

HOME BULLETIN
February 18, 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 that was attached to last week's 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 form that was attached to the February 11 Blue Note by THIS Friday, February 20. If you need another form, please stop by the school office and pick one up. Thank you.

OPEN HOUSE AT O.C.S.

Please invite all your friends to our annual 4K – 8th grade Spring Open House. The Open House will take place on Tuesday, March 3, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. This is a great chance for all our families to show our fantastic school to other parents of school age children. Do you know someone who is considering a Christian education for their children? Do you know someone who is ready to send their first child to school? Now is the time to share the great things that take place at OCS with your neighbors. Please call the school office if you know someone we could send a special invitation to – or better yet, please invite them yourself. We can give you an invitation if you would like to personally deliver it.

Thank you.

THANK YOU

The following thank you was received recently from Rev. Dave & Jan Veldhorst:

"Dear O.C.S. community....thank you SO MUCH for your very generous support for the work of Mission to the World-

Thailand with the Karen tribal groups. We give God thanks for the hunger for the Word of God we see amongst the 17 primary churches we are working with. We also give God thanks for the opportunity to practically support the development of a Christian orphanage and a water irrigation project in the village of BaanNakland. We pray that as we support the church there and get involved in these practical "deeds of love and mercy" that hearts will continue to be softened and many will inquire as to the motivation and reason for these deeds. This past year has been a special year of growth in so many different ministries. We see God changing hearts right before our eyes and we know that much of this is due to the support and prayers of God's people.

Thank you for your rich generosity. We look forward to sending pictures and a video your direction once we complete the irrigation project and visit the orphanage in March. With thanks.....Rev. Dave and Jan Veldhorst...Mission to the World-Thailand."

We will continue to collect for this project through the end of the school year.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Third quarter Progress Reports will be sent home next week Friday, February 27.

ACCREDITATION

Our accreditation process continues to move forward. The Steering Committee has met and is reviewing the materials from various parent, Board and faculty committees. Please pray for the ongoing work in preparation for our site visit on April 6, 7, 8, 2009.

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

TOMORROW, 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.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY “PLUGGED IN” MINISTRY

On Wednesday, March 11, Bob Waliszewski, director of the “Plugged In” ministry, will be at Sheboygan County Christian High School to speak on the topic, “TV, Music, Movies, Video Games: What Would Jesus Do?” This message will be ideal for parents, teachers, **and students age 11 and older**. Doors open at 6:30 PM with coffee and fellowship available. Mr. Waliszewski will begin speaking at 7:00 PM. A free will offering will be taken to help cover the costs of the speaker. More information can be found at the following websites: Focus on the Family – www.focusonthefamily.com or at Christian High’s website at www.scchs.com.

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.

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.

KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

Oostburg Christian School GRACE Board is looking for someone who may be interested in keeping our kitchen shining. Marlene Kuiper had been doing an excellent job, but due to health issues, has not been able to fulfill those responsibilities which she so loves to do—clean! If you or someone you know would be interested in taking this job on a temporary basis, please contact Patti Duenk, GRACE president (564-3221) or Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678) for more details.

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, hats, 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).

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

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

The Dykstra Engineering Women's Volleyball Team will be holding a Volleyball Clinic on Saturday, April 25, for girls in grades 1-8. Information and a registration form is available in the school office. The deadline to register is April 15.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

Scrip is a wonderful way to let businesses support our school. We hope that you are taking advantage of the **Kwik Trip's** 18% rebate on your tuition. Remember, this is only for this school year!

Kohl's is a great place to shop and **Kohl's** is the only company that allows you to use Scrip to pay your charge bill. That means that you can buy the exact amount you need each month to pay your bill. Let's be sure that we use that valuable benefit before they decide to change it!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FUND RAISING—put these on your calendar!

Night of Praise will be April 18, 2009—this is always a great night—plan on attending this evening in celebration of Christian education.

Run-Jog-Walkathon will be held on Friday, May 15, 2009. This is a bit later than we usually have it, but, by popular demand, we will be holding it on the same weekend with our Unity Bike Ride the next day. Many parents expressed their appreciation that these two events were held on the same weekend and with the involvement of our students and parents, it worked pretty well last year. We are planning some exciting things for 2009!! Watch for more details.

Our **Spaghetti Supper** will be held after the Run-Jog-Walkathon on Friday, May 15, 2009.

Our **Unity Bike Ride** will be held Saturday, May 16, 2009. We heard recently some more great comments about our ride last year:

“The ride was very well organized—these people know what they are doing!”

“This ride is being discussed around the biking world in a very positive manner.”

God blessed our efforts in a tremendous way and we ask your prayers for another great day of weather, registration, and that God will have the glory.

Our **Spring Fry** will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 in conjunction with the Unity Ride. Many were appreciative of this last year.

Please keep these events in your prayers as we need to raise significant funds from them for our pledge to the General Fund. Your participation is an encouragement as well.

CALENDAR

February 19	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30 – 10:00 AM B-Ball 5/6 Boys vs SCS 5:00
February 24	B-Ball 7/8 Girls @ SJB 5:00 7/8 Boys vs SM 5:00
February 25	Sub Sandwich Lunch March Hot Lunch Orders Due
February 26	B-Ball 5/6 Girls vs SCS @ SCCHS 6:30 5/6 Boys vs SCS @ SCCHS 7:30 7/8 Girls vs CCA 6:00
February 27	Progress Reports