

HOME BULLETIN
October 21, 2009

THANK YOU, STAFF

Please join me in thanking the staff for a "Peek at the Past." Last Wednesday our students spent the entire day in Unity Groups learning about life in Oostburg one hundred years ago. They learned that although times change, God doesn't. Especially thank Mrs. DuMez, Mrs. VerVelde, and Mrs. Edwards who organized the entire event. Finally, let us all praise God for His faithfulness to all generations!

Check out pictures of Peek at the Past on our website: www.oostburgchristian.com and click on Special School Activities, then Peek at the Past.

THANK YOU FROM THE PEEK AT THE PAST COMMITTEE

Our heartfelt thanks to all those who were part of the Peek at the Past event last Wednesday. The number of people who helped to make the day a wonderful remembrance of God's faithfulness was incredible. The list of willing helpers was endless and for each person, we are so grateful. It was only with everyone's help and cooperation that such a day could be held. To God be the glory!

ANOTHER THANKS!

The staff would like to thank the kindergarten moms who provided us with such a delicious lunch yesterday. It was a wonderful treat and we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

FEVER? STAY HOME!

As we hear of schools closing due to the flu and the quick spread of the flu this Fall, please remember one simple rule. If your child has a temperature, they must stay home. Please keep your child home 24 hours after the temperature breaks. This will certainly help diminish the chance of the flu spreading at school. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please keep Mrs. Barb Nyenhuis, our school office manager, in your prayers. Mrs. Nyenhuis had surgery today and will miss a few weeks of school. Pray for a quick recovery so she can return to work.

A GREAT MINI-CONVENTION

Last week Thursday and Friday our teaching staff traveled to Sheboygan County Christian High and joined the staffs of Sheboygan Christian Grade School and Christian High for a two-day seminar presented by Dan Beerens, Vice President of Learning Services at Christian Schools International in Grand Rapids, MI. Dan's presentation focused on "Distinctively Christian Teaching: The Joy of Connecting Passion, Mission, and Faith." Much time was spent discussing how we, as teachers, can help nurture Godly faith in our children. Please pray for our teaching staff as daily they show the students God's Word and His world.

O.C.S. SPEECH FESTIVAL

Please set aside the evening of Thursday, October 29, for our annual Speech Festival. Speeches will begin at 7:00 PM and all students in grades 5 – 8 will perform. A schedule is attached to this Blue Note. Please come out and support our students. Thank you.

NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH ORDERS

The November hot lunch order form is attached to this Blue Note. Please fill it in, attach payment, and return it to school NO LATER than next Wednesday, October 28. Thanks!

O.C.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

While you are setting aside dates, please reserve the evening of Thursday, December 17, for our all-school Christmas Concert. The concert will feature praises to our Savior sung by all of our students.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SOCCER PLAYERS

Please return all washed soccer uniforms to Mr. Modahl.

AUCTION UPDATE

Here are two more exciting additions to the auction list. You won't want to miss a chance to bid on these items!

- *A seven day stay at a vacation home on Chief Lake in Michigan's Upper Peninsula-sleeps 13+
- *A haircut and basket of hair products from Shear Imagination
- *Four 3rd row seats for a Brewer's game with a parking pass

"HALLOWEEN" OPTION

The Promotion committee is making New Testaments available to all of our families in a nice gift bag for \$1.00 each. If you take your children out trick or treating, you might want to ask people if they have a Bible in their home, and if they don't, spread the Good News with this gift. These are available in the school office. There is an invitation inside which you can fill out to invite them to visit your church as well. Also, please feel free to use these in other creative ways as the holiday season approaches to spread God's Word.

H1N1 FLU IMMUNIZATIONS

Oostburg Christian School will be hosting an H1N1 Immunization Clinic for any of our students whose parents are interested in having them immunized. These immunizations are free and will be given sometime in early November – when the vaccine becomes available. Terri Joosse RN, former parent at OCS, has graciously offered to coordinate this clinic at OCS, SCS and SCCHS. You will be receiving a packet of information sometime in the near future. If you are a registered nurse and are willing to help with the immunizations, please call the school office. Thank you!

SAVE THESE DATES

Please set aside either the evening of November 5 or November 10 for a time of discussion with the Board. Both evenings have been reserved to present to the Association the possibility of an early registration for the upcoming school year which would include some type of down payment. Many schools hold an early registration in February so the board has a more concrete idea of the number of families planning to register. Please choose one of these dates and mark it on your calendar for a chance to give your input to our school board. Thank you.

AFTERNOON CARE

Afternoon Care is available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Prepaid cards can be purchased in the school office. PLEASE NOTE: There is no Afternoon Care on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or on our once-a-month early release Wednesdays.

