

HOME BULLETIN
January 14, 2009

CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFTS TO OUR STUDENTS

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills have been scored and the results are very encouraging. Almost all the students in grades 3-8 took part in this testing. The students in grades 7 & 8 scored in the top third of our nation. As wonderful as this is, the remaining test scores were even more outstanding. The sixth grade had a composite score at the 81st percentile and the third grade at the 85th percentile (that places both in the top 20% of the nation). Even more incredible were the scores compiled by the fourth and fifth grades. The fourth grade scored at the 97th percentile and the fifth grade scored at the 99th percentile. Join me in praising God for the talents He has given our children. Let us praise God, too, for the great work being done by our teachers and the support the teachers receive from our families.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS WEEK IN SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

I hope you have seen the articles in the Sheboygan Press concerning Christian education in Sheboygan County. Please feel free to write ~~to~~ letters-to-the-editor+saying something positive about your experience with Christian schools. I praise God for the way He has worked to bring his Name before the readers of the Sheboygan Press.

Please join us for chapel in celebration of Christian education TOMORROW, Thursday, at 8:45 AM.

SPELLING BEE

The annual OCS Spelling Bee for students in grades 5-8 will be held in the Student Center at 2:15 TOMORROW, Jan. 15. Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to the Bee. The winner of the Bee will participate in the Sheboygan County Bee to be hosted at Acuity on February 10.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAY

Next Wednesday, January 21, is our monthly early dismissal day. Classes will dismiss at 1:20 PM. Buses will run at that time.

SCHOOL BOARD PRAYER REQUEST

The school board is currently looking at the budget for the 2009 . 2010 school year. Please pray for our Board members as they seek God's will concerning the future of Oostburg Christian School.

THAI PROJECT CONTINUES

Thanks to all who sent generous donations to build a \$700 home for Thai orphans. The staff has decided to continue this project into the New Year. Let's not only build the orphans a home, but let's do our best to bring an irrigation water project to the Baan Naakklang Village. One thousand, two hundred fifty dollars will bring water from a mountain spring into the village and irrigate crops. Thus far we have collected a total of \$1505.26 towards the orphanage and the irrigation project.

CLOTHING ITEMS

If your family has a need of winter hats, scarves, mittens, etc. please see Mrs. Nyenhuis in the school office. All requests will be kept confidential.

YEARBOOK NEWS

Great news! This year's yearbook will be in color. Andõ really great news . the cost will be the same as last year - \$12.50. Beginning next week Wednesday, January 21, we will be taking yearbook orders for a two week period. Contact your yearbook staff with any questions: Wendy Urban, Mary Swihart and Jackie Daane.

FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH ORDERS

The February order form is attached to this Blue Note. Please fill it in, attach payment, and return it to school NO LATER THAN Wednesday, January 28. Thank you.

BLUE HARBOR SWIM PARTY

Sheboygan Christian School has invited OCS families to join them for their mid-year swim party at Blue Harbor. Please see the attached flyer. Tickets can be purchased in the school office.

AFTERNOON CARE INFORMATION

If your child does not attend the Afternoon Care on a regular basis but is going to stay on a certain day, please either send a note with them or call the school office the day they are staying (or before). Also, if your child is not going to be staying for Afternoon Care on a day when they are normally attending, please call the school office by 9:00 AM if possible on that day . or before . to let us know. Thank you.

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) for closing information due to weather. Or, you can also go to their website at www.whbl.com for a listing of current cancellations. Remember, if Oostburg Public Schools close due to inclement weather, so do we (bussing).

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER IS BACK!

Oostburg Christian School will once again host playtime for energetic children and their caregivers in our gymnasium. This service is FREE and is offered from 8:30 . 10am Thurs. 1/15*, 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, and 4/16. Everyone is invited to attend, whether pre-school, home school, public school or Christian school. Anyone curious to see the rest of the school is welcome to walk through during this time as well. For more information, call 564-2664. *(On 1/15 - TOMORROW, CFR will begin at 9:15am following a special chapel service. Please join us at 8:45am as we celebrate the declaration of Christian Schools' week).

JUST A FEW LEFT

There are some pizzas left- stop in this week and pick up what you need.

BARNABAS VISIT

There are only a couple more appointments left with Barnabas Representative Don Long. If you would like to visit with him yet, please call Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678) and see if it will work out for you. Otherwise, we can plan your visit with him next time he is in the area.

MAKE IT GROW

Just an update on this event which began with an auction donor giving us \$500 and asking us to %Make It Grow+. We encouraged our families to take \$50-\$100 and invest in a project that will grow and we have our first report on the results so far:

- One family who heard about this, immediately gave us \$500 to match this!
- Prior to the holidays, Patti Duenk and friends had a bake sale and an opportunity to have your gifts wrapped. They are pleased that their \$100 netted \$221.02. That's over 200% profit! Praise the Lord.
- You may have noticed the benches in the hallway made by our very own Paul Modahl and his son Levi. Check them out if you would be able to use those and help our money grow! Suggested donation is \$12.00 for the 42+bench and \$18.00 for the 60+bench. Call Levi Modahl at 564-6512 to order.
- Andrea DuMez has made her recipes available from the delightful auction menu. You can pick them up in the office for \$4 each. If you weren't there, your family will go crazy over her Wild Rice Soup (and others)- stop in and make it for dinner tonight!

