

October 7, 2009

**IOWA TESTS OF BASIC SKILLS**

We are in the middle of testing our students in grades 3 – 8. Please make sure your child gets enough sleep this week. We use the results of these tests to help determine the strength of our curriculum. We also use the tests to see how individual students and classes are progressing compared to national standards. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

Progress Reports will be sent home with children in grades K – 8 this Friday, October 9. If you have any questions please call your child’s teacher. Also, please sign and return these reports as soon as possible.

**HEAT IN BUILDING**

Two weeks ago it was 70 degrees outside. Then the temperature dropped, and we had our first frost. This week we are seeing temperatures in the 60 degree range. Please remember to dress your children appropriately, because we will leave the heat off for as long as possible to conserve energy. Especially on those cool, frosty mornings remind your children to wear sweaters or jackets. If it does warm up, they can always take them off. Thank you.

**SOCCER UPDATE**

The schedule for the October 9 “Friday Night Lights” is on the OCS website under “Extra-Curricular Sports”.

**A PEAK AT THE PAST – TIMES CHANGE GOD DOESN’T**

Next Wednesday, October 14, 2009, the Unity Groups of Oostburg Christian School will step back in time and reflect on God’s faithfulness and blessings. Throughout the day we will focus on the history of our community as presented through demonstrations, storytelling, displays, activities, and teaching. To help experience the past more completely, students and teachers are asked to come dressed in attire reflecting yesteryear. Check out your Grandma’s attic and see what you can come up with. The following ideas may be helpful:

- | <u>Girls</u>                              | <u>Boys</u>                                |
|---|--|
| Dresses – mid-calf or longer (or skirts)  | Pants – below knee or ankle length         |
| - high necks                              | Long socks                                 |
| - fancy collars, edged with color or lace | High leather shoes                         |
| - big sleeves                             | Short jackets, buttoned with large collars |
| Jumpers                                   | Shirts with buttons                        |
| Coats: long or waist length               | Ties – tied in a bow                       |
| Long stockings                            | Caps – high crown, short bill              |
| High leather shoes                        |  |

**ALL: Please no:** T-Shirts, sweatshirts or jerseys with writing or pictures

We are asking **all** students in grades K-8 to dress in clothing similar to that worn by students 100 or more years ago. Thank you for your help with our “Peek at the Past”.

**YOU’RE INVITED to A Peak at the Past**

Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to school next Wednesday, October 14 to learn along with our students how God has worked through history in a variety of ways and take “A Peek at the Past.” There will be demonstrations, storytelling, displays and activities focusing on church, home, school, and community life in Oostburg during days gone by.

While our students will be participating in activities all day, we invite interested adults to join us between 12:35 and 3:15 p.m. You will be able to come and go as you please, choosing between ten different sectionals, joining in some planned games during recess as well as our closing praise and thanksgiving time.

PRESENTATIONS – GIVEN SIMULTANEOUSLY – MAY BE VISITED IN ANY ORDER.

- Displays – Bridgette DeMaster, June VerVelde – Gym
- Old Amsterdam – Jon VanderZee – Band Room
- Klompen Dancing – Sandy Gartman – Music Room
- Beading – Jodi Dulmes – Art Room
- Quilting – Eunice Dirkse – Science Room
- Phoenix Story – Mary Jane Gruett – Library
- Blacksmithing – Steve Smies – Outdoors, Near Main Entrance
- Spinning – Kim Thimmig – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Room
- Daane Hardware – Todd Daane – Kindergarten Room
- Dutch Cooking – Georgia Smies, Cathy VerVelde – East Hall and Entrance

12:35-2:20 (All 15 minute sectionals will be presented in each of the following time periods.)  
 (12:35-12:50) (12:53-1:08) (1:11-1:26) (1:29-1:44) (1:47-2:02) (2:05-2:20)

2:25-2:50 Recess break (free play and/or games of the past) organized by Wendy Urban with helpers.

2:55-3:15 Closing praise and thanksgiving to our never changing God.

**PENNIES FOR PINK – THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all the students who brought pennies (and some nickels and quarters) for our Pennies for Pink Day on October 1. In just one day, \$154.56 was collected! The eighth grade girls will continue this project in the middle school through the end of October, Breast Cancer Awareness month. The money will be donated to the American Cancer Society for research for a cure for breast cancer. In addition to collecting money on October 1, all classes prayed for a list of 30 families and individuals affected by cancer.

**HEART FOR EDUCATION AUCTION**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The 2009 Heart for Education Auction will be held on November 7, 2009 in the Oostburg Christian School gymnasium. The theme this year is “Home for the Holidays”. If you’ve come before, you will want to return for the great food and fun times of ‘competing’ for the beautiful items. Here are some new items that have been added in the past week:

4 hours of custom painting by Ron VanderPol

American Girl Molly Doll with Meet Molly book.

4 AirVenture Museum Passes and 1 Max Flight Simulator Ride, by EAA Airventure Museum.

Shampoo and Haircut at Hair Care Corral.

1-14" pizza per month for 12 months from Bada Bing Pizza.

