



# Orion Community Unit School District 223

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**EMERGENCY CLOSINGS** - If school is delayed or cancelled, staff and parents of our students will be notified via the district's automated notification system.

School cancellations and delays will also be prominently listed on the main page of the District's website.

This list of TV stations will also be notified in case of school cancellations and delays. Each station is responsible for the manner in which and speed that they are able to relay the information on to their listeners and viewers. It is our intent to release accurate information as quickly as possible.

WHBF-TV Channel 4  
KWQC-TV Channel 6  
WQAD-TV Channel 8  
KLJB-TV Fox 18  
KGCW-TV "The Quad Cities CW"



**ASBESTOS** - In 1978, Air Quality Testing, Inc., of Moline, IL conducted inspections of all District #223 buildings for asbestos containing materials (ACM) and wrote an Asbestos Management Plan for each of the buildings where ACM were found. Asbestos containing materials were found in each of the buildings in varying amounts. In 1990, almost all of this ACM was removed. C. R. Hanna Elementary School still has floor tile containing asbestos. This tile is non friable and has little potential for contact damage. As required by Federal and State laws, all buildings underwent a three year re-inspection in May 2020 by an Illinois licensed asbestos inspector. No new asbestos containing materials were found.

To maintain the safest possible conditions for our children, surveillance of asbestos containing materials is conducted continually and documented every sixth month to determine if any of the ACM has been damaged or has deteriorated.

All asbestos inspection reports and management plans for Orion Community Unit District #223 have been approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health. The asbestos management plan and project managers report (reports on removal) for each building are available for examination in the office of the principal of respective buildings and at the District Office, 1002-11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Orion.



**SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES** - The Orion School District offers a variety of services for students with special needs.

Students experiencing difficulty achieving success in the classroom due to learning disabilities, behavioral disorders, speech deficiencies, or other social/emotional problems can receive assistance through the special education program. These services can range from consultation with the student and/or parent to instruction in special education classrooms.

Appropriate placement is determined jointly by the student, parents, and district personnel only after a complete assessment of the student has been done.

Additional specialized services are available through Black Hawk Area Special Education District. Anyone interested in accessing these services should contact the school office for further information.

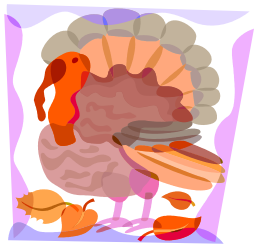
**CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS** - The Orion Area Christmas for Kids Program is underway. It is available to any family in the Orion School District who is in need of help. All information is strictly confidential. Children ages birth to 18 years old are eligible. Registration will be on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, and Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at **Orion Village Hall** from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Any questions, call Kenis Johnson at (309) 737-8439 or Sherri Hamilton at (309) 314-8285.





# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> No ACC Classes Parents May Begin Scheduling P/T Conferences-OMS & OHS 5:30 MSGBB Wethersfield-H TBA HSBG IHSA 1A Sectionals-Fyre Lake Country Club TBA HSGG IHSA 1A Sectionals-Wolf Creek Course, Pontiac 5:30 HSFB (Soph.) Erie- Prophetstown-T	<b>3</b> No ACC Classes 4:00-6:00 Food Pantry & Christmas for Kids Registration -Orion Village Hall 4:00 MSCC Colona-T 4:30 HSCC Panther Invitational-Lake Erie Country Club 5:00 HSBS Monmouth- Roseville-H	<b>4</b> No ACC Classes 5:30 MSFB Monmouth- Roseville-H 5:30 MSGBB Rockridge-T 5:00 HSVB Galesburg-T	<b>5</b> No ACC Classes 5th Grade Wax Museum-CRH 4:30 HSBS (V) Rock Island-T 5:00 HSVB Riverdale- T 6:00 Music Booster Meeting-OMC Room 205 6:30 6th Grade Band Premiere-OMS	<b>6</b> No ACC Classes <b>Early Dismissal -</b> <b>CRH: 11:22 a.m.</b> <b>OMS: 11:28 a.m.</b> <b>OHS: 11:32 a.m.</b> PSAT/NMSQT Testing for Juniors TBA HSGG (V) IHSA 1A State-Red Tail Run Golf Course, Decatur TBA HSBG (V) IHSA 1A State-Prairie Vista Golf Course, Bloomington 7:00 HSFB Sherrard-T	<b>7</b> TBA HSVB (V) United Volleyball Invite-T TBA HSGG (V) IHSA 1A State-Red Tail Run Golf Course, Decatur TBA HSBG (V) IHSA 1A State-Prairie Vista Golf Course, Bloomington 9:00 HSBS (JV) Princeton JV Invitational-T 10:00 MSCC Sectionals-3 Sisters Park, Chillicothe
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Fire Safety Week <b>No School -</b> <b>Columbus Day</b> 8:00 HSCC Amboy Columbus Day Invite-T 5:00 HSBS (V) Galesburg-Sherrard 5:30 HSFB (Soph.) Sherrard-H	<b>10</b> ACC Classes Resume Fire Safety Week 2:40 Herff Jones Senior Cap & Gown Meeting-OHS 5:00 HSVB Morrison-H 5:30 MSFB Kewanee Central-T 5:30 MSGBB Mercer County-T	<b>11</b> Fire Safety Week 5:00 HSVB Geneseo-H 5:00 HSBS (V) East Peoria-T 5:30 MSGBB Sherrard-T	<b>12</b> Fire Safety Week 5:00 Homecoming Parade 5:30 Homecoming Dinner-OHS 6:30 Homecoming Pep Assembly- OHS	<b>13</b> Fire Safety Week End of First Grading Period 6:30 Homecoming Court Introduced 7:00 HSFB Monmouth- Roseville-H "Homecoming"	<b>14</b> TBA HSBS (V) IHSA 2A Regionals 10:00 MSFB Knoxville-H 10:45 MSCC State- Maxwell Park, Normal 7:00 Homecoming Dance-OHS
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30 MSGBB Monmouth- Roseville-T 5:30 HSFB (Soph.) Monmouth- Roseville-T	<b>17</b> CRH Book Fair TBA HSBS (V) IHSA 2A Regionals 4:00-6:00 Food Pantry & Christmas for Kids Registration -Orion Village Hall 5:00 HSVB Monmouth- Roseville-T	<b>18</b> CRH Book Fair TBA HSBS (V) IHSA 2A Regionals 5:30 MSGBB Kewanee-H 7:30 Board of Education Meeting	<b>19</b> <b>No School -</b> <b>Parent/Teacher</b> <b>Conferences</b> CRH Book Fair 5:00 HSVB Rock Island-H 5:30 MSGBB Knoxville-T	<b>20</b> <b>No School -</b> <b>Parent/Teacher</b> <b>Conferences</b> CRH Book Fair TBA HSBS (V) IHSA 2A Regionals 7:00 HSFB Riverdale-H "Senior Night"	<b>21</b> TBA HSCC IHSA 1A Regionals- Bureau Valley TBA HSBS (V) IHSA 2A Regionals TBA HSFB IHSA Playoff Pairings 10:00 MSGBB Galva-H
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> TBA HSVB IHSA 2A Regionals 5:30 HSFB (Soph.) Riverdale-T	<b>24</b> TBA HSVB IHSA 2A Regionals	<b>25</b> TBA HSVB IHSA 2A Regionals 5:30 MSGBB Rockridge-H	<b>26</b> TBA HSVB IHSA 2A Regionals TBA OHS Fall Play- OHS	<b>27</b> TBA HSFB IHSA 2A Playoffs TBA OHS Fall Play- OHS	<b>28</b> TBA HSFB IHSA 2A Playoffs TBA HSCC IHSA 1A Sectionals TBA OHS Fall Play-OHS
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> HSGBB Practice Begins TBA HSVB IHSA 2A Sectionals 5:30 MSGBB Mercer County- H	<b>31</b> CRH Halloween Parties		<b>Calendar Key</b> MSCC - Middle School Cross Country MSFB - Middle School Football MSGBB - Middle School Girls' Basketball HSCC - High School Cross Country HSBG - High School Boys' Golf HSFB - High School Football HSGG - High School Girls' Golf HSBS - High School Boys' Soccer HSV B - High School Volleyball		



