

HOME BULLETIN
April 15, 2009

NIGHT OF PRAISE

Do you ever watch commercials? Well, you won't want to miss the Night of Praise on Saturday night: All the students in school will be featured on the commercials (at least once)!

Other features include:

- Offering will be for a new Technology curriculum for next year
- Friend of Christian Education Award will be presented
- Our students will enjoy a fun competition of questions and answers with adult help!

PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER

It's the last Class of 2009 fund raiser!! Eighth grade students need everyone's HELP!!! They need you to ask friends, neighbors, and family members to come to the Pizza Ranch on MONDAY, APRIL 20!!! The class makes money from tips and from total profits from the evening. THEY WILL HAVE A SUCCESSFUL EVENING ONLY IF YOU COME AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO COME!!!! INVITE EVERYONE YOU KNOW for a great buffet at the RANCH!!!

2009 – 2010 CALENDAR

Please find the revised calendar for the 2009 . 2010 school year attached to this Blue Note. Please notice Spring Break has changed and is now the week of March 29 . April 2. This moves Spring Break to the week of Good Friday. Oostburg Public made this change because the state basketball tournaments have been moved back one week. Oostburg would hate to have a team at state during their Spring Break. We follow Oostburg's calendar as much as possible because many of our students are bussed on the Oostburg busses.

AN ACCREDITATION THANK YOU

Although we have not received the official Visiting Team Narrative Report+with all the accompanying commendations and recommendations; the board and staff did have a chance to hear a quick summary of the report last Wednesday afternoon. Dave VanSwol, chairperson of the accrediting visit team, summed up the entire visit by saying that Oostburg Christian School is exactly what it states it is. O.C.S. is a Christ-centered school . and this was seen and felt the entire time the site team was here. Yes, the visiting team is also recommending O.C.S. be re-accredited. For this great news we praise God! Also we thank all those who were part of the accrediting process. Please join me in thanking Joyce Eggebeen who worked as the chair person of our school's self evaluation committee. Also, many thanks to our hard working teachers and staff who daily bring Jesus into every facet of our school. To God be the glory!

AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND A 3-K PROGRAM?

Yes, O.C.S. is looking into possibly starting a 3-K program next year. The Education Committee has decided to study this option after being asked by parents if we have such a program and after checking with other Christian schools. O.C.S. is also evaluating our After School program which currently runs from 11:00 AM until 3:20 PM each day. Please fill out the attached survey and return it to school by April 24. Thank you for your cooperation.

MAY/JUNE HOT LUNCH ORDER FORM

It's hard to believe it's that time already, but the final hot lunch order form for the school year is attached to this Blue Note. Please fill it in, attach payment, and return it to school NO LATER THAN Wednesday, April 28. Thank you. We would like to take this opportunity to once again sincerely thank Dawn De Master and Sue Schnelle for providing us with a delicious warm lunch once a week.

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Tomorrow, April 16, 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.

ATTN. 8TH GRADE PARENTS!

The WIAA requires all high school athletes to have a physical every other year. Physicals received after April 1, 2008 are good for the 2009-10 school year. Current physicals are required before an athlete may begin practice for any sport. The St. Nicholas Hospital Athletic Health Center will again be conducting WIAA pre-season physicals for those planning to participate in athletics at SCCHS during the 2009-10 school year. Each Sheboygan high school receives a limited number of physical times, so athletes planning to attend SCCHS who need a physical should call Sheboygan County Christian HS (458-9981) before Thursday, April 24. The physicals will be done on May 11 and May 18 from 5:40 p.m. - 8:20 p.m. and cost \$20/athlete. This money is returned to the school for use in its athletic program. Once you have secured a physical day and time, an information packet will be given to the athlete. This packet will contain forms to complete and information about the physical. If you have any questions, please call Deb at 458-9981.

PROMOTION

The best promotional tool Oostburg Christian School has is the good words of parents who send their children to our school. Parents, keep up the great work! We are currently in contact with new families who are considering OCS for their children. Remember, if you promote our school and a family decides to enroll their child because of the contact they have had with you; you will receive a \$750 credit towards your tuition. You may designate this credit to the new family, share it with the new family, or use it totally towards your own tuition. Please join the school board in praying and working so new families can receive Christ-centered, quality education for their children.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Students currently in grades 5 & 6 should have brought an information sheet home last week regarding immunization requirements and clinics for the upcoming school year. Parents, please ask them for this sheet so you can have your child's immunizations up-to-date for the 2009/2010 school year. If you did not receive this information from your child, please call the school office.

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.

4 K REGISTRATIONS

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.

GENERAL MILLS PRODUCTS

What is your family's favorite cereal? Cheerios or other General Mills brands? Please save the Box Tops for Education labels and bring them to school sometime. Just drop them in the barrel located near the office labeled Kash for Kids. Thanks for helping keep tuition down!

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

Have you picked up a great tee from Wendy Eckwielen? She's made an exciting new design that all family members would like to wear. See the poster near the display in Mr. Adams' office window.

