



OUR WITNESS

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Fall 2009

Calendar of Events

October 2009

29 OCS Speech Festival

November 2009

- 6 Preview Night for Auction
- 7 Heart for Education Auction
- 13 District Speech Festival—Randolph
- 16-17 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 25 Grandparents/Friends Day Chapel and open house
- 26 Thanksgiving Day

December 2009

- 17 Christmas Concert
- 23 Noon Dismissal for Christmas vacation
- 25 Merry Christmas

PENNIES FOR PINK

On October 1, our students collected \$165.56 for the American Cancer Society in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Under the direction of Mrs. Kris Hancock, who is a breast cancer survivor, the 8th grade girls frosted cookies and made pink ribbons to deliver to all the classes as they turned in their pennies!

A PEEK AT THE PAST

October 14 was a very busy day for students, parents, grandparents and friends at Oostburg Christian School. With many hours of careful planning by the staff, those attending were able to get a peek at some important activities in Oostburg's past. This was a great connection for our students with Oostburg's centennial this year.



The history of our area was presented through demonstrations, storytelling, displays, activities, and teaching with a focus on church, home, school and community life for the past 50-100 years. Through the experiences of this day, students and adults alike had an opportunity to recognize in different ways that in changing times God is unchangeable.

Delightful presentations included the story of the Phoenix, Daane Hardware and Old Amsterdam history. There was also focus on one-room school house education and church and community activities. Demonstrations on beading, quilting, klompen dancing, blacksmithing, and Dutch cooking were popular.

Presenters included Willie & Kay Gesch, Helen & Howard Veldhorst, Rich Dykstra, MaryJane Gruett, Bridget DeMaster, Jon VanderZee (aka Mike DuMez), Jodi Dulmes, Todd Daane, Cathy VerVelde, Georgia Smies, Eunice Dirkse, Kim Thimmig, Steve Smies and others.



Children learned to play some games of long ago, as well as gathered at the end of the day to offer praise and thanksgiving to our never-changing God.

“Home for the Holidays”

November 7, 2009



Our sixth annual Heart for Education Auction is nearly here and it is exciting. We have several things that will surely interest all auction goers:

- Preview Night is November 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Cocoa and cookies are served!!
- The gym will be decorated with homey, holiday decorations, live music and a festive air.
- Our wonderfully, delicious four-course buffet meal is back (\$8.00 per person at the door) and the chance to buy one of those delightful desserts as well.
- All auction items are listed on the school website—just go to www.oostburgchristian.com, click on GRACE, and then Auction Items 2009.
- You can buy your auction Scrip ahead of time in the office to help your tuition account.
- Or bring a friend who hasn't been here and you both get \$5 to spend at the auction.

Doors open and silent auction begins at 4:00 p.m.

Buffet meal served 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Silent Auction closes at 6:00 p.m.

Dessert Auction 6:30 p.m.

Live Auction 7:00 p.m.

You will also have an opportunity to support Michelle Adams in her work in Nicaragua as well as help buy books for our school library here.

This is one of the most exciting events of the year—you won't want to miss it!

Re-accreditation

Oostburg Christian School is pleased to announce that after a year-long self-study and visit by the WRISA accreditation team, our school will be re-accredited for another seven years.

But we won't be sitting back on our laurels, we will move forward with our School Improvement Plan which sets up six major goals to do what we say we do: provide a distinctly Christian quality education that will equip God's children to function in society, church, and home.

Finance Forum: There is a story about a dying man who asked his three sons to honor his memory by placing \$1,000 in his coffin when he died. Prior to the funeral, the first two sons slipped an envelope into the casket, while the third son put in a slip of paper. After the funeral, the first two asked their brother what he had put in the coffin. "I wrote a check," he replied.

You can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead! That's Paul's message (I Timothy 6:18-19) where he invites us to think of our giving as an investment plan by "laying up treasure."

Estate planning is one way that Christians make healthy investments for eternity. Our Barnabas rep, Attorney Don Long will be in our area the week of November 1. Please call the school office (564-2664) to meet with him in the privacy of your home and visit about your estate plan or you may call Barnabas Foundation directly (888-448-3040).

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