

HOME BULLETIN
April 8, 2009

“The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus; who was crucified. He is not here; HE IS RISEN, JUST AS HE SAID.’”

Matthew 28:5 – 6

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

There will be no school this Friday as we begin to celebrate our Lord's victory over sin and death. School will resume Monday, April 13. Have a blessed Easter vacation.

EARLY DISMISSAL DATE

Next Wednesday, April 15, is our monthly early release date. School will dismiss at 1:20 PM. Buses will run at that time.

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.

NIGHT OF PRAISE

The Night of Praise is approaching fast! Next week Saturday, April 18, please join us for a time of fellowship and praise. Check The GRACE Place for more information concerning this great night.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our optional, spring Parent / Teacher Conferences will be held next week 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.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Our Jr. High students are hard at work for our upcoming music events. On Thursday, April 30, at 6:30 PM, O.C.S. will host our own mini-music festival, with students performing solo and ensemble events, and the choirs and band will perform. On Friday, May 8, our students will travel to Brookfield to participate in our Wisconsin School's Music Festival. All Jr. High students will be involved in both of these events. Please join us!

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Students currently in grades 5 & 6 should be bringing an information sheet home 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT CONTINUES

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.

ACCREDITATION

Our site team visitors are finishing up their work on our Accreditation. We were able to welcome Dave Van Swol and Sara Van Groningen from Racine, Cheryl Jaeger from Fond du Lac, Enno Haan from Delevan, Ann Buyze, retired educator, and Kathy Andringa from Sheboygan as our site visitors. We thank them for their time to evaluate our school. Reports will be issued later.

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.

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)

Attention... all Oostburg Christian School Moms!

Please join us tomorrow in the school library at 10:30 a.m. for a time of prayer for our school and your child. If you have little ones, we have FREE childcare. Infants are cared for in the 1st CRC church nursery by Krista Gulke and older, more energetic ones can run and play with balls in the gym with Anthony Walvoort. We will end promptly at 11:45 a.m. We only have 4 more Mom's In Touch (MIT) meetings left this year. We meet tomorrow, April 23, May 14, and May 28. Please join us for this encouraging and fulfilling time to draw near to God. Please call Sue Dykstra 564-4212 to sign up your child for FREE childcare or if you are interested in praying, but Thursday mornings don't work for you. Lamentations 2:19 ~~Arise~~, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street+

The GRACE Place

Thank you for using Scrip. The Scrip Store is open every day during school hours and on Thursday nights between 3:30 and 5:30. Only a few more months left on our Kwik Trip "special"—stop in and buy ahead. Don't miss out on great percentages!

NIGHT OF PRAISE – APRIL 18, 2009





See the attached flyer this week. If you 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

ARE YOU IN? –The class with the most dollars next week Thursday (16th) at 12:00 noon will have a pizza party on Friday, the 17th! Get your money in now!!!

Some of this year's features:

-  Pizza Party on the April 17 for the class that's ahead—that's next week!
-  Blue Harbor party for the class that wins!
-  Free bike helmet for all students who bring in \$100 or more.
-  Our goal is \$22,000. This is shaping up to be an exciting weekend.

Please remember: 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 adult supervision 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. This has proven to be a great family outing!

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)

Spring Fry—May 16, 2009

We are serving brats and hamburgers straight off the grill on Saturday, May 16 during the Bike Ride! This ala carte menu is popular and you won't want to miss it!

Unity Bike Ride—May 16, 2009

There is much excitement building for this event—registrations are coming in and the committee is working out all the details. Please pray with us for a warm day!

Soccer Ride—Several parents asked about a Soccer Ride last year in connection with the Unity Ride—this would involve parents whose students were playing soccer during the morning, but wanted to get in on some of the fun of this event and take a short ride. We will offer the opportunity to have a Soccer Ride—families are encouraged to be at school, eat some lunch, and be ready to ride between 12:00 and 1:00. We will keep the rest stop at Smies Beach open for the 10 or 15-mile ride and the rest stop at Belgium open if you choose the 35-mile ride (straight down the trail) until 2:00. Pre-registration for this later start would be most helpful as we plan the day. Registration forms are on the website.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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.

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 are 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.

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 9	Report Cards 10:30 Moms In Touch
April 10	Good Friday- No School
April 14	Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 15	Gr. 3 & 4 to Symphony Corn Dog Lunch 1:20 PM Dismissal
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