

HOME BULLETIN
December 16, 2009

O.C.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You are cordially invited to our annual Christmas concert tomorrow night. The concert will be held in the O.C.S. gym beginning at 6:30 PM. All students, 4K – 8th grade, will take part in the concert. Concert attire for students is white tops and black bottoms. Check with friends and classmates to see if you can swap clothes from previous years. If you have any questions please call Mrs. DeMaster at 564-3757.

JANUARY HOT LUNCH ORDERS

The January order form is attached and is due back to the school office by NOON, next Wednesday, Dec. 23. Because this is the last day of school until January, no orders will be accepted after noon next Wednesday. Thank you. Please note that the Jan. 6 lunch is the lunch rescheduled from Dec. 9. If you ordered for the 9th, you are all set and paid for. If not, you must order and pay for this lunch.

NOON DISMISSAL ON DECEMBER 23

Next Wednesday, December 23, is our last day of school before Christmas vacation. School will dismiss at 12:00 noon. Busses will run at that time. There will be no afternoon care. Please be sure to pick up your children on time. Thank you.

ATTENTION BASKETBALL PARENTS

To all 5th and 6th basketball parents from last season: We are missing six uniforms. Please check your closets, corners and under your beds. You can make the return anonymously by placing the uniform in a bag and dropping it in the teacher workroom. No one will ask questions. Thanks for checking.

COLD WEATHER REMINDER

Parents are reminded that students will be going out for recess unless the temperature or wind-chill is below zero. It is very important for children to get fresh air and exercise as much as possible during the winter months. Please dress your children in layers with snow pants, gloves, and face/head covering. 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).

CHRISTMAS PROJECT AT O.C.S.

This year's Christmas project is actually a continuation of a project we are undertaking all year long. Our Unity Groups have committed to "sponsoring" children for one year at the Tesoros de Dios ministry. Tesoros de Dios, translated *Treasures of God*, is located in Managua, Nicaragua. This ministry, directed by O.C.S. alumna, Michelle Adams, provides developmentally disabled children and their families with the basic tools necessary for life-long growth. It does this through programs in personal health, special needs education, and Christ-centered spiritual growth.

The Unity Groups at O.C.S. have formed pairs to share the cost of the sponsorship of a child. It costs \$25 per month or \$300 per year to sponsor a child. This means each Unity Group is responsible for raising \$12.50 each month for their child. Since we have twenty Unity Groups we have the opportunity to be a blessing to ten needy children in Nicaragua.

Please remind your children of this project. This Christmas we will not be exchanging gifts in our classrooms, and we are asking children not to bring a gift for their teachers. Instead we would like our children to bring any money they would normally spend on these gifts to their Unity Group to support their child. Please help us share Christ's love this Christmas and throughout the school year in Nicaragua. Thank you.

NEW TESTAMENT GIFT BAGS

The Promotion committee has made New Testaments available to all of our families in a nice gift bag for \$1.00 each. This is a creative way to spread the Good News to others this holiday season. The gift bags include an invitation which you can fill out to invite others to visit your church also. Please stop in the school office if you are interested in picking up some of these bags.

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.

BRRR!!!

Winter is here, and so is the cold weather that can be so brutal. Last year Hartman Chiropractic generously donated some hats, mittens, and gloves to OCS. This year they have donated winter coats. If you are in need of any of these items, please come to the school office. All requests will be kept confidential.

O.C.S. HOSTS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNY

Our school will be hosting teams from three other Wisconsin Christian schools for the annual Christian School Basketball Tournament on Feb. 19 & 20. Games are played here and at S.C.S. on Friday and at SCCHS on Saturday. We will be responsible for housing students on Friday evening and providing meals for lunch and supper on Friday. Planning will begin soon. We are looking for a chairman/some co-chairman to facilitate the meals. There are very good notes available to aid in the planning. If you would be willing to help out in this way, please call the school office at 564-2664. Planning will begin right after Christmas break.

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Would your child like to run freely in a large gymnasium? Come join other moms or dads with their children on Thurs 1/7 (and 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 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.

AUCTION

There are still a few auction items left. Call Jocelyn Wiebe on her cell phone to make arrangements for pick-up 287-1111.

- Tickets for Men of Harmony concert on April 24. Value \$100—make us an offer!
- \$50 off your limo at Stardust Executive Limousine
- All-sport season ticket at SCCHS.
- Estate planning at Rice and Bohrofen, Attorneys
- Two tickets to Road America for next season.
- Poll volleyball net
- Sunflower bouquet available from Doris Hendrikse
- There are also gift certificates from Lakeshore Hair, Oil and Lube from Mueller, Lakeshore Lanes, Art's Display and Candy Creations.
- Or stop in the office for an OCS cookbook (\$10) or Auction cookbook! (\$4)

SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO REMEMBER:

Keep the magnetic strips on your gifts cards "apart." When you put more than one gift card together, the magnetic strips can cancel each other out if they are together. Putting all cards face up is a good rule of the thumb.

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

Here's an idea for someone that you don't know exactly what to purchase: VISA scrip cards can be used anywhere that VISA is accepted (which is almost anywhere!). These can be ordered through our Scrip program. There is one small condition that you will need to remember—it must be used within six months. Stop in the office today!

ELECTRONIC ORDERING

So you need to get some Scrip, but are not sure if we have it in stock; just go to our website at www.oostburgchristian.com, click on Scrip order form on the left sidebar, and follow the instructions there. You will be able to pick up your Scrip order in the office - it will be waiting for you. It doesn't get much easier than that!

GOOD SEARCH

Be sure to begin your online holiday shopping at GoodShop.com and then click over to your favorite store. Every time you start at GoodShop.com, this affiliate of Good Search will send a percentage of your purchase to Oostburg Christian. There are 1,300 stores available through Good Shop. Try it out today!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

All OCS Moms: Please join us on Thursday mornings in the school library from 10:30-11:45 AM 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. If you have little ones, we have FREE childcare. Infants are cared for in the First CRC nursery and older ones can run and play in the OCS gym. Please join us for this encouraging and fulfilling time to draw near to God. Please call Sue Dykstra at 564-4212 to sign up your child for FREE childcare. *Lamentations 2:19: "Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street".*

CALENDAR

December 17
December 18
December 21

Christmas Concert 6:30
Progress Reports
B-Ball Boys5/6 @ HF 5:30

December 23
Dec. 24-Jan. 3
Jan. 4

Girls5/6 @ HF 6:30
NOON Dismissal
Christmas Break
School Resumes

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

*Hot Lunch Order Form

*Scrip Form