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## REMINDERS



### Enrollment for 2025-2026!

Dear OC parents, thanks to all of you who have enrolled your children for next year! **The enrollment fee will increase to \$100 beginning tomorrow, February 15** so enroll today to get the \$50 early bird discount!

The 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 on January 31 from admissions@oskaloosachristian.net giving you instructions.
- **All returning students are required to be enrolled by February 28**, which 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.
- The fee must be paid before enrollment is considered complete. Be sure to 'Review and Submit' the enrollment packet at the end.
- If your child will be riding an Oskey 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. **Note: When signing up for the Oskey buses, please enter our school name in the additional comments section at the bottom.**

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



**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 **from 1:30-2:30**, near the OC kitchen. Please use the school's south door for pick-up. Payment is due at the time of ordering. Please make checks payable to SONshine Preschool. Order forms are available in the school office and were attached to last Friday'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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 17	Boys Basketball Home Game vs. Oskey, 4:30
Feb. 18	School Board Meeting
Feb. 18	6th-8th History Fair, 5:30-6:30
Feb. 19	Cupcake Orders Due for SONshine
Feb. 19	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey Buses
Feb. 20	Willing Workers Auction at Bradbury Hall
Feb. 21	No School for Teacher Workday
Feb. 24	No Oskey Buses All Day
Feb. 24	Mrs. Vander Leest for Grades 1, 3, 4
Feb. 25	OC Fine Arts, 5th-8th
Feb. 26	Pick up your SONshine Cupcake Order
Feb. 26	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey Buses
Mar. 3	Mrs. Vander Leest for Grades TK, K, 2, 5
Mar. 5	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey Buses
Mar. 6	District Fine Arts
Mar. 10	Mrs. Vander Leest for Grades 6-8
Mar. 10-13	No Oskey buses all day
Mar. 13 & 14	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mar. 14	No School-End of 3rd Quarter



## Bids for Kids Auction!

<https://osciauction.asimobile.net>

### Online event:

- Bidding began February 13 and will end February 18 at 8pm.
- Pick up of online items will begin at 5pm February 20 at Bradbury Hall. (If other arrangements need to be made contact Kristin Plate at 641-670-0583.)

### Live event:

- Thursday, 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
- Meal tickets will be for sale at the door for \$15 each. If you paid for your meal online, your ticket can be picked up at the door.
- Dinner will be served at 6 pm. Relax and enjoy fellowship with fellow school supporters.
- Live bidding will begin at 7pm.

**SEE YOU THERE!**

**HISTORY FAIR!** Due to the bad weather this week, our 6th-8th History Fair will now be held next Tuesday, February 18. You are invited to the school gym from 5:30-6:30 to talk with the students and view their projects. The top three projects in each grade level will be announced at 6:15. This year's theme is "Rights and Responsibilities in History". We would love to have you join us!

**NO SCHOOL!** There will be no school next Friday, February 21. This day is scheduled as a Teacher Work Day.

## BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, Feb. 19: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Monday, Feb. 24: No Oskey buses all day
- Wednesday, Feb. 26: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, March 5: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Violet Campbell	February 15
Lilly Ramthun	February 19
<b>6-month birthdays:</b>	
Judah Orr	August 14
Pippa De Ronde	August 15
Brynn Vonk	August 15
Alexis Kibbee	August 16
Mrs. G	August 17
Allie Mauer	August 18
Erika Zimmerman	August 20

## 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.*



**PASTORS' DAY!** Today we were excited to welcome many of our pastors to our school! They joined all of us for our morning chapel, met with Mr. Rietema, Mrs. Klucas, and Mr. Joel Groenenboom, our board president. They enjoyed fellowship and refreshments, were interviewed by our 7th & 8th graders, and then joined students in their classrooms. Students also shared letters of appreciation to them. During chapel our 4th graders played "Popcorn BAG", "Ode to Joy" and "Here I Am to Worship" on their recorders, and Mr. Rietema talked on the subject of "Putting Jesus First in Your Life." We appreciate our pastors and the important part they play in the lives of our families and we were excited to welcome them to our school!

***1 John 3:1 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"***

## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Feb. 17-21

**Monday:** Pancakes, Lil' Smokies, Hashbrown Potato, Blueberries  
**Tuesday:** BBQ Pork on a WG bun, French Fries, Applesauce, Bar  
**Wednesday:** Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll  
**Thursday:** Taco Casserole, Green Beans, Peaches, Cinnamon Squares  
**Friday:** No Lunch – No School



**Come Join our Team!** We are currently searching to fill several positions at Oskaloosa Christian for the 2025-2026 school year! Contact the office (641-672-2174) or check out our website for application forms and more information.  
[www.oskaloosachristian.net](http://www.oskaloosachristian.net)

**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 available 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)**
- **5th-8th Band/Choir/Music Teacher (Full Time)**

**Sonshine Preschool is looking for a dedicated and organized individual** to help support their teachers and students for the upcoming school year! This could be a great opportunity for someone who enjoys working with young children and can thrive in a 4-day/wk school setting. Visit [SONshinePreschool.org](http://SONshinePreschool.org) for more information or email [info@sonshinespreschool.org](mailto:info@sonshinespreschool.org).



### February Chapel

### Running with JOY

### 3rd Grade



Our chapel today was about Agape Love. The 3rd graders have been working on **KNOWING** Jesus's Love, **GROWING** in Jesus's love, and then **SHOWING** Jesus's love. "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."  
*John 13:34 -Mrs. De Bruin*

