

January 20, 2010

### **E-MAILED HOME BULLETIN**

Thank you for your positive response to having the Blue Note sent electronically and for providing your contact information. Please contact the school office at 564-2664 or [bnyenhuis@oostburgchristian.com](mailto:bnyenhuis@oostburgchristian.com) if you encounter any problems accessing the information.

### **BLUE HARBOR BREAKER BAY SWIM PARTY**

Sheboygan Christian School has again invited us to this event. It will be held tomorrow from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The cost is \$5.00 per person – one year of age or older – swimmer or non-swimmer. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time in the O.C.S. office. Deadline to buy tickets is NOON tomorrow, January 21.

### **NO SCHOOL FRIDAY**

There will be no school this Friday. Friday is an in-service day and the teachers will be finalizing semester grades and preparing for the new semester.

### **FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH ORDERS**

The February order form is included as an attachment to this Blue Note. Please print out the order form, fill it in, attach payment and return it to school NO LATER THAN next Wednesday, January 27. Thank you!

### **SCHOOL BOARD NEWS**

Throughout each school year the Board of Oostburg Christian School seeks the input of our families and stakeholders to create policy or make decisions concerning the running of our school. The decisions that are finally made are based on surveys that have been returned to the school or information gathered at meetings that have been held. The following section, entitled "School Board News," contains information from the Board concerning actions that have been taken. Please continue to pray for the Board as they seek God's will concerning OCS.

**4K Time Change for 2010 – 2011:** Earlier this year a survey was sent out to families with young children. We asked for input concerning changing the dismissal time of our 4K classes. The majority of parents felt it would be best to run our 4K class until noon. This will help our 4K families, because they will be able to set up a carpool with kindergarten families. With both classes dismissing at noon, a family who may have a child in each class will only have to travel to school one time to pick up the children. This will begin in September when the new school year starts. We will continue to offer the optional Friday class (which would also run until noon) and our After Care program.

**Early Registration for 2010 – 2011:** In late fall all parents were invited to take part in a Parent / Board Information Meeting dealing with "Registration and Budgeting Issues." Basically, the evening discussion centered on the fact that our budgeting process for the upcoming school year begins in January. Teacher contracts are extended in March and April based on parent intent forms that are handed out in February, and our budget is approved by the Association in May. Our final, formal registration takes place in August. The last three years have been years in which our final budget does not match the income generated from tuition. In order to remedy this, the board has decided to have a more formal pre-registration in February. A \$150 tuition deposit will be received from each family registering by March 1. The entire \$150 will be applied to the family's tuition for the 2010 – 2011 school year. If a family registers after March 1 the registration fee will be \$250, and the extra \$100 will not apply to tuition. The Board hopes a more accurate budget number will allow the Finance Committee to better plan for the coming year.

**Tri-School Study Task Force** – The Board of Oostburg Christian School is taking part in a study investigating the possibility of combining with the other Christian schools in Sheboygan County. The study committee will look at whether combining with Sheboygan Christian Grade School and Sheboygan County Christian High School would help each school financially, would aid the schools academically, would assist each school in being distinctly Christian, and yet would still allow local control so each school could retain its distinct characteristics. This committee will begin meeting in late January and will form sub-committees and create surveys to help in the study. The task force will report back to our school board once the study is complete. Our school board will then vote to either accept the findings or not. The OCS school board promises to keep our constituents informed during the entire process.

### **K-5 MUSICAL**

This annual event is planned for Thursday, March 18. The time of the performance has not yet been decided. We would like to know your opinion – should we have the performance at 4:30 PM, as we did last year or at 6:30 or 7:00 PM as we have in the past. Please e-mail your opinion to Mrs. De Master at [mrsd@wi.rr.com](mailto:mrsd@wi.rr.com). We will publish

the time of performance in next week's Blue Note. Costumes for the K-4<sup>th</sup> grade for the musical will be any kind of blue t-shirt, no words, and blue jeans.

### **END OF QUARTER AND REPORT CARDS**

Tomorrow is the last day of the second quarter (first semester). Report Cards will be sent home next week Friday, January 29. Please sign and return the Report Cards as soon as possible. All library fines must be paid and overdue books returned at this time. Thank you.

### **YEARBOOK ORDERS**

Order forms will be sent home with each child today. The price for the yearbook is only \$13.00. The cost to publish it went up, but the yearbook staff will not pass this cost on to you. We will be raising funds to defray the cost. The yearbook will be in color and will arrive at the end of May. If you have any questions, you can contact Wendy Urban at 564-4181 or [jwurban@verizon.net](mailto:jwurban@verizon.net).