Watch for other opportunities to help the school.

GOING GREEN

That seems to be the buzz word lately, but Oostburg Christian has been recycling for years! Here is what we collect:

- ❖ Pizza Ranch wagons from their carry-out boxes
- ❖ ink cartridges
- ❖ aluminum cans
- ❖ Campbell's Soup Labels and other related products
- ❖ Box Tops for Education on General Mills cereals and other related products

❖ Kids and Caps for Cash from Golden Guernsey milk products.

Except for the aluminum cans, these items can all be deposited in the covered barrel near the office door. Aluminum cans can be bagged and brought in as well- someone will see that they are put in our garage storage on the east end of school.

The students thank you as the money raised from these help to fund our class and field trips. The environment thanks you for helping to keep it cleaner.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER

The Oostburg Community Youth Center, located in the Oostburg Middle School (above the gym . where the old wrestling room used to be), is open to all middle school students on Monday and Wednesday from 2:30 . 4:00 and on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 . 6:00 PM.

OOSTBURG STATE BANK FITNESS CENTER

The new fitness center is now open to the public. The entrance is on the north side of Oostburg High School. It is open every Monday . Friday from 5:00 . 7:00 AM, 10:30 . 11:30 AM, and 2:30 . 8:00 PM. There are plenty of new exercise machines for all to use. There is always someone on duty to assist you, if you have any questions.

SCCHS 8TH GRADE VISITING DAY

*Sheboygan County Christian High School invites all 8th graders to their Discovery Day on Friday, January 16, 2009. Students will meet in the gym at 10:45 a.m. and be dismissed by 2:00 p.m. All visiting students will tour the school, visit classrooms, participate in games, chapel, and enjoy a pizza lunch. Any high school student interested in transferring to SCCHS is also invited. For more information or to RSVP by January 14, call the school at 458-9981.

CHESS TOURNAMENTS

*There is information available in the school office regarding a Holy Family School Chess Tournament being held on Saturday, January 17 and a Sheboygan Christian School Chess Tournament being held on Saturday, January 31.

GERMAN CLASS

Parents: Take a class with your middle school student. LTC Community Outreach Classes include German for Travelers, a 4-week introduction to the language and culture. Classes meet Thursdays from 6:30 . 8:45 at the Oostburg High School February 19 through March 12. The cost is \$32.50 per person. Call LTC at 1-888 GO TO LTC or visit gotoltc.edu and register for class number 15123.

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

We continue to stock your favorite stores in the Scrip Store located in the office. Have you stopped in lately to buy your Kohl's to pay your bill? This is the only company that we are aware that allows you to do that. Please use this opportunity to support the school as well as your tuition account.

CHARGER SHOOTOUT

Do you have the dates on your calendar? January 29, 30, and 31 is the Boys' Tournament and February 5, 6, and 7 is the girls' tournament. (Note: they are switched around from previous years—the girls' weekend has usually been first.) You'll want to stop in some of those days for a meal—there's always good food and great fellowship as well as great basketball.

The Lord is blessing us tremendously! We have all our teams lined up and even a waiting list! Thank you for praying for that effort. We look forward to a great tournament.

If you can help fill some of the empty time slots on the schedules attached to this Blue Note, please call Jackie Daane (564-2607) for the scorebook and admissions spots and Lynn Walvoort (564-6027) if you can give her a hand in the kitchen!

Please check the attached worker schedules carefully. If you see any sign-ups that are different than you planned, please call Jackie Daane soon. (564-2607)

You are invited to play in the Alumni & Friends Basketball Games during the Shootout. The men's game will be held on Saturday, January 31, at 12:45. The women's game will be held on Saturday, February 7, at 12:45. If you have questions, please contact Paul and Beth Modahl at 564-6512 or pmodahl@verizon.net. You don't have to be an O.C.S. Alumnus to play.

CALENDAR	
January 15	Chapel 8:45 Please Join Us! Cabin Fever Reliever Following Chapel Until 10:00 B-Ball 5/6 Girls vs SD5 5:00 5/6 Boys vs SJB5 6:00
January 16	8 th Grade Visiting Day @ SCCHS
January 16 & 17	B-Ball 5/6 Girls @ StD Tourny
January 19	B-Ball 7/8 Girls vs SJB 5:00 7/8 Boys vs SJB 6:00
January 21	Hot Ham Lunch/3 rd Gr. Lunch Buddies 1:20 PM Dismissal
January 22	End of 2 nd Semester Blue Harbor Swim Party
January 23	Teacher Workday . No School

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

- *February Hot Lunch Order Form
- *Blue Harbor Swim Party Brochure
- *Sheboygan County Division of Public Health Tid-Bit Times
- *Charger Shootout Worker Schedule and Request for Bars
- *Sheboygan County Historical Society "Third Saturdays" Program Information
- *LTC Community Class Schedule
- *Wheaton College Honeyrock Camp Information