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December 6, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 6	Deadline for Christmas Dinner sign-up
Dec. 6	Cookie Decorating for Bake Sale
Dec. 6	No Basketball Practice
Dec. 7	Willing Workers Vendor and Bake Sale
Dec. 7	Lighted Christmas Parade
Dec. 9	Mrs. Vander Leest with Grades 6-8
Dec. 9	Girls Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Dec. 9	Boys Basketball Practice, 5:30-6:30
Dec. 10	Girls Home Basketball game, Osky Public, 4:15
Dec. 11	Hearing screening by the AEA, Grades TK, K, 1, 5
Dec. 11	2:15 Dismissal with Osky Buses
Dec. 11	Boys Basketball Practice, 2:30-4:30
Dec. 12	Girls Home Basketball Game, Ankeny Christian Academy, 4:30
Dec. 12	Clover Kids, 3:15
Dec. 13	Parent Christmas Chapel & Dinner hosted by 5th Graders, 11:00
Dec. 13	Girls Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Dec. 16	Mrs. Vander Leest with Grades K, 1, 3, & 4
Dec. 16	Girls Basketball Game at Osky Public, 4:30
Dec. 16	Boys Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30
Dec. 17	Girls Basketball Practice, 3:30-5:30



CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE / VENDOR FAIR!

Get an early start on your Christmas baking and shopping! Plates of goodies will include Decorated Sugar Cookies, Dutch Letters, Fudge, Popcorn Cakes, Peanut Brittle, Ginger Snaps, and so much more! There will also be many vendors and crafts present at the same time as the bake sale.

WHEN: Saturday, December 7, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Oskaloosa Christian School gym

See you there!

If you're donating food for the bake sale...Thank you!! Please follow the delivery to school instructions you received from the Bake Sale Committee that was included with your plates/bowls. Thanks to everyone who helped with this fundraiser!

Hearing Screening will be done by the Area Education Agency next Wednesday, December 11. Students in grades TK, K, 1st and 5th will be screened. If you have a hearing concern for your child who is not in these grades, please contact Mrs. Patti in the office so that he/she can be tested also.

The 3rd graders are collecting non-perishable food items for the Oskaloosa Food Pantry in connection to the novel "Twenty and Ten" that they just completed. There will be a table outside of the 3rd grade classroom where the donations can be brought. Donations can be brought in anytime between now and Dec. 19.



REMINDERS

•**HEALTH REMINDER!** Parents, a reminder that if your child has been sick, please do not send him/her back to school until he/she is completely recovered and has been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the aid of a fever-reducing medication. **Thank you** for your help in preventing unnecessary spread of sickness among our students and staff.

•**Parents, just a reminder** that if your child will not be coming to school to please call or email your child's teacher or the school office before 7:55. If we are not able to take your call, please leave a message. For safety reasons it is important for all of our students to be accounted for.

•**Advance Notice for Christmas Break:** We will dismiss for Christmas break on Friday, December 20 at noon. There will be no school lunch served, and no Osky buses for dismissal on that day so please make arrangements for your children to be picked up. There will be no after school care on that day. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6 with the Osky buses running their normal schedule.

Reservations due today!!



We are delighted to invite parents to join us for our annual Christmas Chapel and Dinner this year! It will be held on Friday, December 13 in our school gym.

A Christmas chapel will begin promptly at 11:00 followed by a delicious dinner prepared by Carol and Linda. A freewill offering will be received to cover the cost of the meal.

We will be sitting by families again this year. Due to the limited space and large number of people who attend our Christmas dinner, we have limited each family to two guests. Since we are planning a special day for grandparents to visit in April, the Christmas Dinner is a time reserved for parents only. However, if parents are not able to come, we encourage grandparents or another guest to join our students instead. To make your reservations, do not call the school kitchen, but **contact the teacher of your oldest child no later than Friday, December 6!** We hope you can join us!

MINTS ARE HERE! Wilhelmina Dutch Peppermints are now for sale! The price is \$3.00 per box or you can buy a whole show box of 12 for \$36.00! They make great stocking stuffers and thank you gifts! They sell fast, so contact any 8th grader or stop by the school office to purchase yours soon. A BIG THANK YOU to all those who faithfully support this 8th grade fundraiser every year!



BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!