### **VISION & HEARING SCREENINGS**

As of this school year, the Sheboygan County Division of Public Health has discontinued vision and hearing screenings at area schools because of budget constraints. Fortunately, Becky Zylstra, a Certified Ophthalmic Assistant, has volunteered to do some vision screenings for us. The screenings will be held on Thursday morning, February 4. She will automatically screen all students in the Tuesday/Thursday 4K class and in the 5K class. She will also screen children in the Monday/Wednesday 4K class and anyone else who has been referred for a screening on that day. You can call the school office at 564-2664 or e-mail [bnyenhuis@oostburgchristian.com](mailto:bnyenhuis@oostburgchristian.com) if you would like your child(ren) screened. Please read through the information included below from the Public Health Dept. for signs and symptoms of vision or hearing problems you should look for in your child(ren).

#### **SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF VISION PROBLEMS MAY INCLUDE:**

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| -shuts or covers one eye                         | -lids encrusted, red-rimmed swollen or droopy          |
| -rubs eyes frequently                            | -pupils different in size or shape                     |
| -thrusts head forward                            | -tilting head                                          |
| -frowns, scowls or blinks frequently             | -eyes water                                            |
| -headaches                                       | -face puckers                                          |
| -history of an eye injury                        | -light sensitive                                       |
| -discharge or bleeding from eye                  | -complaints of eye pain                                |
| -significant reading problems, skips lines       | --undue clumsiness                                     |
| -inability to differentiate colors               | -complaints of blurred vision                          |
| -confuses letters & numbers with a similar shape | -unequal eye movement                                  |
| -difficulties with seeing close work             | -holds reading material too close or too far from face |
| -requests to be seated close to the chalkboard   | -dizziness, headaches or nausea following close work   |

Vision resources for parents:

[www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org)

[www.preventblindness.org/wi](http://www.preventblindness.org/wi)

#### **SIGNS AND SUMPTOMS OF HEARING PROBLEMS MAY INCLUDE:**

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| -irrelevant answers to questions                         | -watching the lips of a speaker                      |
| -turning one side of head toward speaker                 | -inattentive to classroom discussion                 |
| -talking either too loudly or too softly                 | -makes mistakes in following directions              |
| -indistinct speech, slurring or omission of sounds       | -sensation of dizziness and imbalance                |
| -recurrent ear infections or upper respiratory infection | -mouth breathing                                     |
| -ear complaints                                          | -draining ears                                       |
|                                                          | -frequent requests to repeat what has just been said |

Please refer your child to a professional vision or hearing specialist if you suspect they may have either a vision or hearing problem.

### **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](http://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 tomorrow, Jan. 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.

#### **IS YOUR ESTATE PLAN AND WILL UP-TO-DATE?**

If you haven't re-visited your estate plan and/or your will in the last five years, it is always good to sit down and look at it as laws and your personal circumstances change. If you would like help with this, please call Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678) or the Barnabas Foundation directly at 888-448-3040 to set up an appointment in the privacy of your home to review your plan. Our Barnabas representative Attorney Don Long will be in the area next week. Call today.

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

you can walk into the office, give Barb Nyenhuis \$100 and ask for Piggly Wiggly Scrip. She will be sure that there is a credit of \$3.50: \$1.75 for your tuition and \$1.75 for school. Then she will give you \$100 back to go buy groceries. Where else can you get that kind of return on your money in two minutes? Stop by today!

#### **GOOD SEARCH**

Did you know that our school partners with Good Search? Just use [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) as your default search engine and they will send us \$.01 each time you use it. You will see the space to indicate who your favorite charity is. When using Good Search, they will also give you the opportunity to use Good Shop when you are looking for a business that is available in their online store. Another great way to support the school!

# The GRACE Place

#### **SCRIP**

Are grandparents getting ready for traveling during the winter? We've combined all Travel Scrip ideas onto one orange sheet and you may find that useful in looking at Scrip to buy before going on the road. Ask for this in the office today!

#### **CHARGER SHOOT-OUT**

**January 28-30, 2010—Girls' Tournament**

## February 4-6, 2010—Boys' Tournament

This event is coming next week, starting on Thursday night at 4:00 with our girls' tournament.

Make plans to:

- Pray for this event and all things involved: planning, food preparation, games, referees, and fans.
- Stop in to watch a game or two and support our students. The schedule will be online at [www.oostburgchristian.com](http://www.oostburgchristian.com) and click on Athletic Tournaments.
- Join us at least once during the weekend for a meal, even if you don't have a child playing.
- Check out the work schedule which is attached to today's note and be sure to show up if you are on the list.
- Praise God with us for the opportunity to host families and friends in our beautiful gym and spacious Student Center and pray that we will be a good example of Christian behavior and sportsmanship.

