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May 23, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 23	Last Day, Noon Dismissal with NO Oskey Buses
May 27	Teacher Work Day
May 28	Report Cards Emailed to Parents
May 30 & 31	Volunteers Needed 8:00 am-6:00 pm
June 9	First Summer TRIP Order due by 11:30 at school
June 24	Annual Society Meeting
June 30	Deadline to apply for ESAs!
July 7	Second Summer TRIP Order due by 11:30 at school
August 18-22	Teacher Inservice Days
August 21	Back to School Night, 5-7 pm
August 25	First Day of School, 2:15 Dismissal
August 27	2:15 dismissal
Sept. 1	No School for Labor Day
Sept. 3	2:15 Dismissal with Oskey Buses
Sept. 5	School Pictures



REMINDERS

- Today marks the end of our 4th quarter.** We will have a noon dismissal with NO Oskey buses available for the ride home. No school lunch will be served today. Report cards were sent home with TK and K students on Wednesday, and 1st-8th report cards will be emailed to parents on May 28.
- Parents**, please take care of all tuition, hot lunch, or any other fees that you may still owe as soon as possible.
- Parents, if your child has medication at school**, it will be sent home with them today.
- SOCIETY MEETING: Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 24** at 7:00 p.m. for our school's annual society meeting at Gateway Nazarene Church. Please attend, as we value your input in the governing of our school. You will be able to approve a budget and tuition schedule, and elect new Board members for the 2025-2026 school year. See you there!
- Deadline Approaching! ESAs for 2025-26:** OC Parents, have you applied for your 2025-26 ESA Funds? The Students First Education Savings Account (ESA) program is open for applications with a deadline of June 30. *We strongly suggest that you apply as soon as possible in the event of any issues! Here is the link which will be included in today's parent email:* iowa-household.withodyssey.com/login/
- BOXES!** We are still collecting empty boxes to use in preparation for the classroom updates this summer. Please bring your clean, flattened boxes to the trailer by the white shed by May 26.
- POP CAN DRIVE:** A reminder that our pop can drive is ongoing and will continue throughout the summer. You are welcome to bring all your cans to the little white shed on the east end of the parking lot all summer long! Thank you for your support!
- A 2025-26 school supplies list** will be emailed to parents soon.

"I CARE" AWARD WINNER



Every year the Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa sponsors the "I Care Award." This award is given to a student who demonstrates a spirit of volunteerism, community interest, and acts of kindness toward others. We are happy to announce this year's recipient, 8th grader Leah Spronk. Leah is the daughter of Jon and Keri Spronk of Oskaloosa. Leah received a plaque and a \$1,000 check in recognition of her award. Congratulations to Leah and her family!



PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This year, six of our 8th graders qualified for the President's Award for Academic Excellence. This is a prestigious award given every year to 8th graders who maintain a B+ average in their core classes from 4th through 8th grade, and who scored in the 85th percentile or above in math or reading during their 7th or 8th grade year. It is a difficult award to earn. The 8th Graders who received the award this year at their graduation ceremony were Kate De Bruin, Josie Hessing, Emily Hoksbergen, Aubrey Kaisand, Leah Spronk, and Reese Vander Wal. Congratulations, students!

Staff Recognition

During the 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony on May 16, the following staff members were recognized and thanked by the Board for their years of service to our school.

5 years: Mrs. Alicia Vander Wal, 4th Grade Teacher

10 years: Mrs. Shannon Semini, Classroom Aide/AD

25 years: Ms. Renee Van Kooten, MS Social Studies, TK-8 PE

35 years: Mrs. Linda Taylor, Food Service

NEED ESA HELP? Parents, if you are experiencing challenges with internet access or need assistance completing the ESA (Education Savings Account) application, we're here to help! Please contact Tracy Klucas at klucast@oskaloosachristian.net or 641-672-2174 x13 to set up a time for one-on-one support. She will be happy to walk you through the process and ensure everything is submitted correctly.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need YOUR help! We're looking for strong hands and willing hearts to help with some important moving and cleanup tasks.

Volunteers are GREATLY needed on:

Friday, May 30 & Saturday, May 31 (anytime 8:00 AM-6:00 PM)

Here's what we'll be doing:

- Removing ceiling tiles and carrying them to the dumpster
- Moving boxes
- Carrying student desks and chairs to the gym

Whether you can come for an hour or stay all day, every bit of help makes a big difference. Bring a friend, roll up your sleeves, and be part of something great!

