



# 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 February 23, 2011

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for Jill Haag. She continues to make progress in her recovery. The specific prayer request at this point is that she does not develop graft versus host disease, which can occur sometime around a month after the transplant. You can check Jill's postings at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/jillhaag](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jillhaag). Jill's address is: Kathy's House

Attn. Jill Haag/ Rm. # 35  
600 N. 103<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53226

Also, please continue to pray for the school board as they create the budget for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Please pray, too, for the selection of new board members. O.C.S. is currently asking people if they would be willing to serve God by serving on the school board. Please pray that God blesses our school with a full slate of individuals who are willing to serve. Thank you.

### PRAISE

Join me in praising God for the wonderful time experienced by our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who attended the Christian School Basketball Tournament this past weekend. Our young people arrived in Randolph on Friday, stayed overnight with host families, and then spent Saturday at Central Wisconsin Christian High School preparing for the championship basketball games. Our students displayed excellent sportsmanship. We have already received an email praising the positive attitudes shown by our children as they stayed with their host families. We praise God for working in our young people. Oh, and by the way, our girls' team finished the tournament in first place and our boys' team was second. Again, we praise God for the talents He has given our children.

Please join me in thanking Mr. Modahl for all his work as our athletic director in making this event such a positive experience.

### THANK YOU NOTES TO NEW JERSEY

Please remember to write those thank you notes to our Christian brothers in New Jersey who secured a fantastic grant for our resource room next year. This grant helps make it possible for Oostburg Christian to meet the needs of all the students in our school. Please see last week's Blue Note for specific information concerning the grant we have received and the thank you notes that we will be sending. Thank you.

### MEDICATION POLICY UPDATE

Due to changes in state guidelines/laws for dispensing medication in schools, we will no longer provide ANY medication for students. All medications given to students must be provided by the parent, in the original container, accompanied by the Medication Permission form, and kept in the school office. This applies to all prescription and non-prescription medications.

### MARCH HOT LUNCH ORDERS

March hot lunch orders were due today. You may turn in orders until 9:00 AM tomorrow (Thursday). No orders will be accepted after that time. Thank you.

*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.*

## **YEARBOOK LUNCH RESCHEDULED**

The junior high yearbook lunch which was originally scheduled for this past Monday has been rescheduled for TOMORROW, Thursday, Feb. 24. Grilled cheese and ramen noodle cups will be served for \$1.00 each. Payment will be collected at the beginning of the school day.

Next week's lunch, February 28, will feature hot dogs and ramen noodle cups for \$1.00 each.

## **SCIENCE DAY**

**"Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them." Ps. 111:2**

This Friday, February 25, will be an all-school Science Day here at O.C.S. Students will spend the day in their Unity Groups learning more about our amazing God through His world and His Word. We will begin our day with praise followed by sectionals given throughout the morning by seven guest presenters from a variety of sciences. Afternoon presentations will feature Mr. Jay Seegert, who will present God, the One who created the earth in six days, according to Genesis and supported by dinosaurs evidence, and Dr. Henke, who will show God's laws in science through demonstrations and explanations. You are more than welcome to join us for all or some of the day. The schedule for the day is attached electronically to this e-mail or can be picked up in the school office.

## **BASKETBALL SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Please note that the games this Saturday, Feb. 26, at SCCHS had to be moved up one hour to accommodate a rescheduled high school game. All the games will begin one hour earlier:

5/6 Girls	9:00 AM
5/6 Boys	10:00 AM
7/8 Girls	11:00 AM
7/8 Boys	Noon

## **PRE-REGISTRATION AT O.C.S.**

A Pre-registration form was sent home with your child on February 2. Please fill out and return it with your registration fee by next Friday, March 4. Please remember that anyone who cannot afford the registration fee at this time should contact a Finance Committee member to make arrangements. Members of the Finance Committee are Justin Zylstra (Treasurer – phone #698-1392), Beth Modahl (Assistant Secretary Treasurer – phone # 564-6512), Annette Wisse (Board President – phone # 564-6211), and Bob Adams (School Administrator – phone # 564-2664 school or 564-3828 home).

## **NEW FAMILY REFERRAL**

Remember, if a family you refer to our school decides to enroll and stays for at least one semester you will have a \$750 tuition credit coming your way. We have a number of brochures available to distribute to your family and friends. Please ask the office for these materials or pick them up in the brochure rack outside the office.

## **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

*"No child in the area should be denied the opportunity of a Christian education because his or her family cannot afford tuition."*

Because of this Board held belief Oostburg Christian School has a Tuition Assistance Program (TAP fund). With the current economy still in a serious slump, we believe there will be more families in need of assistance. Oostburg Christian School is partnering with the Christian School Tuition Assistance Service of Fulton, Illinois, to determine how best to distribute the school's tuition assistance to those seeking help paying tuition expenses for 2011 – 2012. This "outside" service can impartially evaluate family needs. The only charge is \$18 per family payable to CSTAS and sent in with the application. Please call the school office and ask for an application if you so desire. All applications should be sent in by May 1, 2011.