### CHARGER SHOOTOUT-2010

Workers

Chair: Jeri Flipse

### January 28-30—Girls' Weekend—Book, Clock, and Admissions

#### Thursday, January 28

Clock

**4:10- end—Brad Bulkow**

Admissions

**3:30-6:00—Lynn Wilterdink**

**6:00-8:30—Wendy DenBoer**

Book

**4:10-end—Julie Bulkow**

#### Friday, January 29

Clock

**4:10-end—Joel Van Ess**

Admissions

**3:30-8:30—Brian DeMaster**

Book

**4:10-end —Sandy Van Ess**

#### Saturday, January 30

Clock

**8:15-11:45+—Joel Van Ess**

**1:45—end—Brad Bulkow**

Admissions

**7:30-10:00—Lynn Wilterdink**

**10:00-12:30--Wendy Eckwielen**

**12:30-3:00--Wendy Eckwielen**

**3:00-5:30—Sue Schnelle**

Book

**8:15-11:45+--\_\_\_\_\_**

**1:45—end —Julie Bulkow**

### February 4,5,6, Boys' Weekend—Book, Clock, and Admissions

#### Thursday, February 4

Clock

**4:10- end—Jeff Heinen**

Admissions

Book

**4:10-end—Sue Dykstra**

**3:30-6:00—Marjorie Oliver**  
**6:00-8:30—Wendy DenBoer**

**Friday, February 5**

Clock  
**4:10-end—Sean Follen**  
Admissions  
**3:30-8:30—McKinsters**

Book  
**4:10-end—Sue Dykstra**

**Saturday, February 6**

Clock  
**8:15-11:45+—Wayne Kelley**  
**1:45—end—Brad Bulkow**

Book  
**8:15-11:45+—Sue Dykstra**  
**1:45—end—Julie Bulkow**

Admissions  
**7:30-10:00—Lynn Wilterdink**  
**10:00-12:30--McKinsters**  
**12:30-3:00--McKinsters**  
**3:00-5:30—Sue Schnelle**

**Kitchen Workers**

**Chair: Lynn Walvoort**  
**Co-Chair: Laurel Meerdink**

**January 28-30—Girls' Weekend**

**Thursday, January 28**

**3:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
1. Gail Niemuth

**4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**  
1. Doris Hendrikse  
2. Sean Follen  
3. Jackie Daane

**6:00 p.m. – clean-up (Kitchen, Gym,  
Student Center & Garbage)**  
1. Kim Heinen  
2. Julie Wisse

**Friday, January 29**

**3:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
1. Julie Wisse

**4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**  
1. Deb Kelley  
2. Wayne Kelley  
3. Gail Niemuth

**6:00 p.m. – clean-up (Kitchen, Gym,  
Student Center & Garbage)**  
1. Michelle LeMahieu  
2. Shannon Gartman

**Saturday, January 30**

**7:30 – 11:30 a.m.**  
1. Shannon Gartman  
2. McKinsters

**10:00 – 2:00 p.m. – kitchen help**  
1. Val Claerbaut  
2. Cathy Stevens

**10:00 – 2:00 – Cashier**  
1. Ken Walvoort

**11:30 – 3:30 p.m.**  
1. Ben Dolfin  
2. Jamie Dolfin  
3. Lynn Wilterdink

**2:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Cashier**  
1. Dean or Jodi Raih

**3:30 p.m. – clean-up**  
1. Marjorie Oliver  
2. Ben Claerbaut

3. Gina Claerbaut

6:00 p.m. – clean-up (Kitchen, Gym,  
Student Center & Garbage)

1. Dave Lemmenes
2. Tommy Walcott

## **February 4-6, 2009—Boys' Weekend**

### **Thursday, February 4**

**3:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

1. Gail Niemuth

**4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

2. Doris Hendrikse
3. Val Claerbaut
4. Sean Follen

6:00 p.m. – clean-up (Kitchen, Gym,  
Student Center & Garbage)

1. Julie Wisse
2. Kim Heinen

### **Friday, February 5**

**3:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

1. Marjorie or Jared Oliver

**4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

1. Deb Kelley
2. Wayne Kelley
3. Val Claerbaut

**6:00 p.m. – clean-up (Kitchen, Gym,  
Student Center & Garbage)**

1. Wayne Dykstra
2. Tommy Walcott

### **Saturday, February 6**

**7:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

1. Ken Walvoort
2. Judy Walvoort

**10:00 – 2:00 p.m. – kitchen help**

1. Wayne Dykstra
2. McKinsters

**10:00 – 2:00 – Cashier**

1. Anna Walcott

**11:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

1. Ken Walvoort
2. Judy Walvoort
3. Val Claerbaut

**2:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Cashier**

1. Tom Bidwell

**3:30 p.m. – clean-up**

1. Dean or Jodi Raih
2. Gina Claerbaut
3. Ben Claerbaut

6:00 p.m. – clean-up (Kitchen, Gym,  
Student Center & Garbage)

1. Tommy Walcott
2. Anna Walcott

**Fryers – 9:00 a.m. - ???**

1. Curt Claerbaut
2. Ben Claerbaut

## **BARS FOR CHARGER SHOOTOUT**

**Please sign up for either the  
Girls or Boys weekend (or both).**

**All bars should be uncut 9x13 pans and something that would be easy to wrap. Thanks for all**

**your help! To sign up or if you have questions, please call Lynn Walvoort at 564-6027.**

**January 28 – Girl’s Weekend**

Sandy Gartman

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**February 4 – Boy’s Weekend**

1. Julie Meyer
2. Sandy Gartman

