



# 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 June 1, 2011

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Thank you for your prayers during the school year. Your prayers on behalf of families, children, and teachers are coveted by all. Please continue to pray for Mrs. Jill Haag during the summer as she continues to recover. Also, please pray for all the children as they begin their summer vacation. Finally, please pray for all our families. Pray they grow closer to our Lord and Savior each day. Again, thank you for your faithful prayers. May God bless all our families during this time away from school.

### ASSOCIATION MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Association Meeting will be available for review following the June 20 School Board meeting when they will be reviewed.

### FINAL BLUE NOTE

This is the final Blue Note of the 2010 - 2011 school year. We will see you in September ☺.

### RETURN THOSE LIBRARY BOOKS!!!

All O.C.S. library books should be returned no later than this Friday, June 6. Check everywhere - under the bed, behind the dresser, under the car seat, etc.!!!

### JULY & AUGUST CALENDARS

The July & August calendar and Interest Wheel will be coming home to your family today. Also, please add Mrs. Sandy Gartman's birthday to your June calendar - June 4.

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

School will dismiss at NOON next Wednesday, June 8. Busses will run at that time. The van will only be traveling to Cedar Grove on this day - there will be no north route.

### REPORT CARD PICK-UP

Report Cards can be picked up on Wednesday, June 15, between the hours of **8:30 AM and 12:30 PM**. All student fines and fees must be paid before they can pick up their Report Card. When you come in to pick up the Report Card, please check out the overflowing Lost & Found tables. All items left here after Report Card pick-up will be disposed of.

### BATONS

Children in grades K - 8 will be given a baton at the end of this school year. The baton is to symbolize what happens when your child leaves his or her current class and enters a new class next year. The baton will contain a message from their current teacher. The idea is to encourage and bless each child. The baton will be returned to school next year empty of all messages. Please keep the notes found in the baton. They need not be returned to school. The new, empty baton handed to next year's teacher will remind us that our children are treasures from God who need and deserve Godly role models who will share their faith daily while teaching all God's children.

*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.*

## **THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER**

Each year my last Blue Note contains the same recommendation for parents. Please make time to read with your children over the summer. Whether your children love reading or hate reading, summer is not the time to take a vacation from this life-long activity. Reading is crucial for young people to grow as Christians and grow as functioning American citizens. So, what should you make your children do this summer? Make them read – and join them with a good book of your own☺.

Even more important than reading is spiritual food. Please take time for family devotions during the summer. My father used to tell me, "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." Fill your child's summer with devotional time and reading. By God's grace you will be preparing your child for life in God's Kingdom.

## **JANITOR NEEDED**

Do you need some extra cash to help pay your tuition? OCS is in need of a person who will clean the student center, band room, and kitchen once each week. The job may be done to fit your schedule. We have a walk behind scrubber to clean the student center. A mop is supplied to clean the kitchen floor and band room floor. Once each summer the floors are stripped and waxed. If you are interested in this position and would like to know more, please call Mr. Adams at school or email him at [bobadams@wi.rr.com](mailto:bobadams@wi.rr.com). Thank you.

## **THANK YOU, MISS GANTNER AND MR. DEMASTER**

This is the last week Miss Gantner and Mr. DeMaster will be teaching at Oostburg Christian School. Miss Gantner will be student teaching next year and then will follow where God leads – in the classroom or on the mission field. Mr. DeMaster will begin teaching full-time at Christian High. Please join me in thanking Miss Gantner and Mr. DeMaster for all they have done at OCS. Please keep both in your prayers as they follow God's leading.

## **THANK YOU, MOMS IN TOUCH**

Thank you, also, to this wonderful group of moms who covered our school family in prayer throughout the school year.

## **CONCERT IN THE GRASS**

The annual Concert in the Grass (or in the Student Center if it is raining☺), featuring our 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade band, will be held this Friday, June 3, at 2:30 PM. Please come out and watch the last middle school concert conducted by Mr. Ron DeMaster, our band instructor.

## **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

Although graduation takes place next week, we definitely want to take the time to officially congratulate our eighth grade students for successfully completing their work at OCS. We pray God blesses each of them as they continue their education in high school. **Please join us as we celebrate eight grade graduation on Tuesday, June 7, at 7:00 PM in the school gym.**

## **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

The school office will be open from 8:00 AM to noon every Wednesday throughout summer. Most other weekday mornings Mr. Adams or Mrs. Nyenhuis will be in the office, however, you should call just to make sure someone is in if you want to stop by. Thank you.

