

**HOME BULLETIN**  
**December 9, 2009**

**O.C.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Next Thursday, December 17, is our all-school Christmas concert. The concert will begin at 6:30 and will feature praises to our Savior sung by all our students. Students should dress in concert attire – black bottoms and white tops, please. Borrow from other families or visit the local second-hand shops. If there is interest, we can also set up a swap table. Questions? Please call Mrs. DeMaster at 564-3757. We are also looking for small costumes from other countries – please call Mrs. DeMaster if you have access to any.

**EARLY DISMISSALS IN DECEMBER**

Next Wednesday, December 16, 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. Also, please plan for our noon dismissal on Wednesday, December 23. This will be the start of our Christmas break. There is no Afternoon Care on December 23. School will resume on Monday, January 4, 2010. Thank you.

**DECEMBER 9 HOT LUNCH**

The chicken patty hot lunch that was scheduled for Dec. 9 has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 6. If you paid for the Dec. 9 hot lunch there will be no charge for this hot lunch. Just fill in the order form but you do not have to pay for this one. If you didn't order for the Dec. 9 lunch but would like to for the Jan. 6 lunch you may do so, just include payment for this lunch also.

**ATTENTION BASKETBALL PARENTS**

To all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> basketball parents from last season: We are missing six uniforms. Please check your closets, corners and under your beds. You can make the return anonymously by placing the uniform in a bag and dropping it in the teacher workroom. No one will ask questions. Thanks for checking.

**VOLLEYBALL PARENTS**

If you took some pictures at volleyball games this year or if you have a team picture of the girls, would you please e-mail them to Mary Swihart at [rmswihart@verizon.net](mailto:rmswihart@verizon.net)? They will be used for the yearbook and would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please call 627-3882.

**COLD WEATHER REMINDER**

Parents are reminded that students will be going out for recess unless the temperature or wind-chill is 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 face/head covering. 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 here 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. You can also go to [www.whbl.com](http://www.whbl.com) and click on "Cancellations" on the left side of the home page. Parents may also tune into channel 4 and 12 on their TV for closing information. Remember, if Oostburg Public Schools close due to inclement weather, so do we (bussing).

**CHRISTMAS PROJECT AT O.C.S.**

This year's Christmas project is actually a continuation of a project we are undertaking all year long. Our Unity Groups have committed to "sponsoring" children for one year at the Tesoros de Dios ministry. Tesoros de Dios, translated *Treasures of God*, is located in Managua, Nicaragua. This ministry, directed by O.C.S. alumna, Michelle Adams, provides developmentally disabled children and their families with the basic tools necessary for life-long

growth. It does this through programs in personal health, special needs education, and Christ-centered spiritual growth.

The Unity Groups at O.C.S. have formed pairs to share the cost of the sponsorship of a child. It costs \$25 per month or \$300 per year to sponsor a child. This means each Unity Group is responsible for raising \$12.50 each month for their child. Since we have twenty Unity Groups we have the opportunity to be a blessing to ten needy children in Nicaragua.

Please remind your children of this project. This Christmas we will not be exchanging gifts in our classrooms, and we are asking children not to bring a gift for their teachers. Instead we would like our children to bring any money they would normally spend on these gifts to their Unity Group to support their child. Please help us share Christ's love this Christmas and throughout the school year in Nicaragua. Thank you.

### **NEW TESTAMENT GIFT BAGS**

The Promotion committee has made New Testaments available to all of our families in a nice gift bag for \$1.00 each. This is a creative way to spread the Good News to others this holiday season. The gift bags include an invitation which you can fill out to invite others to visit your church also. Please stop in the school office if you are interested in picking up some of these bags.

### **TUITION DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

The holidays are a wonderful time of 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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thank you.

### **PRIVATE NOTES**

The Oostburg Christian School Board is seeking private notes to help finance the ongoing operations of the school as well as to repay a previously issued note that has been called in for payment. These notes will bear interest and terms as set forth in the schedule below. We are requesting a minimum note value of \$1,000. Please contact Justin Zylstra at 207-9990 or Brian DeMaster at 564-6963 for more information.

<u>Term</u>	<u>Minimum Deposit</u>	<u>OCS RATE</u>
36 month	\$1,000.00	2.50%
48 month	\$2,500.00	3.00%
60 month	\$5,000.00	4.00%
10 Year	\$10,000.00	5.00%

### **BRRR!!!**

Winter is here, and so is the cold weather that can be so brutal. Last year Hartman Chiropractic generously donated some hats, mittens, and gloves to OCS. This year they have donated winter coats. If you are in need of any of these items, please come to the school office. All requests will be kept confidential.

