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REMINDERS

•**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.

We still have some Wilhelmina Dutch Peppermints 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 while you can! A BIG THANK YOU to all those who faithfully support this 8th grade fundraiser every year!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 17	Hearing Rescreening by the AEA
Jan. 17	Boys Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Jan. 20-23	MAP Testing for Grades 3-8
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 Osky Buses
Jan. 23-24	Boys Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Jan. 25	SEIBA Honor Band
Jan. 27-31	DIBELS Testing for TK-5th
Jan. 27	Mrs. Vander Leest with Grades 1, 3, & 4
Jan. 27	Boys Basketball Game at Twin Cedars, 4:30
Jan. 28	Boys Basketball Game at North Mahaska, 4:15
Jan. 29	2:15 Dismissal with Osky Buses
Jan. 30	Boys Basketball Game at Osky Public, 4:30
Jan. 31	Boys Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Feb. 3	Mrs. Vander Leest with Grades TK, K, 2, 5
Feb. 3	Boys Basketball Game at Moravia, 4:30

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.



Come Join our Team!

Current open positions for Oskaloosa Christian School for the 2025-2026 School Year:

- 4th Grade Teacher (Full Time)
- Food Service Manager/Cook (Full Time)
- Athletic Director (Part Time)
- Classroom Aide (Part Time, Full Time)

Contact the office (641-672-2174) or check out our website for application forms and more information.

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 or contact Kristin Plate at 641-670-0583 to arrange for pickup. Thank you!

3rd-8th MAP Testing Jan. 20-23

(Measures of Academic Progress)

TK-5th DIBELS Testing Jan. 27-31

(Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills)



A reminder that MAP Testing will be done for students in grades 3rd-8th next week. The TK-5th graders will be doing DIBELS testing the week after. Below are some test taking tips that can help your child obtain test scores that accurately reflect his or her achievement. Many of these suggestions apply to all kinds of test-taking, not just standardized achievement tests. If your daughter or son is an inexperienced test taker, you may want to talk with her or him about these ideas.

•During the week of testing, make sure you get plenty of sleep each night.

•Read and listen carefully to the directions for each test while your teacher reads them. Then follow those directions exactly. If you don't understand the directions, ask your teacher to explain them.

•Look at all the answer choices for a question before you select one as your answer. For many test questions, you will need to compare the answer choices and then choose the best one.

•If you are not sure about the correct answer to a test question, first eliminate any choices you know are wrong. Then choose your answer from among the choices that remain.

•When your teacher gives you rest periods between tests, use them to stretch if you feel tired of sitting.

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Jan. 15: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Jan. 22: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Jan. 29: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Feb. 3: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Lisa De Bruin	January 18
6-month birthdays:	
Rachel Groenendyk	July 18
Brett Thomes	July 18
Haven Hol	July 18

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, February 3, 24**

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

TRIP 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. Paper copies of this form are available in the school office and can be emailed to Kristin at trip@oskaloosachristian.net or brought to the OC office. If For questions please contact Kristin Plate at (641) 670-0583.



POP CANS!

Just a reminder of our ongoing pop can drive. Please bring your pop cans to the small white shed located on the east side of the parking lot. You can drop them off at any time inside the shed. Thank you!

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Jan. 20-24

Monday: Crisпитos, Nachoes w/cheese, Broccoli, Berry Cups, WG Roll
Tuesday: Hamburger/Cheeseburger on WG Bun, French Fries, Peaches, Pudding
Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll
Thursday: Mac-n-Cheese, Ham, Carrots, Cinnamon Apples, Caramel Roll
Friday: French Bread Pizza, Corn, Pears, Yogurt

"Go, make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19

Recently, the 7th and 8th grade Bible classes have been learning how to tell others about Jesus. After writing their thoughts out using the "Romans Road" example and practicing with one another, they then took salvation bands/bracelets to their Kindergarten and 1st grade friends. They used the colors on the bands to explain to the younger kids how we are sinful (black), Jesus died on the cross for our sins and shed His blood for us (red), we are now baptized as a member of His family (blue), we are now clean because of Jesus' sacrifice (white), now we continue to grow in our relationship with Jesus (green), and we look forward to eternal life in heaven (gold)! What a special privilege it was for our middle schoolers to share Jesus with the kids! We are excited to be able and ready to tell others about our Savior!



January Chapel

Showing Honor

4th Grade



We welcomed Pastor Dane Schaudt from Liberty E-Free Church in Pella to participate in our TK-8 Chapel this morning. He encouraged the students (and adults) to have a little friendly competition as we try to "Outdo one another in showing honor."

"Honor one another above yourselves."
-Romans 12:10b

-Mrs. Alicia Vander Wal

