

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
REGISTRATION 23-24 (PS - 8)

Please have your online registration completed by Wednesday, August 2

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration nights for K-8 students in the 2023-24 school year will be held on Tuesday, August 8 & Monday, August 14 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. All families are required to attend one of these sessions. We would like to ask families whose last name begins with A-N come to the first registration evening and O-Z the second evening. If you cannot attend the designated evening, please come to the other registration evening. If you cannot attend registration either evening, you will need to call the office before August 11 to make arrangements to register your child. Note: There will be a \$20/student late registration fee for families who register after Aug 14.

If you owe on your tuition account from the previous year, you will need to meet with a finance committee board member. It is board policy that all overdue tuition must be paid, or arrangements made, before a child may be enrolled for the next school year.

All families with students in grades PS - 8 are invited to the “Back to School Open House” at OCCS on Tuesday, August 22, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for students and parents to meet teachers, visit rooms, and bring in their school supplies before the school year begins. Tours will be available for new families. Take advantage of this occasion for all students!

The first day of school will begin on Wednesday, August 23, at 8:45 am with our annual convocation in the field behind OCCS with a 12:00pm dismissal. We will begin with our normal school hours on Thursday, August 24 with the school day beginning at 8:20 am and dismissing at 3:30 pm daily.

Parents of children in grades 7 and 8 that intend to participate in interscholastic sports should have a physical and concussion form completed prior to the beginning of school. Forms are available at OCCS or on the OCCS website under '[Parents](#)'. Students who participate in interscholastic sports must have medical coverage through parents or student insurance. Please contact Nurse Anna (adegroot@occhristian.pvt.k12.ia.us) with questions.

All children's immunization forms need to be current before starting the first day of school. For preschool and kindergarten students, a "certificate of immunization" form needs to be on file in the school office. Kindergarteners need to have dental screening before starting school also. All 7th grade students will need to turn in an updated immunization form. Please contact Nurse Anna (adegroot@occhristian.pvt.k12.ia.us) with questions.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. **REGISTRATION FEE** A registration fee of \$125 per child in grades K - 8 is required to be paid by check or cash at registration. This fee covers:

- \$75 for general school supplies, textbooks and school equipment
- \$25 for classroom treasuries to fund admissions to plays, field trips, interscholastic, etc.
- \$25 for technology support (report cards, computer maintenance, etc.)

**If you will be using your 529 Plan to pay your registration fee, please initiate payment prior to registration.*

We are not able to accept payments by Venmo at registration

2. **TUITION POLICY**: Tuition payments can be made by Cash, Check, Automatic Bank Transfers and/or Venmo, and should specify the designated amount to apply per student. OCCS policy states that a minimum of 30% of tuition cost be paid by January 1, 2024. Families qualifying for ESA's are responsible for initiating fund transfers to OCCS on/after July 15 and again in January when funds are available.

3. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**:

Beginning this year, all tuition fees, credits and payments will apply on a per student basis (vs. per family as done previous years). We will be sending out detailed information in August regarding how this will look for families going forward. A printed financial form will be provided for each family at registration.

4. **HOT LUNCH/MILK**: Hot lunch is available in school on a daily basis with milk/water included. If your student(s) plan to eat lunch or take milk with a cold lunch, please continue to keep a positive credit balance on your food service account throughout the year. The cost of a student hot lunch is \$3.10/meal, with additional milk/water being \$.45/ea. Students who regularly take hot lunch would need to pay approximately \$65 to their account each

month to stay current. There is also an additional fee for a la carte items. Food Service account and balance information can be found in JMC. If you would like to complete an application for Free/Reduced lunches, the form can be completed when filling out JMC's online registration under "Application for Educational Benefits" or found on our website at Home/Enrollment/About Us/Registration Information/Free & Reduced Meal Application 2023-24. Printed application forms are also available in the office. We request completed forms to be returned to the school office before Aug. 17.

5. Instrument Rent: For students renting a band or orchestra instrument, rent is \$12/month, except for cello/bass is \$15/month and percussion is \$5/month. Payment will be received at registration for the first semester or full year. First semester payments are due at registration, payable to "OCCS Music". If full payment is not made first semester, second semester payments are due by Jan. 14.

Other Information

When you come for registration, please stop at the Tiger Paws table for information (apparel, school supplies, etc.), GLC (grade level coordinator) table and the Mom's in Prayer table. You are able to order additional chapel shirts at registration as well. (\$12 per shirt)

Busing is available to students living at least 2 miles from school. Unity Christian High School offers us busing service. If you have questions about busing, please contact Terry Schouten at Unity (737-4114).

Prescription Meds: If your student will be taking prescription meds during the school day, please see Nurse Anna for required forms.