



HOME BULLETIN
December 17, 2008



“The angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.’”

Luke 2:10 - 11

O.C.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You are cordially invited to our annual Christmas concert tomorrow night. The concert will be held in the O.C.S. gym beginning at 7:00 PM. All students, 4K . 8th grade, will take part in the concert. 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.

JANUARY HOT LUNCH ORDERS

January hot lunch orders were due today. If you did not get yours in, you may turn it in NO LATER THAN 9:00 AM tomorrow morning (Thursday). If you don't get it in by that time, we're sorry but we will not accept it later.

NOON DISMISSAL ON DECEMBER 23

Next Tuesday, December 23, is our last day of school before Christmas vacation. School will dismiss at 12:00 noon. Busses will run at that time. There will be no afternoon care. Please be sure to pick up your children on time. Thank you.

PRAISE THE LORD!

The Oostburg Community Education Foundation has agreed to fund part of our Spanish program. The foundation will pay for over \$3,000 worth of textbooks. If you see any of the OCEF Board members please remember to thank them . and to praise the Lord!

BLUE NOTE PUBLICATION INFORMATION

This is the last Blue Note of the calendar year. The next Blue Note will go home Wednesday, January 7, 2009. Deadline for announcements (written please) is Tuesday at noon. Thank you.

AFTERNOON CARE

If your child does not attend the Afternoon Care on a regular schedule but is going to stay on a certain day, please either send a note with them or call the school office the day they are staying (or before). Also, if your child is not going to be staying for Afternoon Care on a day when they are normally attending, please call the school office by 9:00 AM if possible on that day . or before . to let us know. Thank you!

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The basketball schedule can be found on the O.C.S. internet site: www.oostburgchristian.com. In addition, for parents of players, a schedule of book keeping and clock duties is also on the site in case the letter and schedule did not make it home to you.

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.

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 \$281.50. What a privilege to be able to give as we have been blessed. We have so much! %6 ..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.

BUCKS BASKETBALL GAME

Looking for a family activity? Call Paul Mentink for tickets to the Milwaukee Bucks game on December 23, at 7:00 against the Utah Jazz in the Bradley Center. Tickets are \$10 and the school has 100 of them. Just call Paul at 564-6399 or e-mail him at pnmentink@wi.rr.com. First come, first served!

PIZZA FOR SUPPER or lunch too!

There are still some pizzas left, but the choices are slimming down! Come and get yours before the Christmas break! Youd need a few for all those extra lunches youd be preparing at home for those 13 days off of school!

APPLES FOR THE TEACHER

Keep picking those apples! Look at the trees in the hallway and pick up something special for your favorite teacher this holiday season!

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. **There is one date left:** 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.

*There is information available in the school office regarding a Holy Family School Chess Tournament being held on Saturday, January 17. Advanced registration is recommended.

*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

SHEBOYGAN PRESS

Be sure to renew your Sheboygan Press subscription through the school. You can't use the E-Z pay system to do that, so be sure to ask for a renewal by mail. Just make out your check to Oostburg Christian School for the amount of your renewal and bring it in with your notice to the office. We renew it for you and keep 5%! How easy is that?

SCRIP

- **BREAKING NEWS!** We've just been able to get Highland House Scrip that will be in this week at 20%! If you or someone you know needs a last minute stocking stuffer—this is a great idea!!!
- Do you or someone you know give gifts to customers or clients? This Highland House Scrip would be a great idea for them as well!!

CHARGER SHOOTOUT

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!

OUR BEST WISHES

for a very Merry Christmas and a blessed 2009 from the GRACE Board. Thank you for your help in 2008 and we look forward to working with many of you in the second semester this year.

CALENDAR

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| December 18 | Christmas Concert 7:00 PM |
| December 23 | Noon Dismissal |
| December 24-Jan. 4 | Christmas Break |
| January 5 | School Resumes |
| January 6 | B-Ball 7/8 Girls @ CCA 5:30 7/8 Boys @ CCA 6:30 |
| January 7 | Corn Dog Lunch |
| January 8 | B-Ball 5/6 Girls vs SCS 5:00 |
| 5/6 Boys vs SCS6 @ SCCHS 7:30 | |

