

HOME BULLETIN
January 7, 2009

WELCOME BACK

It seems Christmas break began a long time ago – after all, it was almost two weeks that school was not in session. Now it is time to welcome everyone back – back to a routine of getting up early, back to studying for tests (at least for the older students), back to reading, writing, and arithmetic. But, most important, students and teachers are back to serving God as we study His Word and His world together. Please keep OCS in your prayers as staff and students work diligently to live for Jesus everyday.

THANK YOU

The staff of Oostburg Christian School sends a huge thank you to all families who sent food, goodies, and cards as Christmas gifts to our staff members. We especially thank each of you for your prayers on behalf of the school family during the holiday season. All were greatly appreciated. It is truly a joy to work at OCS.

Also we thank 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' 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.

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.

PRAISE THE LORD!

The week of January 11 – 17, 2009 has been designated as Christian Education Week in Sheboygan County. God has worked through many events to make this possible. Two months ago representatives from the faith-based schools in Sheboygan County approached the Sheboygan Press with the idea of running some articles concerning Christian education in Sheboygan County. This was in response to the Press running an article on Charter Schools in the city of Sheboygan. After much work on the part of different individuals, the result is the following: a 4-part series of articles; a cover story by The Sheboygan Press; a full-page ad that is being designed by Tryg Jacobson, and the following proclamation by Governor Doyle:

WHEREAS, the Christian schools in Sheboygan County are celebrating Christian School Week; and

WHEREAS, the 16 Christian schools located in Sheboygan County are being recognized for the work they do in helping to educate the youth of Sheboygan County, offering a religious and values based education to nearly 2400 students from early childhood through high school; and

WHEREAS, the core value of Christian education is to educate the whole person; mind, body and soul, and

WHEREAS, Christian schools recognize and support parents as partners in the education of their children and are committed to engaging families and congregations in the life of schools to enhance student learning; and

WHEREAS, a strong, well rounded education is vital to the development and growth of the children of our state, as well as the future of our state as a whole; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 11 – 17, 2009 as

Christian School Week

in Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all citizens.

Please join me in praising God for the way this has come about. Pray that God uses this proclamation and the articles in The Sheboygan Press to bring glory to Himself. We will be holding a chapel on Thursday of that week (Jan. 15) to celebrate Christian education. Please join us at 8:45 AM.

CLOTHING ITEMS RECEIVED

We would like to thank Hartman Chiropractic for a donation of many hats, scarves, mittens and gloves that was given to us from a drive they held at Christmas time. We also received numerous clothing and toy items from a drive facilitated by the Oostburg Optimists Club. We are very appreciative of these items – please thank Dr. Hartman and his staff and Optimist Club members if you see them. We will keep a supply of these items on hand for occasions when they are needed, but, if you have a need in your family and could use anything for your family's personal use, please see Mrs. Nyenhuis in the office. All requests will be kept confidential.

CHRISTMAS TREES NEEDED

Have you purchased a new artificial Christmas tree for your home. Are you looking to dispose of your old one? Please consider donating it to O.C.S. We can use them for decorating for the auction and the Christmas concert. Please contact Mrs. Nyenhuis in the office if you have one you'd like to donate.

BASKETBALL NEWS

The basketball schedule can be found on the O.C.S. internet site: www.oostburgchristian.com. In addition, a schedule of book keeping and clock duties are also on the site. If you need directions on how to get to an away game go to the calendar tab on the left side of the screen, then click on the game listed on the calendar and it will give you a link to get a map/travel directions.

Reminder: The 7/8 boys' basketball game which was cancelled on Dec. 9 will be played on Feb. 26 at 6:30 at St. Dominic.

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, 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).

CLEAR OUT OUR FREEZER

Please stop in this week and pick up any pizzas that you wish to buy. We need to clear out our freezer to use during the Charger Shoot-out. Thanks for your support.

LIBRARIAN NEEDED

Due to an unexpected illness in their family, Mary Lou DuMez will not be able to serve as a volunteer librarian for the rest of the school year. If you would be able to help out on Tuesdays, every other week, we would be most appreciative. Please call the school office (564-2664) and leave a message. Please pray for MaryLou DuMez's grandson who was diagnosed with leukemia recently.

GOOD SEARCH

Do you shop online? Start with Good Search. Do you use Google or another search engine? If you use Good Search as your search engine of choice, and designate Oostburg Christian School as your favorite charity, we will receive \$.01 every time you use it! Also, if you use the vendors with GoodShop, we get even more revenue.

Please consider making Good Search your default search engine. It costs you nothing!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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.

*There is information available in the school office regarding a Holy Family School Chess Tournament being held on Saturday, January 17. Advanced registration is recommended.

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

- **Don't forget to stop in for your Scrip to pay your Kohl's bill this month.** Kohl's is one of the few companies that allow Scrip to be used to pay the bill, so let's take advantage of their generosity!
- **Oops!** We have two \$25 Sears cards that were ordered accidentally over the holidays. If you would like/need \$25 or \$50 in Sears Scrip, please stop in the office soon.
- Those Highland House Scrip certificates have been popular—thanks for your business!

AUCTION "MAKE IT GROW" CHALLENGE

In response to our "Make it Grow" Challenge, Levi and Paul Modahl have made unfinished wood benches for sale. Benches are on display in the front lobby. Suggested donation: \$12 for a 42" bench and \$18 for a 60" bench. Call Levi Modahl at 564-6512 to order.

CHARGER SHOOTOUT

Things are starting to gear up for the Charger Shoot-out. Teams are lining up, sponsors have been contacted, our girls have some new uniforms, and the excitement begins.

We've had several more offers for time slots! Thanks so much!!! If you can still help out 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! . (Can you believe those two phone numbers are so similar—dial carefully!!) A concessions schedule can be found on the following pages. A request for bars is also included

Score book and admissions help needed:

Thursday, February 5—one worker to do scorebook* from 5:30 p.m. until the end.

Friday, February 6---one worker to do admissions from 3:30-6:00 p.m.

*this is someone who has had experience with this job. All other positions, you get on-the-job training!

CALENDAR

January 8	B-Ball 5/6 Girls vs SCS 5:00 5/6 Boys vs SCS6 @ SCCHS 7:30
January 12	B-Ball 5/6 Boys vs SD 5:00
January 13	B-Ball 7/8 Girls @ HF 5:00 7/8 Boys @ SJB8 5:00
January 14	Soup Lunch
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

