

HOME BULLETIN
September 23, 2009

*"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."*

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Oostburg Christian School is in need of willing teachers (retired or currently at home) to be on our substitute teacher list. The substitute will be asked what grade levels or subject areas are preferred. You do not need a current teacher license – just a love for our Lord and children. If you or anyone you know fits this description, please call the office at 564-2664 for an application. Thank you.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Please join us Thursday, Friday, and Saturday as Oostburg Christian hosts our annual Fall Volleyball Tournament. There will be much excitement as 12 teams vie for the championship. A schedule of the games is included in this Blue Note. Concessions will also be available throughout the tournament – stop in for a game and stay for a meal.

THANK YOU

Thank you, OCS family, for your kind words of sympathy and encouragement in the death of my father two weeks ago. We are rejoicing in the merciful love of our Heavenly Father in providing salvation for my dad, and we are resting in the full assurance of that salvation. Thank you for your prayers, cards, gifts, and understanding. Thank you, students, for helping us find joy in showing the praiseworthy deeds of our God to the next generation. Mr. and Mrs. DeMaster

CHAPEL

Carpenter Tools International (CTI), an international music ministry headquartered in Wilmar, Minnesota will be our guests for chapel this Friday morning, Sept. 25, beginning at 8:45. You are welcome to join our fifth through eighth graders in worship unique to our youth culture.

OCTOBER HOT LUNCH ORDERS

The October hot lunch order form is attached to this Blue Note. Please fill it out, attach payment, and return it to school NO LATER THAN next Wednesday, Sept. 30. 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.

IOWA TESTS OF BASIC SKILLS

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills will be given to all students in grades 3 – 8 the week of October 5 – 9. Please make sure your child is well rested for these tests. OCS uses the ITBS results to help access our school curriculum. The tests are also used to determine the 8th grade Presidential Fitness Award Winners.

MISSED A BLUE NOTE?

If you ever miss a Blue Note or have thrown one away and are looking for information, just go online to the school website, www.oostburgchristian.com and look under “School News” / “Weekly Bulletin Archives.” Previous Blue Notes will be found in this area. If you need an attachment for a Blue Note that is not located on the site, please call the school office. We will be happy to send one home with your child.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We would like to publish family e-mail addresses in the School Directory this year. We did have a spot for e-mail addresses on our Registration Form this year, but this information was missed on a lot of forms. Please send your e-mail address to bnyenhuis@oostburgchristian.com BY THIS FRIDAY, SEPT 25. Thank you!!!

CHANGE IN SPORTS SCHEDULES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

VOLLEYBALL Additional match – OCS vs SCS on Oct. 5 at OCS at 5:00 PM
SOCCER Additional game – OCS vs OMS, 5:00 PM @ Oostburg Middle School

WEAR PINK!! BRING PENNIES!!

October 1 is “Pennies for Pink Day” at OCS. The eighth grade girls’ “LOL” group (Love Our Lord) is coordinating this activity as a service project during the month of October –National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. All OCS students are encouraged to bring pennies which will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Students are also encouraged to wear pink shirts or a pink ribbon; they will receive pink heart cookies at recess. All classes will be praying for friends and family members who have cancer, are cancer survivors, or have lost the battle with cancer and are now with the Lord. If you know of someone who has been touched by cancer, or you, yourself, have been, please send these names to school, and we will pray for them.

A PEEK AT THE PAST - - TIMES CHANGE - GOD DOESN'T

On Wednesday, October 14, 2009, the Unity Groups at OCS 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:

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| <u>Girls</u> | *easy | <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 | | |
| | | <u>All please no:</u> T-shirts, sweatshirts or jerseys with writing or pictures |

DID YOU KNOW....

...that our Scrip team deposited over \$17,000 in sales these past two weeks! While Kwik Trip accounted for a lot, you also stopped in for Texas Roadhouse and we sold out of iTunes Scrip. Thanks so much!!! Your tuition accounts will appreciate a nice discount as well!

KASH FOR KIDS

There is a Kash for Kids announcement attached to this Blue Note as a reminder that we still collect many items in support of the school. This past year, the Boxtops for Education and sale of napkins and cards netted our Field Trip line item \$1,000! Thank you for saving these items to support the school. And now **Avery**, the fine office and school products has joined the Boxtops for Education program. If you are associated with an office who buys Avery labels (which are widely-used quality office products) and other Avery products, please be sure to ask if they will save you the Boxtop for Education label. These are worth .10 each—and with a lot of them, can benefit the school in a big way.

