



Oostburg Christian Sci

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Mr. Robert Adams, Administrator

"He is like a tree, planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season..."
Psalm 1:3

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HOME BULLETIN

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PRAYER AND PRAISE

Please pray for Mr. Adams' family. Tomorrow many members of the family will be at Dordt College attending a retirement dinner for Mr. A's brother, Charlie and Charlie's wife, Pam. Some of you may remember that a little over two years ago Charlie and Pam were in a terrible car accident. Both sustained severe head injuries. Although Pam has recovered fairly well, Charlie is still handicapped by the accident. Please pray God is glorified even in this situation.

Pray for the staff of our school. Please pray that each teacher and staff member has the wisdom and energy to fulfill the incredible calling of teaching God's children.

Pray for the 6th - 8th grade students in our school as they prepare for the Christian School Music Festival this Friday. Pray for safety as they travel and pray God is glorified as the students perform.

TALKING POINTS

In our "Prayer and Praise" section of this home bulletin I asked for prayer on behalf of our teachers. Did you ever wonder what the job description of a teacher might look like? In Dan Vander Ark's book, "Helping the Hurting" the following statement is found: "You are a teacher. You are an expert, an educated Christian servant, who loves God, loves each student, loves what you teach and loves to communicate exactly the first three loves...The point is: God called you to disciple the whole child. Your role is primarily to shape each child's character through his mind and spirit to be Christ's servant to do God's work in the world." (p. 14). Praise God for Christian schools where this is the job description of teachers.

THE RESOURCE ROOM POPCORN SALE IS TOMORROW!

Orders are due today at noon. If you get this e-mail before that time, you can still order until noon.

TORNADO AND SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

Governor Doyle has proclaimed this week as Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin. Wisconsin averages 21 tornadoes annually. Last year, 16 tornadoes in Wisconsin were confirmed by the National Weather Services. O.C.S. will be participating in the county-wide tornado drill scheduled for this week. To obtain more information on how to protect your family during emergencies you can go to <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov>. Click on the "Awareness Campaigns" tab.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL

This Friday, April 23, is our annual Wisconsin Christian School's Music Festival at Brookfield Christian School, involving all of our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. We will board a bus on Friday morning at 7:15 to participate in an all-day music event. The morning will be spent performing and listening to vocal, instrumental, and piano solos and ensemble's, our Choir and Band will be adjudicated in the early afternoon, and we will perform with the students from 6 other Christian schools in a mass band and mass choir concert, starting at 6:30, and return to OCS around 8:30. A full schedule and list of information is included with this e-mailed Blue Note, and was also handed out at the OCS Mini-Festival this past Thursday. Meal tickets have already been paid for and permission slips turned in. All events on Friday are open to the public. We encourage parents and grandparents to attend. The evening concert, which takes place at Milwaukee Lutheran High School, is an exciting time for our students, performing with hundreds of other Jr High students - plan now to attend. Please contact Mr. or Mrs. DeMaster if you have any questions.

CALENDAR CHANGE

The date of the Association Meeting has been changed to Tuesday, May 11, at 7:00 PM. Please reserve this evening to join the Board and administration as together we seek God's will for the future of OCS.

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.

PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER FOR EIGHTH GRADE

It's the last Class of 2010 fundraiser!! Eighth grade students need everyone's help. They need you to ask friends, neighbors, and family members to come to the Pizza Ranch on Monday, April 26. The class makes money from tips and from total profits for the evening. They will have a successful evening only if you come, and encourage others to come also. Tell everyone to join the 8th graders for a great buffet at the "Ranch"!

MAY/JUNE HOT LUNCH ORDERS

It's hard to believe, but it's time for the last hot lunch orders for the school year. The May/June order form is included as an attachment to this Home Bulletin. It is due back, with payment included, NO LATER THAN next Wednesday, April 28. Please take an opportunity to thank Dawn De Master and Brenda Lammers for all their hard work to provide these delicious lunches every week.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2 - 8. God has blessed us with very giving and gifted teachers. They share their dedication, skills, and love for the Lord with our children daily. Please consider taking a little time to write a note or show appreciation to your child's teacher during that week. We are still looking for volunteers to supervise the students on Thursday, May 6, from 11:45-1:00 while the teachers enjoy a special lunch. If you are able to help with this, please contact Beth Modahl (564-6512).

JR. HIGH MUSICAL

"Annie, Jr." is being performed by our middle school students on May 6, 7, and 8. Evening performances on Thursday and Friday will begin at 7 p.m. A Saturday afternoon matinee will be offered at 2 p.m. Following the Saturday matinee, ticket holders will be invited to have their picture taken with an "orphan" or any member of the cast! Donations for the photos will go to Tesoros de Dios, a school for children with special needs in Nicaragua, which OCS is supporting this year,. Tickets for "Annie, Jr." are \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for elementary students, and \$2.50 for high school students. A "family pass" for \$10 includes two adults and all children of elementary school age or younger. Tickets can be purchased in the O.C.S. office beginning this Thursday, April 29.

PRIVATE NOTES

The Oostburg Christian School Board is seeking private notes to help finance the ongoing operations of the school as well as to repay a previously issued note that has been called in for payment. These notes will bear interest and terms as set forth in the schedule below. We are requesting a minimum note value of \$1,000. Please contact Justin Zylstra at 207-9990 or Brian DeMaster at 564-6963 for more information.

