



Oostburg Christian School.

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"He is like a tree, planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season..."
Psalm 1:3

"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."

HOME BULLETIN

January 11, 2012

DISCOVER 4K & 5K AT OOSTBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Please join us next Tuesday, January 17, from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. A light supper will be served. This is open to families with children who are currently in our 4K and 5K classes and to families who are interested in learning more about these programs. RSVP is appreciated by Friday, January 13. Contact us at 920-564-2664 or www.oostburgchristian.com. Here is a chance to invite your neighbor who has always wondered about our school to an event focused specifically on our early childhood program. If you do not have children in this age group, please help us with your prayers. Please pray this will be a successful evening and many new families will hear about our school. Thank you.

OPEN HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 9

Oostburg Christian School will be hosting an all-school Open House on Thursday, February 9, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. If you know of any families who are interested in learning more about our school, please invite them to come, or you may also give us the information and we will send them an invitation. As always new families are always welcome to schedule a private tour and a meeting with Mr. Adams at any time.

WATER BOTTLES IN SCHOOL

Please regularly have your children bring home their water bottles for a thorough cleaning. Some students are sick, use their water bottles while sick, stay home a few days to get well, come back to school, and then drink out of the same, germ-filled, water bottles they used when sick. Needless to say, the students get sick again. Water bottles are great if they are kept clean but can also be the source of colds and flu. Also please remind your children to not share water bottles. Thank you.

GRADE 7 & 8 EXAMS

Parents of students in grades 7 & 8: Exams will be held next week. Please ask your child for a schedule. Each student has been given an exam schedule.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAY AND DAY OFF

Next Wednesday, January 18, is our monthly early-dismissal day. Classes will dismiss at 1:20. Busses and vans will run at that time. There is no afterschool care beyond 1:20 on our early release days. Also, please remember there is no school on Friday, January 20. Friday marks the end of the first semester and is a teacher work day.

THANK YOU'S

We received the following thank you messages from a couple of the facilities our students caroled at just before Christmas:

From Progressive Care Center:

"Thank you so much for the great carols that you sang to our residents during the holidays. They really enjoyed hearing the beautiful music through the facility. May you all have a wonderful New Year. Maybe we can see you again in 2012!"

From Sunny Ridge:

"On behalf of the residents of Sunny Ridge and the Activity Dept., we would like to extend our thanks and gratitude for your generous gift of time and talents to brighten the holidays of our family of residents. We truly appreciate your kindness. May God bless each one of you during the season and the upcoming year. Merry Christmas."

BLUE HARBOR

Sheboygan Christian School has invited us to join them for a mid-year party swim party at Breaker Bay Water Park in Blue Harbor Resort. This event will be held on the evening of Thursday, January 19 (no school Friday), from 4:00 – 10:00 PM. The cost will be \$5.00 per person (under 2 years old is free). The purchase deadline for tickets has been extended. They can be purchased in the school office.

4K AID NEEDED

OCS will be hiring an aid in our 4K class for the second semester. We will have two more students joining our 4K class and want to have the consistency of an aid on Monday and Wednesday (and maybe Friday if the number of students increases). If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please call Mr. Adams (school #564-2664 X 102) or Mrs. Reindl (school #564-2662 X 120).

BAND TEACHER NEEDED FOR 2012 – 2013

O.C.S. is in need of a band teacher for the 2012 – 2013 school year. If you are interested in this position or know someone who is, please call the school office for an application.

LIBRARY WILL CLOSE

All books should be returned to the library on or before next Monday, January 16. There will be a library inventory from January 16 - 20. No books will be checked out at this time. Books may once again be checked out beginning Monday, January 23. This means all AR should be done by our 6th – 8th grade students by January 16 at 3:20 pm. Semester exams begin for 7th and 8th grade students on Tuesday, January 17. Please remind your children of this. Thank you.

SCHOOL BOARD PRAYER REQUEST

The school board is currently looking at the budget for the 2012 – 2013 school year. Please pray for the board members and especially the Finance Committee (Eric Grasse, Beth Modahl, Brett Flipse, Justin Zylstra, and Bob Adams) as they seek God's will for the future of Oostburg Christian School.

UNITY GROUP PROJECT AT O.C.S.

This year's Christmas project was a continuation of a project we began two years ago and are undertaking all year long. Our Unity Groups have committed to "sponsoring" children for one year at the Tesoros de Dios ministry. Tesoros de Dios, translated Treasures of God, is located in Managua, Nicaragua. This ministry, directed by O.C.S. alumna, Michelle Adams, provides children with developmental disabilities and their families with the basic tools necessary for life-long growth. It does this through programs in personal health, special needs education, and Christ-centered spiritual growth.

The Unity Groups at O.C.S. have formed into pairs to share the cost of the sponsorship of a child. It costs \$25 per month or \$300 per year to sponsor a child. This means each Unity Group is responsible for raising \$12.50 each month for their child. Since we have twenty Unity Groups we have the opportunity to be a blessing to ten needy children in Nicaragua. For the past two years our Unity Groups actually exceeded the goal set for them. We pray God will again use us to help meet the needs of these children.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Parents and guardians are reminded that students should have an emergency plan in case we dismiss early or if school is cancelled. With winter around the corner the possibility of weather related closings is very real. 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) or check online (www.whbl.com) for closing information due to weather. 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.

