

HOME BULLETIN
December 10, 2008

O.C.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Next Thursday, December 18, is the date for our all-school Christmas concert. The concert will be held in the O.C.S. gym beginning at 7:00 PM. All students, 4K . 8th grade, will be featured. Concert attire for students is white tops and black bottoms. Check with friends and classmates to see if you can swap clothes from previous years.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Next Wednesday, December 17, is our monthly early dismissal date. School will dismiss at 1:20 PM and busses will run at that time. There will be no afternoon care beyond 1:20 that day.

COLD WEATHER REMINDER

Parents are reminded that students will be going out for recess unless the temperature goes below zero. It is very important for children to get fresh air and exercise as much as possible during the winter months. Please dress your children in layers with snow pants, gloves, and a face/head covering. Thank you.

BLUE NOTE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to technology issues we have experienced this week, we have been unable to access any e-mail sent to the school. If you sent a Blue Announcement this week, we did not receive it and you will not see it in this Blue Note. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

8TH GRADE PIZZA RANCH FUND RAISER

Parents, grandparents, students, and friends are invited to support the eighth graders at a fund raiser at Pizza Ranch next Monday, Dec. 15. All tips and 10% of the profits from the evening sales will go toward the eighth grade graduation trip. Take a break from your Christmas activities and stop in Pizza Ranch to help our eighth graders with this fund-raising project!!

SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8:30 AM

Parents, please remember that school begins at 8:30 AM and teachers are not on duty watching the playground until 8:15. Please do not bring your children to school until that time. If you have an emergency, please call the school office and let us know that your child will be here before the normal time. Thank you.

RE-ACCREDITATION

Today was the deadline for handing in the surveys which are part of our re-accreditation process. Your opinion is important to us. We sincerely appreciate your feedback. If you still have your survey, please fill it out and send it to school tomorrow. Thank you.

JANUARY HOT LUCH ORDER

The January order form is attached to this Blue Note. Please fill it in, attach payment, and return it to school NO LATER THAN next Wednesday, December 17. We ask that you be considerate of the wonderful moms who work so hard to provide these delicious lunches by handing in your order on time and NOT calling them at home if you failed to get your order in by the deadline. And, next time you see Dawn De Master or Sue Schnelle, thank them for their service to all of us in this way.

APPLES FOR THE TEACHER

Please keep picking apples! Look at the trees in the main lobby and pick up something special for your favorite this holiday season.

THANK YOU!

Thank you again to everyone who donated food during our Thanksgiving chapel. We received the following thank you from the Campus Life Staff: Thank you for your donation for the Campus Life Food Pantry. We are thankful we can offer assistance to those who are in need. Our hope is to not only meet physical needs, but spiritual needs as well. Your gift is a blessing to us as well as many Sheboygan area needy. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT AT O.C.S.

Christmas is a time of giving. This year we have a wonderful opportunity to give to others in the name of our Savior. Our Christmas project is to help the hill tribe people in Thailand. For only \$700 we can build an orphanage in Baan Naakklang Village, and also care for the orphans. The children will be given food, shelter, and biblical training. Another \$1250 can supply Baan Naakklang with a water system that will help this village be self sustaining. This system would provide clean water for the people, and irrigate fields, providing a rice crop that can be used and some sold for income. Only \$625 more would help Palambi Village clear land and purchase seeds in order to grow its own food supply. We are encouraging students to give up a Christmas gift and give the money, or to do some jobs and earn money to give. So far we have raised \$143.50. What a privilege to be able to give as we have been blessed. We have so much! We freely you have received, freely give.+ Matt. 10:8b

TUITION DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are a wonderful time for celebrations and giving gifts. Please do not allow the activities of the season to cause you to fall behind in tuition payments. Remember, tuition is due the 15th of each month. Thank you.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Parents and guardians are reminded that students should have an emergency plan in case we dismiss early or if school is cancelled. With winter around the corner the possibility of weather related closings is very real. Students will be allowed to make emergency phone calls, and school will stay open until transportation arrives for all students. Parents and guardians are asked to notify the school office if someone other than themselves will be providing transportation for the children. Please listen to WHBL radio (1330 on your AM dial) for closing information due to weather. Or, you can also go to their website at www.whbl.com for a listing of current cancellations. Remember, if Oostburg Public Schools close due to inclement weather, so do we (bussing).

CANDY CANE SALE

Our third annual candy cane sale is now in progress. All proceeds will go to benefit a local family in need. The 7th graders will be selling the candy canes during the junior high lunch break and during the all-school morning recess.