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Calendar Key</b> MSBBB - Middle School Boys' Basketball MSGBB - Middle School Girls' Basketball HSBBB - High School Boys' Basketball HSGBB - High School Girls' Basketball HSVB - High School Volleyball HSWR - High School Wrestling			<b>1</b> TBA HSVB IHSA 2A Sectionals 5:30 MSGBB Sherrard-T	<b>2</b> 5:30 MSGBB Monmouth- Roseville-H 6:00 Music Booster Meeting -OUMC Room 205	<b>3</b> TBA HSFB IHSA 2A Playoffs	<b>4</b> TBA HSFB IHSA 2A Playoffs
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> HSBBB & HSWR Practices Begin 5:30 MSGBB Kewanee Central-T	<b>7</b> 11:15-12:45 Herff Jones Cap & Gown Order Day 4:00-6:00 Food Pantry-Orion Village Hall	<b>8</b> 5:30 MSGBB Knoxville-H	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>No School -            Veterans            Day</b>	<b>11</b> TBA MSGBB 7th Grade Regionals
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> TBA MSGBB 7th Grade Regionals TBA HSGBB Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tournament- Rowva 5:30 MSBBB Annawan-T	<b>14</b> TBA MSGBB 7th Grade Regionals 7:30 HSGBB Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tournament- Rowva 5:30 MSBBB Wethersfield-H	<b>15</b> TBA MSGBB 7th Grade Regionals 7:30 HSGBB Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tournament- Rowva 7:30 Board of Education Meeting	<b>16</b> 5:30 MSBBB Cambridge-T	<b>17</b> TBA HSGBB Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tournament- Rowva	<b>18</b> TBA MSGBB 8th Grade Regionals TBA HSGBB Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tournament- Rowva 8:00 HS Robotics Tournament-H
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:30 MSBBB Sherrard-T TBA MSGBB 8th Grade Regionals 5:30 HSBBB 10&32 Orion Tip Off Classic-OMS & OHS	<b>21</b> <b>Early Dismissal -</b> <b>CRH: 11:22 a.m.</b> <b>OMS: 11:28 a.m.</b> <b>OHS: 11:32 a.m.</b> 4:00-6:00 Food Pantry- Orion Village Hall 5:30 MSBBB Alwood-H TBA MSGBB 8th Grade Regionals 5:30 HSBBB 10&32 Orion Tip Off Classic-OMS & OHS 6:00 HSWR Macomb, Camp Point, Illini West-T	<b>22</b> <b>No School -            Thanksgiving            Break</b> TBA MSGBB 8th Grade Regionals 5:30 HSBBB 10&32 Orion Tip Off Classic-OHS	<b>23</b> <b>No School -            Thanksgiving            Break</b> 	<b>24</b> <b>No School -            Thanksgiving            Break</b> 8:00 HSBBB 10&32 Orion Tip Off Classic -OHS	<b>25</b> 8:00 HSBBB 10&32 Orion Tip Off Classic-OHS
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:30 MSBBB Mercer County-H 5:30 HSGBB Rockridge-T 6:00 HSWR Monmouth- Roseville & Galesburg- Monmouth- Roseville	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> TBA MSGBB 7th Grade Sectionals 5:30 MSBBB Knoxville-T 5:30 HSWR Riverdale & Davenport North- Davenport North 6:00 HSBBB Ridgewood-H	<b>30</b> 5:30 HSBBB United-T 5:30 HSGBB Erie- Prophetstown -H		



# C. R. Hanna Elementary School

## October 2023 Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Chicken Strips & Waffle Cooked Carrots Cinnamon Apple Slices	<b>3</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Hash Browns Orange Juice	<b>4</b> Hot Dog with Bun Mixed Veggies Mixed Fruit Ice Cream	<b>5</b> Walking Tacos Doritos Lettuce & Cheese Refried Beans Peaches	<b>6</b> <b>Early Dismissal - No Lunch Served</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>No School - Columbus Day</b>	<b>10</b> Chicken Patty with Bun Green Beans Mandarin Oranges	<b>11</b> <b>"Lucky Tray Day"</b> Tenderloin Baked Beans Pears Fish Crackers	<b>12</b> Macaroni & Cheese Fish Sticks Baby Carrots with Ranch Dressing Rosy Applesauce	<b>13</b> Maid Rite with Bun Celery with Peanut Butter Fresh Fruit	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Pulled Pork with Bun Tater Tots Mixed Fruit	<b>17</b> Crispitos Cheese Sauce Cooked Carrots Peaches Corn Chips	<b>18</b> Cheese Quesadilla Broccoli & Cauliflower Sidekick	<b>19</b> <b>No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>	<b>20</b> <b>No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> BBQ Rib with Bun Baked Beans Peaches Cheetos	<b>24</b> Mini Pancakes Yogurt Hash Browns Strawberries	<b>25</b> Hot Dog with Bun Cooked Carrots Applesauce	<b>26</b> Macho Nachos Tortilla Rounds Cheese Sauce Mixed Veggies Mixed Fruit	<b>27</b> Popcorn Shrimp Garlic Toast Lettuce with Dressing Fresh Fruit	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Chicken Patty with Bun Cooked Carrots Peaches Fruit Snacks	<b>31</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Pineapple	Milk included daily with a school lunch. Milk is \$.50 each with a home lunch. Strawberry milk available every Monday.	<b>Fresh fruit offered daily when available.</b>	<b>Menu subject to change without prior notice.</b>	<b>Student Lunch: \$3.20 Reduced Price: \$.40 Adult Lunch: \$4.45 Ala Carte Milk: \$.50</b>





