



# CRUSADER CHRONICLES

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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!

•**Oskey buses:** The Oskaloosa Community Schools will be having spring break next week, so there will be no Oskey buses available at all for March 10-13. If your child normally rides the buses, please make other transportation arrangements for their morning and after school commutes. Thank you!

•**Parents, thank you for signing up for our Parent/Teacher conferences next week!** They will be held Thursday, March 13 from 1:00-8:00 pm and Friday, March 14 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 on Thursday. You are 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 for any questions or concerns you have.

•**LOST AND FOUND!** Parents, when you are here for conferences next 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 next Thursday, March 13. There will be no school lunch served. **We will have no school on Friday, March 14.**

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



**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!

- March 10-13: No Oskey buses
- 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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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	TK-8th Chapel, 8:10, 2nd Grade Hosts
Mar. 12	2:15 Dismissal with NO Oskey Buses
Mar. 13	Noon Dismissal, no School Lunch, no 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. 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



Everyone is invited to attend our next TK-8th chapel next Wednesday, March 12 at 8:10 a.m. Our 2nd graders will be hosting. Students, please wear your theme shirts for chapel!

**KINDERGARTEN DISCOVERY DAY** (aka Kindergarten Roundup) at OC will be Friday, March 28. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested in kindergarten for their child this fall. The flyer below was emailed to families last Friday, and paper copies are available from the office.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mabel Nieuwsma	March 8
Aubrey Kaisand	March 11
Avery Kaisand	March 12
Finley Van Kooten	March 12
Sinceree Van Polen	March 12

## 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.

[www.oskaloosachristian.net](http://www.oskaloosachristian.net)

- **Classroom Aide** (Part Time, Full Time)

- **TK-5th P.E.** (Part Time)

**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 next week before Thursday at noon or during conferences. Thank you!



**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, Mar. 24 from 6-7 PM at school.

**THANK YOU to all the 5th-8th Graders** who participated in the District Fine Arts Thursday evening. And we appreciate all of you who joined us in supporting them! Congratulations on a job well done and thank you for representing our school very well!



## HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



March 10-14

Monday: French Toast, Lil' Smokies, Hashbrown, Blueberries

Tuesday: Hamburger/Cheeseburger, French Fries, Cinnamon Apples, Pudding

Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll

Thursday: No Lunch – Noon Dismissal

Friday: No Lunch – No School

**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](mailto:derondec@oskaloosachristian.net).

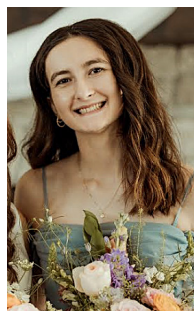
**Parents, a reminder that Hot Lunch payments** need to be made this year through FACTS. To deposit funds into your Food Service account, log in to your Family Portal, choose Financial then Prepay Accounts. If you have any questions, please contact Anne De Bruin at [bookkeeper@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:bookkeeper@oskaloosachristian.net).



**POSITIONS FILLED!** We are thrilled to announce the first of our hires and will continue to do so until all our positions are filled. Re-joyce with us as we celebrate God's faithfulness to us in providing such qualified individuals as we look forward to next year.



**We are pleased to announce Ms. Breanna Ten Pas** as the new 5-8 Music, Band and Choir teacher for 2025-2026. Breanna is currently finishing up her student teaching assignment and will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in music education from Dordt University in May. Breanna comes to us from Hull, IA where she currently attends Hope CRC Church. In her free time Breanna enjoys baking, cooking, going on walks and playing the piano. Coincidentally, Breanna is not the first Ten Pas to work at Oskaloosa Christian; her mom and dad (Randy & Kristi) both served here in teaching roles from 1996-2001. Breanna comments, "Oskaloosa Christian's commitment to Christian education is one reason why I am looking forward to working here. I love the collaborative aspect of music and how it can be used in service to God and to others."



**We are delighted to announce Ms. Haley Albright** as the new 4th Grade Teacher for 2025-2026. Haley is not a new face to our school since she has been serving already as the co-teacher in 5th grade this year. She received her BA in Elementary Education from the University of Northern Iowa in 2023 and moved back to Oskaloosa to be closer to her family. Her parents are Joe and Kim Albright, and she has two brothers, Austin and Caden. Haley currently attends the Bridge Church in Oskaloosa and enjoys reading, gardening, and spending time outside relaxing in God's creation in her free time. Haley said, "I am excited to be able to continue to work in the same school that shaped me many years ago. I love Christian education because not only does it show us how He is at work in our lives, but also because we are able to raise the next generation up knowing what the true love from our Father is."

*Please join us in welcoming Breanna Ten Pas and Haley Albright!*

