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April 4, 2025



REMINDERS

•Parents, a reminder to please make every effort to be sure your children arrive to school on time. School begins promptly at 8:00. Students must be present and in their classrooms at that time. If your child will be absent or late, please call or email your child's teacher or the school office **BEFORE 8:00**. If we are not able to take your phone call, please leave a message. For safety reasons it is important for all of our students to be accounted for. All late students must be signed in at the office before going to class.

•Our TK-4th Grade Track Meet will be held on Wednesday, May 7 from 12:15-2:00 at the Lacey Stadium. Save the date to join us!!

•District V Track Meet: Our school will host the District V Track and Field Meet for area Christian schools on Monday, April 14. Our 5th-8th graders will be participating in the events. Field events will begin at 9:00 with running events starting by 10:20. We should conclude by 2:45. It will be held at the Statesman Community Stadium on the Lacey Complex, and concessions will be available from our Willing Workers. A reminder that the parking spaces by the stadium are reserved, so please use the parking lot. In the case of inclement weather, the track meet will be held on Monday, April 28.

•We are looking for one or two people to sit at Mrs. Patti's desk during our District V Track Meet on Monday, April 14 so that she can be at the track typing the results. If you would be willing to answer the phone and the door for all or part of the day, please call the school office at 672-2174 or send an email to westrap@oskaloosachristian.net. Thank you!

•A reminder to families who live outside the Oskaloosa School District: Your mileage reimbursement forms must be turned in to your residing school district by May 1. Extra forms are in the office and can be emailed to you or sent home with students.

•ISASP Testing: (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) Parents, ISASP testing will be administered in the mornings next week Monday-Thursday for students in grades 3-8. This is the testing that is required for students to qualify for the State of Iowa ESAs. This testing is in addition to the MAP and DIBELS testing that our school currently does. Please be sure your children arrive to school on time and are well rested for this testing next week.

•IMPORTANT! Calendar Change: Since we have a few extra hours to use that were included in this year's schedule, we will now dismiss at noon on Thursday, May 1 and Friday, May 2 (Tulip Time week). There will be no school lunch served and no Osky buses for our dismissal on those two days.

Parents, TODAY is the deadline to complete the Willing Workers survey that was emailed to you earlier this week.
Thank you for your input!

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Friday, April 4: No Osky buses all day
- Wednesday, April 9: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, April 16: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, April 23: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Friday, April 25: Noon dismissal with NO Osky buses



UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 7	Mrs. Vander Leest in Grades TK, K, 2, 5
Apr. 7-10	ISASP Testing for 3rd-8th Graders
Apr. 8	5th-8th Graders attend IA Jazz Championships
Apr. 9	2:15 Dismissal with Osky Buses
Apr. 10	Clover Kids, 3:15-4:15
Apr. 14	District V Track Meet for 5th-8th Graders
Apr. 15	Mrs. Vander Leest in Grades 6-8
Apr. 16	2:15 Dismissal with Osky Buses
Apr. 16	Marching Band Practice at 2:45
Apr. 17	Good Friday Chapel hosted by 1st Graders, 8:10
Apr. 17	Ag Day for 3rd Graders, 10:30-2:30
Apr. 18	No School for Good Friday
Apr. 21	No School for Easter Monday
Apr. 23	2:15 Dismissal with Osky Buses
Apr. 23	Marching Band Practice at 2:45
Apr. 25	Grandparents/Friends Day
Apr. 25	TK-4th Musical, morning performance for Grandparents, evening at 7:00
Apr. 25	Noon Dismissal with no lunch and NO Osky Buses
Apr. 26	8th Grade Banquet
Apr. 28	Mrs. Vander Leest in Grades 1, 3, 4
Apr. 29	5th Grade Concert
Apr. 30	2:15 Dismissal with Osky Buses
Apr. 30	Marching Band Practice at 2:45