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<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Hamburger with Bun Green Beans Cinnamon Apple Slices	<b>7</b> “Lucky Tray Day” Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Pudding	<b>8</b> Cheese Pizza Peas Peaches	<b>9</b> Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Baby Carrots with Ranch String Cheese Mixed Fruit	<b>10</b> No School- Veterans Day	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Cooked Carrots Applesauce	<b>14</b> Chicken Strips & Waffle Mixed Veggies Pears	<b>15</b> Hot Dog with Bun Broccoli Mixed Fruit	<b>16</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Hash Browns Orange Juice	<b>17</b> Walking Tacos Doritos Lettuce & Cheese Refried Beans Peaches	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Chicken Patty with Bun Green Beans Sidekick Rice Krispie Treat	<b>21</b> Early Dismissal - No Lunch Served	<b>22</b> No School - Thanksgiving Break	<b>23</b> No School - Happy Thanksgiving! 	<b>24</b> No School - Thanksgiving Break	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Cheesy French Bread Spaghetti Sauce Green Beans Pears	<b>28</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Dinner Roll Apple Juice	<b>29</b> Cheese Quesadilla Broccoli & Cauliflower Mandarin Oranges Ice Cream	<b>30</b> Crispitos Cheese Sauce Cooked Carrots Applesauce Corn Chips	<b>Menu subject to change without prior notice.</b>	
						<b>Student Lunch: \$3.20</b> <b>Reduced Price: \$.40</b> <b>Adult Lunch: \$4.45</b> <b>Ala Carte Milk: \$.50</b>



# OMS October 2023 Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Popcorn Chicken Biscuit Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Side Salad Strawberries	<b>3</b> Bosco Sticks Marinara Broccoli & Dip Cooked Carrots Pears	<b>4</b> Hard Shell Tacos Refried Beans Corn Cinnamon Applesauce Graham Cookie	<b>5</b> Pulled Pork with Bun Baked Beans Sidekick Orange	<b>6</b> <b>Early Dismissal - No Lunch Served</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>No School - Columbus Day</b>	<b>10</b> Popcorn Shrimp Garlic Toast Baked Potato Side Salad Peaches	<b>11</b> Sausage Pizza Romaine Salad Italian Vegetables Mandarin Oranges	<b>12</b> Hot Turkey & Cheese on Pretzel Bun Peas Baby Carrots Rosy Applesauce	<b>13</b> Walking Tacos Refried Beans Fresh Veggies Tropical Fruit	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich Broccoli & Cheese Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit	<b>17</b> Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Garlic Toast Romaine Salad Green Beans Pineapple	<b>18</b> BBQ Rib with Bun Sweet Potato Fries Veggies & Dip Fruit Cup	<b>19</b> <b>No School - Parent/ Teacher Conferences</b>	<b>20</b> <b>No School - Parent/ Teacher Conferences</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Coleslaw Peaches	<b>24</b> Hamburger with Bun Baked Beans Tater Tots Grape Juice	<b>25</b> Garlic Cheese French Bread Pizza Marinara Romaine Salad with Tomato Peas Applesauce	<b>26</b> Deli Sandwich Baby Carrots Potato Salad Fruit Jello Bag of Baked Lay's	<b>27</b> Quesadilla Ranchero Beans Cucumbers Fruit Cup	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken over Rice Stir Fry Veggies Dragon Punch Pineapple	<b>31</b> Corn Dog Spudsters Celery with Peanut Butter Sliced Apple with Caramel	<b>Milk included daily with a school lunch. Milk is \$.50 each with a home lunch.</b>	<b>Fresh fruit &amp; vegetables offered daily when available.</b>	<b>Menu subject to change without prior notice.</b>	<b>Student Lunch: \$3.45 Reduced Price: \$.40 Adult Lunch: \$4.45 Ala Carte Milk: \$.50</b>



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Milk served daily with menu.	Fresh fruit & vegetables offered daily when available.		<b>1</b> Calzone Marinara Green Beans Romaine Salad with Tomato Fruit Choice	<b>2</b> Crispitos Corn Fiesta Beans Mixed Fruit	<b>3</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Cheez-It Crackers Peas & Carrots Side Salad Applesauce	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Macho Nachos Ranchero Beans Baby Carrots Pears	<b>7</b> Chicken Tenders Baked Potato Broccoli & Cauliflower Fruit Jello	<b>8</b> Bosco Sticks Marinara Side Salad Mixed Vegetables Blueberries	<b>9</b> BBQ Chicken with Bun Tater Tots Cucumbers Peaches	<b>10</b> <b>No School - Veterans Day</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Cheese Pizza Spinach Salad Italian Vegetables Baked Cinnamon Apples Vanilla Ice Cream	<b>14</b> Turkey & Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Cinnamon Roll Side Salad Cooked Carrots Fruit Cup	<b>15</b> Soft Baked Pretzel with Cheese Sauce Peas Baby Carrots Rosy Applesauce	<b>16</b> Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Garlic Toast Green Beans Salad Pineapple	<b>17</b> Walking Tacos Refried Beans Corn Orange	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich Broccoli & Cheese Fresh Veggies Fruit	<b>21</b> <b>Early Dismissal - No Lunch Served</b>	<b>22</b> <b>No School - Thanksgiving Break</b>	<b>23</b> <b>No School - Happy Thanksgiving!</b> 	<b>24</b> <b>No School - Thanksgiving Break</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Baby Carrots Peaches	<b>28</b> French Toast Sticks Syrup Sausage Hash Browns Juice Blend Strawberries	<b>29</b> Cheeseburger with Bun Baked Beans Fresh Veggies Applesauce	<b>30</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken over Rice Stir Fry Vegetables Dragon Punch Pineapple	<b>Menu subject to change without prior notice.</b>	<b>Student Lunch: \$3.45</b> <b>Reduced Price: \$.40</b> <b>Adult Lunch: \$4.45</b> <b>Ala Carte Milk: \$.50</b>





