs. Semini, AD



BOYS BASKETBALL GAMES 2025

Jan. 9	..... Ankeny Christian Academy	..... Home	..... 4:15
Jan. 13	..... Twin Cedars	..... Home	..... 4:30
Jan. 16	..... Pella Christian	..... Away	..... 4:30
Jan. 20	..... Fremont	..... Home	..... 4:30
Jan. 21	..... Pella Christian	..... Home	..... 4:30
Jan. 27	..... Twin Cedars	..... Away	..... 4:30
Jan. 28	..... North Mahaska	..... Away	..... 4:15
Jan. 30	..... Oskaloosa	..... Away	..... 4:30
Feb. 3	..... Moravia	..... Away	..... 4:30
Feb. 4	..... Fremont	..... Away	..... 4:30
Feb. 10	..... Newton	..... Home	..... 4:30
Feb. 17	..... Oskaloosa	..... Home	..... 4:30

This schedule is subject to change. Check the Crusader Chronicles for updates.

GIRLS BASKETBALL 2024



The girls basketball team had great numbers this year with three 8th graders and nine 7th graders. The ladies improved as the season went along in basketball, communication, and team skills. With 12 ladies out, we were able to play a full "A" game and at least 2 quarters for a "B" game in all 11 games. Both teams won about half of their games. As a coach, I was very impressed with the players ability to work hard with great effort and intensity. The girls did a great job being coachable and staying positive whether things were going their way or not. I look forward to seeing what lies in the future for all of these girls.
-Coach Steve Kaisand