### **AUCTION ITEMS**

There are still a few auction items left. Call Jocelyn Wiebe on her cell phone to make arrangements for pick-up 287-1111.

- Tickets for Men of Harmony concert on April 24. Value \$100—make us an offer!
- \$50 off your limo at Stardust Executive Limousine
- All-sport season ticket at SCCHS.
- Estate planning at Rice and Bohrofen, Attorneys
- Two tickets to Road America for next season.
- Poll volleyball net
- One Sunflower bouquet available from Doris Hendrikse
- There are also gift certificates from Lakeshore Hair, Oil and Lube from Mueller, Lakeshore Lanes, Art's Display and Candy Creations.

## **OCEF**

The Oostburg Community Education Foundation is pleased to announce that they will purchase a projection screen for our Student Center. We have received over \$31,000 in grants from this great organization. Be sure to thank any members of the OCEF Board for their support of our school. The members of the OCEF Board are Brad Brasser, Carl Claerbout, Dave Dykstra, Joyce Eggebeen, Rick Hartman, Eric Hesselink, Gordon Oliver, Genny TenPas, Darlene TeStroete, and Julie Ver Velde.

# The GRACE Place

## **COOKBOOKS**

Do you need a stocking stuffer? There are still cookbooks left over from the auction that fit nicely. Only \$4 and great recipes for your favorite cook! Also, we have our regular cookbooks for \$10—what a bargain. Stop in the office.

## **SCRIP**

Our enthusiastic and hard-working Scrip team would like you to know that we sold over \$9600 worth of Scrip again this week! We appreciate your business. Be sure to stop in the office soon as the last order for this month will go out this Friday, December 11. While we may order on the 18<sup>th</sup>, we can't guarantee that you will have your gift certificates before school is out at noon on Wednesday, December 23.

Stop in soon for all your Christmas shopping needs. We don't want to have to tell you that we have run out!

## **TRAVEL SCRIP**

Are you or someone you know traveling over the holidays? Our Scrip team has made it easy for you to find certificates and gift cards that you can use while traveling—just ask in the office for the bright orange order forms and you have it organized for you.

## **SCRIP GIFT IDEA**

Don't know what to buy for that favorite parent or grandparent who goes south for several months? Attach cash to our Travel Scrip order form, wrap it up, and let them choose the cards that will benefit them the most, as well as their selected tuition account!

## **DON'T FORGET ABOUT ELECTRONIC ORDERING FOR SCRIP**

So you need to get some Scrip, but not sure if we have it in stock, just go to our website at [www.oostburgchristian.com](http://www.oostburgchristian.com), click on Scrip order form on the left sidebar, and follow the instructions there. You will be able to pick up your Scrip order in the office and it will be waiting for you. It doesn't get much easier than that!

## **GOOD SEARCH AND GOOD SHOP**

Be sure to begin your online holiday shopping at GoodShop.com and then click over to your favorite store. Every time you start at GoodShop.com, this affiliate of Good Search will send a

percentage of your purchase to Oostburg Christian. There are 1,300 stores available through Good Shop. Try it out today and make [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) your default search browser.

### CHARGER SHOOT-OUT

**January 28-30, 2010—Girls' Tournament**

**February 4-6, 2010—Boys' Tournament**

The Charger Shoot-out Planning Committee is already in full swing and we ask your prayers for the planning committee members:

- Jeri Flipse, Over-all Chair
- Beth Modahl, Major and Game Sponsor Chair
- Gina Lemmenes and Sandy Van Ess, Three-Point Sponsor Chair
- Lynn Walvoort and Laurel Meerdink, Kitchen Chairs
- Shawn Buck, Advertising Chair
- Paul Modahl, Team and Referee Chair

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

All OCS Moms: Please join us on Thursday mornings in the school library from 10:30-11:45 AM for a time of prayer for your child and our school. If you can't make it every week, that is okay. Come when you are able. If you have little ones, we have FREE childcare. Infants are cared for in the First CRC nursery and older ones can run and play in the OCS gym. Please join us for this encouraging and fulfilling time to draw near to God. Please call Sue Dykstra at 564-4212 to sign up your child for FREE childcare. *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".*

### CALENDAR

December 10	B-Ball	Girls5/6 vs StM 5:00 Boys5/6 @ StJ 5:30
December 15	B-Ball	Boys7/8 vs SCS8 5:30 Girls7/8 vs CCA 6:30
December 16	Pizza Lunch	1:20 PM Dismissal
December 17	Christmas Concert	6:30
December 18	Progress Reports	

### NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

