



HOME BULLETIN
December 23, 2009

“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.

O.C.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

I hope you were able to join us this past Thursday as our students led us in focusing on the true meaning of Christmas. All students in grades 4K – 8th grade took part in our annual concert. We praise God for the talents He has given our children and ask Him to work in their hearts so they may come to love Jesus with all their heart, soul, strength, and mind. Please join me in thanking Ron and Shelba DeMaster for all their work in preparing our children for this wonderful night of praise. Also many thanks go to Beth Modahl and Janell Otte for accompanying the choirs; and we thank the staff members who worked behind the scenes to make this evening possible.

If you have family members who couldn't make it to the concert, they can still watch it on Cable channel 14. It will air Mon - Thurs (12/21 - 12/24 and 12/28 - 12/31) at 4:00pm, and Sat 12/26 at 10:00am and Fri. & Sat. 12/1 & 12/2) at 10:00am.

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 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).

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.

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Stay tuned – the Blue Note will be going electronic in later January.

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.

O.C.S. HOSTS CHRISTIAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our school will be hosting teams from three other Wisconsin Christian schools for the annual Christian School Basketball Tournament on Feb. 19 & 20. Games are played here and at S.C.S. on Friday and at SCCHS on Saturday. We will be responsible for housing students on Friday evening and providing meals for lunch and supper on Friday. Planning will begin soon. We are looking for a chairman/some co-chairman to facilitate the meals. There are very good notes available to aid in the planning. If you would be willing to help out in this way, please call the school office at 564-2664. Planning will begin right after Christmas break.

TESOROS de DIOS PROJECT CONTINUES

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.

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Would your child like to run freely in a large gymnasium? Come join other moms or dads with their children on Thurs 1/7 (and 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4 & 4/15) from 8:30 – 10:00am at Oostburg Christian School. All are welcome, and it's FREE!! Call 564-2664 with questions.

AUCTION

Last chance: There are still a few auction items left. Call Jocelyn Wiebe on her cell phone (287-1111) to make arrangements for pick-up. Be sure to stop in the office for an OCS cookbook or auction cookbook—they make great gifts.

YOUR IDEAS ARE NEEDED

It has been suggested that our school research the possibility of a 5 on 5 outdoor soccer tournament. Many of our families are involved in this sport with their students already and we are looking for anyone who may be interested in helping with this type of fund-raiser. If so, please e-mail Becky Zylstra, GRACE president @ thezylstras@wi.rr.com.

The GRACE Place

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

We take this opportunity to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the GRACE Board. May your holiday time be an opportunity to remember the reason for the season, to celebrate the birth of a Savior who brought our salvation. It is why we have Oostburg Christian School—to allow our children to learn about Christ in all areas of their lives: church, home AND school. God bless you, everyone!

SCRIP

The Scrip team is happy to report that last week we had over \$15,000 in sales! Thanks so very much—from GRACE Board, from your tuition account, from the Scrip team for your faithful support, and from the children who ultimately benefit with a Christian Education!

ELECTRONIC ORDERING

You need to get some Scrip, but are 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!

SHEBOYGAN PRESS

You can renew your Sheboygan Press subscription through Oostburg Christian and it will help the school and your tuition account. It's easy; bring your renewal slip to the office with your check made out to Oostburg Christian School and we take care of the rest. (Just be sure that you are not on the EZ Pay system—you must get paper renewals by USPS). Call Brenda Lammers or Melanie Wisse with any questions.

PERSONAL THANK YOU

My personal and sincere thanks to each of you parents who so faithfully show up for all your projects, who have assisted at projects over and above your required hours, and who love Christian education and give so much to make it happen for your children. God will bless you for these efforts. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed new year in 2010.
Joyce Eggebeen

CALENDAR

Dec. 24-Jan. 3	Christmas Break
January 4	School Resumes
January 5	B-Ball Boys7/8 @ StD 5:30 Girls7/8 @ StD 6:30
January 6	Chicken Patty Lunch

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

*January Calendar

*January Interest Wheel & Information