PROMOTION

The best way Oostburg Christian has found to promote our school is to have you, as parents, grandparents, and friends share information with people in the community. We are excited about the new families who joined our school this past year and look forward to providing a Christian education for more families next year. If you have any suggestions on how to reach out into the community please let us know by either contacting Bob Adams (email bobadams@wi.rr.com) or Joyce Eggebeen (jeggebeen@wi.rr.com).

PUPPY TO GO

There is one last puppy for sale (chocolate female lab) from Gary VanderPool. He needs to get this cute little gal put into a good home. Oostburg Christian School will take \$175 or best offer. Will you or someone you know make a good home for her?

KASH FOR KIDS

We recently received another check from Boxtops for Education in the amount of \$532.40. Every single one of those labels that you save for us helps fund the transportation for our Field Trips.

If you noticed or still have your paper from this past Sunday, there was a special collection sheet for bonus points for our Labels for Education (typically Campbell's Soup Products). Also we have information that it is to be available in your January 18 newspaper as well. Thanks for taking some time to help us out! Even if you don't have the labels to put on it, please just turn in the special sheet. We have to use originals, not copies.

Thank you for turning all of these items in to the barrel near the entrance to the Student Center.

SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW....

- that we now stock Pick n Save/Roundy's in our Scrip Store in \$25 denominations! Remember, buying Scrip for groceries is money that you are already spending—everyone has to eat at your house!
- that we had over \$13,400 in sales last week!!! Thank you for keeping this great fund raiser in front of you!

JASON MENTINK MEMORIAL CHARGER SHOOT-OUT 2012 WORKERS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair: Beth Modahl, Sandy Van Ess, Jeri Flipse, Gina Lemmenes, Laurel Meerdink, Shawn Buck, Judy & Bruce Mentink, Jeff & Jessica Mentink, Brian & Mary Mentink, George & Danielle (Mentink) Mladenov.

Thank you for your prayerful attention to this important fund raiser.

- First of all, please pray that we will get enough teams to fill our roster for the tournament and for Paul Modahl as he makes those contacts!
- Thank God for each of the sponsors who have agreed to support our tournament—we have many new ones this year for which we are deeply grateful.
- Pray for the teams and their fans as they travel, and that they will find a warm, Christian welcome from everyone.
- Pray for those who will plan and prepare the food.
- Pray for all the referees, clock and book workers that they may always be fair and accurate in their work.
- Pray for the planning committee in each detail of the event: from getting the programs done, to having essential equipment, to workers able to arrive as scheduled, etc.

This event has been a blessing to our school for many years and we know that God will continue to bless us if we are faithful to intercede on behalf of this tournament!

A list of the workers was published in the last two issues of the blue note. If you have any questions about your work time, check the back issues or call Chair Beth Modahl (564-6512)

Because we will not be holding part of our tournament over at Oostburg Middle School as we thought, you will be getting called about re-scheduling your GRACE hours. So if you were scheduled to work there, we thank you for being ready to help somewhere else in the tournament or on another project.

Your child in grades K-8 will be coming home with a new t-shirt the week of January 23rd. These t-shirts have been donated by Jon and Liz Weavers - Oostburg Seamless Gutters. They are for our Jason Mentink Memorial Charger Shoot-out Tournament. We hope that your child will try to wear their t-shirt during the tournament January 26-28 for the girl's weekend and February 2-4 for the boy's weekend. If you see Jon and Liz PLEASE thank them for their generosity.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENTING WITH PATIENCE...(AND PRAYER!)

This seven-week Christian parenting class to help parents create a more loving and positive home begins on Monday, January 23, 2012 at the Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center in Sheboygan. The class will focus on the skills of using praise and reinforcement to encourage compliance and build self-esteem in children. Other skills such as ignoring, time-out, sticker charts, communication, allowances and household chores are also taught from a Christian perspective. Common parental challenges such as bedtime, mealtime, behavior in public places, etc... are also covered in depth. Childcare is available for children six years and younger and limited tuition assistance may be available. The class is taught by Dr. Darlene Mech, psychologist and pastor's wife. Please call her at Nett-Work Family Counseling for more information and to register: 451-3141, or e-mail her at dr.darlenemech@gmail.com.

"FOR PRAISE" CD AVAILABLE

"For Praise", a gospel, male quintet from Oostburg, has produced a CD of their music. All proceeds from sales will be used for the development and training of Thai leaders who will help spread the word of God throughout Thailand. Help support Dave and Jan Veldhorst's ministry in Bangkok and enjoy the music of "For Praise". The cost for a CD is \$10, and they are available at the following locations: Oostburg Piggly Wiggly, Oostburg Pizza Ranch, the office of Sheboygan County Christian High School, and Good As New in Cedar Grove. Or contact: Kevin Gesch (668-6727), Jim Hendrikse (564-2460) or Myron Bolkema (564-3011).

CALENDAR		
January 13	B-Ball vs SCS	Boys7/8 5:00 Girls7/8 6:00
January 17	Spelling Bee 2:00 PM	Discover 4K & 5K 5:30 – 7:00 PM
January 18	Sloppy Joe Lunch	1:20 pm Dismissal
January 19	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30-10:00 AM	End of 2 nd Quarter B-Ball @ St. J Girls5/6 @ 5:00 Boys5/6 @ 6:00
January 20	No School – Teacher Workday	

