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

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SPEECH AND SPELLING FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our Wisconsin Christian Schools Speech and Spelling Festival participants. All students in grades 5 – 8 traveled to Delavan Christian School last Friday to enjoy the talents exhibited by their classmates and students from seven other Christian schools in Wisconsin. Thirty-nine of our students participated in the festival. We praise God for the gifts He has given to our children. This is the first year we had three student place in the Spelling Festival. The fifth and sixth grade division was won by Justin Sonnentag, and Melanie Obbink was runner up. Anna DeMaster took third place in the seventh and eighth grade division. Many thanks to Mrs. Hancock and Mr. Sliemers for all the work they have done preparing our students for this day.

LAKELAND MATH MEET

We also praise God for the gifts He has given our students in math. On Monday night OCS sent 16 students to Lakeland College to compete in the annual Lakeland Math Meet. The following students, split into two teams, represented our school: Eighth graders – Allison Gartman, Natalie Harlan, Micah McKinster, Jordan Sonnentag, Tim Walvoort, and Jackie Wisse. Seventh graders – Michael Alsum, Michael Duenk, Josh Huenink, Hannah Modahl, Ben Ludens, and Carissa Wisse. Sixth graders – Luke Heinen, Jeremiah Scheidt, Jared Urban, and Alec Wisse.

DECEMBER HOT LUNCH ORDERS

December hot lunch orders are due by NOON next Wednesday, November 24. An order form was attached to last week's Blue Note. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED as we have to tally the count and submit it before the 1:20 release time next Wednesday. Thank you for your cooperation!

GRANDPARENTS' / FRIENDS' DAY

Grandparents' / Grandfriends' Day is scheduled for next Wednesday, November 24, beginning at 9:00 AM. This is a morning that includes a Thanksgiving Chapel led by our K – 8th grade students, a coffee time, and an opportunity for our guests to visit classrooms and see their grandchildren and grandfriends. Invitations were sent out in early November. If you know anyone who may enjoy spending the morning with us, please stop by the school office and pick up an invitation. Students and guests are invited to bring non-perishable food items that day. Parents and friends are also invited to join us for the chapel and bring donations for the food drive that will help families right here in our own community. Scription will be available for purchase during the Grandparents' / Grandfriends' Day event.

EARLY RELEASE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Although we had early dismissal yesterday (due to Parent / Teacher Conferences) and today (the third Wednesday of the month) there is still one more Early Dismissal in the month of November. Next Wednesday, November 24, is the day before Thanksgiving and we will be dismissing students at 1:20 PM. Busses and the van will run at that time. Kindergarten will be in session until 1:20 PM instead of noon that day. There is no afternoon care when we have early release.

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.

NO HOT LUNCH NEXT WEDNESDAY

Reminder: There will be NO hot lunch served next Wednesday because of the Grandparents' / Friends' event being held. Students should bring bag lunches as lunch will be at the regular scheduled time.

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

The first Cabin Fever Reliever of the school year will be held TOMORROW, November 18, from 8:30 to 10:00 AM in the school gym.

WREATHS, STARS, CANDLES NEEDED TO DECORATE OCS CHRISTMAS FLOAT

OCS will have a float in the Oostburg Christmas Parade on Saturday, Nov. 27. The theme will be "Spread the Light of Christmas Around the World. " We are in need of more Christmas wreaths and larger lighted Christmas stars to decorate the float. We also need battery-operated candles to be carried by our eighth grade girls and kindergarten students. If you would like to lend any of these items to the school, please drop them off at the office by Monday, Nov. 22. THANK YOU!!

PRAYER TIME

On the first and third Thursday of every month moms and friends of our school gather together to pray. Please join us tomorrow morning at 8:30 in the school library for a time of prayer for our children, our families, and our school. Thank you.

BASKETBALL PARTICIPATION FEES

Participation fees for basketball are due at this time. The fee is \$20.00 per student. The maximum payment for a family for soccer and/or volleyball and/or basketball is \$50.

YEARBOOK LUNCH

A junior high yearbook lunch will be held next Monday, Nov. 22. Grilled cheese and/or noodle cups will be available for \$1.00 each.

WINTER WEAR

There is a supply of hats, mittens/gloves, jackets at school from a previous holiday clothing drive. If your child is in need of any of these items, please stop in the office and we will direct you to them.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please reserve the evening of Thursday, December 16, for our all-school Christmas concert. The concert will feature praises to our Savior being sung by all our students. Students in grades K – 8 should wear concert attire – black bottoms and white tops. Parents of our 4K children will be notified as to what their child should wear. Please lend and borrow from other families to outfit your children. Call Mrs. DeMaster at 918-5401 with any questions.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Destination ImagiNation, Inc. is an extraordinary non-profit organization that provides educational programs for students to learn and experience creativity, teamwork and problem solving. This program is an educational experience in which student teams solve open-ended challenges and present their solutions at tournaments. Oostburg Christian will have our first team this year! If your grade 3-5 child is interested in joining this program call Andrea DuMez at 564-5102 or e-mail at andreadumez@yahoo.com. We will begin practicing this week Friday from 3:30-5:00 in the Science Room. There are limited spaces so be sure to call ahead! Find out more at destinationimagination.org.

DO YOU NEED A PLACE FOR YOUR PARTY?