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

Scrip is available in the office during school hours Mon-Friday. It is also available on Thursday nights from 3:30-5:30 p.m. If you would like to participate but cannot get to school to pick up, please call Melanie Wisse (564-6031) or Mary Swihart (564-3882) We will look for a way to help you.

NIGHT OF PRAISE – APRIL 18, 2009

That's this coming Saturday night! One of the special events of the night will be the commercials featuring our students. Mrs. Smies reports that ALL students are featured at least once—you won't want to miss it. See the attached flyer.

Please call Bonnie Van Ess if you can still come with your student/family. (564-4207)

RUN – JOG –WALKATHON –May 15, 2009

ARE YOU IN? –The class with the most dollars tomorrow at 12:00 noon will have a pizza party on Friday! Get your money in now!!!

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

Registrations are coming in and sponsors are signing up! Please go to www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride and pick up your registration form and all information about this exciting event. We had over 100 hits to the website again in the last seven days! Please pray for this event.

Spring Fry—May 16, 2009

Below is a list of grocery items that we need for the Spring Fry. If you could purchase one or more of the items listed, please call Teresa VerVelde (254-1335). By getting these items donated, we help build the profit for this event! Thanks so much.

SPRING FRY DONATION LIST

Bottle of Ketchup (24 oz)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Bottle of Mustard (16 oz)

1. Joyce Eggebeen
2. Joyce Eggebeen

Jar of Hamburger Pickles (1 quart)

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____ 6. _____

Box of Potato Chips

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____ 6. _____
- 7. _____ 8. _____
- 9. _____ 10. _____
- 11. _____ 12. _____

Box of Plastic Forks (48 count)

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____

Box of Plastic Spoons

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____ 6. _____

Bag of Apples (dozen)

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____

Bag of Oranges (dozen)

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____

Charcoal (18 lbs bag)

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____

Foam Round Plates (75 count)

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____

Foam 8oz Coffee Cups (75 count)

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____

Cherry Jello (large box)

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____ 6. _____
- 7. _____ 8. _____

Cherry Jello (cont.)

- 9. _____ 10. _____
- 11. _____ 12. _____
- 13. _____ 14. _____
- 15. _____

Cool Whip (16oz)

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____ 6. _____

Napkins (250 count)

- 1. Joyce Eggebeen 2. Joyce Eggebeen

Can of Decaf Coffee (1 pound)

- 1. _____ 2. _____

Charcoal Lighter Fluid (1 quart)

- 1. _____ 2. _____

Contact Teresa VerVelde at 254-1335 if you can bring any of these items! Thanks so much for helping to keep the cost of our grocery bill lower!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

COACHES NEEDED

Sheboygan County Christian High School is seeking coaches for its fall sports. Girls' varsity and JV volleyball coaches and boys' varsity and JV soccer coaches are needed. Please request more information and/or an application by calling Deb at 458-9981 or e-mailing dvandrunen@scchs.com.

OOSTBURG YOUTH FOOTBALL

Mandatory registration and parent/coaches meeting for this program will take place on Monday, April 27, at 7:00 PM at the Oostburg High School auditorium. All youth in grades 5,6,7 or 8 next fall who are interest should attend this meeting with a parent or guardian. For more information, visit www.oostburgfootball.org or contact Bob Launer at 920-207-9387 or rlauner@wi/rr.com.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

"The High School Youth Group at First Oostburg CRC is planning to go to Bangkok, Thailand to work with missionaries Dave and Jan Veldhorst during the summer of 2010. You are invited to join us for a bake sale to help raise support for our trip and work. We will be selling these delicious, delectable delights from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, in front of the Mentink's Piggly Wiggly. Who knows...God may use your purchase to help someone on the other side of the globe come to faith in Jesus Christ. Never before has a cookie been so powerful!"

BIBLE BEE

There are information flyers in the school office regarding the Shelby Kennedy Foundation very first National Bible Bee (www.biblebee.org), a Bible memory competition for children and youth from ages 7 to 18.

SUMMER SCHOOL

A class listing and registration form is available in the O.C.S. office for the Cedar Grove/Belgium Schools 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.

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.

GREEN BAY PREVEA TITLETOWN 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Registration for this event which will be held on May 30 is available in the school office. Mail-in registration deadline is May 6, online registration deadline is May 11.

OOSTBURG PUBLIC SCHOOL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

This event is being held on Friday, April 24, from 6:00 . 7:30 PM at the Oostburg Elementary School Gym. Cost is \$5 per family.

CALENDAR

April 16	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30-10:00 AM Noon Deadline to Qualify for R-J-W Class Competition
April 18	Night of Praise
April 20	8 th Grade Pizza Ranch Fundraiser
April 22	Pizza Lunch/6 th Gr. Lunch Buddies
April 23	7 th Grade to Mead Library Momø In Touch 10:30

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

May & June Hot Lunch Order Form

*After Care & 3K Survey

*Night of Praise Flyer

*Revised 2009/2010 Calendar