

HOME BULLETIN
February 11, 2009

PRE-REGISTRATION AT OCS

Pre-registration for the 2009 – 2010 school year has begun at Oostburg Christian School. This pre-registration is very important because it helps the school board put together the final pieces of the budget. Please fill out the form attached to this Blue Note. Also, please note that information concerning tuition assistance is available. The board is determined to help as many people as possible with tuition during this time of economic stress in our area and nation. Please let us know if you currently are in need of help or if you anticipate a need for help next year. We do not want to lose families because of this economic down turn.

Remember, please fill out and return the attached form to the school office by Friday, February 20, 2009. Thank you.

CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL

It has come to our attention that more and more students bring cell phones to school, and that students are texting each other and others during the school day. School policy has been established concerning cell phones.

Policy states, "Cell phones should be given to the homeroom teacher at the beginning of each day. The cell phone may be picked up at the end of the day. Any cell phone found on a student will be taken away. Only the student's parent will be allowed to pick up the cell phone. Under no condition should a cell phone be left 'on.' If a family emergency exists, the school's land-based phones should be used." Thank you in advance for following this policy.

WISCONSIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS' B-BALL TOURNAMENT

This weekend (Friday and Saturday, February 13 & 14) the Christian Schools' Basketball Tournament for 7th and 8th grade will be held in Waupun and Randolph. All students in grades 7 & 8 have been invited to attend as have the girls in grade 6. The sixth grade girls will be helping the 7/8 girls' team. Since almost all the middle school students will be participating in this event as either players or fans, **there will be no school for grades 6, 7, & 8 on Friday.** Please pray for safe travel as the students and many parents travel to this fun tournament.

TATTOOS

If you would like a tattoo or two to take along for the Christian Schools Basketball tournament this weekend, stop in the office and buy them from Mrs. Nyenhuis--\$1.00 for large, \$.25 for small ones. Have a great weekend.

LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found bin is overflowing. We will be putting the items out on a table in the main entrance hallway for the next week. Parents, if you get an opportunity, please stop to take a look and see if anything looks like it belongs at your home!

EARLY RELEASE REMINDER

Next Wednesday, February 18, 2009 is the third Wednesday of the month. Students will be dismissed at 1:20. Busses will be running at that time.

ACCREDITATION

Our accreditation process continues to move forward. Thanks for keeping this in your prayers.

MUSIC NOTES

The K-5th grade musical, "Are We There Yet" will take place on Thursday, March 12, at 6:30 PM in the O.C.S. gym. All students in grades K-5 will participate. Costumes for all students will

consist of black bottoms and black t-shirts. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. De Master.

The Jr. High Mini Music Festival will take place here at O.C.S. on Thursday, April 30, at 6:30 PM. All Jr. High students will participate. The Music Festival at Brookfield Christian School will be held on Friday, May 8. This is an all-day event for all Jr. High students.

SCHOOL BOARD PRAYER REQUEST

The school board is currently looking at the budget for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Please pray for our Board members as they seek God's will concerning the future of Oostburg Christian School.

CLOTHING ITEMS

Oostburg Christian School has been given a surplus of select new clothing items that are available to any families who can use them. Some of the items are socks, underclothing, mittens, hat, scarves and even a very nice size Youth XL used winter jacket. PLEASE feel free to check out these items which are kept in the health room, or ask Mrs. Nyenhuis in the office if you could use any of these items.

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).

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Next Thursday, Feb. 19, is the date of our next Cabin Fever Reliever. Energetic children and their caregivers are invited to join in playtime in our gymnasium from 8:30 – 10:00 AM. Everyone is invited to attend, whether pre-school, home school, public school, or Christian school. You are also welcome to walk through our school at this time as well. For more information on this Cabin Fever Reliever, you can call the school office at 564-2664. Future Cabin Fever Reliever dates are 3/19, 4/2, and 4/16.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER FOR LEVI DU MEZ

Friends of the John and Julie Du Mez family will be holding a fundraiser at the Pizza Ranch on Friday, Feb. 20, to raise funds to help pay for the medical expenses of their son, Levi. Levi was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. The event will be held from 4:00 PM until closing. If you are unable to attend this event, you can make a donation through Oostburg State Bank. Just write a check to John and Julie Du Mez with Levi's name in the memo section and mail it to Oostburg State Bank, P.O. Box 700198, Oostburg, WI 53070

DORDT DISCOVERY DAYS

Dordt Discovery Days, our summer camp for students who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grades, is set for **June 22-26, 2009**. The week offers some exciting new classes like How do They do That?, Radio Drama, and Beginning Knitting. Returning favorites include War and Soldiering, Design on a Dime, and Digital Scrapbooking. More than 30 courses will be posted in early March at www.dordt.edu/events/ddd with registration opening at 12:00:01 a.m. on March 25. Registration fees are \$300 and three attendance options remain: Day Campers (9 a.m.-4 p.m.),

Commuters (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) and Residents (students stay in a residence hall Mon-Thurs. evenings). If you have questions, call 712-722-6029 and ask to speak with Dianne DeWitt.

RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE

The Sheboygan County Chapter of the Red Cross is offering a Babysitter's Training Course on Saturday, February 21, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. This course is designed for children 11 years of age or older. Registration forms are available in the school office. Class size is limited, so early registration is recommended.