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<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> French Toast Sausage Patty Hash Browns Strawberries	<b>3</b> Pulled Pork with Bun Baked Beans Pears	<b>4</b> Turkey Deli Sandwich Carrots Applesauce	<b>5</b> Chicken Patty with Bun French Fries Mixed Fruit	<b>6</b> <b>Early Dismissal - No Lunch Served</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>No School - Columbus Day</b>	<b>10</b> Bosco Sticks with Marinara Carrots Mandarin Oranges	<b>11</b> Pizza Hut Small Salad Apple	<b>12</b> Walking Tacos Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato & Onion Refried Beans Peaches	<b>13</b> Chicken Nuggets Roll Mashed Potatoes Kiwi	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Hamburger with Bun Waffle Fries Mixed Fruit	<b>17</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Corn Rosy Applesauce	<b>18</b> Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Pears	<b>19</b> <b>No School - Parent/ Teacher Conferences</b>	<b>20</b> <b>No School - Parent/ Teacher Conferences</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Tenderloin with Bun Tater Tots Grapes	<b>24</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken over Rice Stir Fry Veggies Pineapple Fortune Cookie	<b>25</b> Pizza Hut Pizza Small Salad Mandarin Oranges	<b>26</b> Crispitos Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato & Onion Taco Beans Peaches	<b>27</b> Spicy Chicken Patty with Bun Carrots Fresh Fruit	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Pork Nachos Coleslaw Pears	<b>31</b> Chili Peanut Butter Sandwich Green Beans Orange	<b>Milk served daily with menu.</b>	<b>Fresh fruit &amp; vegetables offered daily when available.</b>	<b>Menu subject to change without prior notice.</b>	<b>Student Lunch: \$3.45 Reduced Price: \$.40 Adult Lunch: \$4.45 Ala Carte Milk: \$.50</b>



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<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Bosco Sticks with Marinara Carrots Applesauce	<b>7</b> Chicken & Waffle Hash Browns Orange Juice	<b>8</b> Pizza Hut Pizza Small Salad Peaches	<b>9</b> Crispitos Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato & Onion Taco Fiesta Beans Pears	<b>10</b> <b>No School - Veterans Day</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken over Rice Stir Fry Veggies Pineapple	<b>14</b> Macho Nachos Green Beans Mandarin Oranges	<b>15</b> Spicy Chicken with Bun Corn Mixed Fruit	<b>16</b> Turkey & Gravy Hawaiian Roll Peas Orange	<b>17</b> Charger Rite French Fries Banana	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bosco Sticks Broccoli with Cheese Apple	<b>21</b> <b>Early Dismissal - No Lunch Served</b>	<b>22</b> <b>No School - Thanksgiving Break</b>	<b>23</b> <b>No School - Happy Thanksgiving!</b> 	<b>24</b> <b>No School - Thanksgiving Break</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Cheese Quesadilla Carrots Pears	<b>28</b> Chicken Fajitas Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato & Onion California Blend Vegetables Peaches	<b>29</b> Pizza Hut Pizza Small Salad Applesauce	<b>30</b> Walking Tacos Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato & Onion Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges	<b>Menu subject to change without prior notice.</b>	<b>Student Lunch: \$3.45 Reduced Price: \$.40 Adult Lunch: \$4.45 Ala Carte Milk: \$.50</b>

**C. R. HANNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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**C.R. HANNA NEWS** – Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 19, 2023, from 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and October 20, 2023, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Conferences will be scheduled online. Please find sign-up information on our website.

Please remind your children to dress appropriately and be prepared for the cooler weather. Just a reminder to parents, we will continue to have outside recess as long as the wind chill temperature is above 10 degrees. We want the children to stay healthy during these times so please don't forget to pack coats, hats, and gloves.

#### Upcoming Events:

October 5	Wax Museum (5th Grade)
October 9	No School - Columbus Day
October 9-13	Fire Safety Week
October 17-20	Scholastic Book Fair
October 18	Board of Education Meeting
October 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 31	Halloween Parties
November 10	No School - Veterans Day
November 15	Board of Education Meeting
November 22-24	No School - Thanksgiving Break

**PBIS CORNER** - Having clear routines is really important to students making good choices. Routines are predictable (so students know what to expect), they give students clear cues about what to do, and they enhance adult consistency (so students get the same message from everyone). Here at school we are working hard to develop clear and consistent routines that will help students be successful. At home, having a clear and consistent routine for homework and studying will have a big impact on your child's academic success!

