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REMINDERS

•**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.

•**We have also received reports of unhappy school neighbors** because of blocked driveways during our after school car line. Please be mindful of where you are stopping while you are waiting, and please do not block any neighbor driveways. Thank you!

•**Advance Notice for Oskey buses:** There will be no Oskey buses available for March 10-13. If your child(ren) normally ride the buses, please make other transportation arrangements for their morning and after school commutes. Thank you!

•**Advance Notice: Spring Break at OC will be March 17-21.**

•**Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held 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 signupgenius.com. This link was emailed on **Tuesday, February 25** to all school parents who have two or more children in TK-8th. This allowed them to sign up for more than one teacher for back-to-back conferences. It was also 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. **Today** the link was emailed to all parents. **We are asking ALL families to sign up** so that January 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. Please note that Mrs. Grafke is on maternity leave, so she will do her conferences by email. Also, Mrs. Keith will not be available for spring conferences, so please feel free to contact her for any questions or concerns you have.

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 purple on March 4 and/or 5!



SONshine Preschool Open House will be held Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 4:30-5:15 or 5:30-6:15. Online Signup opens March 27. Visit sonshinepreschool.org for more information.

SONshine Preschool is an interdenominational Christian Preschool that not only teaches school readiness skills, but also proclaims the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 28	6th-8th Social, 5:30-8:00
Mar. 3	Mrs. Vander Leest for Grades TK, K, 2, 5
Mar. 3	Knowledge Bowl Practice, 3:30-4:30
Mar. 4 & 5	SONshine Purple Days
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	Knowledge Bowl Practice, 3:30-4:30
Mar. 10-13	No Oskey buses all day
Mar. 11	Clover Kids, 3:15-4:15
Mar. 11	SONshine Reading Night
Mar. 12	2:15 Dismissal with NO Oskey Buses
Mar. 13	TK-8th Chapel, 8:10, 2nd Grade Hosts
Mar. 13	Noon Dismissal, no School Lunch
Mar. 13	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-8:00pm
Mar. 14	No School-End of 3rd Quarter
Mar. 14	Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:30-Noon



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 enroll TODAY to reserve a place in their classroom. New families will be invited to enroll beginning March 1.**

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.
- 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!

SPREAD THE WORD! Our school is now accepting new student applications, and we're looking for families willing to place a yard sign in a visible location. If you live on a busy street, highway, or in town and would be willing to place a sign in your yard from March 1 to April 30, please use the link in today's parent email to complete the form and stop by the school office to pick up your sign. Thank you!

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, March 5: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- March 10-13: No Oskey buses
- Wednesday, March 26: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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March 3

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: **March 3, 24, April 14, 28**

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

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 for more information or email info@sonshinespreschool.org.



OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FINE ARTS 2025

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our Middle School Fine Arts this past Tuesday. Students in 5th-8th grades participated in speech, music, art, and creative writing. We also enjoyed a culinary arts portion during the evening. Thank you to all the students who worked hard on their performances and projects. Thank you to those who accompanied students on the keyboard or piano, and thanks to our judges Aaron Adam, Katie Allmaras, Jessica Hemann, Kate Hite, Adam LeFevre, and Rusty Raymond. And especially thanks to Mrs. Goemaat, Mrs. Keith, Mr. Carmichael, and Ms. Brickley for helping our students prepare and for organizing the event. Some students will advance to the District Fine Arts, which will be held on March 6 at Pella Christian High School. You are invited to join us there to celebrate the gifts of our students, as well as performances by students from other area Christian schools.



HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



March 3-7

Monday: Burrito, Nachos w/cheese, Broccoli, Peach cups, WG Dinner Roll
Tuesday: Hot Dog on WG Bun, Carrots, Applesauce, Chips, Ice Cream Bar
Wednesday: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll
Thursday: Mac-n-Cheese, Ham, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Cinnamon Sticks
Friday: Bosco Sticks, 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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Sign Up Now

Enrollment Steps

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

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