



Oostburg Christian

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"He is like a tree, planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season..."
Psalm 1:3

HOME BULLETIN

December 21, 2011

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)
The staff and Board of Oostburg Christian School wish everyone a blessed Christmas.

NOON DISMISSAL

Tomorrow, December 22, 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. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3. Thank you.

THANK YOU, MRS. DEMASTER AND MR. WILLIAMS

This past Thursday our school community came together, and we celebrated our Savior's birth with our annual Christmas concert. It was a time of joy as the audience was reminded of the real reason for Christmas - the miraculous birth of the King of kings and Lord and lords. Yes, the concert concluded with the 6th through 8th grade students singing the Hallelujah Chorus. The children sang like a church choir. Those in attendance were fed spiritually and encouraged by the God-given gifts on display. It was thrilling to see everyone standing in honor of the true King as the students sang His praise. Please join me in thanking Mrs. DeMaster and Mr. Williams for all their work with our children.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT AT O.C.S.

This year's Christmas project is actually a continuation of a project we began two years ago and 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 children with developmental disabilities 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 into 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. For the past two years our Unity Groups actually exceeded the goal set for them. We pray God will again use us to help meet the needs of these children.

JANUARY HOT LUNCH ORDERS

The January (and February 1) order form was in last week's Blue Note and is attached electronically again. Please fill in the form, attach payment, and return it to school NO LATER THAN Wednesday, January 4. Thank you. REMEMBER: There is no hot lunch on January 4. Thank you.

THANKS LADIES

A special note of appreciation to Mrs. Brenda Lammers, Mrs. Dawn DeMaster, and Mrs. Jan Veldhorst for their faithful service to our school each week in providing hot lunch for the children. Be sure to thank them when you see them. We praise God for their service to our families.

DISCOVER 4K & 5K AT OOSTBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Please join us on Tuesday, January 17, from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. A light supper will be served. This is open to families with children who are currently in our 4K and 5K classes and to families who are interested in learning more about these programs. RSVP is appreciated by Friday, January 13. Contact us at 920-564-2664, oozburgchristian@wi.rr.com or www.oozburgchristian.com. Here is a chance to invite your neighbor who has always wondered about our school to an event focused specifically on our early childhood program.

ELEMENTASTIC SCIENCE SHOW

Join us for a fun and exciting science show at Oostburg Christian School on Wednesday, January 11th, from 11:00 a.m. to noon! Invite your home school neighbors. Elementastic Science will provide a variety of experiments that will amaze everybody as they see God's laws in creation. You will not only be entertained and educated with spectacular experiments, you will also get involved.

TIME FOR DEMOLITION

Friday and Saturday, December 30 and 31, will be the days we begin tearing down the old bathrooms across from the office. The area will be the sight of the future "Nehemiah Conference Room." We can use all the muscle we can get. Please join us beginning at 8:00 AM. We will work for as many hours as we can. Many hands will make the labor light.

PROMOTION

The best way Oostburg Christian has found to promote our school is to have you, as parents, grandparents, and friends share information with people in the community. We are excited about the new families who joined our school this past year and look forward to providing a Christian education for more families next year. If you have any suggestions on how to reach out into the community please let us know by either contacting Bob Adams (email bobadams@wi.rr.com) or Joyce Eggebeen (jeggebeen@wi.rr.com).

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 or www.whbl.com) for closing information due to weather. 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). There is no aftercare if school closes due to inclement weather.

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.

TUITION DURING THE HOLIDAYS

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

BLUE HARBOR BREAKER BAY SWIM PARTY

We are excited for the return of this fun event. Sheboygan Christian School has invited us to join them for this mid-year party. It will be held on the evening of Thursday, January 19 (no school Friday) from 4:00 – 10:00 PM. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. Mark your calendar! Tickets will go on sale beginning January 3 – after Christmas break.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Do you love to think "out of the box?" Are you truly thankful for Oostburg Christian School? If you said yes to these questions, we would love to have you on our Promotion Committee. The Oostburg Christian School Promotion Committee meets only once each month. If interested please call the school office or email Bob Adams at bobadams@wi.rr.com. Thank you.

FEMALE CHOCOLATE LAB PUPPIES FOR SALE

Just in time for the new year! These are purebred animals, but no papers. Please contact Gary VanderPool at 838-2200 or Joyce Eggebeen for the details on how your family may have a new puppy in two weeks. Wonderful temperament and delightful with children. 100% of the sale of the puppies will go to the OCS auction.

