

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year at Orange City Christian School! It is a privilege and honor to have your covenant children enrolled at OCCS. Along with this privilege comes the pleasure and responsibility of being a Tiger PAWS (Parents and Advocates Willing to Serve) member. The vision of Tiger PAWS is to provide prayer, service opportunities, and financial support for our school because of our commitment to Christian education. **Each parent automatically becomes a member and is responsible for various tasks throughout the year.**

If you are a new parent at OCCS, this document will give you an overview of the different Tiger PAWS projects throughout the year. Board members, committee members, or a mentor parent will be able to answer any questions that you may have regarding Tiger PAWS responsibilities.

Each week on Wednesday, an email from OCCS will list upcoming Tiger PAWS events, information, and responsibilities. You can also find more detailed information about all events, work groups, board members, committee chairs and more at the school's website under Parents - then on the far right in the orange box - Tiger PAWS.

We look forward to working together on all our different projects. Together we can serve the Lord and each other. Our prayer is that serving in Tiger PAWS will be a blessing to you. Enjoy the year and feel free to call us or another board member if you have questions!

In His Service,

Elsa Kooiker, 2025-2026 President

Olivia Chapman, 2026-2027 President

Tiger PAWS

Tiger PAWS Mission and Vision

The mission of Tiger PAWS (Parents and Advocates Willing to Serve) is to build the OCCS community through prayer, service and financial support.

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What are my Tiger PAWS responsibilities?

1. September - **OCCS Society Meeting** - attend to hear Tiger PAWS update and financials. Any vote (if needed) would take place at this meeting.(optional)
2. September / October - All families help make **Pig-in-the-blankets** for our fall fundraiser and Tulip Festival on one of two designated nights.
3. February - **Soup Supper** - some families work at the soup supper or make soup or tavern in their home for the soup supper
4. May - **Tulip Festival** - All families sign up to work a shift via the signup.com link sent out by the committee.
6. **Additional responsibilities:** Watch for a sign up link via the signup.com to sign up for one of the following work groups:
 - **Soup Supper:** Make soup or tavern in your home
 - **Soup Supper:** Work at the soup supper
 - **Tulip Festival Soup/Pulled Pork:** Make soup/tavern as a group at school
 - **Tulip Festival:** Help set up the tent
 - **Tulip Festival:** Help tear down the tent

A Glimpse of Each Tiger PAWS Event

All Tiger PAWS events have volunteer chairpersons. The work groups referred throughout are put together by the Tiger PAWS Board. Look for more information regarding these events as they take place in the weekly email Tiger PAWS update.

Fall Frozen Pigs

Selling frozen pig-in-the-blankets in the fall became a reality in 2020! It has been a wonderful success each fall. Families and Individuals look forward to filling their freezer in preparation for winter. PAWS plans to do that again this fall. We also have taken the time to work ahead and make all the pig-in-the-blankets for Tulip Festival. This is a unique treat that draws many to our Festival stands. All families participate in making pigs.

Soup Supper

The annual Tiger PAWS Soup Supper is held in late January or early February. This event is an opportunity to enjoy food and fellowship with friends, family, neighbors and the community. The meal consists of several kinds of soup, hot dogs, tavern, pies, and desserts. Recipes for soup and tavern are provided.

Tulip Festival

The Tiger PAWS tent at the Tulip Festival is the biggest fundraiser for Tiger PAWS and takes the full cooperation from each member. The tent is located in the Iowa State Bank parking lot. Each family works a shift of a few hours some time during the Festival (either parent can take this shift or you can hire someone to work your shift). Some of the jobs available are cashier, serving, dishwashing, cutting pies, serving drinks, and waitressing.

Year Round Tiger PAWS Projects

Apparel/Promotional Sales

The Apparel/Promotional Sales committee develops apparel to help promote OCCS in the community as well as generate pride and support for our school and its students. Watch the weekly school emails for a link to the online store. The Apparel Store is open seasonally and apparel will be available for pick-up at the school when ready.

Room Parent Coordinators

The Room Parent Committee will organize a parents for each classroom at fall registration. A Room Parent will offer assistance to the teacher through planning classroom parties, lining up gifts for the teacher, lining up volunteers for various classroom events, etc. Being a Room Parent is a great way to partner with your child's teacher.

School Supplies & Kitchen Committee

This committee supports the various Tiger PAWS committees and organizes the school supplies that Tiger PAWS provides for each of our students!