



# CRUSADER CHRONICLES

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March 13, 2025



## REMINDERS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 13	Noon Dismissal, no School Lunch, no Oskey Bus
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
Mar. 17-21	Spring Break
Mar. 24	Mrs. Vander Leest for Grades 1, 3, 4
Mar. 24	Last Knowledge Bowl Practice,
Mar. 24	Pure Freedom Parent Night for 5th-8th parents
Mar. 26	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey Buses
Mar. 27	6th-8th Band go to SEIBA Band Festival
Mar. 28	Kindergarten Discovery Day
Mar. 31	Middle School Knowledge Bowl at PCGS, 4:00
Apr. 2	2:15 Dismissal with NO Oskey Buses
Apr. 2	SONshine Yellow Day
Apr. 3	No Oskey buses after school
Apr. 4	No Oskey buses all day
Apr. 4	Praise Time, 8:10
Apr. 7	Mrs. Vander Leest in Grades TK, K, 2, 5

•**Parent/Teacher conferences today and tomorrow!** They are today from 1:00-8:00 pm and tomorrow from 8:30 am - noon. Please be on time for the conference time you signed up for so we can stay on schedule. And a huge thanks to the Willing Workers officers who are providing dinner for our teachers tonight. You are very much appreciated!!

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 later for any questions or concerns you have.

•**LOST AND FOUND!** Parents, when you are here for conferences this week, please take a few minutes to check the lost and found table for any items your family may be missing. All items will be boxed up and donated following spring break. Thank you.

•**Due to conferences,** we will have a noon dismissal today. There will be no school lunch served and no Oskey buses for dismissal. **We will have no school tomorrow.**

•**KINDERGARTEN DISCOVERY DAY** (aka Kinder Kamp) at OC will be Friday, March 28. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested in kindergarten for their child this fall. A flyer to share will be attached to today's parent email, and paper copies are also available from the office.

## NATIONAL HISTORY DAY



On Friday, March 7, 13 students from OC participated in Regional National History Day at Indian Hills CC in Ottumwa. Six students were selected in their categories to advance to State NHD on April 28 at Iowa State University. Congratulations to all who presented!!

### Individual Exhibit:

- 1st - Kate De Bruin
- 2nd - Emma Roberts
- 3rd - Cobie De Jong

### Individual Website:

- 2nd - Aubrey Kaisand

### Individual Documentary:

- 1st - Leah Spronk
- 2nd - Josie Hessing



**Attention 5th - 8th Parents:** Be sure to put on your calendar the Parent Information Night for Pure Freedom, the 3 day sexual abuse prevention and relationship program that is happening at Oskaloosa Christian after Spring Break. Meet the presenter, familiarize yourself with the curriculum, and ask any questions you have on Monday, March 24 from 6-7 PM at school.



**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](http://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.*

## **BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!**

- Wednesday, March 26: 2:15 dismissal with Oskey buses
- Wednesday, April 2: 2:15 dismissal with NO Oskey buses
- Thursday, April 3: No Oskey buses after school
- Friday, April 4: No Oskey buses all day



Spring Break is next week, March 17-21!







## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Livia Anderson	March 16
Maria Stam	March 18
Nora De Groot	March 21
Roselyn Schaefer	March 23

## 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 24, April 14, 28**

If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at [trip@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:trip@oskaloosachristian.net) or 641-670-0583.



**Come Join our Team!** We are actively searching to fill the following 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.

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- Classroom Aide (Part Time, Full Time)
- TK-5th P.E. (Part Time)

## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



March 24-28

Monday: Mexican Straw Hats, Corn, Cheese, Peaches, WG Dinner Roll  
Tuesday: BBQ Pork on WG Bun, Corn, Applesauce, Bar  
Wednesday: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll  
Thursday: WG Sub Sandwich, Sun Chips, Broccoli, Apple Slices, Bar  
Friday: Mozzarella Sticks w/marinara sauce, Green Beans, Pears, Yogurt

**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).

**YARD SIGNS!** 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. Signs can be picked up during conferences. Thank you!



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## OC BOYS BASKETBALL

-by Coach Lake

This was my first year at Oskaloosa Christian, and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. At first, I felt nervous, but as practices went on, my confidence grew. The boys made big improvements throughout the season, and it was really awesome to see the growth in each player. They were all kind and supportive, and the 8th graders were as great leaders for the younger players. While I am sad to see them go, I am confident they will succeed in high school basketball.

I am looking forward to the continued growth of the 7th graders next year and am eager to see what the incoming 6th graders bring to the team. We finished the season with a record of 7-5 for the A team and 9-3 for the B team. At the beginning of the year, my goals for the team included seeing improvement in each individual player and winning at least half of our games. Achieving both of these goals makes me super proud of the team. Thank you for a fantastic year, boys!



Pictured bottom row left to right: Austin, Noah, Weston, Clay, Jace, Dawson  
Top row: Johnathon, John, Nick, Hayden, Jonathan, Lane, Coach Lake



## March Chapel

## 2nd Grade

## Shine Your Lights!



Matthew 5:16:

*"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

Today our enthusiastic second graders led our chapel designed to promote kindness, service, and positive action within our school community and beyond by shining our lights together for the Glory of God. To illustrate this, the second graders led a balloon activity that showed how teamwork makes sharing God's love easier and more impactful than trying to do it alone. It was a powerful reminder that we can accomplish so much more when we support one another in shining for Christ.