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 plan to return for the great food and fun times of ‘competing’ for the beautiful items. Keep checking this blue note for an updated list of items!

The GRACE Place

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT – September 24, 25, 26, 2009

Please pray for our first big event fundraising event that starts on Thursday night and continues through this weekend! Pray for safety for all who travel here, for good sportsmanship and a good profit for the school and above all that God may be praised. A tournament schedule is attached to this Blue Note.

Even if you don’t want to watch any games, support our school by stopping in for a meal. You don’t have to pay to get in, just tell them that you are eating only. Great food will be served on Thursday and Friday starting at 4:00, and all day Saturday!

SCRIP

If you are like many others, you already have thought about Christmas and made some notes about what you would like to buy, at least mentally. Did you know that you can shop online at our QSP website and get a **38%, yes that’s 38%** return on what you spend towards your tuition account by ordering magazines. There are also some books and music available.

For this large discount, it is worth your time to look: just go to oostburgchristian.com, click on GRACE-Fundraising Activities, and scroll down to the bottom of the page. You click on the QSP link and they will be ready to help you shop with your discount coming back to the school and your tuition account! **It’s worth your time to check it out!**

BANKS

Thank you to the many of you who have brought your banks to school already. We appreciate this and also appreciate that you faithfully fill them each year. We will continue to collect these in the office throughout the month of September. This is a successful project for our GRACE Board. Thanks so much.

PIZZA SALE: October 13, 2009

The great homemade pizza order forms are due this Friday, September 25. Please be sure that you get friends and family to order and return this form to school. This is a great opportunity for you to spread the word about Oostburg Christian through great food!!

Would you or someone you know be willing to work on Tuesday, October 13 for the pizza sale? This is a great time of fellowship and if you are not regularly scheduled, we would appreciate however much time you can give us that day: one hour or more starting at 8:00 in the morning in the Student Center. Just stop in—we will have work for you to do.

HEART FOR EDUCATION AUCTION—November 7, 2009

- The Auction committee would like to announce that we have our items listed on our school website. With the purchase of a new service, we can upload all items that come in directly to our website. Just go to www.oostburgchristian.com and click on GRACE. There is a page titled *Auction Items 2009* and you can check out what is already here. Some of your favorites are back and they may be listed here, but all will be listed online as they become available to us. Keep checking!

- 4 VIP tickets, donated by the John G. Shedd Aquarium
- 6 Adult Lifefest tickets, donated by Ardean and Lori Veldkamp
- 2 tickets to Road America
- Time Share stay for 7 nights, donated by Les and Marlene Kuiper
- 4 – 1 Day Park Hopper Passes, donated by Walt Disney World
- FRONT ROW SEATS to the OCS Christmas Concert

- Here are some suggestions for your support of this important event:

--bake and donate a beautiful dessert for our Dessert Auction
--host a birthday party and give a busy mom a special day to enjoy with her child
--offer to bake cookies, cakes, or pies for a special occasion, holiday, or party
--offer to teach someone to sew, knit, crochet, or any other hobby that you enjoy
--purchase an extra Piggly Wiggly card from the Scrip Store and donate to the Auction committee to help pay for the delicious food being prepared.

Thanks for your support of GRACE!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARE THE HARVEST

Share the Harvest Community Farmers' Market cordially invites groups and individuals to participate in the Oostburg Community Harvest Festival. The event will be held October 17, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Oostburg Christian School. Festival events include a Fall Farmers' Market, Arts and Crafts Sale, and Non-Perishable Food Collection. With the community's participation, we hope to add music, food, hayrides, pumpkin decorating, and other fall-themed events. Please contact Shelly Dulmes at 564-3657 to participate as an arts and crafts vendor, all other vendors call Patti Duenk at 564-3221.

PRAYER CONFERENCE

ALL WOMEN SAVE THIS DATE: Sat. Nov. 14, 2009, **ARISE! CRY OUT!** A prayer conference for women to pray for our children and schools. Come from 9am-1pm to the First Reformed Church Oostburg. Questions? Call Vicki Swart 564-3807 or Sue Dykstra 564-4212

CALENDAR

September 24-26	OCS Volleyball Tournament
September 26	Soccer Tournament @ SCCHS 9:00-Noon
September 29	V-Ball @ St. Dominic 5:00
September 30	Nacho Lunch

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

*Kash for Kids Flyer

*Volleyball Tournament Game & Worker Schedule

*Hot Lunch Order Form