## **TUITION PAYMENTS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER**

Please remember that tuition is calculated over twelve monthly payments. This means tuition for June and July must be paid even though school is not in session. Please make sure your summer monthly payments reach the school office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Tuition payments may be mailed to school at the following address: Oostburg Christian School, PO Box 700319, Oostburg, WI 53070, or may be dropped off at school when either Mr. Adams or Mrs. Nyenhuis is in.

## **REGISTRATION FOR 2011 - 2012**

Registration for the 2011/2012 school year will be held the evening of August 9. You will receive a registration packet in the mail or your church mailbox several weeks before that date.

## **STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR 2011-2012**

A hard copy of the Student School Supply List for the 2011-2012 school year was sent home to your family last week. An electronic version is attached to this e-mail.

## **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

Information on Immunization Requirements for the upcoming school year was sent home to your family last week. Please make sure your children are properly immunized before the start of school in September. 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS SHOULD ESPECIALLY NOTE THE BOOSTERS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE. Electronic information on Immunization Requirements and Immunization Clinics is included with this electronic Home Bulletin.

## **SPORTS PHYSICALS**

Oostburg Christian School recommends that all students who participate in interscholastic sports receive a physical before entering 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade. We are recommending physicals for these students as well as for all new or current students entering 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade who have not participated in interscholastic sports (volleyball, basketball, or soccer) before. Parents must stop in the school office and sign a waiver form if their child does not have a sports physical prior to the beginning of fall sports. The physical form/waiver form is good for two years. A Sports Physical Exam Form was sent home with each 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade student last week.

## **STUDENT ARTWORK AT COUNTY FAIR**

If you visit the Sheboygan County Fair over the Labor Day weekend, don't forget to stop in at the School Art Display building. Every one of our K-5 students will have at least one piece of artwork on display for that weekend. We thank Curt and Betty Nyenhuis for volunteering to do the work of labeling and transporting the artwork to and from the Fair so our students can have their work displayed there.

## **NEW FAMILY REFERRAL**

If a family that you refer to our school is enrolled for at least one semester, you will have a \$750 tuition credit coming your way. You may use this credit yourself or share it with the new family. You may 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 opportunities
- General school information brochures
- Free 4K package brochure
- Cabin Fever Reliever promotion brochure

## **SHARE THE HARVEST**

Oostburg Christian School will be sponsoring "Share the Harvest" at the Oostburg Farmers Market this summer. This outreach ministry involves volunteers from OCS who help harvest, sell, and deliver fresh garden produce. The produce is donated by people in the community who have more than they can use themselves. They either drop off the produce on Saturdays during the 8 a.m. to 12 noon market or we arrange to pick up their donations. OCS has donated profits from Share the Harvest sales to the Oostburg Food Pantry, OCEF, and the Oostburg United Fund. We have also brought food to families in the community. Please prayerfully consider joining our team of volunteers. Even one Saturday is guaranteed to bring joy to your summer. Call or email Patti Duenk at 564-3221, [pduenk@excel.net](mailto:pduenk@excel.net).

## **HAVE YOU CONTACTED YOUR CONGRESSMAN YET?**

The income tax relief proposed in the state senate under Senate Bill 69 (SB 69) by Glenn Grothmann ([sen.grothman@legis.state.wi.us](mailto:sen.grothman@legis.state.wi.us), / Phone # 1 (800) 662-1227 ) and Andre Jacque ([Rep.Jacque@legis.wi.gov](mailto:Rep.Jacque@legis.wi.gov) /phone number is (608) 266-9870.) will save our school districts thousands of dollars. Dan LeMahieu is also a co-sponsor of this bill. ([Rep.LeMahieu@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Rep.LeMahieu@legis.wisconsin.gov), phone number is (888) 534-0059. Dan is also on Facebook). It costs over \$9,000 per child to educate a student in the Oostburg School District. If they enrolled their child in OCS, it would only cost the state \$1,500 - \$2,000 for each child. And the Oostburg district is one of the lowest in the state. Contact your representative today by sending them **two short e-mails** and let them know how much we appreciate SB 69 in training our children at Oostburg Christian. **They need to hear from as many as possible** to know if there is any support for this. They will surely hear from the other side of the issue!

## **SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW.....**

- We have added Papa Murphy's Pizza to the Scrip store! It comes in \$10 cards and gives you 6% back towards your tuition.
- We had \$7,250 in sales last week!
- We have over \$3,000 to be paid out in June towards tuition! Let's finish the year strong! Thanks for your support of the Scrip Program at OCS!
- If you're headed to Six Flags this summer - order your tickets from Scrip! Let Melanie Wisse (564-6031) or Brenda Lammers (564-2310) know if you have any questions.
- Remember that Scrip is available throughout the summer on Wednesdays from 8:00-12:00 noon and any other day that Barb is in the office. Please call ahead!

