

HOME BULLETIN
February 17, 2010

ITEMS OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

Please join me in praising God for our Open House this past Thursday evening. We did have several new families visiting our school. Pray they are led to choose Oostburg Christian as the school for their children.

Also, please pray that families hear about the great teaching taking place at OCS. Not only are the traditional academics taught, but we are also called by God to nurture the faith of the children we teach. We praise God for the task He has given to our staff, and ask for wisdom to do that task in an excellent way.

Finally, please pray for the school board as they work on the budget for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

TALKING POINTS

Did you ever wonder exactly how OCS is different from other schools concerning the curriculum being taught? The staff has discussed this very issue. Here is a partial quote from a recent "Teachers' Note." Please feel free to use this information when talking about our school.

O.C.S. Strengths – At our last Early Release Teachers' Meeting we discussed some of our strengths. The curriculum we use is a definite strength. Student test results are proof of that. Teaching the Bible daily is another obvious strength. However, we also teach a truthful social studies curriculum. We teach our children about the spiritual nature of the settling of America. We do not avoid talking about the faith that was evident in many of our founding fathers. We openly learn about and celebrate the state constitutions that so boldly speak of a Creator and even boldly speak about our Savior, Jesus Christ. We also teach "true science." We teach creation as it is found in Scripture – six days of miraculous creative activity by a loving Heavenly Father. At Oostburg Christian there is "Education in the Truth" that is found in God's Word and His world and there is deliberate nurturing of children's faith. For this we praise God!

NEW FAMILY REFERRAL

If a family that you refer to our school is enrolled for at least a semester, you will have a \$750 tuition assistance package coming your way! Besides the card you received several weeks ago, you can also pick up any number of brochures about our school to distribute to family and friends. There are several different ones that may meet your need specifically:

- Resource Room opportunities
- Part-time/Home School student information
- Two different general school information brochures
- Early Childhood Brochures
- Free 4-K package brochure
- Just hot off the press: Cabin Fever Reliever promotion brochure.

YEARBOOK LUNCH

Jr. High Students: There will be another Yearbook lunch this coming Monday. The menu will be a grilled cheese sandwich or ramen noodle cups for \$1.00. The money and orders will be collected first thing in the morning.

MARCH HOT LUNCH ORDERS

The March order form is included as an attachment to this Home Bulletin. Please fill it out, attach payment, and return it NO LATER THAN next Wednesday, February 24. Thank you.

THANKS!

Thank you to the 4th grade parents who provided us with the delicious lunch on Friday. It was great!

The mission of Oostburg Christian School is to provide a distinctly Christian quality education which will equip God's children to function as Christians in society, church, and home.

PRE-REGISTRATION AT O.C.S.

Pre-registration forms have been mailed to all current families of Oostburg Christian School. Please fill out the form and return it with your registration fee by March 1. All registration fees will be applied to your tuition in the 2010 – 2011 school year. Thank you.

We are also now accepting registrations for the 4K program here at O.C.S. Stop in for a registration packet and reserve your spot today! No pre-registration fee is required for 4K.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

This tournament will be held here and at SCCHS this Friday and at SCCHS on Saturday. A tournament bracket schedule is included as an attached to this Home Bulletin. Come on out and cheer on our Chargers! Also, below is a listing of all volunteers who are scheduled to work. Thanks to everyone who offered to fill in a spot.

Kitchen Help Schedule, FRIDAY, Feb. 19

Chairman: Diane Rubsam

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| 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM |
| 1. Gordon Oliver | 1. Judy Walvoort |
| 2. Patti Duenk | 2. Ron Walvoort |
| 3. Brandon Wisse | 3. Patti Duenk |
| 4:00 - 7:00 PM | 7:00 - 9:00 PM |
| 1. Annette Wisse | 1. Gina Lemmenes |
| 2. Gail Niemuth | 2. _____ |
| 3. Jen Ludens | 3. _____ |

Donations (Please have them to school by 10:00 AM on FRIDAY, Feb. 19)

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| CUPCAKES | | 2# BAG OF CARROTS |
| 1. Sandy Van Ess | 6. Gail Niemuth | 1. Mary Swihart |
| 2. Judy Walvoort | 7. Lisa Roerdink | 2. Lisa Roerdink |
| 3. Sue Dykstra | 8. Dawn De Master | 3. Tammy Stecker |
| 4. Cathy Stevens | 9. Sue Radtke | 4. Sarah Alsum |
| 5. Leila Ver Velde | 10. Annette Wisse | 5. Patti Duenk |

