



# CRUSADER CHRONICLES

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## REMINDERS

•**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!

•**Parents, just a reminder** that if your child will be late or not be coming to school to please call or email your child's teacher or the school office **before 7:55**. If we are not available to take your phone call, please leave a message. For safety reasons it is important for all of our students to be accounted for.

•**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!

•**Parents, a reminder** to provide warm coats, hats, gloves and snow pants for your children on cold and snowy days. Students are expected to go outside for recess when the feels like temperature is zero degrees or above.

•**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 white on January 15 and/or 16!

•**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 are selling 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!



## PASTORS' DAY!

Parents, we are looking forward to inviting the pastors of our school families to join us on Friday, February 14 for our TK-8th Chapel and to spend time with students. If your family is currently attending a different church than what you indicated at enrollment, please make the change in your family FACTS portal **before next Monday**. We will be using this information on Monday to prepare for our Pastors' Day.

## WILLING WORKERS AUCTION..Thursday, February 20!

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!



## BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Jan. 8: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Jan. 15: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Jan. 22: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, Jan. 29: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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	Boys Basketball Home Game vs. Twin Cedars, 4:30
Jan. 15 & 16	Wear White for SONshine Preschool
Jan. 15	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey Buses
Jan. 16	Clover Kids, 3:15-4:15
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
Jan. 17	Boys Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Jan. 20-23	MAP Testing for Grades 3-9
Jan. 20	Boys Basketball Home Game vs. Fremont, 4:30
Jan. 21	Boys Basketball Home Game vs. Pella Chr., 4:30
Jan. 22	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey Buses
Jan. 23-24	Boys Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Jan. 25	SEIBA Honor Band
Jan. 27	Mrs. Vander Leest with Grades 1, 3, & 4
Jan. 27	Boys Basketball Game at Twin Cedars, 4:30



Our deepest and most heartfelt condolences go out to the DeBoef family as Amy went to be with the Lord on Christmas Day. We commit to asking God to comfort them and will continue supporting them in the weeks and months ahead. We mourn with those who mourn but we remember that our mourning is not without hope.

*"For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."*

-1 Thess. 4:13-18



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

## IMPORTANT ESA REMINDER!

OCS Parents,

If you haven't done so already, please log in to your Odyssey account and confirm the amount for your child's spring tuition. The amount to be approved will be between \$3500 - \$3913 depending on the STO credit you received.

Follow the link from our school website or go to:

<https://withodyssey.com/iowa.html>

(This link will also be included in today's parent email.)

This is your money and your responsibility to confirm the payment to the school. If this isn't completed by the end of January you will be responsible for your child's spring tuition of \$3913.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kohen De Bruin	January 10
<b>6-month birthdays:</b>	
Violet De Groot	July 11
Paxten De Jong	July 13
Everett De Rooi	July 15
Duke De Ronde	July 16
Ben Allmaras	July 17
Lexi Kane	July 17
Ryan Stam	July 17

## 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 date: January 20**

*If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at  
[trip@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto: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 closed its books for the 2024 year on December 31, 2024, and you should have already received a statement. Your credit earned July 1- December 31 is now available. This means credit can be used for things like Hot Lunch, Band Fees, or Tuition for this current school year, or Enrollment 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](mailto: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.

### Mark your calendars for these upcoming school events!

January 17: TK-8th Chapel, 4th graders host  
February 13: 6th-8th History Fair, 5:30-6:30pm  
February 14: Pastors' Day, TK-8th Chapel, 3rd graders host  
February 20: Willing Workers' Auction  
February 25: OC Fine Arts, 5th-8th

**SEIBA AUDITIONS!** On Saturday morning this group of students, along with Mrs. Keith, Mr. Carmichael, and Ms. Brickley, will be headed to Fairfield HS for an all-day audition process for SouthEast Iowa Band Masters Association! If selected, the student(s) will play two weeks later at the University of Iowa alongside a very talented group of students from all over SE Iowa. These 7 students have worked so hard to memorize their scales and two different etudes and we are praying the Lord blesses their time they've given practicing and talents they're offering. Please pray for safety in their travels, quick recollection of all they've worked on during their audition, and a fun day together. Thanks for your support and prayers!

**SEIBA students:** Kate De Bruin, Kwynn De Bruin, Cobie De Jong, Josie Hessing, Leah Spronk, Nick Spronk, Reese Vander Wal



## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Jan. 13-17

Monday: Pancakes, Hashbrowns, Little Smokies, Orange Juice  
Tuesday: Pork Tenderloin on WG Bun, Corn, Applesauce, Muffin  
Wednesday: BBQ Meatballs, Cheezy Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll  
Thursday: Lasagne, Carrots, Peaches, 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!

## 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](http://www.kcci.com)
- OC Facebook Page