- Wednesday, Dec. 11: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, Dec. 18: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Friday, Dec. 20: Noon dismissal with NO Osky buses
- Monday, Jan. 6: Classes resume with Osky buses running their normal schedule



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Logan Roberts	December 8
Collin Stam	December 11
6 month birthdays:	
Ellie Watts	June 1
Rogan Brummer	June 1
Ella De Boef	June 5
Mia Walker	June 8
Mason Refer	June 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: **December 16 (last date to order for Christmas!)**

Remember that TRIP cards make a great gift as you think about your Christmas giving this year!

Cash and Carry cards can sell fast during the holiday season.

Place an order to guarantee you will receive the cards you need!

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

The Trip Program is making an exciting change. Due to the changes in the registration process, the OC Trip Program will be moving the yearly payout to reflect a calendar year instead of its current school year. This means that the TRIP program will close its books for the 2024 year on December 31, 2024. Your credit earned July 1-December 31 will be available in January 2025. This means credit can be used for things like Hot Lunch, Band Fees, or Tuition for this current school year, or Registration for the 2025-26 school year. Please fill out the NEW Registration form if you want your earnings to go to a specific location (ie hot lunch). Please note there are changes in the form, so read it carefully. It will be attached to today's parent email. This form can be emailed to Kristin at trip@oskaloosachristian.net or brought to the OC office. Paper copies will also be available in the office. If you have any questions please contact Kristin Plate at (641) 670-0583.



Copies of the Willing Workers Cookbook that was published in 2004 are available for sale in the school office. They are a great deal at a reduced price of \$10.00. They make great Christmas or wedding shower gifts, or a keepsake for your OC graduates. Stop in the office between 8:00-3:00 on any school day to purchase yours. They will also be available for sale at tomorrow's bake sale.

WEATHER-RELATED CHANGES



Parents, please take note of the changes in weather-related notifications for this year. You can use one of the three sources below to receive information on weather-related changes in our schedule. This includes morning cancellations or delays. Afternoon early dismissals will be by texts and Facebook only.

- Phone Text from our FACTS system (OCS-IA)
- KCCI-TV (Channel 8), KCCI website - www.kcci.com
- OC Facebook Page



HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



Dec. 9-13

Monday: Pancakes, Smokies, Hashbrown Potato, Orange Juice

Tuesday: Mr. Rib on WG Bun, Corn, Applesauce, Bar

Wednesday: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Roll

Thursday: Hot dogs on Wg Bun, Carrots, Cinnamon Apples, Chips, Ice Cream Bar

Friday: Christmas Dinner: Meatballs, Hashbrown Potatoes, Green Beans, Jello Cups, Dessert, Golden Roll

Legacy of Grace

SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION

One of the means for us to bless families to have access to a quality Christian education is through the Legacy of Grace School Tuition Organization (LOG-STO). This state program allows for individuals and businesses to donate money to help families with tuition at a private school, receiving a 75% state tax credit of the donation, which reduces your state tax liability.

Our LOG-STO has been allocated to collect \$559,683.00 this year to help families who are not currently eligible for a State of Iowa Education Savings Account. For example, our Transitional Kindergarten students are not eligible because they attend fewer days. A donation of any size would help us to move closer to our goal. Would you please prayerfully consider a gift to the LOG-STO to help a family access Christian education for their children? Please visit the website, www.logsto.org, for more information and a donation form. Thank you.

Oskaloosa's annual Lighted Christmas Parade is THIS Saturday, December 7. Once again, Oskaloosa Christian will have a float in the parade. We are inviting all OC students to be part of the parade. Parade logistics:

1. The OC float will be on **2nd Avenue East for loading at 6:30 PM. Our spot is #14**, which is staked and easy to find.
2. Be sure to **sign your child/ren IN upon arrival and OUT after the parade**. You can pick up your child/ren on 3rd Avenue East between S.4th and 5th.
3. The float is an open trailer, so dress warmly with coats, hats, gloves, etc.
4. TK - 4th graders will ride the float and 5th - 8th will walk the route beside the float.
5. 5th - 8th graders will hand out candy (NOTE: candy cannot be thrown/tossed as per parade organizers).

A great place to view the parade is on 3rd Avenue East - toward the end of the parade.

