

**HOME BULLETIN**  
**February 24, 2010**

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE**

Please join me in praising God for the wonderful attitudes displayed by our sixth – eighth grade students during the Christian School Basketball Tournament this past weekend. Whether our students were playing in the games or supporting their classmates, they behaved well and brought glory to God.

We praise God, too, for the wonderful time of praise and worship experienced by all the middle school students on Friday afternoon. Over ninety students came together at 3:30 and sang songs of praise in the Bethel Church Ministry House. The time of praise was led by a praise band from Sheboygan County Christian High School. We thank Sara Lemmenes, Erika Voskuil, Katie Otte, Ellie DeMaster, Jeremy Jensema, Zach Flipse, Joe Meerdink, Jared Oliver, and Aaron Gabrielse for taking time out of their busy high school schedules to lead us.

Also, please continue to pray for the school board as they construct a budget for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

**CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TOURNAMENT**

As mentioned above, the Wisconsin Christian School Basketball Tournament was held this past weekend. Not only did our students display Christ-like attitudes on and off the court, they also did a great job as athletes. Our 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' team brought home the gold by defeating Brookfield Christian in the championship game. Our 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' team finished in third place after a hard fought win over Brookfield Christian. Our three sixth grade girls joined seven sixth grade girls from Sheboygan Christian to create an eighth girls' team and finished in fourth place after defeating Randolph Christian on the first day. We congratulate all our athletes for their hard work and praise God for the many talents He has given our children.

Thanks also to everyone who volunteered to fill worker time slots at admissions, concessions, clock and book, etc.. Special thanks to Diane Rubsam who chaired the concessions/meals and to the parents and students who went above and beyond in lending a helping hand providing and serving the meals.

**LOST & FOUND**

The Lost & Found bin is overflowing since the basketball tournaments!!! Items will be put out on tables this week. Parents, please check over the tables if you stop in or encourage your students to do so also. All items left will be taken to the Good As New Shop after next week.

Two specific items left since the basketball tournaments are a camera case (no camera) with batteries and a camera card and an iPod player. These items can be claimed in the school office.

**JR. HIGH YEARBOOK LUNCH**

This coming Monday is a hot dog/noodle cup lunch for \$1.00. Money and orders will be collected first thing Monday morning.

**TRI-SCHOOL STUDY TEAM**

The boards of Oostburg Christian School, Sheboygan Christian School, and Sheboygan County Christian High School are taking part in a study investigating the possibility of forming an association of one school system. In an effort to keep all constituents informed about the tri-school task force's progress, a "wiki" page has been created. (A "wiki" is a web page that allows members to add and edit content.) This page can be accessed by going to our O.C.S. school web site and clicking on "Contact Us." Then click on "Links" and, finally, click on "Sheboygan County Christian Schools Task Force."

*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.*

**TALKING POINTS**

Did you know that one of the main reasons we exist as a school has to do with nurturing the faith of the children who come through our doors? Many schools do a very good job teaching children the academic subjects. Many schools also do a good job training children to be disciplined and to work hard. Some schools may even have Christians teaching the subjects being taught in school. However, it is only in a Christian school that the teachers consciously seek to bring God's truths, as found in the Bible, to the children while teaching the academic subjects. It is only in a Christian school that a child's faith is deliberately nurtured. It is only in a Christian school that children hear Jesus is God, and He is the only way to salvation. At Oostburg Christian the spiritual aspect of each child is celebrated, nurtured, and challenged. We want every child to hear of Jesus' love and His sacrifice on the cross. We want every child to respond by putting his or her faith in the Triune God of Scripture. This is why we exist – to work with home and church so God's Name might be praised and our children may develop servant hearts guided by the Holy Spirit.

## **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.

## **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 THIS COMING MONDAY, 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.

## **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

*“No child in the area should be denied the opportunity of a Christian education because his or her family cannot afford tuition.”*

It is this Board held belief that has led Oostburg Christian School to establish a Tuition Assistance Program (TAP Fund). With the current economy still in a serious slump, we believe there will be more families in need of assistance. Oostburg Christian School is partnering with the Christian School tuition Service of Fulton, Illinois, to determine how best to distribute the school's tuition assistance to those seeking help paying tuition expenses for 2010-2011. This “outside” service can impartially evaluate family needs. The only charge is \$15 per family payable to Christian School Tuition Service and sent in with the application. Please call the school office and ask for an application if you so desire. All applications should be sent in by May 15, 2010. Please remember that families currently receiving aid through the TAP Fund must fill out an application and use this service if they wish to continue that assistance in 2010-2011.