**PBIS TIP!** - Model the behavior you seek. Whether it's apologizing when you're in the wrong or treating others with respect and kindness, children learn a great deal about relationships from observing the behavior of their parents.

#### **HALLOWEEN:**

We will be celebrating Halloween at C.R. Hanna on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. Here are a few expectations for the party and costumes.

#### **PARTY:**

- The designated PTA Room Parents will be providing the treats for the party. Please do not send additional treats or gift bags.
- Teachers and Room Parents are the only adults to be in the gyms during the parties. In addition, siblings who do not attend C.R. Hanna are not permitted to attend the parties.
- All Room Parents must sign in prior to going to the gyms.
- **Again this year**, adults will be allowed to wear a child-friendly or appropriate costume, but **NOT** be allowed to wear masks.

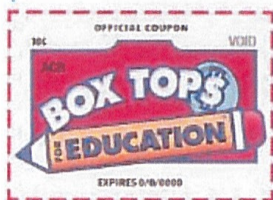
#### **COSTUMES:**

- Students need to bring their costumes to school, and teachers will begin supervising the process of changing into costumes no more than 15 minutes before the parties.
- Students will be expected to dress themselves with minimal assistance.
- **No** hair color changing dyes or sprays will be allowed at school.
- **No** makeup.
- Please keep students' costumes simple. Costumes should not be ethnically biased, excessively violent in nature, or suggestive.
- Masks may be worn by the children as long as it follows the other expectations in this letter.
- Costumes exhibiting gore or blood will **not** be allowed at school.
- **No** simulated weapons such as guns, swords, pistols, pitchforks, etc. or anything that can be construed as such will be allowed.

# Box Tops at CR Hanna

The CR Hanna library is coordinating the Box Tops 4 Education program.

Our goal is to raise **\$1,000** this school year to buy new books and supplies for the CR Hanna Library.



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**CLIP IT**

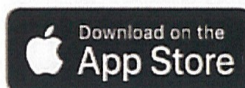


SEE THIS...  
**SCAN**  
YOUR RECEIPT

Instead of clipping box tops from packages, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by **simply scanning your store receipt**. The new app features start-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt and instantly add Box Tops to our library's earnings online. Box tops can also be earned during online shopping.

Learn more about these new details at [www.bboxtops4education.com](http://www.bboxtops4education.com)

**BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP  
OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:**



If you still have the traditional Box Tops clippings at home and **they have not expired**, please send them to the CR Hanna library.

We will still earn cash for the clipped ones until they expire.

Please share this information with your family and friends!

We will collecting both types of box tops all school year.

Any questions can be emailed to [amanning@orionschools.us](mailto:amanning@orionschools.us)

Thank you for supporting your CR Hanna Library!

Mrs. Manning  
Media Center Coordinator





**ORION MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Chad Bahnks, Principal**  
**(309) 526-3392**



**OMS STUDENT COUNCIL:**

Student Council members will be reaching out to parents to schedule a career day at OMS. Details will be released by the beginning of October.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:**

Conferences will be held on October 19, 2023, from 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and on October 20, 2023, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginning October 2, parents may contact the OMS office at (309) 526-3392 if you would like to schedule a conference with your student's teacher(s).

**OMS WINTER ACTIVITIES:**

Wrestling (Grades 5-8)  
Cheerleading (Grades 6-8)  
Boys' Basketball (Grades 7-8)  
Volleyball (Grades 7-8)

**ONLINE GRADES:** Please check your student's grades regularly at: <https://www.teacherease.com>.



**BEING INVOLVED:** Please continue to encourage your child to get involved in activities which are offered to our OMS students. Creating positive experiences for our students will help promote their enthusiasm to learn and grow.

**O'RION:**

Our school dog, Rion, continues to bring smiles and happiness to the hallways and classrooms of OMS.

He is two years old and continues to learn new things all the time. We are working on a second therapy dog certification. We have some wonderful trainers that we have been working with who have helped Rion begin to master obedience and learn new tricks.





**ORION HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Nathan DeBaillie, Principal**  
**309-526-3361**



**OPEN HOUSE AT OHS** - We want to thank all of the parents who attended our open house on Tuesday, August 22. Time and time again, studies have shown that students thrive when their parents show an active interest in their education. We encourage you to become as active as you possibly can in the life of our school.