CARDS AND NAPKINS FOR SALE

A new supply of greeting cards and dinner napkins has arrived – especially for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sale of these items raises funds for our Kash for Kids program. Please stop in the school office if you are interested in seeing or purchasing any of these items.

PICK N SAVE CARDS

If you have a Pick N Save “saver card” please fill out the attached Pick N Save (Roundy’s) form. Even if you only shop at Pick N Save once a year, this is a simple way to earn extra money for the school. A percentage of your entire purchase will be sent to the school and all you have to do is scan your card to get your discounts. It’s that easy!! So please fill out the attached form and either bring it with you to Pick N Save or bring it to the school office and we will get it there for you. Thank you for supporting OCS!!!

DID YOU KNOW.....

that even though Kwik Trip has reduced its percentage-- it is still 8% for another year! That is about six or seven percent over other popular gasoline companies!

DO YOU HAVE A WILL?

If you have children and own your own home, you should have a will. There’s no reason to be ashamed, you can change that now. Attorney Don Long, from the Barnabas Foundation, will help you develop the best possible Estate Plan to meet your family’s needs in the privacy of your home, and free of charge. This is completely confidential. Don will be meeting with Christian families in our area during the week of November 2nd. Just call Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678) or the Barnabas Foundation directly toll-free at 888-448-3040 to set up an appointment.

CAN YOU CHOP, STIR AND/OR VISIT AT THE SAME TIME?

Andrea DuMez can use your help on the following dates from 8:30-11:00 a.m. in the kitchen at school: THIS THURSDAY (10/22), 10/29, and 11/5. No prior experience necessary—walk-ins welcome. Please call her if you can come or have any questions 564-5102. Thank you in advance for helping with our delicious auction food.

WE’RE LOOKING FOR DESSERTS

The Dessert Auction was a big hit last year—please call Andrea DuMez (564-5102) if you can make a delicious as well as beautiful dessert to auction off. Or sign up on the sheet that is attached to the display case in the front lobby. Check out the items displayed as well.

LUNCH WITH THE TEACHER

Some of the bidding for the auction will start on Preview Night! Yes, the silent bidding for lunch with a teacher will begin on Friday night at preview night. Each teacher will decide when and where the lunch will be, but your student and a friend will be able to have lunch with a teacher. Lunch goes to the highest bidder!

TABLE RESERVATIONS FOR THE AUCTION

This has been very popular this year and there is a table of four who are looking for four more to join them. Are you interested? Call Judy Mentink at 564-3626.

The GRACE Place

\$CRIP

Scrip can now be ordered electronically. Go to www.oostburgchristian.com and click on the “Scrip Order Form” on the left side of the screen. Complete the information and then Submit! The Scrip team will get your order, fill it, and let you know when it is available for pick up. Payment can be made in the school office when you pick it up! It’s

that easy! Now you can order from home, a work break, where-ever you have access to a computer!

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT AND PIZZA SALE

We are happy to report that most of the bills are paid and matters settled for our first two fund raising events. Our Volleyball Tournament was a successful event with over \$4,000 profit.

Our Pizza Sale, using mostly our enthusiastic Junior High students, and some dedicated senior citizens will bring a profit of around \$2,000. Thank you for your support and we praise God for the opportunity to keep your tuition down because you have been available to help with these events. Please continue to pray for our GRACE Board as they plan each event and may God have the glory in all that we do.

Heart for Education Auction- "*Home for the Holidays*"

November 7, 2009

Doors open at 4:00 and Silent Auction begins

Buffet dinner served between 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. (\$8.00 per person)

Dessert auction at 6:30 p.m.

Live Auction begins at 7:00 p.m.

PLAN TO COME TO PREVIEW NIGHT ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 FROM 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

This most popular event from last year will be repeated. Come on Friday night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to view the items that will be for sale on Saturday night. Bring the family for cookies and cocoa and browse around. If you can make some sugar cookies for this event, please call Andrea at 564-5102.

BUY A MEMORY THIS YEAR at the Auction!

- One week fishing trip for two to Pasha Lake Cabins in Ontario
- One week stay in a condo in Bonita Springs, FL
- Seven-day stay in a vacation home on Chief Lake, in the UP
- 3-5 day stay at Gabe's Gang Lodge
- One week stay in a time share, any where in the world!
- Safari to South Africa (see attached flyer)
- Four one-day hopper passes to Disney World
- Water Park passes to the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay
- Weeknight stay in the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells
- Weeknight stay in the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva, WI
- Two tickets for show and dinner at Memories
- Escape with your honey to The American Club for a romantic getaway
- 4 tickets to a Brewers game with parking pass!
- Lifefest tickets for event next summer.