**STUDENT PHOTOS**

Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21. A price list is included with this Blue Note. Order envelopes will be sent home next week. Students in grades K-8 will automatically have their picture taken. Students in 4K or younger are also welcome to have their pictures taken but you will have to call the school office at 564-2664 to make an appointment for those.

**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.

#### **DID YOU KNOW....**

That thirteen Oostburg Christian families received over \$100 off their tuition this past June because they used Scrip and this is only for the second semester of last year. If you would like to be among them next semester, call Melissa Scheidt (564-6432) to find out how!

#### **WORKERS NEEDED**

Doing anything next Tuesday? We invite ALL parents, grandparents, and school supporters for some extra help in making pizzas in the Student Center. Please consider giving us an hour or more as you have time available to support this project and get our pizzas made early in the day. We start at 8:00 and appreciate any and all help that comes!

#### **PENNIES FOR PINK**

Last week Thursday, October 1, our students, under the leadership of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and Mrs. Kris Hancock collected \$154.56 in donations for the American Cancer Society. This was in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They will be collecting pennies throughout the month of October. Mrs. Hancock was also honored by Tessa Wilterdink, alum of Oostburg Christian, with a rose at the Dig Pink volleyball game at Oostburg High School that night. We praise God for allowing Mrs. Hancock to continue to be an inspiration to others as a breast cancer survivor. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

#### **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Can you chop, and/or stir and 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: 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, and 11/5. No prior experience necessary—walk-ins welcome. Call her at 564-5102 if you can come or have any questions. Thank you in advance for helping with our delicious auction food.

# The GRACE Place

**PIZZA SALE—OCTOBER 13, 2009**

Here are the workers who have signed up for the pizza sale. Even if you haven't signed up and have an hour or two, we would appreciate ALL HELP!

11:00a.m.-3:00 p.m.

John Wishman  
Debbie Wishman  
Carla Obbink  
Sue Schnelle  
Tammy Stecker  
Nancy Veldboom

2:30-6:30 p.m

John Wishman  
Debbie Wishman  
Glen Schnelle

Also, please note that many orders will be ready by 3:30 p.m. rather than the previously publicized time of 4:00 p.m. So you may stop in when you pick up your children from school and see if they are available to take along!

### **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.**

Do you love to bake? We will once again be offering desserts to the highest bidder! Each of our "fancy desserts" should serve at least 8-10 people. They may be shared with your table or put in the kitchen for pick up after the auction. If you have a "signature dessert" or a gift for baking, this is a great way to use your gifts and make a meaningful donation to this year's auction. Call Andrea @ 564-5102 soon!

Call Judy Mentink (564-3626) if you would like to reserve a table for eight for \$100. (If you would like to call during the day, her husband Bruce would be happy to speak with you after 1:00 p.m.!) You will get served your food (except the soup) family style at your table instead of standing in the buffet line. Please call by October 16. Thanks.

Note: There is a table of four who are looking for four more to join them. Are you interested? Just make note of that when you call for reservations.

**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 that are in like-new condition, but you have not used in a long time? 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.

Preview Night: This most popular event last year will be repeated. You may 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.

Note: If you can't come, but you would be willing to bake some sugar cookies please let Andrea know (564-5102)

#### **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**

##### **PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED**

Each year we organize a special prayer team to pray for our students, our teachers, and support staff. If you are willing to be a prayer partner, please call Patti Duenk at 564-3221.

##### **OOSTBURG MOPS**

Attention mothers of children ages 0-5: You are invited to join us for fun, fellowship and friendship the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 9:00-11:00 AM at First Reformed Church in Oostburg.

##### **OOSTBURG COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Will be held at Oostburg Christian School on October 17th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please consider joining us for a time of Celebration and Praise. This is a great opportunity to expose the community to OCS. Unity groups might consider having a bake sale, selling some homemade soup or chili, or entering the scarecrow contest. Scheduled events include a farmers market, arts and crafts sale, food - including caramel apple slices served up by the GRACE Board, scarecrow contest, and non-perishable items collection. Share the Harvest will be selling donated produce, so bring your extra produce to the festival. Call Patti Duenk at 564-3221 to participate.

##### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 the First Reformed Church in Oostburg from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as we participate in this worldwide event. Register now at [www.MomsInTouch.org](http://www.MomsInTouch.org). Contact Sue Dykstra, 564-4212, [susandykstra@wi.rr.com](mailto:susandykstra@wi.rr.com) or Vicki Swart, 564-3807, [jimswart@juno.com](mailto:jimswart@juno.com) for more information.

#### **CALENDAR**

October 8	Soccer vs SCS @ SCCHS 4:30
October 9	Progress Reports Soccer "Friday Night Lights" @ Waupun 5:00
October 13	Gr. K & 1 to Wade House Pizza Sale
October 14	A Peek at the Past Cold Sandwich Lunch
October 15 & 16	Teacher's Convention – No School

**NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN**

\*Student Picture Day Price List

\*Sheboygan County Historical Museum October "Third Saturdays" Information