## **APPRECIATION**

I would like to thank you sincerely for all the many hours that were put into GRACE projects this year. It was a minimum of 1716 hours, but the chairs of the projects usually put in many more than the required 20. And we hope to exceed our pledge of \$76,500 when we make our final payout in June. That's nearly \$45 per hour for each one you worked for the school! I am most appreciative to each of you for your hard work and effort made to make a difference **for the kids!!!** Joyce Eggebeen

## **SUMMER SUPPORT**

Thank you for coming out this summer to support two events that are being planned:

- Heritage Day—come out and join us for a lot of fun downtown on Friday, **August 12**. The whole community looks forward to this event! Look for our Taco on the Run booth!
- A new project is our combined Golf Tournament with SCCHS. Justin & Becky Zylstra and Paul & Nicole Mentink are chairing this with families from SCCHS and we look forward to an exciting, updated event on **August 20<sup>th</sup>**. Watch for more information on that.

## **CLEAN OUT THE REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER**

It's summer time at Oostburg Christian and we do a full cleaning of the kitchen. This means if you have anything left in the freezer or refrigerator in the school kitchen, please clean it out or mark it to save. All other items will be discarded.

## **KASH FOR KIDS**

Keep saving your labels from the Box Tops for Education and all Campbell's Soup. Several different milk caps are also precious and marked with a 5 cent rebate—thanks for rinsing them carefully! This volunteer group of ladies brings in over \$1200 per year for our school, which is donated to our field trip fund. Please thank Bonnie LeMahieu and Anne Eggebeen when you see them.

## **NEHEMIAH CONFERENCE ROOM**

Attached to today's electronic Blue Note is a description of the task that was introduced at the Association meeting. This is a small project that will renovate the space where the old restrooms and janitor occupied across from the teacher workroom. We will rely on volunteers for demolition, donated materials and labor, and funds to complete this project. Please contact Joyce Eggebeen ([jeggebeen@wi.rr.com](mailto:jeggebeen@wi.rr.com)) or Bob Adams ([bobadams@wi.rr.com](mailto:bobadams@wi.rr.com)) if you or someone you know is willing to help.

## **IS YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER?**

It doesn't matter what age you are, but if you own your own home and have children, you need to be sure that they are cared for if something should happen to you. **Don Long**, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will show you how. As a free service to all families at Oostburg Christian, a confidential Estate Planning consultation is offered to you at **no charge**. **Don** will be meeting with Christian families in our area from **June 20-23, 2011**. Just call Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 1-888-448-3040 to schedule a conversation with **Don** or contact Joyce Eggebeen to set up an appointment. To help you get started, you may also request a free special report titled "Top 10 Estate Planning Mistakes" by simply going to [www.barnabasfoundation.com/top10](http://www.barnabasfoundation.com/top10).

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUMMER TUTORING

Does your student need help in phonics, reading or math to make him or her more successful at the next grade level? Does he or she need some "catch-up" help? I work with your child's teacher to provide the help your child needs. Call Mary Jane Gruett at 564-3788. Reasonable fees. Individualized instruction can make a difference.

### BETHEL VBS

Come join us for our "Great Adventure" as we study God's Word while we rock climb, windsurf, mountain bike and snowshoe our way through this year's adventure. We will focus our week on Psalm 139 which says, "O Lord, you have searched me and you know me". All kids age 4 thru entering 6th grade are welcome to register. Call Bethel church at 564-2300 today to make sure you are part of this adventure. An informational flyer was attached to last week's Home Bulletin.

# A Special Invitation. . .

A Kids' Musical for "Such A Time As This"

**Sunday, June 5th, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**

**First Reformed Church of Oostburg**

*Call 920-564-2319 for more information.*

*Church website: [www.frcoostburg.org](http://www.frcoostburg.org)*

### CAMP CALVIN

Registration brochures for Camp Calvin, June 20-25, are available in the school office.

### BETHEL COLLEGE FOOTBALL CAMP

Brochures for this camp sponsored by Bethel College in St. Paul, MN are available in the school office. The camp is in session from June 20-22 from 9:00 – Noon.

### PREVEA TITLETOWN 3 ON 3 TOURNY

This event will be held in Green Bay this Saturday, June 4, and is open to all hoopsters nine years and older. Registration forms can be picked up in the school office.

