

HOME BULLETIN
September 30, 2009

THANK YOU, VOLLEYBALL WORKERS

If you had a chance to visit school this weekend you saw a great volleyball tournament being run by our GRACE Board. Chairing the event were Michelle Rondeau (setting up the tournament and making sure it ran smoothly) and Rebecca Johnson (in charge of meals and snacks). Many hands helped this to be a fantastic event. Games were played on time and there was a feeling of excitement as teams battled for the championship. The Oostburg 8th grade team was crowned champions when they defeated Holy Angels in two straight sets. Join me in thanking Michelle and Rebecca for all their hard work.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be sent home with children in grades K – 8 next 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.

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. Keep checking this blue note for an updated list of items!

WEAR PINK!! BRING PENNIES!!

TOMORROW, 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.

IOWA TESTS OF BASIC SKILLS

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills will be given to all students in grades 3 – 8 next week, 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.

STUDENT PHOTOS

Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21. More information will follow shortly.

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!

VISION & HEARING SCREENINGS

The Sheboygan County Division of Public Health will not be providing vision and hearing screenings for students this school year. This was brought about by recent budget cuts. Fortunately, Becky Zylstra, a Certified Ophthalmic Assistant, has volunteered to do vision screenings for us. They will be done in late November or early December. We are still looking into the possibility of being able to provide hearing screenings as well. More information will follow.

OCTOBER HOT LUNCH ORDERS

Orders were due today. If you did not turn yours in yet, you can do so by 9:00 AM tomorrow (Thursday). After that time we will be unable to accept any orders. 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 on Oct. 6 at 5:00 PM @ Oostburg Middle School

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.

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.

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:

Girls *easy
*Dresses - mid-calf or longer (or skirts)
-high necks
-fancy collars, edged with color or lace
-big sleeves
*Jumpers
Coats: long or waist length
*Long stockings
High leather shoes

Boys
*Pants – below knee or ankle length
*Long socks
High leather shoes
Short jackets, buttoned with large collars
*Shirts with buttons
Ties – tied in a bow
Caps – high crown, short bill

All please no: T-shirts, sweatshirts or jerseys with writing or pictures

YOU'RE INVITED to A Peek at the Past

Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to school on 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 12:40 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. Watch the Blue Note next week for the final schedule of presenters and topics.

AFTERNOON CARE

Afternoon Care is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday 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 one-a-month early release Wednesdays.

DID YOU KNOW.....

That we have over \$2,000 in our Scrip accounts already this semester waiting to be distributed to families in January? Is your tuition account benefiting? Stop in the office and ask how you can get a check in January.

BANKS

Please bring your banks in to the school office this week! After this week, our GRACE Board will stop by your home to collect them. Thanks so much for your help.

WORKERS NEEDED

Many of you have helped us make our delicious homemade pizzas in the past, and we appeal to you now if you have an hour or two to come in and help on Tuesday, October 13. This is a great time for fellowship with old friends, meeting new ones, and supporting the school. All our families have been signed up for their projects, but we would appreciate any extra time you have.

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

Just a reminder about Scrip—you can stop in after school on Thursdays between 3:30 -5:30 p.m. for your Scrip needs. Please tell parents and grandparents about this too—their shopping can help your tuition account!

PIZZA SALE—October 13, 2009

YES, you can still order pizzas this week—we can take a few more orders—just drop your order in the office until Friday, October 2. ALSO, we need your help on the day of the sale to make our homemade pizzas. Even if you don't have all morning or all day, a few hours of your time would be so appreciated. We start at 8:00 in the morning, so come when you can!

Heart for Education Auction- "*Home for the Holidays*" November 7, 2009

- You may have noticed that our auction this year is one week earlier than we usually have it, November 7, 2009. Scheduling has precipitated the change—please let us know if you like it better on the first weekend in November or the second weekend. And be sure to invite your friends—we promise that you won't be disappointed!
- Have you been to the website yet? There are some nice items and trips coming in. Keep checking. www.oostburgchristian.com, then click on GRACE, then Auction Items 2009.

Here are some more of the items that have come in:

Weeknight Romance Escape at the American Club.
2009 Tax Preparation by Terry Katsma
A Night with the Oostburg Boys Flying Dutchmen!
1 Choose and cut Christmas Tree from Bossler Tree Farm
30 Minute Relaxation Massage at The Healing Space.

Your favorites are back:

Auction Scrip: **YES**, you can buy Scrip to help your tuition account for the purchases you make at the auction. Scrip is sold now until the auction in the office, the same way that you purchase other Scrip. Five percent of your purchases will go to your tuition!

Buddy Bucks: This very popular item is back! If you come to the auction for the first time, you get a \$5.00 coupon to use at the auction. If you come and bring a friend who hasn't been here before, the friend also gets \$5.00. What a deal!

Delicious Food by Andrea: Be sure to come to the auction for a delicious meal—the menu was in an earlier Blue Note and is also posted in the display case near the front door. Food tickets are \$8.00 per person and it is definitely worth it!

- ⇒ If you would like to help defray the cost of the food, just purchase an extra Piggly Wiggly gift card, leave it with the office staff, and we will be happy to use it on our grocery bill. And besides, you also get the percentage for your own tuition account!!
- ⇒ If you would like to be served at the auction rather than wait in line for your food, just call Judy Mentink (564-3626) and reserve a table for eight for only \$100. That's all your food served to you family style at your own reserved table!

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

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

- *October Calendar
- *October Interest Wheel
- *Scrip Form

CALENDAR

October 1	V-Ball vs StJ 5:00
October 2	Kdgn. Noah Plays 11:30
October 5-9	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills
October 5	V-Ball vs SCS 5:00 8 th Gr. Parent Mtg.
October 6	V-Ball vs StJ 5:00 Soccer @ OMS 5:00
October 7	Hamburger Lunch Gr. K-2 Survive Alive House Demonstration
October 8	Soccer vs SCS @ SCCHS 4:30
October 9	Progress Reports Soccer "Friday Night Lights" @ Waupun 5:00