**Please remember that families currently receiving aid through the TAP fund must fill out an application and use this service if they wish to continue that assistance in 2011 – 2012.**

## **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Third quarter progress reports will be sent home this Friday, February 25. Please sign your child's progress report and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

## **SUPPORT THE EIGHTH GRADE TEAM AND MRS. HANCOCK**

Mrs. Hancock, Natalie Harlin, Micah McKinster, Justin Oliver, and Jordan Sonnentag will represent Oostburg Christian School at a Sheboygan Rotary Fundraiser! On Saturday, February 26, 2011, beginning

at 3:00 pm, the OCS team will compete against doctors, lawyers, and other schools in a Family Feud game at UW-Extension in Sheboygan. The OCS team will play a minimum of 3 games, more if they keep winning! Food and beverage will be available for purchase. The \$5 admission ticket will provide you an afternoon of fun and supporting our OCS team!!!

### **CABIN FEVER RELIEVER**

Our next Cabin Fever Reliever date is next Thursday, March 3, from 8:30 – 10:00 AM. Pre-school, home-school, public-school or Christian-school...children and their care givers are invited to attend. Anyone who would like to see the rest of the school during this time is welcome to walk through. For more information, call the school office.

### **K – 5 MUSICAL**

Our K-5th grade musical, I Witness News: Live From Jericho, will be presented on Thurs., March 10, at 6:30. All K-4th grade students will need a tan, gray, or brown t-shirt to wear with blue jeans. The 5th graders have already been notified about their costumes. Please invite friends and family to this entertaining re-telling of Joshua and the Israelites at the city of Jericho.

### **TEACHER OPENINGS AT O.C.S.**

There will be some possible teacher openings at Oostburg Christian School in the fall. Miss Tammy Gantner must take time off from teaching pre-school to complete her student teaching to be licensed through sixth grade. This means we will be looking for a 4K teacher as well as a part-time middle school Spanish teacher for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Mrs. DuMez is considering teaching part-time next year. This means there is a need for a part-time (approximately 50%) fourth grade teacher for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Finally, Mr. DeMaster is considering teaching full-time at Sheboygan County Christian High School. If this were to happen OCS would need a part-time band instructor. If you know of anyone who may be interested in any of these positions, please have them contact the school for an application and send in their resume. Please be in prayer for our staff as they consider God's leading in their lives. We praise God for the tremendous, Godly teachers we have at Oostburg Christian School.

### **4K REGISTRATION AT O.C.S.**

We are now accepting registrations for 4K for the 2011-2012 school year. If you need a registration packet, please contact the school office. Register now to reserve your spot!

### **UNITY GROUP PROJECT AT O.C.S.**

Our Unity Groups continue to collect funds for the Tesoros de Dios project. We have collected \$2537.12 to date this school year. Please continue to support this very worthwhile cause our students are involved with. Thank you!

### **STUFF THE SUITCASES FOR NICARAGUA!!!**

Mrs. Hendrikse and Mrs. Hancock will be traveling to Nicaragua to help at Tesoros de Dios during spring break. Tesoros de Dios Director Michelle Adams sent a list of items which are difficult to get in Nicaragua and are on the "Wish List" of the staff at Tesoros de Dios. If you would like to help "stuff" the suitcases of the two Mrs. H's with any of the items on Michelle's list, please, put them in the "suitcase" outside the office!!

- Filters for Dust Buster (Black & Decker 14.4V)
- Camcorder (to record video of educational workshops teams do, of kids, etc.)
- Temple Grandin (video) in Spanish
- Big Books in Spanish
- Tempera paint – different colors
- Books that show how to make different crafts
- Glitter – different colors
- Glitter Glue – different colors
- Ink Cartridge – hp office Jet 901
- Lamination Cartridge – Scotch DL 961 xRegular Film xGloss xUp to 8 ½" wide
- Antibacterial wipes (Wet Ones)
- Musical instruments for kids (e.g. drums, cymbals, etc.)
- DVDs in Spanish, for kids

## **WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS – OBVIOUSLY WINTER IS NOT OVER YET!**

Parents and guardians are reminded that students should have an emergency plan in case we dismiss early or if school is cancelled. Students will be allowed to make emergency phone calls and school will stay open until transportation arrives for all students. Parents and guardians are asked to notify the school office if someone other than themselves will be providing transportation for the children. Please listen to WHBL radio (1330 on your AM dial) for closing information due to weather. You can also get closing information on their website at [www.whbl.com](http://www.whbl.com). Go to "Quick Links" listed on the right side of the home page and select "Cancellations". Parents may also tune into Channel 4 and 12 on their TV for closing information. Remember, if Oostburg Public Schools close due to inclement weather, so do we (bussing). There is no aftercare if school closes due to inclement weather.

