



# CRUSADER CHRONICLES

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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.***

•**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 a great gift, or a keepsake for your OC graduates. Stop in the office between 8:00-3:00 on any school day to purchase yours.

•**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 **PINK on February 12 and/or 13!**

**PASTORS' DAY!** Our students' pastors have been invited to attend our Pastor Appreciation Day on Friday, February 14. They will join us for our TK-8th Chapel at 8:10 with our 3rd graders hosting. Then they will meet with Mr. Rietema and Mr. Groenenboom, our board president. They will also spend time with students, including being interviewed by the 6th-8th graders. We are thankful for the pastors who faithfully minister to our families, and we look forward to welcoming them to our school!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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. 12 & 13	Pink Days in SONshine Preschool
Feb. 13	Online Bidding Begins for the WW Auction!
Feb. 13	6th-8th History Fair, 5:30-6:30pm
Feb. 14	Pastors Appreciation Day
Feb. 14	TK-8th Chapel at 8:10, 3rd grade hosts
Feb. 17	Boys Basketball Home Game vs. Osky, 4:30
Feb. 18	School Board Meeting



**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!**



### Enrollment for 2025-2026!

Dear OC parents, enrollment for returning students for the 2025-2026 school year begins today! The enrollment process is similar to last year with a few minor changes. Here are some things to know:

- If you are listed as the parent who has primary financial responsibility, you received an email today from admissions@oskalooosachristian.net giving you instructions.
- An Early Bird Enrollment Fee of \$50 for each student is required. The fee will increase to \$100 on February 15. All returning students are required to be enrolled by February 28, and will reserve a place for them in their classroom.
- If your family has TRIP credit, your balance is listed in FACTS and is available to use for the enrollment fee and for tuition.
- If your child will be riding an Osky Public bus next year, a link will be provided during enrollment to enter your information which will be submitted directly to the Oskaloosa Schools Transportation Department. This **must be** done for your child to ride their bus, and eliminates the paper bus form that has been required in the past.

**If you have any questions as you enroll your children, please feel free to reach out to us!**

**HISTORY DAY!** 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".

### BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Feb. 5: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Feb. 12: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Feb. 19: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ayla Glandon	February 1
Austin Van Zee	February 3
Arie Beyer	February 3
Alia Crill	February 5
Kaleb Briggs	February 5
Liam Beal	February 6
<b>6-month birthdays:</b>	
Camden Beal	August 1
Rylee De Zwarte	August 3
Lucas Stam	August 5
Levi De Jong	August 7

## 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 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.



## 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.

## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Feb. 3-7

**Monday:** Porkrite on a WG Bun, Broccoli w/cheese sauce, Strawberry cups, Bar  
**Tuesday:** Tacos, Baked Beans, Peaches Lettuce, Cheese, WG Dinner Roll  
**Wednesday:** Beef-n-Noodles over Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll  
**Thursday:** Hot Dog on WG Bun, Carrots, Applesauce, Chips, Ice Cream Bar  
**Friday:** Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/marinara sauce, Green Beans, Pears, Yogurt

**Parents are always welcome** to eat lunch with their children at school. Visitor lunches are \$4.85. Please call or email the Food Service Department before 10:00 on the day you plan to visit so that enough food can be prepared for everyone. For any questions about Hot Lunch, please contact Carol De Ronde-Richards, our Food Service Director, at derondec@oskaloosachristian.net.

**Parents, a reminder that Hot Lunch payments** need to be made this year through FACTS. To deposit funds into your Food Service account, log in to your Family Portal, choose Financial then Prepay Accounts. If you have any questions, please contact Anne De Bruin at bookkeeper@oskaloosachristian.net.



**SONshine Preschool is once again doing the Cranberry Stone Bakery Cupcake Fundraiser!** Our Fundraiser will be going toward Religious Instruction and new technology items. The order forms are due back to the OC front desk or SONshine room on February 19th and pick-up will be February 26th after school, near the OC kitchen. Payment is due at the time of ordering. Please make checks payable to SONshine Preschool. Order forms are available in the school office and attached to today's parent email.

The cupcakes must be ordered in increments of 6. You can mix any combination of cupcakes in that six.

If you have any questions please contact me at president@sonshinepreschool.org or 641-660-6015. Thank you for all the support! -Brenda Sytsma, SONshine Board Member

## 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!



### Non Discrimination Policy

*Subject to the Constitution of the United States and all applicable state and federal laws, Oskaloosa School for Christian Instruction does not discriminate against applicants or students on the basis of race, color, and national or ethnic origin in its admissions or in the administration of its education policies, programs, or activities.*

*In addition, subject to the Constitution of the United States and all applicable state and federal laws, Oskaloosa School for Christian Instruction does not discriminate in its employment practices.*

*Oskaloosa School for Christian Instruction reserves the right to institute hiring and enrollment practices based on the school's mission statement and philosophies. Oskaloosa School for Christian Instruction is a Christian school that reserves its right to make employment and enrollment decisions consistent with its sincerely held religious beliefs.*

