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## REMINDERS

- **There will be no school tomorrow** for a Teacher Work Day.
- **CAR LINE SAFETY!** Parents, a reminder that when dropping off your children in the morning, please pull ahead to the first available spot. Due to the number of cars that are often waiting in line, a quick and efficient dropoff would be appreciated. And **please do NOT pass cars on the left since some students exit their vehicle on the left side!** Thank you for your cooperation in making our car lines safe and effective.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held for all grades, TK through 8th, on Thursday, March 13 from 1:00-8:00 pm and Friday, March 14 from 8:30 am - noon. Signup is again being handled through a link to [signuppenius.com](http://signuppenius.com). This link will be emailed next **Tuesday, February 25** to all school parents who have two or more children in TK-8th. This allows them to sign up for more than one teacher for back-to-back conferences. It will also be emailed to our parents who have a SONshine Preschool student so that they can sign up for back to back conferences with the SONshine teachers. **On Friday, February 28** the link will be emailed to all parents. **We are asking ALL families to sign up** so that Dibels and Map Testing results can be reviewed. Signup deadline is Wednesday, March 5. **Please note that limited conference times** will be available for our part-time teachers. If their times do not work for your family, please contact the teachers directly with any concerns or to set up another time with them.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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. 24	Knowledge Bowl Practice, 3:30-4:30
Feb. 25	OC Fine Arts, 5th-8th
Feb. 26	Pick up your SONshine Cupcake Order
Feb. 26	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey Buses
Feb. 28	Chapel Group Activity, 8:10
Feb. 28	8th Grade Social, 5:30-8:00
Mar. 3	Mrs. Vander Leest for Grades TK, K, 2, 5
Mar. 5	Deadline to sign up for conferences
Mar. 5	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey Buses
Mar. 6	District Fine Arts
Mar. 7	Praise Time, 8:10
Mar. 10	Mrs. Vander Leest for Grades 6-8
Mar. 10-13	No Oskey buses all day
Mar. 11	Clover Kids, 3:15-4:15
Mar. 11	SONshine Reading Night

**FINE ARTS!** Everyone is invited to our Middle School Fine Arts night on Tuesday, February 25th. Students in 6th-8th grades (and some 5th graders) will perform speech, vocal, piano, and instrumental pieces. This year we will also have a culinary arts portion added to the evening, so be sure to stop by the gym to taste some of the entries. Events will be held from 5:00-7:30 p.m. The schedule for the evening will be attached to today's parent email. After our Local Fine Arts event, selected students will advance to the District Fine Arts on Thursday, March 6th at Pella Christian High School.



## Bids for Kids Auction!

<https://osciauction.asimobile.net>

### Online event:

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

### Live event:

#### ➔•TONIGHT!... 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!**



## Enrollment for 2025-2026!

Dear OC parents, thanks to all of you who have enrolled your children for next year! **The enrollment fee is now \$100. All returning students must be enrolled by February 28 to reserve a place in their classroom.**

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@oskalooosachristian.net](mailto:admissions@oskalooosachristian.net) giving you instructions.
- 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!*

## BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- 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

Clay Rigger  
Nicolas Platt

February 22  
February 27

## 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](mailto:trip@oskaloosachristian.net) or 641-670-0583.



### SONshine Preschool Cranberry Stone Cupcake Fundraiser!

Cupcake orders are closed. All orders placed can be picked up February 26 between 1:30 and 2:30, inside the school's south entrance. Please contact me if you have any questions at [president@sonshinepreschool.org](mailto:president@sonshinepreschool.org) or 641-660-6015. Thank you for all your support! -Brenda Sytsma, SONshine board member

**JOB OPENING: 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).

## HISTORY FAIR 2025

Our school competition for National History Day was held on Tuesday, February 18. The theme this year is "Rights and Responsibilities in History". The students did a wonderful job presenting and displaying their projects. Thirteen students (listed below) were selected to advance to Regional NHD which will be held at Indian Hills in Ottumwa on March 7. Special thanks to Sydney Bruxvoort, Joel Rietema, Joan Kunz, Jon Spronk, Ruth De Bruin, Lukas Hamilton, Stephen Henderson, and Cameron Beach for judging our local NHD competition. A big thank you to all of our students for your hard work and for sharing your knowledge! Below are the place winners in each grade. (The 7th grade class was divided in half for judging purposes, so there are two place winners in their grade.)

### 6th Grade:

- 1st: Collin Stam-"The Little but Big Gettysburg Address"
- 2nd: Avery Vander Wal-"The Trail of Tears: Rights and Responsibilities"
- 3rd: Claire Swope-"Women's Suffrage: The Fight for the Human Right"

### 7th Grade:

- 1st: Cobie De Jong-"Freedom of the Press: The Founding Fathers Influence on 1st Amendment Rights"

- 1st: Emma Roberts-"Inez Crittenden and the Hello Girls"
- 2nd: Clay Bruxvoort-"Soil Conservation Act of 1935: Addressing a National Menace"

- 2nd: Jonathan Stam-"Fortune or Failure: The Quest for Gold in California"
- 3rd: Ella De Boef-"Salem Witch Trials: When Fear Reigns Over Justice"
- 3rd: Ellie Watts-"Susan B. Anthony: The Fight for Women's Rights"

### 8th Grade:

- 1st: Josie Hessing-"The Great Depression: Helping Women be Seen as Equal"

- 2nd (Tie): Aubrey Kaisand-"Child Labor Laws: A Chance to be a Child"
- Leah Spronk-"Mangled in Meatpacking: What Led to the Pure Food and Drug Act"

- 3rd: Kate De Bruin-"Horace Mann: Championing the Fight for Education"

## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Feb. 24-28

Monday: Chili Soup, Carrots, Peaches, WG Cinnamon Roll

Tuesday: Chicken Patty on a WG Bun, French Fries, Pineapple, Bar

Wednesday: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll

Thursday: Tator Tot Casserole, Corn, Berry Cups, Caramel Roll

Friday: Pizzaburgers, Green Beans, Pears, Yogurt

**KINDERGARTEN DISCOVERY DAY** (aka Kindergarten Roundup) at OC will be Friday, March 28. A flyer with more information will be attached to today's email. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested in kindergarten for their child this fall.

**Kindergarten Discovery Day**

Kindergarten Readiness Testing and Information Day

**FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025**

AM Session: 8:00-11:00 – Parent Meeting: 10:30  
PM Session: 12:30-3:00 – Parent Meeting: 2:30

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**Enrollment Steps**  
Completion of Kindergarten Discovery Day  
Application for Admissions  
Family Interview on April 11

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1st Place in 7th: Emma Roberts  
"Inez Crittenden and the Hello Girls"

1st Place in 8th: Josie Hessing  
"The Great Depression:  
Helping Women be Seen as Equal"