You might enjoy these items to decorate inside and outside your home:

- Two-sided quilted table decorations by Ann Buyze
- Sunflower bouquets delivered next fall by Doris Hendrikse
- Framed prints for your walls
- Painting by Ron VanderPol
- Christmas wall hangings and wreaths
- Beautiful live Christmas tree from Bossler Tree Farms
- Fall display of corn, pumpkins, mums, etc from Alsum Farms

For more information, check out our complete online list at www.oostburgchristian.com/auction, then click on Auction Items 2009.

The Apple Trees are back!

You will have the opportunity to purchase apples to support Michelle Adams at Tesoros de Dios, a school for children with handicaps in Nicaragua. You can also purchase a bookworm and support our own library here at Oostburg Christian. Various ages and prices will be available.

New this year: The first 100 bid numbers to sign in for the auction get a free pass to Odyssey Fun Center. So come early!

Do you have Christmas ornaments/balls that are in like-new condition, but have no use for them? Our Decoration committee would like to use them for the auction decorations. Just call Nicole Mentink (564-6399) or Liz Weavers (564-2043) with any questions.

So attending auctions aren't your thing? Here are some ways to help....

- Bake some cookies for Preview Night
- Make a beautiful dessert to sell at the auction.
- Send a cash donation to the office marked "Auction".
- Come for a lovely dinner—no pressure to stay and bid.
- Help prepare food on 10/22, 10/29 or 11/5 beginning at 8:30 and working as long as you can
- Pray for the auction to be a success!

Be sure to attach safari trip & Babysitters

INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

*American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course information and registration form.

*Point Beach Energy Center Family Event Calendar – Science Saturdays – First Saturday of every month.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

ESSLINGEN/SHEBOYGAN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOLS SUMMER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Esslingen/Sheboygan Middle School Exchange program is a new program sponsored by the Sheboygan Chapter of People to People and Esslingen-Germany Verein. It is a direct exchange between German and Sheboygan County families and will involve as many students as are "accepted" and matched between the two cities. The program involves the American students traveling to homes in Esslingen, July 17-Aug. 7, 2010, and the Esslingen students staying with the Sheboygan students Aug. 8- Aug. 29, 2010. The applications are available from Mrs. Hancock or at: <http://www.ptpsheboygan.org/applications.html>. After applications and references are received, there will be a home visit and a student interview before each student is accepted into the program. All applications and references **MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1**. Matching with Esslingen students will take place in January. There will be a short meeting of interested parents/students at 7 p.m. at Oostburg Christian School, Monday, October, 26. Further information may be obtained by calling Kris Hancock at 457-0263.

CRC YOUTH GROUP THAILAND MISSION TRIP TEAM PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER

This event will be held on November 30. Let us serve you to raise funds in support of Dave and Jan Veldhorst in Bangkok, Thailand

LOL (LIVE OUT LOUD) TEE SHIRTS

We still have some LOL tees for sale – many youth sizes left for \$12.00 each. Please call Wendy Eckwielen at 694-0819 for details.

ATTENTION... ALL OOSTBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MOMS!

Please join us on Thursday mornings in the school library from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. 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 1st CRC church nursery and older ones can run and play in the 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".*

ARISE! CRY OUT! NOVEMBER 14 9A.M. TO 1P.M.

Our children are in desperate need of our prayers. Will you join with women from around the world as we pour out our hearts to the Lord for the lives of the children in our communities and around the world? Moms In Touch International is hosting Arise! Cry Out!, a worldwide day of extraordinary prayer for children and schools on November 14.

Join us, at any church in Oostburg from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 14 as we participate in this worldwide event. Bethel, First Reformed, First Presbyterian and the Christian Reformed Church will be participating as well as 600 other sites in 80 different countries! Don't miss this very special opportunity to lift up children and schools in prayer. The event will be lead with a DVD of the 25th anniversary celebration of Moms In Touch held Oct. 9&10 in San Diego, CA. Register now at www.MomsInTouch.org. or by filling out a registration form at school. For more information please contact Sue Dykstra, 564-4212, susandykstra@wi.rr.com or Vicki Swart, 564-3807, jimswart@juno.com or Marie Veldboom 564-3585.

A MEN'S EVENT will be held the same morning from 9am-10:30a.m. in the new Ministry Building next to Bethel Church. Childcare will be provided at all churches from 8:45 - 10:30 a.m.

Attention Teenagers! Do you enjoy caring for small children? Are you available on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 8:45 – 10:30 a.m.? If you answered YES to both questions, please call or email Sue Dykstra, 564-4212, susandykstra@wi.rr.com and volunteer to be in your church nursery for Arise! Cry Out!

CALENDAR

October 26	Gr. 4 to Heritage School Gr. 5 to Maywood
October 28	Chicken Wrap Lunch
October 29	O.C.S. Speech Festival

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

*Speech Festival Schedule

*November Hot Lunch Order Form

*Supplemental Auction Package Information