HOME BULLETIN
September 16, 2009

COMPUTERS DOWN
If you have tried to email teachers the past week, you probably did not receive a reply. The computers in the rooms on the east end of school have been replaced with freshly renovated models, but they have not yet had the proper software installed. We hope to have everything up and running by next week. Thank you for understanding our predicament.

THANK YOU, MR. BEN DOLFIN AND KOHLER COMPANY
As mentioned above, our school has received renovated computers. These computers are a good deal faster and much more reliable than the old computers that were in the lower grade classrooms. Please join me in thanking Mr. Ben Dolfin (father of Isabella – grade 3 and Kyle – grade 1) and Kohler Company for this wonderful gift.

PRAYER REQUEST
Please pray for Mrs. Shelba DeMaster's family. Mrs. DeMaster's father passed away last week. We praise God for the promises found in Scripture, and at the same time understand the great loss experienced by Mrs. DeMaster and her family.
Also, please pray for the numerous people related to our school children who are currently dealing with cancer. Thank you for your prayers.

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.

OPEN HOUSE
Thank you to all attended our Open House last night. It is always encouraging to see the great number of parents, grandparents, and friends who come out to visit our school. Please continue to pray for all the students (and their families) and the staff of OCS. 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 missed 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.

DRESS CODE POLICY
One of the ways young people witness to those around them about the relationship they have with Jesus is through the way they dress. Please remind your children to dress properly. All clothing should be modest and appropriate for school. This may mean that some favorite "summer outfits" must be put away or used only on weekends. We hope and pray that home, school, and church can all work together to help our young people be lights who shine brightly for Jesus in our society.

ILLNESSES / ABSENCES
Please call the school office between 8:15 and 9:00 AM if your child will miss school on a certain day. If we do not hear from you, and your child does not show up for school, we will be calling your home to make sure your child is safe.

BIBLES FOR SALE IN THE OFFICE
NIV Bibles are for sale in the school office. The price is $7.50.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS
If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our substitute teacher list, please contact the school office. The only requirement is a teaching degree (and it does not have to be current☺) and a love for our Lord and children. Please pass this news around, because our sub list is short. Thank you.

SPORTS PHYSICALS
Students in 7th and 8th grade who are participating in interscholastic sports at OCS are required to have a sports physical or physical waiver form on file in the school office. Please hand these in to the office before your child's first game. Thank you.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEES
Money is needed to run our interscholastic athletic programs at OCS. Money brought in through participation fees is used for payment of referees, league fees, tournament fees, purchasing athletic equipment, and purchasing uniforms. The following fee schedule has been set by the administration of OCS:

7th – 8th Boys' Soccer (September)	$10.00
7th – 8th Girls' Volleyball (September)	$15.00
5th – 6th Girls' Basketball (November)	$15.00
5th – 6th Boys' Basketball (November)	$15.00
7th – 8th Girls' Basketball (November)	$20.00
7th – 8th Boys' Basketball (November)	$20.00

Note: the maximum fee for any one family is $40.00. The soccer/volleyball fees were due September 15.

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 as soon as possible. Thank you!!!

CHANGES – MARK YOU CALENDARS!!
The volleyball game scheduled on September 22nd against CCA will start at 5:30.

Two soccer games have been added to the schedule. September 21, 4PM @ Oostburg Middle School, and October 6, 5PM @ Oostburg Middle School.

SPORT SCHEDULES
The volleyball and soccer schedules can be found on our website under the calendar section or in the extracurricular section under sports.

DID YOU KNOW…..
That we have just added Miesfeld's Scrip to the Scrip Store? This is just in time for our hunters to have their meat processed. If you regularly use this store and need a large quantity, please contact the Scrip Team (Melanie Wisse or Brenda Lammers). We have a maximum amount of Scrip that we can order each month from them and will need to plan ahead. See new order form attached.

THANK YOU
We appreciate those of you who shop Target with your Red Card and designate Oostburg Christian School as your favorite charity. We recently received a check from them for $262.50 which goes to the Teacher Wish List. The teachers thank you as well! If you shop Target regularly and don't use their Red Card, just stop at their Service counter and they will help you sign up. Once again, this business has agreed to support us. You can support the school without doing anything except shopping!

LAST CHANCE FOR KWIK TRIP!
Get 18% back towards your tuition when you buy Kwik Trip Scrip through Friday, September 18 or as long as our supply lasts. After Friday, the percentage will be 8% for the next 12 months, which is still a very good percentage. Purchase your Scrip today!

38% ON YOUR TUITION ACCOUNT!!
Don't pass up the chance to get a nice amount added to your tuition account. Give magazines to your family and friends for gifts. Just go to www.oostburgchristian.com, click on GRACE, and then scroll down to the bottom of the page to the QSP logo. You can start shopping from there and your discount will automatically come back to school.

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 16	1:20 Early Dismissal
September 17	Soccer vs SCS @SCCHS
	V-Ball vs St Dominic @ home
September 18	Senior Stars
September 22	V-Ball @CCA
September 24-26	OCS Volleyball Tournament

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN
*Pizza Order Form
*Scrip order form
*Unity Group Letter

The GRACE Place

CHECK OUT SCRIP'S NEW LOOK!
Scrip has a **new order form attached** to today's blue note with the additions of i-Tunes, Walgreens, Game Stop, Payless Shoes, Texas Roadhouse, Miesfeld's, and a new $25 Marcus Theatre card. We have now listed special order options on the back and you can also go to www.glscrip.com for more retail choices as well. Remember, using Scrip gives you **FREE MONEY** towards your tuition!