Oostburg Christian School rents both the gym and student center to anyone interested in using one and/ or the other for a party. The charges for the gym or student center are \$80.00 for 1 – 4 hours plus \$20 for each additional hour. The charge for use of both gym and student center is \$125.00. Food is only allowed in the student center. If you would like to rent the kitchen, the cost is an additional \$20. For more details, please call the school office.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TASK FORCE

It has now been about a year since the boards of Oostburg Christian School, Sheboygan Christian School, and Sheboygan County Christian High School came together and formed the Sheboygan County Christian

Schools Task Force. The job of this task force was "to prove the following premise to be either true or false: Becoming one association is crucial to the future of Christian education in Sheboygan County."

The task force has come to the conclusion that forming an association is NOT essential to the future of Christian education in Sheboygan County at this time. However, the task force did recommend the following: "Becoming one federation while maintaining separate associations IS crucial to the future of Christian education in Sheboygan County. We recommend the school boards call a vote of their associations in May, 2011 on whether to form a federation. In addition, we recommend that the school boards call another vote in May, 2013 to determine whether the schools will move towards further unification." At this point, all three association boards have approved that recommendation, and will be asking their associations in May, 2011 to approve forming a federation.

The Task Force has set three dates for the purpose of sharing with families the evidence and rationale behind these recommendations. Parents and all association members are encouraged to attend any one or all three of these meetings. The meeting dates, times, and places are as follows:

Christian High Monday, Nov 29 at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room

Sheboygan Christian Tuesday, Dec 7 at 7:00 pm in the Gym

Oostburg Christian Thursday, Jan 6 at 7:00 pm in the Student Center

Please note these dates on your calendar now, tell your friends and family, and plan to participate in these important discussions regarding the future of Christian education in Sheboygan County.

TUITION DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are a wonderful time of celebrations and giving gifts. Please do not allow the activities of the season to cause you to fall behind in tuition payments. Remember, tuition is due the 15th of each month. Thank you.

SCRIP STORE IS OPEN

The Scrip Store has been very busy this fall and we thank you. You will also see the benefit of the extra effort in your tuition account after the first of the year!!

Please be sure that you give yourself extra time to get all the Scrip you need for your Christmas shopping as well as your Christmas giving. Stop in early so you don't have any back order issues that may occur as the holiday nears.

The Scrip Store is in the office and open during school hours 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW....

that the Scrip store will be open on Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day!

HEART FOR EDUCATION AUCTION

If you would like to be on the Decorations Committee for next year, please contact Joyce Eggebeen. We are deeply grateful to Nicole and Liz for their years of service to the Lord through this event!

APPLE WISH LIST TREES

The trees that were featured at the auction are still in the hall. If you were unable to attend, want to get something extra for your child or grandchild's teacher, please stop by and take a look at the items that are still available. We are pleased to let you know that over \$1,000 worth of items were purchased at the auction. The teachers are grateful for your support.

KINDERGARTEN CALENDARS

There are three Kindergarten calendars still available (like the one sold at the auction) which feature all the students from the Kindergarten class. They are \$26 each and you can pick up yours and pay in the office. Thanks so much! Stop in Thursday afternoon or Friday all day this week and Melissa will be available to help you.

ITEMS YET AVAILABLE

There are still some auction items and certificates that were unsold. The items are displayed in the trophy case and the certificates are available in the office this week on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. If you would like them, please contact Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678 or jeggebeen@wi.rr.com) or stop in the office on Thursday or Friday. Melissa will be glad to help you.

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Donor</u>		<u>Value</u>
2	Odyssey Fun Center	5 free games of bowling	15.00
4	Imogene's Cleaning Center	Certificate for cleaning	25.00
6	Mueller Sales	oil lube and filter	34.00
7	Manitowoc County Historical Society	free passes	10.00
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23	Pizza Ranch	free large pizza-one topping	10.00
28	Moments of Grace	picture	50.00
31	Family Video	\$5 off rental	5.00
39	Groove Salon	\$5 off service	5.00
59	Oostburg Christian School	Retired Beanie Babies	35.00
86	Marshall, Joel & Stephanie	two quilt books	35.00
91	Rupps Lodge	discount on Sunday brunch	9.25
142	Oostburg MOPS	basket of goodies	44.00
154	Falls Salon & Spa	free massage	30.00
158	Sheboygan County Christian High School	A night with the Varsity Soccer	25.00
164	Wadell & Reed	investment advice	150.00
193	Marquardt, Donna	Christmas Music Box	40.00
198	Marquardt, Donna	Precious Moments Prince of a Guy	13.00
208	VanHaveren, Ray & Jane	Apple/Pear Centerpiece	10.00
236	Home Depot	Grill & charcoal	75.00
240	Shuff's Last Resort	\$10.00 off pizza	10.00
254	Shear Imagination	one free haircut	13.50

TOUR OF HOMES

The first annual Tour of Homes will be Wednesday, December 8, beginning at 3:00 PM and running until 7:00 PM. You will be able to tour these delightful homes any time during those hours and enjoy a warm atmosphere in the OCS Student Center with dessert. Watch for details as they become available. We are still looking for one or two more homes for this exciting event. If you enjoy decorating your home for Christmas, please call Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678) and leave a message.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

***AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE**

This course instructs youth on how to care for infant through school-aged children by teaching them how to prevent injuries and what to do in an emergency. They will also learn how to change diapers, feed children, discipline, and how to handles emergencies and basic first aid. The course will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the American Red Cross Office. Class size is limited to 12 students so early registration is recommended. Registration forms can be picked up in the school office. There is also an electronic version attached to this Home Bulletin e-mail.

CALENDAR

November 18	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30-10:00 AM
November 22	Yearbook Lunch
November 24	Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day' Chapel 9:00 AM 1:20 PM Dismissal
November 25 & 26	No School