"THE MIKADO" TO BE PERFORMED AT THE WEILL CENTER

The Weill Center invites students to experience professional theater at its finest when the Los Angeles Professional Tour of "The Mikado" comes to the Weill Center. Student discount ticket price is \$20 (regular prices are \$40 and \$45). Call 920-208-3243 and ask for the Student Ticket Special.

GREEN BAY PACKERS YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

Please check out www.packerscamps.com for information on community-based non-contact football camps for kids ages 6 to 14 featuring Green Bay Packers heroes and professional educators.

NICARAGUA SPRING BREAK WORK TEAM FUNDRAISER

The Nicaragua Team is selling party cakes to raise funds for ministries in Nicaragua. Interested in a Valentines Cake, or any occasion? Call Doris Hendrikse at 564-2460 to place your order. Some cakes will be available at the Charger Shootout this weekend; or you can order a cake anytime until March 15.

MOMS IN TOUCH

Attention, Moms! What's the best thing you can do for your child? How about pray? You are invited to join a new Moms In Touch International (MITI) prayer group. We are meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month (10:30 - 11:45 a.m.) at Oostburg Christian School library. All area moms are welcome! Infant childcare will be provided at the 1st CRC church nursery and preschool childcare provided in the gym at OCS. Questions please call Sue Dykstra 564-4212 or susandykstra@wi.rr.com.

Are you interested in supporting a local prayer ministry? A group of moms are meeting twice a month to pray for their children, Oostburg Christian School and Moms In Touch International (MITI). A fund was started with \$100. \$34.32 went toward advertising costs and each week we pay \$20.00 for childcare. We presently have \$45.68 left in our MITI fund. If you would be willing to make a donation to our MITI fund, please talk to Sue Dykstra 564-4212. Thank you! "Pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children..." Lamentations 2:19

OOSTBURG PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILY FUN FAIR

Oostburg Public Elementary School has invited O.C.S. families to their Family Fun Fair this Friday, February 13, from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. The night includes games, food, a raffle, photo booth, Hair Hut, Trading Post, etc. All are welcome – see you there!

GERMAN CLASS

Parents: Take a class with your middle school student. LTC's Community Outreach Classes include German for Travelers, a 4-week introduction to the language and culture. Classes meet Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:45 at the Oostburg High School February 19 through March 12. The cost is \$32.50 per person. Call LTC at 1-888 GO TO LTC or visit gotoltc.edu and register for class number 15123.

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

You may be involved in purchasing Scrip this year, especially from Kwik Trip. Remember, this company is allowing us one year of 18% discount. If you would like for this offer to be extended, when you have some extra cash, just purchase the Kwik Trip cards now and use them anytime, even after the expiration date of the offer! It's kind of like saving your money to use later. Remember, Kwik Trip Scrip will always be available, but the 18% will be gone. Plan ahead!

SCHOOL PAX

Today your child will be bringing home an envelope with an offer for purchasing items online and getting rewards for our school. There are several of these organizations out there including U-Promise, which some of you have heard about. This one, entitled School Pax, is a smaller organization, but has some great companies involved. We are getting rewards already from Travelocity, and Mrs. Hancock is a frequent client of Subway. ☺ If you would please take a few minutes and look at the materials in the envelope. Our school code is TFMW for Subway and you can access Travelocity by finding our school, clicking on the link and then make your traveling plans.

We will let you know more about others as they become available. The important thing to remember is that if you are shopping online at these places anyway, take a couple extra minutes to help the school. We appreciate it!

CHARGER SHOOTOUT

Charger Shoot-Out 2009 is history and we praise God for watching over all the details. See our prayer list before the tournament:

Please pray:

That all teams, families and friends will have safe travel, be kept free of injury, and show good sportsmanship. Pray that God will be glorified in all our dealings throughout both weekends and that we will be able to realize a good profit for the school.

God was indeed glorified. We will let you know profits as soon as we have more complete information. Thank you to all who came and worked to make this happen. A special thanks to the hardworking committee: Jackie Daane, Chair, Gina Lemmenes, Shawn Buck, Lynn and Ron Walvoort, Todd and Laurel Meerdink, Jeri Flipse, and Paul and Beth Modahl. This is a wonderful tournament; many people come in our building, see our facility, and recognize the commitment to Christian education here. There

were even some people commenting about the new mural up on the wall in the gym. Praise God with us for his faithfulness to our school.

NIGHT OF PRAISE

Please put April 18 on your calendar for the Night of Praise. We have some exciting plans in the works, and will fill you in on details soon! The Friend of Christian Education is also awarded that night, so make plans to attend, bring your family and celebrate Christian education with us!

CALENDAR	
February 12	B-Ball 5/6 Girls vs SM 6:00 5/6 Boys @ SJB 7:00
February 13 & 14	Christian School Basketball Tournament at Randolph & Waupun
February 17	8 th Gr. To Mead Library B-Ball 7/8 Girls @ HF 6:00 7/8 Boys vs SJB 7:00
February 18	Pizza Lunch/Kdgn. Lunch Buddies 1:20 PM Dismissal
February 19	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30 – 10:00 AM B-Ball 5/6 Boys vs SCS 5:00