

HOME BULLETIN
April 1, 2009

WELCOME BACK

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Spring Vacation last week. Trips to places as far away as Nicaragua and as close as Sheboygan were enjoyed by all. Perhaps the only lament heard concerned our late season snow storm – but even that was not as bad as it could have been. Please join me in praising God for taking care of us during this time away from school. We especially thank God for watching over those who were in accidents.

TEACHER CONTRACTS

Part-time teacher contracts were issued today for the 2009-2010 school year. Please be in prayer for our teachers as they seek God's will for their lives. Join me in praising God for all our full-time teachers. Each full-time teacher signed their contracts indicating they will return next year.

PART-TIME STUDENTS AT O.C.S.

Do you know parents who home-school their children? Are these parents aware of the fact that OCS accepts part-time students in grades 6-8? Please let your home-school friends know that OCS accepts part-time students in all middle school classes. We currently have two part-time students in our middle school. Both students take part in our science program. With small class sizes this is an ideal opportunity for home-school parents to have their children receive distinctively Christian, quality education outside the home.

4K REGISTRATION

Although final registration for grades K – 8 takes place in early August, registration for our 4K class has already begun. Please come in and pick up the information needed to register your child. We will decide on the number of sessions to open based on the number of children enrolled. Those registering first will have the first opportunity to choose the session they want if we do have more than one session. Please call the school office for more information (564-2664). Thank you.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Oostburg Christian School is partnering with the Christian School Tuition Service of Fulton, Illinois, to determine how best to distribute the school's tuition assistance to those seeking help paying tuition expenses for 2009 – 2010. This "outside" service can impartially evaluate family needs. The only charge is \$15 per family payable to Christian School Tuition Service and sent in with the application. Please call the school office and ask for an application if you so desire. All applications should be sent in by April 30, 2009. Please remember that families currently receiving aid through the TAP fund must fill out an application and use this service if they wish to continue that assistance in 2009 – 2010.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our optional, spring Parent / Teacher Conferences will be held the evening of Tuesday, April 14, 2009. Please call the school office if you would like to meet with your child's teacher. Teachers will also be notifying parents of conferences if such meetings are needed.

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Tomorrow, April 2, is our next Cabin Fever Reliever date. This is a playtime for energetic children and their caregivers in our gymnasium from 8:30 – 10:00 AM. Everyone is invited to attend – whether preschool aged, home schooled, public schooled or Christian schooled. Anyone curious to see the rest of the school is welcome to walk through during this time as well.

LINK YOUR DIGITAL CALENDAR TO THE O.C.S. CALENDAR

Through a new service offered by our website provider, you are now able to link to our school calendar and add all the OCS events to your personal digital calendars. Simply go to our calendar, click on "ical" and follow the directions. We hope this will help you plan family, church, and school events.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT CONTINUES

We continue to collect funds for the Mission To The World Karen hill tribe orphanage and irrigation projects. So far we have collected \$1212.15 of the total of \$1950 needed to complete both projects. Won't you please consider helping us to reach our goal? We will continue this drive until the end of this school year. Thank you!

NESTLE WATER

Do you drink Nestle bottled water? Please save the label from these bottles and put them in our barrel along with your Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels. The barrel is located near the office and labeled Kash for Kids. Thanks for helping keep tuition down!

ACCREDITATION

Our site visitors will be here next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to evaluate our school for accreditation. Site visit team members may contact parents for an informal interview. Please pray for safe traveling and a good time of fellowship as well as assessment.

LAPTOP NEEDED

The Scrip committee is interested in a laptop, one which you may no longer be using, for the Scrip records. The very committed Scrip team who work on this every week need to pass the electronic information back and forth and it would be very helpful if the laptop was available for this use. If you or someone you know has one that isn't being used, the school could put it to good use. Please contact Mary Swihart (564-3882). Thanks.

MAKE IT GROW

You may have noticed the tees hanging in Mr. Adams office window. These were created by Wendy Eckwielen who is participating in the *Make It Grow* project that was from our Heart for Education Auction in November. Wendy is selling the t-shirts for \$12 in lime green, sapphire blue, and jade. They are available in Youth M, L and Adult S, M, and L. They will only be for sale until they are sold out so be sure to get yours soon. Just call Wendy at 694-0819.

\$75 grew into \$278 from the benches that the Paul and Levi Modahl made for our families! Praise the Lord and thank you to the Modahls for their work to *Make It Grow*!

JUMPING JUPITER

Do you remember the fun your children had last year playing in the Jumping Jupiter the weekend of the Run-Jog-Walkathon and the Unity Bike Ride? The Bike Ride committee would like to bring that back at no charge to our families, but we need people who will volunteer to supervise it. We don't want anyone hurt or any other kinds of accidents because there was no adult supervision. If you can help out either Friday night after the RJW, or sometime during the day on Saturday, would you please call Carolyn Morgen (564-467-1180) or Beth Modahl (564-6512)

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

Watch for two exciting new programs to enhance our Scrip fund-raiser. Plans are being made and we will launch them soon!

