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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.***

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.



Bids for Kids Auction!

<https://osciauction.asimobile.net>

Online event:

- Bidding begins February 13 and ends February 18 at 8pm.
- Items are being added daily! Pick up of online items will be at 5 pm February 20 at Bradbury Hall. (If other arrangements need to be made contact Kristin Plate at 641-670-0583.)

Live event:

- February 20 at Bradbury Hall
- Doors open at 5 pm for previewing the items up for auction (also check the website tab "Items at live event" for a preview)
- Menu for the evening: Smoked Stuffed Pork Loin, Cheesy Potatoes, Bacon Green Beans, Seasonal Fruit Parfait, Dinner Roll, and Cheesecake
- ADVANCE TICKETING FOR THE MEAL IS REQUESTED THIS YEAR. Meal tickets will go on sale Monday January 27-February 13 at \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased in 3 different ways. They are available for sale in the school office, or you can use the order form that will be attached to today's parent email. Just send the form in with your child to school with your payment and tickets will be sent home with them. You can also reserve your meal by visiting the auction website listed above. Meal tickets will also be available at the door for \$15 each.
- Dinner will be served at 6 pm. Relax and enjoy fellowship with fellow school supporters.
- Live bidding will begin at 7pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Feb. 4	Boys Basketball Game at Fremont, 4:30
Feb. 5	2:15 dismissal with Osky Buses
Feb. 6	Boys Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Feb. 7	Praise Time at 8:10
Feb. 7	Boys Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Feb. 10	Mrs. Vander Leest with Grades 6-8
Feb. 10	Boys Basketball Home Game vs. Newton, 4:30
Feb. 12	2:15 dismissal with Osky Buses
Feb. 13	6th-8th History Fair, 5:30-6:30pm



Advance Notice: Enrollment for returning students for the 2025-2026 school year will begin in February. An enrollment fee of \$50 for each student will be required at that time. We are currently working on updating our enrollment process, which will again be done through FACTS. More details about enrollment will be emailed to parents next week.



Come Join our Team! We are excited to announce that we are currently searching to fill a new position at Oskaloosa Christian for the 2025-2026 school year!

Director of Admissions and Promotion (Part Time or Full Time)
Major Job Responsibilities include:

- Admissions: Recruiting & Onboarding new families
 - Enrollment: Walking parents through the enrollment process
 - Marketing: Creatively implementing marketing strategies for OCS
 - Promotion: Spreading the word about OCS to the local community
- See complete job description on the website!

More 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)
- **Guidance Counselor** (Part Time)

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

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APPLY TODAY!

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Jan. 29: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Feb. 5: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Feb. 12: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nora Bolkema	January 19
Jaron Bruxvoort	January 25
Harper McKinney	January 27
Noah Ruckman	January 27
Mrs. Cathy Fay	January 30
Mrs. Megan Keith	January 31

6-month birthdays:

Adleigh Van Den Heuvel	July 27
Kyah Briggs	July 27
Ally Glandon	July 28
Mrs. Patti Westra	July 30

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: 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 enrollment 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 TRIP 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.

Save the Date! On Thursday, February 13, from 5:30-6:30 in the gym, parents, grandparents, and the school community are invited to view the National History Day projects the 6th-8th grade students have been working on since October. The top three projects in each grade level will be announced at approximately 6:15. This year's theme is "Rights and Responsibilities in History".

SONshine Preschool is asking for donations of empty boxes to use for a project. They are needing 30 boxes by the 29th. Anything cereal box size or smaller will work: tissue boxes, cracker boxes, cereal, amazon, etc. Boxes can be brought to the school office or the SONshine classroom. Thank you!

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. Or contact Mrs. Patti to check on any specific items you're looking for. Do you recognize anything of yours?



HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Jan. 27-31

Monday: Chicken Soup, Carrots, Peaches, WG Cinnamon Roll
Tuesday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger on a WG Bun, French Fries, Mandarin Oranges, Pudding
Wednesday: Baked Potato Bar, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll
Thursday: WG Sub Sandwich, Carrots, Apple Slices, Sun Chips

Justice Seekers in Action!

Our 3rd graders have been learning about courage, kindness, and faith through the book *Twenty and Ten*, a powerful story set during WWII when food was scarce. Inspired to make a difference in their own community, they became Justice Seekers, sharing God's love by helping those in need.

With hearts full of compassion, they created posters and spread the word about collecting nonperishable food items for the Ecumenical Food Cupboard in Oskaloosa. To remind everyone of God's boundless love, they added "Jesus Loves You" stickers to the items.

We're so proud of these young disciples for living out Matthew 25:35—"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Let's cheer them on as they shine the light of Christ in our community!

Want to join their mission? Drop off your donations at a local food bank. Together, we can make a difference!