## **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 this Friday, February 26. Please sign and return them as soon as possible.

## **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](http://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).

## **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.

#### **CABIN FEVER RELIEVER**

Would your child like to run freely in a large gymnasium? Come join other moms or dads with their children next Thursday March 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 you can store up your Scrip discount percentage. Yes, start buying Scrip now for a pre-school-age child/grandchild and it will be waiting for you when you enroll him/her. Some families have even started their Scrip account before children were born. We will save it for you!

#### **\$5,000 FOR OOSTBURG CHRISTIAN**

If you haven't had a chance to do this, take a moment now. This will give our school the opportunity to win \$5,000 from Box Tops for Education. Go to: [www.boxtops4education.com/pillsburyboxtops](http://www.boxtops4education.com/pillsburyboxtops) and either log in or register to become a member of Box Tops Online and complete and submit the online sweepstakes form between now and Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. So do it quickly—entry is limited to one entry per person per e-mail address per day. Automated entries are prohibited. A random drawing will be held on or about March 15<sup>th</sup> and two winning schools will be awarded 50,000 Box Tops or \$5,000 each.

#### **THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO TRIPLE YOUR DONATION!**

We have already added 51 new dates! You'll want to get in on this as well--just choose to add a date to the Interest Wheel in the next two days, 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.

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# The GRACE Place

#### **SCRIP**

Scrip is an on-going fundraiser in our school that not only benefits the school, but also your tuition account. Each year our GRACE (**G**od's **R**edeemed **A**dvancing **C**hristian **E**ducation) organization, which is our fund-raising arm of the school, pledges to help the General Fund. This year our pledge is \$78,000 and \$5,500 is our goal for Scrip. We have over half of that already, but need **YOUR** support in the final semester of this school year to make our goal. If you aren't a Scrip user, please e-mail us with your questions today and we'll be happy to get you started: [ocscrip@gmail.com](mailto:ocscrip@gmail.com)

#### **Boston Store Community Day**

The Grace Board is selling coupons books for Boston Stores Community Day which is THIS SATURDAY. 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 are available in the office.

#### **NIGHT OF PRAISE-APRIL 17, 2010**

Plans are being made and this is what we know so far:

- Speaker: Dr. Carl Zylstra, President of Dordt College
- Special Music: Tricia Luedtke Morris (Class of 1985)
- Friend of Christian Education Award: to be announced during the evening
- Offering: for our new telephone/intercom system
- Recognizing our graduates from 1949, 1950, 1960, 1985
- Featuring Terry Katsma as emcee.

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 or e-mail Julie Meyer (564-3502) [jmeyer@maritime-ins.com](mailto:jmeyer@maritime-ins.com) or Mary Lou DuMez (564-2727) [mddumez@verizon.net](mailto:mddumez@verizon.net) 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 our kickoff 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**

We are already getting registrations. You can register too. Just go to [www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride](http://www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride) and pick up your registration form today. Fees have stayed the same so get in on this great deal!

### **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!

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### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ATTENTIONS ALL MOMS!**

Please join us on Thursday mornings in the school library from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. for a time of prayer for your child and our school. If you can't make it every week, that is okay. Come when you are able. We have FREE childcare available for moms with little ones. Please call Sue Dykstra 564-4212 with your questions or to arrange for childcare. *Lamentations 2:19b "... Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street"*.

#### **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](http://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.

#### **KOHL'S KIDS WHO CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Please visit [www.kohlskids.com](http://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.

<b>CALENDAR</b>	
February 25	B-Ball Boys5/6 vs CCA 5:30
February 26	Progress Reports
March 1	Jr. High Yearbook Lunch
March 2	B-Ball Girls7/8 vs StD 5:00
	8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. To Mead Library
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March 3	B-Ball Girl7/8 vs HF 5:30
	Boys7/8 @ CCA 6:00
March 3	Chicken Patty Lunch
March 4	B-Ball Boys5/6 vs HF 5:30