This just in: Do you shop at **Pick N Save?** If you answered yes, please come to the office for a form to fill out that would allow a percentage of what you spend to come back to school. While they can't be attached to a specific tuition account like regular Scrip, they are part of our pledge to the Board and that helps **all** families. If you shop Pick 'n Save, please consider helping our school. No extra work in shopping—just fill out a form now and OCS will get the credit. Every dollar counts!!

Volleyball Tournament: September 24-25-26, 2009
Our annual volleyball tournament is next week. Please be in prayer for the following this week:

- All teams, coaches, and fans to display good sportsmanship and Christ-like attitudes
- Our chairs: Michele Rondeau and Rebecca Johnson
- Safety for all while playing, working or traveling
- That we would make a good profit for the school
- That God would be glorified in all we do

The workers schedule is attached to today's note. Please be sure that you are available for the time you have agreed to work. Our deepest appreciation to all our volunteer workers who make this happen.

Pizza Sale: October 13, 2009
The order form is attached to today's blue note. Please be sure that you get friends and family to order and return this to school by next Friday, September 25. This is a great opportunity for you to spread the word about Oostburg Christian through great food!!

BANKS
During the month of September, we will be collecting the full banks that you have. This has been a great project for us in the past. Please bring yours to the school office. It will save our GRACE Board members' time as we will be collecting these. If you do bring it in the office, please be sure that you sign your name on the sheet so that we know about it. **We thank you in advance**.

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

This is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year. There are many ways that you can help.

- Pray for the committee in the many hours of planning that must be done to make this a wonderful evening.
- Think about what your family could donate to the auction
- We will once again be auctioning off some "fancy desserts" at the auction this year. If you have a recipe that is requested often or that shows off your pastry skills, please consider donating a dessert to this great event! This alone brought our school $500 last year. Please call Andrea DuMez. (564-5102)
- Would you be willing to purchase an extra Piggly Wiggly gift card and donate it to the Food Committee? Just purchase an extra card (any amount) when you buy your Scrip and we will be gratefulWould you be willing to co-chair the kitchen responsibilities with Andrea? She has the plans made for this year and needs help with the execution of them!
- Andrea DuMez will be cooking up something special in the kitchen tomorrow (Thursday, September 17) from 8:30-11 am. If you can chop or stir and have time to help, join her in the school kitchen to get started on some of the auction food!

AUCTION DINNER MENU

Appetizers

Gourmet Palmiers, Vegetable Plattter, Assorted Appetizers

Soups

Old Time Beef Stew

Thick, slow simmered stew full of beef and vegetables

Tomato and Leek Bisque

An elegant way to start a holiday dinner; rich and creamy

Chicken Dumpling Soup

Rich, creamy soup filled with chicken, vegetables, and tender dumplings

Entrees

Honey Baked Ham

Juicy glazed Ham is slow roasted in the oven for the perfect holiday meal

Roast Beef

Melt in your mouth beef served with your choice of sauces

Stuffed Shells

Panchetta and ricotta stuffed shells smothered in a rich Arrabbiata sauce

Sides

Garden salad with fresh dressings
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans with Caramelized Red Onions

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Line Judges
Thursday, 4:15 -8:30 Dan Gabrielse
Joshua Gabrielse

Friday, 4:15-8:30 Tim & Annette Wisse
Saturday,
7:50-12:00 Leila VerVelde & Wendy DenBoer
12:00-4:00 Michelle Hilbelink & Ann Edmonds
4:00-end Wendy DenBoer
Lynn Wilterdink

Concessions
Thursday: 4:00-close
Julie Wisse &
Michelle LeMahieu

Friday: 4:00-close Tom & Leila VerVelde

Saturday: 7:30-11:30
Cathy or Paul Stevens
Tom VerVelde
10:00-2:00 Jodi Raih
Cathy or Paul Stevens

11:30-3:30 Hope & Tim Heinen

3:30-7:30 Hope & Tim Heinen

5:00- until all clean: Wendell & Elaine Kappers

Program: Shawn Buck

Clock
Thursday: 4:00 -8:30 Ryan or Sandy Gartman
Friday: 4:00 – 8:30 Jeff Heinen

Saturday 7:45-12:00 Ryan or Sandy Gartman
12:00-4:00- Ron VanderPol
4:00- end Michelle LeMahieu

Scorebook
Thursday 4:15 - 8:30 Jessica VanderPol

Friday 4:15- 8:30 Jessica VanderPol

Saturday 7:45-12:00 Jessica VanderPol
12:00-4:00 Annette Wisse
4:00-end _____

Admissions
Thursday 4:00-8:00 Ryan or Sandy Gartman

Friday 4:00-8:00 Ryan or Sandy Gartman

Saturday 7:30-11:30 Ryan or Sandy Gartman
11:30-3:30 Leila VerVelde
3:30-8:00 Tammy Stecker

Referees
Thursday 4:00-8:30 Nancy Gabrielse & Lynn Wilterdink

Friday 4:00-8:30 Nancy Gabrielse & Kim Heinen

Saturday 7:30- 12:00 Nancy Gabrielse
Brad Eckweilen

12:00-4:30 _____
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4:30-9:00 _____
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