

January 13, 2010

LAST BLUE NOTE ON PAPER

Beginning next Wednesday, the Blue Note will only be sent electronically unless you have contacted us to receive a hard copy. We sent out a test e-mail today to everyone who has provided their e-mail address. If you do not receive the test e-mail, please contact Mrs. Nyenhuis at 564-2664 or bnnyenhuis@oostburgchristian.com to give us your e-mail information. PLEASE BE AWARE: All traditional Blue Note information – including attachments – will be sent to you via e-mail. This includes the hot lunch order form, which will be sent as an attachment next week. Don't forget to watch for it so your children don't miss out on the hot lunches in February! The Blue Note is also available on the O.C.S. website at www.oostburgchristian.com.

BLUE HARBOR BREAKER BAY SWIM PARTY

Sheboygan Christian School has again invited us to this event. It will be held NEXT Thursday, January 21, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. The cost is \$5.00 per person – 1 yr. old or older. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time in the O.C.S. office. Deadline to buy tickets is NOON next Thursday, January 21. See attached brochure.

SPELLING BEE

The annual O.C.S. Spelling Bee for students in grades 5 – 8 who choose to participate will be held in the Student Center on Tuesday, January 19, at 2:00 PM. Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to the Bee. The winner of our school Bee will participate in the Sheboygan County Spelling Bee to be hosted at Acuity on February 8.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAY

Next Wednesday, January 20, is our monthly early dismissal day. Classes will dismiss at 1:20 PM. Busses will run at that time. There will be no after-care on this day.

SCHOOL BOARD PRAYER REQUEST

The school board is currently looking at the budget for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Please pray for our Board members – and especially the Finance Committee (Justin Zylstra, Brian DeMaster, Dan Roerdink, and Bob Adams) as they seek God's will concerning the future of Oostburg Christian School.

DISCOVER 4K AND 5K AT OOSTBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Please join us next Tuesday, January 19, from 5:30-7pm. A light supper will be served. This is open to families with children who are currently in these classes or are interested in learning more about these programs. You are also encouraged to invite other families to come! Please let us know if you are coming so we can plan for food. You can contact us at 920-564-2664 or oostburgchristian@wi.rr.com.

OPEN HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 11

Oostburg Christian School will be hosting a 4K-8th grade Open House on Thursday, February 11, from 6-7:30pm. If you know of any families who are interested in learning more about our school, please invite them to come or give us the information and we will send them an invitation. As always they may schedule a private tour and meeting with Mr. Adams at any time.

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 here 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) for closing information due to weather. You can also go to www.whbl.com and click on "Cancellations" on the left side of the home page. 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).

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Would your child like to run freely in a large gymnasium? Come join other moms or dads with their children next Thurs 1/21 (and 2/4, 2/18, 3/4 & 4/15) from 8:30 – 10:00am at Oostburg Christian School. All are welcome, and it's FREE!! Call 564-2664 with questions.

SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT....

Nearly \$10,000 will be paid to the GRACE Board and individual family tuition accounts this month, accumulating since June, 2009! Thank you for your support during 2009. Remember, this is **FREE** money that comes into our school from stores where you shop. E-mail ocscrip@gmail.com today and find out how to get started.

MAGAZINE RENEWAL

We are pleased to announce that Oostburg Christian has received a check for \$62.80 from QSP Family Reading Program. This is our discount because our families ordered \$157.00 worth of magazines -- 40% profit!! If you or your family members get magazine subscriptions, please take a few moments to look and see if they can be renewed through the school. Just go to www.oostburgchristian.com, click on GRACE, and scroll down to the bottom of the page where you can link directly to QSP. No need to remember any coupon code. You can look for magazines to help the school and your tuition account! This runs through our Scrip program and you can realize an addition to your tuition account when you designate that before you check out. Take a look today!

WHAT DOES BEING A "GOOD STEWARD" HAVE TO DO WITH ESTATE PLANNING?