<u>Term</u>	<u>Minimum Deposit</u>	<u>OCS RATE</u>
36 month	\$1,000.00	2.50%
48 month	\$2,500.00	3.00%
60 month	\$5,000.00	4.00%
10 Year	\$10,000.00	5.00%

NEW THREE-SCHOOL PROGRAM AT O.C.S.

Beginning in September, 2010, Oostburg Christian will offer a Three-School program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 – 11:00 for children who will turn three by September 1, 2010. We must have a minimum of eight children registered by June 1 to make this program possible. Three-School will be a play-based time of learning for the children that focuses on social development. Please call the school office if you are interested in this program and we will send you a registration packet.

EXTENDED AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

Oostburg Christian School would like to extend the hours of our after-school care for the 2010 – 2011 school year. We are currently considering offering after-school care from the time of school dismissal to 5:30 PM. This would include children in our Early Childhood program through fourth grade. If you are interested in this, please call the school office or email the school and let us know.

4K REGISTRATION

We are 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.

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.

SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW.....

that some businesses won't be a sponsor for the Bike Ride, Charger Shoot-out or Volleyball Tournament. They won't support the Auction, but they do want to support the school and your tuition account through the Scrip program. Please e-mail us at ocscrip@gmail.com to find out how it can help you.

AUCTION COMMITTEE

The Auction committee is looking for enthusiastic people to serve on our planning committee. If you would like to be a part of this great group, please contact Joyce Eggebeen @ 564-2678 or jeggebeen@wi.rr.com to find out what jobs need to be filled.

GRACE BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Our GRACE Board oversees raising \$78,000 which keeps tuition down for all families-this amounts to **over \$1,000** per family! We need YOU to serve on this Board in making these projects a reality. Without this important fund-raising arm of the school, many families would find tuition unaffordable. When you are contacted for this, please consider using your gifts and talents in serving the Lord as a member of the GRACE Board.

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

Do you like to eat at Highland House? This wonderful place to eat in Sheboygan also offers a great **18%** Scrip rebate on all meals! If a family of four spends \$50 when they go out for the evening, that is \$9.00 coming back to help pay your tuition. If you don't think it is worth it for your family to buy Scrip first, would you think it is worth it to help the school? Our Scrip program contributes around \$5,000 each year to the GRACE budget, but we could double that amount if we all helped out with Scrip. **Please consider helping in these challenging economic times.**

NIGHT OF PRAISE

The Night of Praise last Saturday was a wonderful evening to celebrate Christian education. It is important to be reminded of why we spend time, money and efforts to make this possible for families here. We thank Julie Meyer and her committee for all their hard work and planning to make the evening special. We praise God for a generous offering of over \$3,600 for our new telephone system. If you were unable to attend, please do not hesitate to drop off your donation in the school office. A new phone system will keep our children safer by giving our teachers immediate access to the office as well as 911. Thank you for your support.

RUN-JOG-WALKATHON-May 21, 2010

It is so great to see kids out and about already and the nice weather has helped a lot. Believe it or not, the halfway point is next week, so the class that is ahead by **9:00 AM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010**, will have a pizza hot lunch on Thursday, April 29. We will let you know who that is before the students go home on Wednesday. Keep on trucking!



SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Come one and all and join us for supper after the Run-Jog-Walkathon for some great spaghetti. In appreciation for your hard work, we will give families the opportunity for a discount on the spaghetti supper. You will receive a \$5 discount on the dinner for every \$300 raised by your family for the Run-Jog-Walkathon. The goal this year is \$20,000. Thanks for all the work!

SPRING FRY & SPAGHETTI SUPPER DONATION LIST

A list of donations needed for these events is included as an electronic attachment to this Home Bulletin. Please call Teresa VerVelde at 254-1335 if you can bring any of the listed items. Each item donated helps to keep the cost of our grocery bills down.

We ALSO need a dozen cakes for the spaghetti supper. Please call Lisa Roerdink (564-3477) if you will make a cake.

UNITY BIKE RIDE—MAY 22, 2010

We have already had some generous sponsorships this year and we appreciate that you will get the word out to your friends and neighbors who bike. Early registration before May 6, will give you a \$5 discount.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

The Oostburg First CRC Thailand Youth Group Team rummage sale is scheduled for this Saturday, April 24, from 8:30 AM to Noon at the Oostburg Christian School gym.

EAGLE SUMMER CAMP

Expect an unexpected week of fun and learning at Eagles Summer Camp from July 26-30, 2010! Join us at Sheboygan County Christian High for a week of zany science discovery, or techno techniques, or outrageous art, or fabulous food creation, or music with a twist or a super selection of sports. This crazy summer camp is for students who are entering 3rd through 8th grades.

All instructors are staff members and/or coaches at Sheboygan County Christian High. Students may sign up for a full day [two choices] or a half day option [one choice] either morning or afternoon. Lunch and snacks are included.

Flyers are available in your school office or by contacting the Christian High office. Call Rhonda Anderson 458-9981 ext. 306 (evenings at home: 920-893-1993) for more information. Don't wait to sign up for a thrilling week at camp – class sizes are limited!

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".*

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.

FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE O.C.S. OFFICE

*Sheboygan Early Childhood Council "April - Month of the Young Child" Calendar of Activities.

*Camp Calvin Registration/Information Brochures – Camp is June 21-26

CALENDAR

April 19-23	Tornado Awareness Week
April 23	Music Fest. @ Brookfield
April 26	8 th Grade Pizza Ranch Fundraiser
April 28	Nacho Lunch