**HOMECOMING:** Homecoming week will take place October 12-14. Please see the schedule below for event details:

October 12 - 5:00 p.m. - Homecoming Parade starting from the OHS parking lot

October 12 - 5:30 p.m. - Homecoming dinner in the OHS Commons

October 12 - 6:30 p.m. - Community Pep Assembly in the OHS Main Gym

October 13 - 6:30 p.m. - Homecoming Court Introduced

October 13 - 7:00 p.m. - Homecoming game kickoff

October 14 - 7:00 p.m. - Homecoming dance in the OHS Commons.

### **OCTOBER PARENT/TEACHER**

**CONFERENCES** - Orion High School is once again having Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 19, 2023, from 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and Friday, October 20, 2023, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. All high school parents are invited to visit the high school on these days and meet with any or all of your son's/daughter's teachers.

Conferences will be scheduled in ten minute blocks. Please email Tara Stropes, [tstropes@orionschools.us](mailto:tstropes@orionschools.us), after October 1 to schedule your time and day. Virtual conferences may also be held for those with medical needs.

**SENIOR CAPS AND GOWNS** - Meredyth McManus with Herff Jones will be at OHS on October 10 to work with seniors on how to order caps and gowns as well as graduation announcements. She will return on November 7 during lunch periods to assist students with placing their orders.

**OHS YEARBOOK NEWS** - The 2023 edition of the Orion Charger yearbook has arrived and books have been distributed to those students currently at OHS who paid for a yearbook last year at registration. There are four extra yearbooks still available.

Members of the OHS graduating class of 2023 who purchased a yearbook should have it picked up from the high school office before the end of December. Beginning January 1, any unclaimed copies will be released for sale to the public. Records of pre-payment for yearbooks are not maintained after this date.

The high school has several mint-condition copies of Orion Charger yearbooks from 1987 through 2015 available for sale to the public at a generous discount. Contact the high school office to purchase a copy.

### **ORION HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS:**

Anyone interested in Orion High School athletics this winter - all paperwork, physical, and participation fees must be turned in prior to the start of the first practice. Please visit [orion.8to18.com](http://orion.8to18.com) to register.

Girls' Basketball begins October 30, and Boys' Basketball and Wrestling begin November 6. All practice times will be announced at pre-season meetings.



**ORION MUSIC BOOSTERS** has preferred parking behind the concession stand for home football games. The cost is \$3.00 and proceeds go to the Orion Music Boosters.

## NEWS FROM JENNIFER BAKENER OHS GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, October 6 - PSAT/NMSQT (Juniors)

**Seniors** should begin applying to their post-secondary schooling choices. Student transcripts may be requested from the school counselor via the Orion School District website. Some applications will also require a recommendation and/or secondary school report. Early decision deadlines vary from institution to institution so please check with each institution for their deadlines. Early decisions can be either binding (student is legally bound to attend that institution when admitted under early decision) or unbinding (student is not legally bound to accept the offer of admission). The student will need to call each institution to determine whether the decision is binding or unbinding.

Seniors are allowed three days to visit colleges. Many colleges will require placement tests for classes and interviews for scholarships. Saving these days allows the student the flexibility needed for these activities. A college visit may be requested through Mrs. Amador or Mrs. Jackson, office secretaries. The process is the same as any prearranged absence except that there is a yellow college visit form that will need to be signed by an official at the college visited and returned to the high school office in order to confirm the visit.

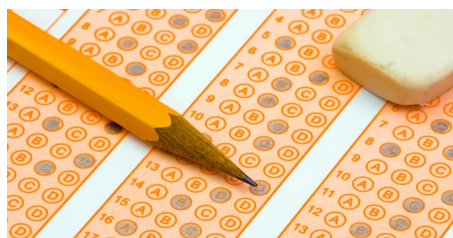
The NEW FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) becomes available this December. Stay tuned for more information. Completing and submitting the FAFSA is not only free and quick, but it gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career school every year. In addition, many states and colleges use your FAFSA data to determine your eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid. Completing the FAFSA as soon as possible is crucial to determine your family's financial need and eligibility for the Federal Pell and Illinois MAP Grants...because the money available will run out. Even though you may not have made a final decision about which college/school you plan to attend next

fall, you should still complete the FAFSA. For any additional information, you may contact Jennifer Bakener, Counselor, at [jbakener@orionschools.us](mailto:jbakener@orionschools.us) or by phone (309) 526-3361, Ext. 1404.



### RECRUITER ACCESS TO STUDENT INFORMATION-

The No Child Left Behind Act requires that schools that receive federal assistance under the act provide recruiters from our armed forces or institutions of higher learning, access to student names and directory information such as addresses and telephone numbers. Orion High School receives assistance under this act. Therefore, we are obligated to provide student directory information to military or college recruiters when it is requested. However, you as parents have certain rights under the act as well. You can request that your child's directory information not be released without your prior written approval. If you do not want your child's name released, please send a signed written note to Orion High School, and we will see that your child's name is not released. Please submit this letter to Orion High School no later than Friday, October 6.