It helps you maximize the impact of the resources God has entrusted to you. And, Don Long, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will show you how. A confidential Estate Planning consultation is available to you at no charge and completely confidential. **Don** will be meeting with Christian families in our area during the week of January 25 – 28, 2010. Just call Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888-448-3040 to set up an appointment or contact Joyce Eggebeen.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

BABYSITTERS TRAINING CLASSES

This course is sponsored by the Red Cross and is open to children 11 years of age and older. Participants will learn the responsibilities of a baby sitter; how to prevent accidents, how to handle emergencies, some basic first aid, infant care skills, and more. Two sessions are available:

Saturday, Feb. 20 OR Saturday, Feb. 27

Both sessions run from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The cost is \$30 which includes the handbook and all materials. Registration forms are available in the school office.

"PARENTING WITH PATIENCE (...AND PRAYER!)"

A seven-week Christian parenting class to help parents create a more loving and positive home begins Monday, January 25, 2010 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center in Sheboygan. The class will focus on using positive praise and reinforcement to encourage compliance and build self-esteem in children. Other skills taught include ignoring, time-out, sticker charts, communication, problem-solving, allowances, household chores and many others, all from a Christian perspective. Child care may be available for children 6 years old and younger. Parents unable to afford the \$70.00 per family fee may inquire about limited tuition assistance. The class is led 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.

KIDS IN MOTION

A FREE youth program that incorporates sports, games and fitness exercises to enhance cardiovascular fitness, strength and endurance will be held in the Oostburg Elementary School Gym. Students in grades

3-5 are eligible for this program which will be held Jan. 18, Feb. 1 and Feb. 22 from 3:30 – 4:30 PM. A limited number of registrations will be taken. You can pick up a registration form in the O.C.S. office. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Jenn Swart, O.S.D. Recreation Coordinator, at 564-2346, ext. 1151.

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

Wow! Another great week with Scrip—we sold nearly \$10,000 during the week. Thanks for stopping in to restock the grocery cupboards from the clean-out over Christmas, pay your Kohl's bill, and pick up restaurants and shopping cards! This is FREE money from these businesses!!

CHARGER SHOOT-OUT

January 28, 29, & 30, 2010—Girls' Tournament

February 4, 5, & 6, 2010—Boys' Tournament

New this year: Team Shooting Contest (replacing the Alumni games) **each weekend**

Workers schedule is included in this blue note. Please check on your assigned times.

We always get complimented on our delicious food that is served at the tournament.

This year will be no exception:

Thursday and Friday each week:

BBQ Pork Sandwich, Hot Dog, Chili Dog, Baked Potatoes with fixin's

Saturday—Girls' weekend:

Taco on the Run, Hot Dog, Chili Dog, Baked Potato with fixin's, Ham & Cheese and Turkey and Cheese Subs.

Saturday—Boys' weekend:

Taco on the Run, Hot Dog, Chili Dog, Baked Potato with fixin's, Double Hamburger, Double Brats, and Oostburgers!

Available throughout the tournament: Chips, Nachos, Popcorn, Bars, Candy, Water, Soda, Sport Drinks, Milk, Coffee

If you would like to bring bars for the tournament (9x13 pan—not cut) please call Lynn Walvoort (564-6027). Many people appreciate the homemade taste!

Those fresh-grilled burgers are a treat this time of year. Be sure to say thanks to Lynn Walvoort and Laurel Meerdink who chair this important project!



CALENDAR

January 14	B-Ball	Girls5/6 vs St. D 5:30 Boys5/6 vs SCS @ SCCHS 6:30
January 18	B-Ball	Boys5/6 vs StJ 5:00 Girls5/6 vs StJ 6:00
January 19	O.C.S. Spelling Bee	Discover 4K & 5K 5:30-7:00 PM
January 20	Snack Wrap Lunch	1:20 PM Dismissal
January 21	End of 2 nd Quarter	Blue Harbor Breaker Bay Swim Party
January 22	Teacher Workday – No School	

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

- *Charger S/O Worker Schedule
- *Blue Harbor Breaker Bay Swim Party Flyer
- *Sheboygan County Division of Public Health Tid-Bit Times