

HOME BULLETIN
December 2, 2009

GRANDPARENTS'/GRANDFRIENDS DAY

The students and staff had a wonderful time last Wednesday visiting with all the grandparents and grandfriends. Thank you for providing us with addresses for invitations in your registration materials and for the food items you sent along with your children. We received the following thank you from the Campus Life Staff:

"Thank you very much for your donation of food for our food pantry. It was all greatly appreciated and very much needed. We had over 120 families go through our pantry in November. Thanks again!

8TH GRADE PIZZA RANCH FUND RAISER

It's the first Class of 2010 fundraiser!! Eighth grade students need everyone's help. They need you to ask friends, neighbors, and family members to come to the Pizza Ranch next Monday, December 7. The class makes money from tips and from total profits for the evening. They will have a successful evening only if you come, and encourage others to come also. Tell everyone to join the 8th graders for a great buffet at the "Ranch"!

SMILES SAFE KIDS PROGRAM

Oostburg Christian School has again partnered with LifeTouch Studio and SmileSafe Kids to provide Safety ID Cards featuring your child's current photo. The photo ID along with an explanation letter regarding the program was sent home with each student today. Please watch for it

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? They will be used for the yearbook and would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please call 627-3882.

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. You can also go to 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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our all-school Christmas concert will be held the evening of December 17, at **6:30 PM**. The concert 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.

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 15th 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.

GIVE MAGAZINE AND NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

This is such an easy way to help our school if you or someone you know subscribes to magazines. Just go to our website: www.oostburgchristian.com, click on GRACE – Everyday and scroll down to the bottom of that page. Click on the QSP link and you are ready to shop for magazines that will bring 40% back to our school. If you know a particular student, and put that information in, that family will receive 38% of their total back in tuition aid.

And while you are thinking of renewals, if you or someone you know subscribes to the Sheboygan Press, please renew your paper through the school. Your tuition account as well as the school will benefit from the money you are spending anyway. Don't know how to do it? Just call Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678) and we'll get you started.

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

Here's an idea for someone that you don't know exactly what to purchase: VISA scrip cards are available to use anywhere that VISA is accepted (which is almost anywhere!). These can be ordered through our Scrip program and the last order date to guarantee you receive it by Christmas is December 11. There is one small condition that you will need to remember—it must be used within six months. Stop in the office today!

ELECTRONIC ORDERING

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, 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

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!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS CANDLIGHT HOME TOUR

Please join us for the Joy of Christmas Candlelight Home Tour on Wednesday, December 9, from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. hosted by the Oostburg Christian Reformed Church Youth Group Thailand Mission Trip Team. Your \$5 ticket will admit you to six homes beautifully decorated for the Christmas season and a dessert reception at the church anytime during or after your tour. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Vicki Westerbeke (564-2442) or e-mailing Angie De Blaey at deblaeyr@charter.net. Tickets will also be available to purchase the day of the event at Oostburg CRC. Get your family in the Christmas spirit by attending the Joy of Christmas Festival on Wednesday, December 9, from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Oostburg CRC hosted by the Youth Group Thailand Mission Trip Team. The festival will feature a reading of the Christmas story, carolers, horse and carriage rides and snacks and drink. Admission is by donation.

MOMS IN TOUCH

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".*

OOSTBURG RECREATION/FITNESS PROGRAMS

The winter schedule for the Oostburg area Recreation/Fitness classes is available in the O.C.S. office. You can also call Jen Swart at 564-2346 xt. 1151 or e-mail her at jenn.swart@oostburg.k12.wi.us if you would like more information.

| CALENDAR | |
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| December 3 | Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30 – 10:00 AM B-Ball Girls5/6 vs StJ 5:00 Boys5/6 vs HF 6:00 |
| December 7 | 8 th Grade Pizza Ranch Fundraiser |
| December 8 | B-Ball Girls7/8 vs StD 5:30 Boys7/8 @ StJ 6:30 |
| December 9 | Chicken Patty Lunch |
| December 10 | B-Ball Girls5/6 vs StM 5:00 Boys5/6 @ StJ 5:30 |

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

None