**NURSE'S CORNER** - Parents, if your child goes home ill, they should not be attending events that same day. Flu, strep, colds, all are caused by germs and are contagious. Uncovered coughs, as well, spread germs 10-15 feet, by droplets, like an aerosol spray.

Also, if you give your child medication for pain, cold, or headache, PLEASE give them age-appropriate medication. Too much may cause liver problems or other problems as well. With the current ongoing situation, they may need to stay home.

Cold weather will be here before we know it. Please have your student dress for the weather! Also, the schools tend to be a little chilly so make sure they have a jacket or sweatshirt they can put on. Please have CRH students label their clothing. We get too many items unclaimed. **Just a reminder:** What the students wear to school is what they go to recess in. We do not have coats to borrow. If you need assistance for winter outerwear, please contact the nurse's office.

Remember the food pantry can help those who need assistance (job loss, health issues, loss of income, just to name a few). The pantry is at Orion Village Hall, lower level, the first and third Tuesday of each month from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.



We are still looking for some kindergarten, 2nd, 6th, and 9th grade dentals and kindergarten vision exams.

Please avoid close contact with people who are sick. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. Stay home when you are sick except to get medical care. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

We would like to thank all the parents and students for their cooperation. We are all in this together.



# TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

## HERE'S HOW TO TELL



### STAY HOME IF ...

Your child feels too sick for regular activities

Yellow or green pus appears

The temperature on an oral thermometer reads 100° F or higher (100.4 for an ear, rectal, or forehead temp)

You suspect flu—it spreads rapidly

Your child has a migraine—throbbing, severe pain with moodiness, fatigue, and sensitivity to light

Redness and itchiness affect all or most of your child's body

Your doctor suspects—or diagnoses—strep throat

Your child is vomiting or has uncontrollable diarrhea

### SYMPTOM

← COUGH AND OTHER COLD SYMPTOMS →

← EYE DISCHARGE →

← FEVER →

← FLU →

← HEADACHE →

← RASH →

← SORE THROAT →

← STOMACHACHE →

### GO BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER ...

Fever decreases and your child feels better

The amount of pus decreases, using antibiotic eyedrops for 24 hours

Body temperature reaches normal

Fever has been gone for 24 hours

Taking pain medication

The rash is gone—or the doctor gives the OK

24 hours after beginning antibiotics

Vomiting stops and your child has control of bathroom breaks





# **Orion Christmas For Kids**



**Christmas for Kids is available to any family in the Orion School District who is in need. There are no financial forms to fill out and all information is strictly confidential. Children from age birth to 18 years old are eligible. Please register at:**

**Where: Orion Village Hall**

**When: October 3  
October 17**

**Time: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**For more information please call:  
Kenis Johnson 737-8439  
Sherri Hamilton 314-8285**





## **ORION BACKPACK PROGRAM**

Orion Food Pantry/Orion School District  
Orion, Illinois 61273  
Contact: Lisa McDowell 309-781-0038 or  
Steve Wright 309-234-5209

The Orion Backpack Program is a local mission of the Orion Food Pantry being implemented throughout the Orion School District to address the needs of the children living in extreme poverty (families with an income less than 300% of the federal poverty level).

The Orion Backpack Program provides nutritious kid friendly food to children who live in “food insecure” households (households without consistent access to food) to get them through the weekend when school meals are not available. **This program is provided at no cost to the children or families.**

The Orion Backpack Program provides each participating child with a backpack with 8-10 food items weekly to provide them with food on the weekends when free or reduced cost meals are not available at school. Each backpack contains items such as canned meals (stew, soup, pasta or ravioli), fresh fruits and vegetables when available, granola bars, cereal bars, cereal, canned fruit, instant oatmeal. **The bag is discreetly placed in the child’s backpack on the last day of school each week.** Food for the backpacks is purchased from The Orion IGA and River Bend Food Bank.

The Orion Backpack Program is administered through the Orion Area Food Pantry with funding provided through private donations and local public grants. If you currently receive food from the Food Pantry or are in the SNAP program, you are eligible for this program. You may contact your child’s teacher or the school office to arrange for your child to participate.

# HUNGRY?

## NEED FOOD?

The Orion Area Food Pantry is open the first and third Tuesday of each month from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. to residents of the Orion School District. The pantry is located in the basement of the Village Hall.

Everyone meeting the established DHS monthly gross income limits through self disclosure is eligible, without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability.

DHS MAXIMUM MONTHLY GROSS INCOME FOR RECEIPT OF USDA COMMODITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 (July 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024)					
Household Size	1	2	3	4	5
Monthly Income	\$3,645	\$4,930	\$6,215	\$7,500	\$8,785
Household Size	6	7	8	9	10
Monthly Income	\$10,070	\$11,355	\$12,640	\$13,925	\$15,210
For households with more than 10 persons, add \$1,285 for each additional person					