NIGHT OF PRAISE – APRIL 18, 2009


Gear up for a fun night with your family of all ages! You should have received an invitation to this participatory activity for the whole family. Each student and a guest will be participating and all others who join us will enjoy the fun as well. Snacks and drink will be available to all!


We look forward to participation by as many parents and students as possible. Please return the RSVP slips either way, so that we can re-organize our Unity Groups and participating guests in preparation for the evening. If you didn't get the notice or have any questions, call Bonnie Van Ess (564-4207)


Our annual Friend of Christian Education award will be presented as well. Plan on attending this evening which promises to be enjoyable for all.


RUN – JOG –WALKATHON –May 15, 2009


Please watch this space each week for updates and information about the Run-Jog-Walkathon.


 **ARE YOU IN?** Mrs. Heather Johnson was delightful in charging up our kids at the kick-off just before spring break. Here are some of the highlights:

 Pizza Party on the April 17 for the class that's ahead half-way through.

 Blue Harbor party for the class that wins!

 Free bike helmet for all students who bring in \$100 or over

 Our goal is \$22,000. We want you to know that we appreciate **all** the effort you put forth as parents to help your students get out there and pick up sponsors for the RJW.

 For students in Grades 6-8 who would like to participate in the Unity Bike Ride, they may do so if they raise \$35 or more for the Run-Jog-Walkathon. All they need to do is fill out the regular registration form. Just a heads up for you as parents: last year, some of our students went in groups, and were accompanied by one of the committee members because it was similar to a field trip. This year, because of the change in structure, there will be no supervision for the behavior or safety of the students by our committee or volunteers.

 Students younger than grade 6 are encouraged to attend as well, and will need to register as a family for this event.

Spaghetti Supper – May 15, 2009

We need some cakes donated for this dinner. Would you or someone you know be willing to bake a cake? Just call Lisa Roerdink (564-3477)

Unity Bike Ride—May 16, 2009

We are getting registrations already. Please pray with us for 400 riders for this event. Our website hits keep going up and someone from Illinois is considering bringing his motor home with his friends. The word is spreading!

Spring Fry—May 16, 2009

Fresh brats and hamburgers served from 11:30-3:00 pm. Sure to delight all! Even if you don't take the ride, you'll want to come and eat!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER SCHOOL

A class listing and registration form is available in the O.C.S. office for the Cedar Grove/Belgium School's summer school program. The deadline to register is April 24.

There is also a brochure available in the school office for summer courses offered at the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh.

MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

There is a calendar of events taking place during April sponsored by the Sheboygan Early Childhood Council available in the school office. These events are open to parents and their preschool through grade 2 aged children.

CAMP CALVIN

An informational/registration brochure for Camp Calvin (June 22-27, 2009) is available in the O.C.S. office.

MILWAUKEE BUCKS/UWM SALUTE TO STUDENTS NIGHT

Order forms and information for specially priced tickets for this evening (April 4), when the Bucks play the Memphis Grizzlies, are available in the school office.

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

The Dykstra Engineering Women's Volleyball Team will be holding a Volleyball Clinic on Saturday, April 25, for girls in grades 1-8. Information and a registration form is available in the school office. The deadline to register is April 15. **Please note:** The location of this clinic has been changed to Oostburg Christian School.

DORDT DISCOVERY DAYS

Dordt Discovery Days, our summer camp for students who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grades, is set for **June 22-26, 2009**. The week offers some exciting new classes like How do They do That?, Radio Drama, and Beginning Knitting. Returning favorites include War and Soldiering, Design on a Dime, and Digital Scrapbooking. More than 30 courses will be posted in early March at www.dordt.edu/events/ddd with registration opening at 12:00:01 a.m. on March 25. Registration fees are \$300 and three attendance options remain: Day Campers (9 a.m.-4 p.m.), Commuters (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) and Residents (students stay in a residence hall Mon-Thurs. evenings). If you have questions, call 712-722-6029 and ask to speak with Dianne DeWitt.

GREEN BAY PACKERS YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

Please check out www.packerscamps.com for information on community-based non-contact football camps for kids ages 6 to 14 featuring Green Bay Packers heroes and professional educators.

SCCHS FORENSIC TEAM

SCCHS Forensics Team will be featured on Friday night, April 3, at the Cracked Shoe Coffee House in Cedar Grove. Come from 7:00-9:00 p.m. to hear our award winning team! The Forensics Team is having a great season and here is your chance to hear them.

CALENDAR

April 2	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30-10:00 AM
April 3	End of 3 rd Quarter
April 6-8	Accreditation Visit
April 8	Chicken Wrap Hot Lunch
April 9	Report Cards 10:30 Moms In Touch
April 10	Good Friday- No School

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

*Sheboygan County Division of Public Health April Tid-Bit Times