Admissions Schedule, Friday, Feb. 19

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| 9:30 - 11:30 | 11:30 - 1:30 | 1:30 - 3:30 |
| 1. Wayne Dykstra | 1. Kris Hancock | 1. Sandy Gartman |
| 2. Sue Dykstra | 2. Cindy Edwards | 2. Brian De Master |
| 3:30 - 5:00 | 5:00 - 6:30 | 6:30 - 8:30 |
| 1. Wayne Dykstra | 1. Sue Dykstra | 1. Judy Walvoort |
| 2. Sue Dykstra | 2. Patrick Radtke | 2. Ken Walvoort |

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Oostburg Christian School is in need of a part-time janitor. Keith and Ingrid Brandt will be retiring as of March 1. If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please call the school office. Keith is willing to train anyone who is interested in this position. We thank Keith and Ingrid (and their son, John) for their faithful service to Oostburg Christian School. Please be in prayer for the Brandt family as Keith is searching for a full-time job.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Third quarter Progress Reports will be sent home next Friday, February 26.

MUSIC NOTES

Parents of Jr. High students should have received a note detailing the music events for the spring months with all of the dates and information necessary, and a place to sign. This paper was meant for your information and knowledge about what your child will be involved in for music. Of the 48 jr. high students, only 15 have returned their signed papers. Parents, please check with your child about this information and make sure it is returned so that we can move ahead with our preparations for the upcoming events.

The k-4th grade students will need a blue t-shirt, jeans, **and** a bandana, any color, for the K-5 musical.

FREE H1N1 VACCINE CLINICS

The Sheboygan County Health & Human Services is providing clinics for free H1N1 vaccinations. The schedule is included as an attachment to this Home Bulletin or, can be picked up in the school office.

ARE YOU AN IDEA PERSON?

Do you like to think outside of the box? The Promotion Committee needs you! The Promotion Committee meets once each month to discuss ways to promote our school. If you feel led to help OCS in this area please call Dan Roerdink (Promotion Committee Chair – 564-3477), Joyce Eggebeen (Development Director – 564-2678), or Bob Adams (Administrator – 564-2664). 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).

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Would your child like to run freely in a large gymnasium? Come join other moms or dads with their children tomorrow, Feb. 18 (and 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.

SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW.....

that until next fall, Kwik Trip is still offering a generous 8% for your tuition account! Don't go traveling without it!

WE LOVE OCS INTEREST WHEEL PROMOTION!

Just choose to add a date to the Interest Wheel during the month of February, and your donation will be matched **twice!** (not just once as originally advertised!) This date you choose can be for anytime of the year: special anniversary, birthday or memorial, but you must contact the school office (564-2664) during the month of February.

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

Have you heard about *Scrip Anywhere?* This program runs along with our Scrip program, but your Scrip earnings can be sent to any Christian school where parents must pay tuition through grade 12. For instance, Mr. Adams can buy his Scrip at Oostburg Christian now, and when his granddaughter starts school in Sioux Falls, we will send the balance of his account to help her tuition. OCS keeps the regular 2%, and the remainder can be used for a tuition account here or anywhere, therefore the name. You can divide your earnings between two schools, like Oostburg Christian and SCCHS, if you wish as well. Contact Melanie Wisse or Brenda Lammers today. Or email your questions to ocscrip@gmail.com.

Boston Store Community Day

The Grace Board is selling coupons books for Boston Stores Community Day. The book can be purchased for \$5. It includes a \$10 coupon, a 30% Early Bird savings coupon and additional coupons for 20% all-day savings, plus exclusive bonus offers. If you would like to take advantage of this great deal, the books will be available in the office.

WHILE IT IS A BIT SLOWER RIGHT NOW FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS, MUCH PLANNING IS ALREADY BEING DONE FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PLANNING COMMITTEES FOR THE FOLLOWING:

NIGHT OF PRAISE-APRIL 17, 2010

This annual spring event has always drawn attention with its variety of styles and programs. This year is no exception. Plan to join us for a dinner, and an evening of celebrating God's faithfulness to Oostburg Christian School. This will be a hostess-supper style event, so you will need to make reservations by

March 17, 2010 so that we may accommodate you. Please call Julie Meyer (564-3502) or Mary Lou DuMez (564-2727) if you would like to come.