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

that you can buy and renew your magazines through our Scrip program and realize a 38% donation to your tuition account! Just log onto [www.oostburgchristian.com](http://www.oostburgchristian.com), click on GRACE Fund Raising on the horizontal task bar, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on QSP. Your discount will come directly to school when you order! It doesn't get simpler than that!!!

## **NIGHT OF PRAISE**

Save the date for this wonderful evening celebrating Christian education: April 16 will be a hostess-supper style event for people who love Oostburg Christian and will gather to eat some great food, hear a great speaker and support a great cause: our Vehicle Fund. Let us know if you would like to come—just call Nancy DeJong (564-5121 or e-mail her at [sdejong@wi.rr.com](mailto:sdejong@wi.rr.com)) or call the school office.

## **HELP NEEDED AT PROJECTS YET THIS YEAR**

We are still needing some help to finish out the projects for this year. If there are any times listed below that you could step up and give us some **extra** help this year, we would be most grateful. Except for the Rest Stop workers, if you could even work ½ a shift, we would appreciate it.

### **Unity Bike Ride, Saturday, May 14, 2011**

Registration table and clean up: 10:00-3:00 p.m. (one worker or two half shifts)

Rest Stop organization at school, 1:00-5:00 p.m. (one worker, or two half shifts)

Rest Stop workers from 7:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (two workers)

Our families have always been very faithful to work and help and we ask that you would consider one further project/time slot for this year. Thanks so much.

## **2011 Heart for Education Auction**

We are also interested in someone who would step up to a couple of opportunities on our Auction Planning Committee for next year. **Please consider using your gifts in decorating or computer skills to help with this our largest fund-raiser this year—over \$23,000.** If you choose to help us, this will be your only obligation for the 2011 school year.

Decorations committee—help the planning committee pick a theme, plan the decorations and help during the week of the event.

Donations committee—help Jocelyn Weibe with the computer entering for the items donated to the auction. This important job allows our families to view all donations online and gives the committee easy access to the information in setting up for this event. You will also need to be available the week of the event when so many donations come in.

Contact Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678 or e-mail at [jeggebeen@wi.rr.com](mailto:jeggebeen@wi.rr.com))

## **THAT'S MY PAN**

We are currently having this sale in order to offer you some new items for Mother's Day, wedding or even Christmas gifts.

Orders received by April 8, 2011 will be sure that you have them in time for Mother's Day. We can turn in orders after that, but there is a minimum order to do so.

You can also find additional copies of the Price List, Ordering Instructions and Order form on our school website at [www.oostburgchristian.com](http://www.oostburgchristian.com). Click on GRACE Fund Raising and look on the left side bar. Print out as many as you need, or stop in the office for more copies. Contact Nicole Mentink at [pnmentink@wi.rr.com](mailto:pnmentink@wi.rr.com) if you have any questions.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BABYSITTER'S CLASS**

There are two attachments to this electronic e-mail regarding upcoming American Red Cross babysitter's classes:

1. Registration Information
2. Babysitter's Class Fact Sheet

This information can also be picked up in the school office.

#### **SCCHS BOOSTER BOARD**

The SCCHS Booster Board is looking for individuals who would be willing to serve a one, two or three year term on the Booster Board. The Booster Board meets approximately one time per month and oversees the fundraising projects at SCCHS. This fulfills all of your family's project requirements for the year! Please call Jeri Flipse at 564-2398 with questions or if you are interested.

#### **DYKSTRA ENGINEERING SWINGERS WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM CLINIC**

This clinic will be held on Saturday, March 19:

Grades 1-4 10:00 AM – Noon

Grades 5-8 Noon – 4:00 PM

A registration form is attached to the electronic Home Bulletin. Registration forms can also be picked up in the school office.

#### **DORDT DISCOVERY DAYS**

Excitement is building as we approach the opening registration for Dordt Discovery Days on March 19! Discovery Days, a summer camp for students who have completed 6th, 7th and 8th grades, will be held on the campus of Dordt College June 20-24, 2011. There are 35 classes available in science, technology, art, music and more!

Class choices will be posted on or about March 10, so watch for your favorites!

Registration opens on-line on March 19 at 12:00:00 AM at [www.dordt.edu/events/ddd](http://www.dordt.edu/events/ddd). Last year almost 100 students registered in the first ten minutes, so don't wait! Classes can fill up quickly. If you have questions, contact Dianne De Wit at 712-722-6029 or [ddewit@dordt.edu](mailto:ddewit@dordt.edu)

#### **CALENDAR**

February 25	O.C.S. Science Day
	Progress Reports
February 26	B-Ball vs SCS @ SCCHS
	Girls5/6 9:00
	Boys5/6 10:00
	Girls7/8 11:00
	Boys7/8 Noon
March 1	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Mead Library
March 2	Baked Potato Lunch
March 3	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30-10:00 AM