PIZZA FOR SUPPER

Lower your stress this month by stopping in for some quick and easy meals. We have pizzas in the freezer in OUR kitchen, but they would be much better in YOURS! Pick your favorite, pay in the office, and you will enjoy a stress-free evening.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** OCS Gift Wrapping and Bake Sale** - A group of people have accepted the "make it grow" challenge and are organizing a gift wrap and bake sale to help raise money for the school. **Dates** are Tuesday, December 16 from 3:30 - 8:00 p.m. and Friday, December 19 from 3:30- 8:00 p.m.

Call Patti at 564-3221 if you can lend a hand. We still need

-Adults and students who will bake holiday cookies and candies and package them to sell at our bake sale.

-People to wrap gifts.

-Public relations people who will invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to come and have their gifts wrapped and shop our bake sale.

-Support of OCS families through prayer and participation.

Stocking Stuffers - Andrea Du Mez has put together Recipes from our 2008 Heart for Education Auction. These Cook Booklets make great stocking stuffers and will be available at the Gift Wrapping and Bake sale.

*Attention, Moms! Here is an opportunity for you to become part of a group called Moms In Touch International. It is a group of mothers who meet for one hour each week to pray for their children and the schools they attend. A new group is being formed at Oostburg Christian School. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday in the school library from 10:30 - 11:45 AM beginning in January. Childcare will be provided. If you are interested in being a part of this praying support group, please contact Sue Dykstra 564-4212 or susandykstra@wi.rr.com.

Would you be willing to offer childcare on a Thursday morning so Moms can gather to pray for their children and Oostburg Christian School? It would be from 10:15 until noon the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month beginning in January. If you could help even once a month it would be greatly appreciated. Questions and more details... please call Sue Dykstra 564-4212.

The GRACE Place

GOOD SEARCH

We are so pleased to have received a check this week from Good Search for \$125.10. That is free money: no committee had to plan it, no date had to be found to hold it, no bars had to be baked, or food prepared. It's this easy—just use www.goodsearch.com as your favorite search engine when you use the internet. Choose Oostburg Christian as your favorite charity and they send a check! It doesn't get easier than that!

SCRIP

- We had a great sale of Scrip on Grandparents' Day. Thanks for your support!
- Some new families were introduced to Scrip this week. That will help to boost sales and keep your tuition down.
- Will you stop in before Christmas and let your shopping help the school and your tuition? Don't know about it—just ask. We're glad to explain it.

CHARGER SHOOTOUT

While it seems a long ways off, this event is just a few short weeks away! We need several time slots filled yet. Would you be willing to give us a hand, over and above your required GRACE hours? Do you know a parent, grandparent who would be willing to help out? Check your schedules and call Jackie Daane (564-2607) for the scorebook and admissions spots and Lynn Walvoort (564-6027) if you can give her a hand in the kitchen! (Can you believe those two phone numbers are so similar—dial carefully!!)

Help needed:

Thursday, January 29—two workers to help in kitchen from 6:00 p.m. until close.

Saturday, January 31—one fryer to start at 9:00 a.m.

----one person to help in the kitchen from 3:30-7:30 or until done

Thursday, February 5—one worker to do scorebook* from 4:00 p.m. and on

--one worker to do admissions from 3:30-6:00 p.m.

Friday, February 6—one worker to do scorebook* from 4:00 p.m. and on

---one worker to do admissions from 3:30-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 7—workers to do scorebook* all day starting at 8:15 a.m.

----two workers to do kitchen help starting at 3:30 p.m.

---one worker to do kitchen help starting at 6:00 p.m.

*this is someone who has had experience with this job. All other positions, you get on-the-job training!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Have you been shopping online this year? If you do your shopping through Box Tops for Education online, school gets and 8% rebate! See the sheet attached to the blue note today with the list of stores available for this opportunity. Just go to www.btfe.com for a listing of all your favorite stores including **Kohls and Walmart!!** Start today!

CALENDAR

December 11	B-Ball	Girls5/6 @ SM 4:30 Boys5/6 @ HF 6:30 Girls7/8 vs OMS 4:30
December 12 & 13	B-Ball	Girls5/6 and Girls7/8 OMS Tourny
December 15		8 th Grade Fundraiser at Pizza Ranch B-Ball Boys5/6 vs SCS5 5:00
December 16	B-Ball	Girls7/8 vs SCS 4:30 Boys7/8 vs SCS 5:30
December 18		Christmas Concert 7:00 PM

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

- *January Hot Lunch Order Form
- *Boxtops for Education Marketplace List
- *Sheboygan County Division of Public Health Tid-Bit Times
- *\$crip Form