RUN-JOG-WALKATHON-May 21, 2010

This event is always exciting for our students. The new mascot will be announced at the kickoff before spring break and we will once again have great prizes for our students to earn. There will be a meal served following the event. Watch for details.

UNITY BIKE RIDE—MAY 22, 2010

This third annual event is already bringing hits to our website! Thanks to the planning committee Jason Alsum, Randy Swihart, Vern Frier, and Carolyn Morgen, things are moving along nicely. Routes and rest stops are changing slightly, so watch for more details as they become available.

SPRING FRY—MAY 22, 2010

This most popular meal will be served ala carte in the Student Center on the day of the ride from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Chair Teresa VerVelde will once again be asking for your generosity in donating items to help defray the cost of this delicious picnic meal. Fresh hamburgers and brats always taste so good in the spring!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR EACH OF THESE UPCOMING EVENTS.
IT IS OUR DESIRE THAT GOD IS PRAISED THROUGH EACH ONE!**

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAN YOU HEAR THE MUSIC?

The 1st Oostburg CRC Youth Group Thailand Team is selling tickets to the Men of Harmony Gospel Music Wisconsin Concert Series. The next concert in this series will showcase the Triumphant Quartet on Saturday, March 6. Each ticket sells for \$20, but kids under the age of 18 are free with an accompanying adult! Concerts are held at the beautiful Stephanie H. Weill Center. If you are interested in this upcoming concert, please contact Pastor Ben or the church office by next Sunday, February 21.

YOU NEED A TRUCK!

A gracious company has donated a 1992 Ford F-250 XLT pickup truck to the 1st Oostburg CRC Youth Group Thailand Team. The truck is a 4x4 with manual transmission. It has an extended cab with a tool box in the back of the cab rather than seats. Best of all, it runs very well! We are asking \$1500 or best offer for it. All proceeds from the sale will be used to support the Thailand Team. To see pictures, go to: www.flickr.com/pastorbenjohnson. If you have questions and/or would like to see the truck, please contact Pastor Ben (889-8956).

PARTY CAKES

THE 1st Oostburg CRC Youth Group THAILAND MISSION TRIP TEAM is selling party cakes for any occasion. Call Doris Hendrikse at 564-2460 to order the cake of your choosing for \$20.00. Thank you for supporting the on-going work of Dave and Jan Veldhorst.

ADVANCE NOTICE: THINK SPRING CLEANING!

The 1st Oostburg CRC Youth Group Thailand Team is planning a spring rummage sale. If you have items to donate that you wish to have out of your home, please call Pastor Ben or the church office and we will make arrangements to help you. Otherwise, we appreciate any items you are willing to donate later this spring.

OOSTBURG YOUTH BASEBALL

The registration forms for summer baseball/fast pitch are now available in the O.C.S. office for all students in grades 1-8. The registration and payment deadline is March 5.

OOSTBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROCKIN' FAMILY FAIR

Oostburg Elementary School invites you to their Rockin' Family Fair this Friday, Feb. 19, from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Please join them for fun and games, great food, a photo booth, a cake walk, face painting, hair hut, raffle and silent auction, trading post and karaoke. Please call Jodi Daane at 564-3909 with any questions!

KOHL'S KIDS WHO CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please visit www.kohlskids.com to nominate a deserving kid age 6 to 18. Scholarship nominations will be accepted Feb. 1 through March 15. Help Kohl's identify stand-up kids who are doing great work to benefit their community. More than 2100 nominees will be awarded with more than \$410,000 in scholarships and prizes.

UW SHEBOYGAN SUPER SATURDAY

This is a special event for students in grades 2-6. If you have ever wanted to try our College for Kids or Middle School University programs, now is your chance. The event is being held on Saturday, March 20, and students may choose two of four classes available. Registration forms are available in the O.C.S. office.

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

This clinic is sponsored by the Dykstra Engineering Women's Volleyball Team and will be held on Saturday, March 6. Please see the registration form that is included as an attachment. Registration forms can also be picked up in the school office.

CALENDAR	
February 18	B-Ball Girls5/6 vs CCA 5:30
February 19	Christian School B-Ball Tourny Here & @ SCCHS
February 20	Christian School B-Ball Tourny @ SCCHS
February 22	Jr. High Yearbook Lunch
February 23	B-Ball Boys7/8 vs StJ 5:00 Girls7/8 @ StJ 6:00
February 24	Hamburger Hot Lunch
February 25	B-Ball Boys5/6 vs CCA 5:30
February 26	Progress Reports