KASH FOR KIDS

We would like to thank Mrs. Bonnie LeMahieu for all her work with our Kash for Kids program. While it has had several names like Trash for Cash, Grandparents' Club and now Kash for Kids, she has served the school for over 22 years in the clipping and mailing of labels. We are appreciative of Mrs. Anne Eggebeen who has agreed to work for this program as it is an important part of our budget for our field trips. Mrs. Vonnie DuMez and others will be helping her. Bonnie will continue to oversee the cards and napkins which are still available at school. Christmas cards too, --stop by today!

SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW...

- We had a record \$19,800 in sales last week! Thank you!!
- Scrip will be available until noon on Thursday for all your holiday vacation needs.
- All checks for Scrip this week will be deposited on Thursday afternoon (instead of Friday).
- We will be closing this semester's books on Thursday afternoon so watch for your tuition scrip credit statements!

THANK YOU BECKY

Our sincere thanks to Becky Zylstra, her workers and all the parents who donated for the successful Cookie Walk. This is the second project that Becky has chaired this year, as well as serving as GRACE Board president. We appreciate her ideas and willingness to be available to serve.

JASON MENTINK MEMORIAL CHARGER SHOOT-OUT

Here are the dates for our 2012 Jason Mentink Memorial Charger Shoot-out.

Girls: January 26, 27, and 28

Boys: February 2, 3, and 4

Please pray with us for God to provide:

- teams for both weekends!
- Continuing sponsorships—praise Him already for many new ones!
- His help in the plans and preparations

GRACE

The GRACE Board would like to thank you for your participation in our projects so far this year. We have had great profits so far:

• Golf Outing	\$4,496 (first year of the event)
• Volleyball Tournament	\$3,633
• Pizza Sale	\$2,593
• Cookie Walk	nearly \$900 (first year of the event)
• Auction	\$23,927 (the largest profit ever and may go up!)

We would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Merry Christmas, safe and happy Christmas vacation, and a blessed new year!

In 2012, may God go before you to lead you, behind you to protect you, above you to bless you, beside you to encourage you, and within you to give you His peace.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING SOON - GREAT FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING: "For Praise", a gospel, male quintet from Oostburg, has produced a CD of their music. All proceeds from sales will be used for the development and training of Thai leaders who will help spread the word of God throughout Thailand. Help support Dave and Jan Veldhorst's ministry in Bangkok and enjoy the music of "For Praise". The cost for a CD is \$10, and they are available at the following locations after December 18: Oostburg Piggly Wiggly, Oostburg Pizza Ranch, the office of Sheboygan County Christian High School, and Good As New in Cedar Grove. Or, contact: Kevin Gesch (668-6727), Jim Hendrikse (564-2460) or Myron Bolkema (564-3011).

1st Annual Flying Dutchmen 3-Point Shooting Contest

**A 3-Point Shooting Contest for Individual
and 2-player Combination Teams**

Saturday, December 31 from 9:00-11:30am

at the Oostburg High School gym. Finals begin at 11:30am

Categories: **Individual:** 3-4 grade, 5-6 grade, 7-8 grade, high school boys and girls, post high school men & women. **2 Player teams:** combination teams consisting of same categories as above plus child and parent (combination) teams.

Rules: Individuals: 1 minute shooting with ball rack. 2-Player teams: 2 minutes rebounding missed shots. You may enter in as many categories as you wish, as many times as you wish. Cost is \$5/person/entry. ***Prizes awarded to the winners***

Schedule: 9am: 3-4 grade boys & girls
9:15am: 5-6 grade boys & girls 9:30am: 7-8 grade boys & girls
9:45am: High school boys & girls 10:15am: Post high school men & women
10:30am - 2-player teams 11:30am - Finals

(please come 15 minutes ahead of your scheduled time to register)

Questions? Please contact Lori Walker at 920-946-6512, thank you.

CALENDAR

December 22	NOON Dismissal
Dec. 23-Jan. 2	Christmas Break
December 30 & 31	Restroom Demolition – 8:00 AM
January 3	School Resumes
	B-Ball vs StD Boys7/8 5:00
	Girls7/8 6:00
January 4	NO HOT LUNCH
January 5	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30 – 10:00 AM
	B-Ball Girls5/6 vs StD 5:00
	Boys 5/6 vs STJ 6:00
January 5-7	B-Ball Girls7/8 @ StJ Tourny

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