Come Join our Team! We are actively searching to fill the following position 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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- TK-8th Guidance Counselor (part-time)



SONshine Preschool is hiring a Teacher's Aide! If you love working with young children in a 4-day school week, apply now! sonshinepreschool.org/about-us or email director@sonshinepreschool.org.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Willing Workers are needing help running the concession stand for our District V Track Meet on Monday, April 14. We are hoping to get three workers for both the 9:00-11:30 and 11:30-2:00 shifts. This will enable workers to leave the stand for a bit to watch their children's events while still having the stand covered. If you'd be willing to help out on this fun day, please contact Kristin Boender at 641-780-8073 or email kkboender@hotmail.com. Thank you!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Josie Hessing	April 5
Laurel Platt	April 7
Joshua Pinegar	April 7
Kade Ford	April 11

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 dates: April 14, 28

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



GRANDPARENTS/FRIENDS DAY

We are excited to announce that Oskaloosa Christian School's Grandparents/Friends Day will be held on Friday, April 25. The morning will include a musical by our TK-4th graders, a time of fellowship in the gym, and classroom visiting. Mark your calendars to join us! More details will be shared next week.



GIVING TREE: Would you like an opportunity to give a gift directly to a teacher? Is Grandma or Grandpa or a friend of the family asking for a way to "help out?" The Giving Tree will soon be up to provide that opportunity.

When: The Giving Tree will be up in the hallway on Friday, April 25, during Grandparent's Day and the evening TK-4th Musical. You have until the end of the school year to purchase!

What: OC teachers and staff made a wish list of items they would like for their classroom or duties. These items have been placed on ornaments, and hung on the Giving Tree. You can choose an item, and purchase it for that teacher/staff member! If you would rather give a cash donation, that option is also available.

How: Choose an ornament, buy the item, bring it to the office with the ornament attached, and Mrs. Patti will get it to the correct teacher!

(Be sure to write your name on the ornament so we can thank you for your gift!)

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



April 7-11

Monday: Pancakes, Lil' Smokies, Hashbrown Potatoes, Blueberries
Tuesday: Mr. Rib on WG Bun, Broccoli w/cheese, Applesauce, Bar
Wednesday: BBQ Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll
Thursday: Chicken Fajita Quesadilla, Carrots, Pineapple, WG Cinnamon Sticks
Friday: Bosco Sticks, Green Beans, Pears, Yogurt

Elective Classes for our 6th-8th graders began yesterday. Students participated in the following classes: Movies that Matter, Teaching 101, Pedal to the Metal, Bible Study, Fishing, Interior Design, Makerspace Lab, Baking 101, Coffee and a Book, BBQ/Grilling, and Pickleball. A big thank you to all of our instructors who are making this experience possible for our students.

Advance Notice: Our TK-8th Good Friday Chapel will be held on Thursday, April 17 at 8:10 in the gym with our 1st graders hosting. Everyone is invited, so mark your calendar to join us! Chapel guests may enter the south doors for chapel by using our security system. And students, be sure to wear your theme shirts that day!

TK-8 PRAISE CHAPEL April 4, 2025



KNOWLEDGE BOWL 2025

On Monday, March 31st, nine of our 7th and 8th grade students put their knowledge to the test at the Knowledge Bowl competition held at PCGS. Competing against other schools, our students faced a variety of challenging questions that tested their teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Oskaloosa Christian proudly brought two teams to the event. Our boys' team tied for 6th place, demonstrating perseverance and a willingness to tackle tough questions. Our girls' team excelled, tying for an impressive 3rd place finish! Throughout the competition, students displayed integrity, collaboration, and a commitment to honoring God with their talents and efforts. -Mrs. Klucas

Girls' Team: Cobie De Jong, Emily Hoksbergen, Emma Roberts, Leah Spronk

Boys' Team: Clay Bruxvoort, Johnathon Jackson, Noah Ruckman, Nick Spronk, Jonathan Stam

