

HOME BULLETIN
January 21, 2009

MAKE UP DAYS?

One question I have often been asked these past few days is, "Do we have to make up any of the days we missed because of snow or cold weather?" The answer is No. The reason is that we have scheduled 180 face to face teaching days. The state and the accrediting agency to which we belong demand a minimum of 175 days. Many schools count their teacher inservice days as part of their 180 and therefore need to make up days that have been missed. Our inservice days are totally separate from our 180-day calendar. If we miss more than 1 additional day this school year, we will have to make any additional days up. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mr. Adams at school. Thank you.

END OF QUARTER AND REPORT CARDS

This Thursday, January 22, is the last day of the second quarter (first semester). Report Cards will be sent home next week Friday, January 30. Please sign and return the Report Cards as soon as possible. All library fines must be paid and overdue books returned at this time. Thank you.

BLUE HARBOR SWIM PARTY

Tickets for this event (\$5 per person) will be sold in the OCS office until 3:00 PM TOMORROW/THURSDAY. Please note that the event runs from 4:00-8:00 PM NOT until 10:00 PM as was printed on some of the tickets. Swimmers are required to bring their own towels.

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

There will be no school this Friday. Friday is an inservice day and the teachers will be finalizing semester grades and preparing for the new semester.

SPELLING BEE

The annual OCS Spelling Bee for students in grades 5-8 was wrapped up yesterday. Congratulations to Ricky Walvoort who won the bee. Congratulations to Jessie Walvoort also – our second place winner, and to all other students who participated. Ricky will participate in the Sheboygan County Bee to be hosted at Acuity on February 10.

FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH ORDERS

The February order form was attached to last week's Blue Note. Please fill it in, attach payment, and return it to school NO LATER THAN next Wednesday, January 28. Thank you.

YEARBOOK

Order forms are attached to this Blue Note and are due back to the office by Thursday, February 5. Cost per book is \$12.50 each – order as many as you like. The yearbooks will arrive at the end of May or beginning of June. Thank you – Wendy Urban.

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.

Opera: A play that is sung. John Michael Kohler Arts Center in Sheboygan is hosting the Florentine Opera's production of "Pinocchio", performed in English, and using the music of Mozart, Donizeth, Offenbach, Pergolesi, Sullivan and Verdi. This opera is suitable for children in grades K-5. The performances will take place at JMKAC THIS Saturday, Jan. 24 at noon and 2:00 PM. Admission is \$6 for JMKAC members, and \$8 for non-members. This is a wonderful opportunity to see a live performance!

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.

THAI PROJECT CONTINUES

Thanks to all who have continued to send in donations for our Thai project. We are now at a total of \$1762.92.

CLOTHING ITEMS

If your family has a need of winter hats, scarves, mittens, etc. please see Mrs. Nyenhuis in the school office. All requests will be kept confidential.

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).

"TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION"

Do you shop at Target? This nation-wide company gives back to our school twice a year through those who shop there through their Take Charge of Education. They don't participate in the Scrip program, but we do receive checks from them because our school supporters use the Red Card. You can designate our school to receive 1% back of your Target purchases on their card. If you have one, you can designate our school. If you shop there regularly, please consider designating Oostburg Christian as your school of choice when using the Target card.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMS IN TOUCH

*Attention, Moms! What's the best thing you can do for your child? How about pray? You are invited to join a new Moms In Touch International (MITI) prayer group. We are meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month (10:30 - 11:45 a.m.) at Oostburg Christian School library. All area moms are welcome! Infant childcare will be provided at the 1st CRC church nursery and preschool childcare provided in the gym at OCS. Questions please call Sue Dykstra 564-4212 or susandykstra@wi.rr.com.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL's 8th Grade Discovery Day has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 28 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in having his/her student attend, please RSVP to the SCCHS office (458-9981) by Monday, January 26.

COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER

The Oostburg Community Youth Center, located in the Oostburg Middle School (above the gym – where the old wrestling room used to be), is open to all middle school students on Monday and Wednesday from 2:30 – 4:00 and on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 – 6:00 PM.

OOSTBURG STATE BANK FITNESS CENTER

The new fitness center is now open to the public. The entrance is on the north side of Oostburg High School. It is open every Monday – Friday from 5:00 – 7:00 AM, 10:30 – 11:30 AM, and 2:30 – 8:00 PM. There are plenty of new exercise machines for all to use. There is always someone on duty to assist you, if you have any questions.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

*There is information available in the school office regarding a Sheboygan Christian School Chess Tournament being held on Saturday, January 31.

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.

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

Thank you for using Scrip. We have recently “closed the books” on first semester and realized a payout for our families of nearly \$6000 on 62 tuition accounts with 23 payouts exceeding \$100! If you didn't receive any tuition support this semester, please find out how you can help the school and your tuition account by stopping in the office or calling Melanie Wisse (564-6031) or Mary Swihart (564-3882) If your tuition account can use financial assistance like that, please let us help you get started!

Scrip will be on sale Thursday night as regularly scheduled until 5:30, Friday if, OCS is playing and all day Saturday during the games—so stop in to pick up the certificates and cards that you need.

CHARGER SHOOTOUT

The boys' tournament is almost here! Next week Thursday, Friday, and Saturday January 29, 30, and 31 is the Boys' Tournament. There will be a lot of great basketball, great food, and great fellowship. Check online next week for the exact time of games – we will post them as soon as we have the schedule at www.oostburgchristian.com and click on Calendar. When you choose a particular date, you will have the information.

Please pray during this next week for this event! Pray that all teams, families and friends will have safe travel, be kept free of injury, and show good sportsmanship. Pray that God will be glorified in all our dealings throughout both weekends.

We would also like for you to remember that OCS students who are not on the team will need to pay \$1.00 admission and while students in grades 5-8 may attend alone, we ask that all students in Grade 4 and below be accompanied by an adult. The volunteers here have work to do and cannot be responsible for children in the building who are unsupervised. It doesn't work well for older siblings to be responsible either as they prefer to “hang” with their friends. Thank you for helping us make this an enjoyable and safe event for all to attend.

You are invited to play in the Alumni & Friends Basketball Games during the Shootout. The men's game will be held on Saturday, January 31, at 12:45. The women's game will be held on Saturday, February 7, at 12:45. If you have questions, please contact Paul and Beth Modahl at 564-6512 or pmodahl@verizon.net. You don't have to be an O.C.S. Alumnus to play.

MAGAZINE RENEWALS

Scrip has recently received a check for over \$45 for magazine subscription renewals. This is such an easy way to help our school if you or someone you know subscribes to magazines. Just go to our website: www.oostburgchristian.com, click on GRACE – Everyday and scroll down to the bottom of that page. Click on the QSP link and you are ready to shop for magazines that will bring 40% back to our school. If you know

a particular student, and put that information in, that family will receive 38% of their total back in tuition aid. That's even better than Kwik Trip!!

And while you are thinking of renewals, if you subscribe to the Sheboygan Press, please renew your paper through the school. Your tuition account as well as the school will benefit from the money you are spending anyway. Don't know how to do it? Just call Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678) and we'll get you started.

CALENDAR

January 22	End of 2 nd Semester Blue Harbor Swim Party 4:00 – 8:00 PM
January 23	Teacher Workday – No School
January 26	B-Ball 5/6 Girl @ HF 5:30
January 27	B-Ball 7/8 Girls vs SCS 6:00 7/8 Boys vs SD8 5:00
January 28	8 th Grade to SCCHS Visiting Day Nacho Lunch
January 29	B-Ball 5/6 Girls vs SD6 @ CCA 5:30 5/6 Boys @ CCA 4:30
January 28-30	Boys' Charger Shootout
January 30	Report Cards

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

*Charger Shootout Concessions Workers and Request for Bars

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*Yearbook Order Form