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Friday, May 23: Noon dismissal with NO Oskey buses



TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

Upcoming order dates: June 9, July 7

SUMMER TRIP - NEW this year! Cash and carry will be available to purchase throughout the summer **at the school** from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on the following Mondays and Tuesdays:

June 9 (National Order Date), June 10, June 30

July 1, July 7 (National Order Date), July 8, July 21, July 22
August 4, August 5

National orders will be available to pick up the next week of cash and carry. (orders placed on July 7 will be available to pickup July 21.)

***REMINDER: MANY instant rebates are available through the RaiseRight App all year long!**

***OZINGA FEED* vouchers are now valid for 3 months only!**
Vouchers older than 3 months will not count towards your rebate.

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



Spread the Word! We still have a few SONshine openings left for students next year. If you know a family looking for a Christ-centered, nurturing early education experience, we'd love for you to send them our way. There's nothing we enjoy more than welcoming new smiling faces into our SONshine family! Helping us spread the word by sharing our Facebook and Instagram posts would mean so much - thank you for your support! sonshinepreschool.org

Our SONshine staff has created a Classroom Wishlist full of fun, educational, and inspiring items that will help us create an exciting, hands-on learning environment for our next little Sunbeams.

With all the energy and enthusiasm your children bring, our toys and supplies get lots of love—and wear out! If you or a Grandparent would like to donate an item (or two!), we would be beyond grateful for your support.

www.sonshinepreschool.org/wishlist



The Joe Gray Award has been given to students in Oskaloosa in recognition of improved and exemplary penmanship for many years. Mr. Joe Gray, an Oskaloosa resident who thought his own handwriting was poor, wanted to encourage students to improve their own penmanship skills. He began the Joe Gray Foundation, and every year, he donated money to the Oskaloosa schools to use in a way to encourage students. After the passing of both Mr. and Mrs. Gray, Oskaloosa Christian has continued this tradition of awarding students the honor.



Congratulations to the recipients of this year's Joe Gray Penmanship Awards who were recognized during today's chapel and awards:

2nd Grade: Sydnie Boender, Miley Nance, Jack Riggen, Juan Rodriguez

4th Grade: Malaki Boender, Eli Bruxvoort, Sara De Boef, Jayde De Groot, Lola Nance, Maria Stam, Scarlett Vander Wal

6th Grade: Kyler Briggs, Ivy Burress, Collin Stam, Avery Vander Wal



We are still accepting applications for the positions listed below. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them contact the office (641-672-2174) or visit www.oskaloosachristian.net for application forms and more information. Please continue to pray for our school board as they seek to fill these positions for the 2025-2026 school year.

- **Classroom Aide (full-time)**
- **TK-8th Guidance Counselor (part-time)**

The Pella Christian Clay Target Team invites you to join us for our annual end-of-the-year BANG! (Fun Shoot & BBQ Fundraiser)

- Marion County Sportsman Club, 1702 Old Highway 92, Knoxville
 - Friday, June 28th...Fun starts at 2:00 PM
- Supper served 5:00–7:00 PM, Senior Recognition at 7:00 PM

Come out and enjoy an afternoon of community, celebration, and friendly competition with raffle drawings, snow cones, bouncy houses too! Whether you're an experienced shooter or just coming for the food and fun, there's something for everyone!

This is our biggest fundraiser! Your support keeps the cost of joining the team affordable for all families. Come be a part of something that makes a lasting difference in the lives of our students. If you have questions or would like a raffle ticket to support the PC Clay Target Team, contact Mrs. Roozeboom @ 641-660-6716.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!

Being a part of God's Story and serving with JOY includes following God's command in faith to love and serve our neighbors. Our students worked as 'community builders' on Thursday with the following service projects:

- 1st, 4th, and 7th graders went to the Oskaloosa Care Center to sing, read books and scripture, play games, color, and hang out with the residents.
- 3rd and 6th graders assembled Blessing Bags and then delivered them to businesses around our town square.
- 2nd and 8th graders picked up garbage in the neighborhood and then set up for Field Day.
- Kindergarten and 5th graders wrote notes and planted flower pots and delivered them to school neighbors.

Dear Members of the Oskaloosa Christian School Board, Staff, and Families:



Thank you so much for the wonderful Open House and also for being acknowledged at the 2025 Graduation. It has been an honor to contribute to the well-being of the students by preparing meals and being part of a dedicated team. I have cherished the relationships I've built with colleagues, staff, and students and will always look back fondly on my time here. I am grateful for the support, encouragement, and opportunities I have received during my time in this role.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to be a part of the Oskaloosa Christian School community. I hope to remain in touch and wish the school continued success in the future.

Sincerely, Linda Taylor

I Peter 5:7: "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

2024-2025 Theme

"RUNNING WITH JOY"

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others."

-Philippians 2:3-4

Have a great

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