### MAYWOOD SUMMER ECOCAMPS

Camp schedules, registration forms and information on available scholarships can be found at [www.gomaywood.org/ecocamps.htm](http://www.gomaywood.org/ecocamps.htm).

### RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING

The Sheboygan County Chapter of the Red Cross is planning to offer the Babysitter's Training CourseS this summer. The classes will be held at the Red Cross building located at 2032 Erie Avenue in Sheboygan.

The class dates are listed below:

Monday, June 27

Tuesday, June 28

Monday, July 11

Tuesday, August 2

All classes will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the cost is \$50 per student.

This course is designed for children approximately 11 years of age or older. Participants will learn the responsibilities of a babysitter, how to prevent accidents, how to handle emergencies, some basic first aid, infant care skills, and more. We feel this is a very beneficial program, not only for the babysitter, but also the children in their care. The program is open to both boys and girls.

Persons interested in the course should call our office if they use a credit card for payment. If you wish to pay with check or cash please stop in the office. Class size is limited to 12 students, so early registration is recommended. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact the Red Cross at 457-7739.

#### MEMORIAL MALL "A"CHIEVERS CLUB

The last day for students to enter for a chance to win a Memorial Mall \$25 gift card is **June 30<sup>th</sup>**!

Students can nominate a teacher to win a \$25 gift card as well. Students should bring in their report cards and register an entry for every "A" on their report card at the Memorial Mall office M-F 9am – 5pm. See Flier attached to this e-mail.

#### **So far student and teacher winners were from:**

Wilson- Sheboygan 2 students, 2 teachers

St. Mary's School – Sheboygan Falls 1 student, 1 teacher

Oostburg Christian School – 1 student, 1 teacher

Oostburg High School – 1 student, 1 teacher

Lake Country Academy – 1 student, 1 teacher

#### KIDS ART CONTEST AT HERITAGE DAY ON AUGUST 12TH

The Oostburg Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a new event at Heritage Day this summer – a Kids Art Contest. This is a great way to showcase our local talent and a fun summer project for the kids! Children should submit a piece of art work depicting downtown Oostburg, either past, present or future in the medium of their choice. The contest is separated into four age categories: Kindergarten - 2nd Grade, 3rd - 5th Grade, 6th - 8th Grade and 9th - 12th Grade. (grade level is the child's grade at the end of 2010-2011 school year).

First, 2nd and 3rd Place Prizes will be awarded in each age category and the winners will be chosen based on a combination of judges votes and public votes. Ballots for public votes will be available at Heritage Day on August 12th from 4:00—6:30 p.m. Contest winners will be announced at 7:30. Artwork should be submitted to Oostburg State Bank from May 1st thru June 30th with an entry form attached to it. Entry forms are available on the Chamber website at [www.oostburgchamber.com](http://www.oostburgchamber.com). For additional information or questions, call Pam at 564-6540 or e-mail [info@oostburgchamber.com](mailto:info@oostburgchamber.com)

#### ABRAKADOODLE

Summer is all about fun! Get Silly! Get Goofy! Get ready to use your IMAGINATION! Abrakadoodle is offering classes at OCS for pre-schoolers (ages 3-5) on Tuesdays from 10:00 – 12:00, June 28<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and for elementary students (ages 6-12) on Thursdays from 10:00 – 12:00, June 30<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up for any combination of classes – from just one to all 6.

The summer pre-school themes are ONCE UPON A TIME – we'll enter an enchanted kingdom filled with castles, dragons, fairies and stories of magic and surprise! and DREAMING OF THE FUTURE – where we'll imagine futuristic cities, fly through outer space, finding missing animals, create paintings that zoom and fly off on important missions to help others! .

Elementary themes are WOW! I didn't know you could do that with paper! – we'll learn new *really* interesting techniques to create art with paper and each project will have the kids saying, "Wow! I didn't know you could do that with paper!" and ARAKADABRA! – a really fun concoction of magic and art. Kids will create 2 art projects in each class. Cost for each 2 hour class is \$22.00 and includes all materials. For additional class information or to register online, visit [www.abrakadoodle.com/wi03/](http://www.abrakadoodle.com/wi03/), or call Pam at 564-6540.

**CALENDAR**

June 2	Jr. High @ Science Fair
June 3	Gr. 3 to Manitowoc Concert in the Grass 2:30 4K Graduation 3:45
June 6	8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. To Great America
June 7	Gr. 1 & 2 to Milwaukee Zoo Gr. K to Pizza Ranch Graduation 7:00 PM
June 8	Last Day of School – Noon Dismissal
June 15	Report Card Pick-Up 8:30 – 12:30
August 9	Registration
September 1	First Day of School

