

HOME BULLETIN
January 6, 2010

*"The Lord watches over you –
The Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day nor the moon by night."*

Psalm 121: 5 - 6

WELCOME BACK

The above verse was used in our weekly devotional Monday morning as our teaching staff returned from Christmas break. What a wonderful reminder! As we begin the new school year and welcome everyone back from vacation; we live in the knowledge that the Lord is watching over each of us. This is a blessing enjoyed by our children as well as everyone associated with our school. Psalm 121 ends with these comforting words: "The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." Join me in praising God for His faithful love as together we begin the year 2010.

THANK YOU

The staff of Oostburg Christian School sends a huge thank you to all the families who sent food, goodies, and cards to our staff members during this Christmas season. We especially thank everyone for their prayers on behalf of the children and all our families. It is truly a blessing to belong to the Oostburg Christian School family.

SCHOOL BOARD PRAYER REQUEST

The school board is currently looking at the budget for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Please pray for our Board members – and especially the Finance Committee (Justin Zylstra, Brian DeMaster, Dan Roerdink, and Bob Adams) as they seek God's will concerning the future of Oostburg Christian School.

WE'RE GOING GREEN!

To do our part to conserve resources, beginning with the January 20 Home Bulletin, the weekly notes home will only be sent electronically. If you have no access to e-mail, and need a hard copy sent to you, please contact the school office at 564-2664 before that date. Thank you!

O.C.S. HOSTS CHRISTIAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

JR. HIGH PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! 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. We are looking for a chairman/some co-chairmen 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 THIS WEEK. It's time to begin preparations for this semi-annual event – we would appreciate your help. Thank you.

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER TOMORROW

Tomorrow is your next opportunity to experience 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.

DISCOVER 4K & 5K AT OOSTBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Please join us on January 19 from 5:30-7pm. A light supper will be served. This is open to families with children who are currently in these classes or are interested in learning more about these programs. You are also encouraged to invite other families to come! Please let us know if you are coming so we can plan for food. You can contact us at 920-564-2664 or oostburgchristian@wi.rr.com.

OPEN HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 11

Oostburg Christian School will be hosting a 4K-8th grade Open House on Thursday, February 11, from 6-7:30pm. If you know of any families who are interested in learning more about our school, please invite them to come or give us the information and we will send them an invitation. As always they may schedule a private tour and meeting with Mr. Adams at any time.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULING CHANGES

The 7/8 boys' basketball game against St. John the Baptist, which was snowed out, has been rescheduled for Jan. 11, beginning at 6:00 PM at St. John's in Plymouth.

The girls' 7/8 Dec. 8 game against St. Dominic, which was cancelled due to weather conditions, has been rescheduled for March 1, at 5:00 PM at O.C.S.

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.

If your child is in need of some cold weather gear, we have a supply of new hats, mittens/gloves, scarves and jackets that have been donated to the school in the past two years. Please stop in the office and we will do what we can to (confidentially) help you out.

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).

TESOROS de DIOS PROJECT CONTINUES

Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far to our Unity Group project. We have already collected \$1846.33 and will continue this project for the entire school year to fulfill our commitment.

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.

GOOD SEARCH

Is www.goodsearch.com your default browser? Oostburg Christian can benefit from your internet searching which you probably do several hundred times a week. If everyone in our school used www.goodsearch.com and designated Oostburg Christian as your favorite charity, we would have the amount of a project and there are no bars to bake, no dishes to wash, and no committees to meet. Here's how it works: If each family uses Good Search 100 times each week, we would bring in \$52.00 per year per family. We have 84 families in our school and that comes to \$4,368.00 per year! Make a new year's resolution and do something EASY, set www.goodsearch.com as your default browser today!

THE SCRIP TEAM WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT

...69 families will be able to realize a tuition credit at semester time this month. If you would like to know how to become involved and get tuition credit twice a year, just e-mail ocscrip@gmail.com to find out how or stop in the office. We can sign you up immediately.

THANK YOU FROM KASH FOR KIDS

We have recently received a check from Box Tops for Education for \$865.60 from the labels that you turn in! Thank you so much for your commitment to saving those labels off of many products. See all the products that you can buy with this label at www.boxtops4education.com including Hefty, Avery Office products, Cottonelle, Huggies, Betty Crocker, General Foods Cereals like Cheerios, Hamburger Helper, Scott paper products, and many more! Our thanks, too, to Bonnie LeMahieu for her years of faithful service in collecting, storing, counting, sorting, and mailing these labels! If you see her, thank her on behalf of school!

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

Don't forget that you can use your Kohl's Scrip purchased at the office to pay your Kohl's bill. This is the only vendor that allows you to use Scrip to pay for your credit card purchase. Take advantage of this generosity by the Kohl's company today!

CHARGER SHOOT-OUT

January 28-30, 2010—Girls' Tournament

February 4-6, 2010—Boys' Tournament

The Charger Shoot-out Planning Committee is nearly ready for this great event and we ask your prayers for the teams that will be coming from:

- Oakfield
- Campbellsport
- Brookfield
- Cedar Grove
- Oostburg Public
- Howards Grove
- Plymouth
- Sheboygan
- West Bend

Please pray that all who participate, from the fans, to the players and coaches, to our volunteers will join together in behavior and attitude that will bring glory to God. Pray that our efforts in running a tournament with integrity and class will be a witness to all who attend.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

“PARENTING WITH PATIENCE (...AND PRAYER!)”

A seven-week Christian parenting class to help parents create a more loving and positive home begins Monday, January 25, 2010 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center in Sheboygan. The class will focus on using positive praise and reinforcement to encourage compliance and build self-esteem in children. Other skills taught include ignoring, time-out, sticker charts, communication, problem-solving, allowances, household chores and many others, all from a Christian perspective. Child care may be available for children 6 years old and younger. Parents unable to afford the \$70.00 per family fee may inquire about limited tuition assistance. The class is led by Dr. Darlene Mech, psychologist and pastor’s wife. Please call her at Nett-Work Family Counseling for more information and to register: 451-3141.

KIDS IN MOTION

A FREE youth program that incorporates sports, games and fitness exercises to enhance cardiovascular fitness, strength and endurance will be held in the Oostburg Elementary School Gym. Students in grades 3-5 are eligible for this program which will be held Jan. 18, Feb. 1 and Feb. 22 from 3:30 – 4:30 PM. A limited number of registrations will be taken. You can pick up a registration form in the O.C.S. office. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Jenn Swart, O.S.D. Recreation Coordinator, at 564-2346, ext. 1151.

CALENDAR	
January 7	Dordt College Band Concert
January 11	B-Ball Boys7/8 @ StJ 6:00
January 12	B-Ball Girls7/8 @ HF 6:00 Boys7/8 vs SCS @ SCCHS 6:30
January 13	Sub Sandwich Lunch
January 14	B-Ball Girls5/6 vs St. D 5:30 Boys5/6 vs SCS @ SCCHS 6:30

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