

HOME BULLETIN
June 3, 2009

LAST BLUE NOTE

This is the last Blue Note of the 2008 . 2009 school year. The office staff thanks everyone for their efforts in getting announcements to the office in a timely manner. See you in September.

CONGRATULATIONS WRITERS!!

Sixteen students in fifth through eighth grade received awards for their poetry and short story entries submitted to the District IV Christian Schools Annual Writing Contest.

Fifth graders receiving awards were Michael Duenk, poetry, second place; Liz Smies, poetry, first place; Hannah Modahl, poetry, first place, and Alyssa Van Ess, poetry, first place.

Sixth graders receiving first place awards in poetry were Breanna Van Ess , Justin Oliver, and Jessica Lemmenes.

Seventh graders receiving first place for their short stories were Allison Kappers and Grace Stevens.

Seventh grader Jo-Leigh VerVelde received a first place for her poetry.

Eighth graders receiving a first place in poetry included Hannah Stevens, Morgan Ledeboer, Katie Flipse, and Ethan DeMaster. Eighth grade story writers receiving awards included Michaela Ludens, first place and Taylor Kappers, second place.

THINGS TO DO OVER THE SUMMER

Since this is the last Blue Note of school year, I thought it might be good to copy some examples of important things to do with and for your children over the summer. These were in our Blue Note last year.

1. Please continue in the school mode. No, this does not mean waking up your children and sending them to school, because Mr. Adams will be there☺. Although it does get quiet at school over the summer (and I do actually miss the commotion that comes from having a school filled with children), I think the children need some time away from school. Time away from school is not time away from learning. Please use the library, take time to read, and continue to practice those math facts. If you can do nothing else, just read, read, and then read some more. Readers are our best students.
2. Go to the museum or some other educational destination. Even a trip to your extended family out of state can be educational when you share road maps, simple financial planning of meals, and the historical significance of your destination with your children
3. Please, please, please turn off the television, the IPod, the MP3 player, and the computer. Make your child go outside and play. And if your child says he or she is bored - good! Tell them to use their imagination and see what God has hidden in His wonderful world.
4. Finally, don't stop having devotions. Summer is a great time to set up special family devotion time (maybe outside) or set up a devotion time for you to have with each individual child. Although time consuming, devotions with one child at a time are most rewarding and gives each child a chance to share with you.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Although graduation takes place next week, we definitely want to take the time to officially congratulate our eighth graders for successfully completing their work at OCS. We pray God blesses each of them as they continue their education in high school. **Please join us as we celebrate the eighth grade graduation on Tuesday, June 9, at 7:00 PM in the school gym.**

THANK YOU

As the year closes we want to take the time to thank Sue Schnelle and Dawn DeMaster for faithfully preparing the hot lunches all year. Many parents have also helped them, and we want all of you to know how much it is appreciated by students, parents, and staff alike. Be sure to thank Sue and Dawn if you see them.

YEARBOOKS

The yearbooks were distributed this past Friday and Monday. There are a few copies available for purchase in the school office for \$12.50. Thank you Jackie Daane, Mary Swihart and Wendy Urban for all the work you did in putting together a wonderful edition! Thanks to all the teachers for providing them with pictures and photo opportunities. Enjoy the memories as you page through the book. It is a great reminder of what a wonderful place O.C.S. is!

YEARBOOK SIGNING

There will be a yearbook signing party for junior high students on Thursday, June 4 (TOMORROW), from 2:30 until the end of the school day. Make sure you have your yearbook along to have your friends sign. Snacks will be provided.

CONCERT IN THE GRASS

The annual Concert in the Grass (or in the Student Center if it is raining), featuring the 5th - 8th grade band, will be held this Friday, June 5, at 2:25 PM. Bring your lawn chair and join us for this min-concert.

ATTN. BAND PARENTS

Please turn in the instruments you rented from school after the Concert in the Grass so they can be cleaned and repaired over the summer. You can check them back out again in July.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, June 10, is the last day of school for all students in grades K - 7. **School will dismiss noon on that day with busses running at that time.**

REPORT CARD PICK UP

Report Cards will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, June 17, between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. All fines, fees and overdue books must be taken care of before students will be given their Report Cards. Please try to stop in that day, or any time shortly thereafter when someone is in the office to pick them up.

TUITION PAYMENTS THROUGH THE SUMMER

Please remember that tuition is calculated over 12 monthly payments. This means that tuition for June and July must be paid even though school is not in session. Please make sure your summer payments reach the school office by the 15th of each month. Tuition payments may be mailed to the office at the following address: Oostburg Christian School, P.O. Box 700319, Oostburg, WI 53070, or dropped off when either Mr. Adams or Mrs. Nyenhuis is in.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be open from 8:00 AM to Noon every Wednesday throughout the summer. Mr. Adams and/or Mrs. Nyenhuis are in most other week day mornings, however, you should call the office to make sure someone is in if you want to stop by.

REGISTRATION FOR 2009 – 2010

Registration will be held on Tuesday evening, August 11. New parents will be invited to register first, beginning at 6:30 PM. Returning parents will be allowed to register beginning at 7:00 PM. A registration packet will be sent to you a few weeks before registration. If you know anyone who may be interested in sending their child to O.C.S., please call the school office so we can contact them. Thank you.

2009/2010 PRAYER WALK

The 2009/2010 O.C.S. Prayer Walk is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, at 6:30 PM. Please join our school family as we walk through the school building and pray for the upcoming school year. Mark your calendars now for this important event.

2009 – 2010 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Student Supply List for the 2009 - 2010 school year is attached to this Blue Note for your summer shopping convenience. PLEASE read the list carefully and purchase the correct items. Some supplies that are sold now are more for entertainment than for actual school use and do not work well in the classroom. Save your money and buy only the basic items listed. Thank you.

STUDENT ARTWORK AT COUNTY FAIR

If you visit the Sheboygan County Fair over the Labor Day weekend, don't forget to stop in at the School Art Display building. Every one of our K-8 students will have at least one piece of artwork on display for that weekend. We thank Curt & Betty Nyenhuis for volunteering to do the work of labeling and transporting the artwork to and from the Fair so our students can have their work displayed there. Thanks to our art teachers also, for their time in preparing this artwork for the fair.

4K IN 2009 – 2010

Praise the Lord! We have 18 children signed up for our 4K program next year. Registration will continue throughout the summer. Due to the size of the class there will be two sessions of 4K next year. This means we will have a great student to teacher ratio. If you have not registered yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please let your friends know about this great opportunity to have your child in a small, Christian, 4K class. If you know of public school friends whose child turns 4 in the summer, and they are not sure if four days of preschool at Oostburg Elementary is too much, let them know of the choice at OCS to enroll for two days per week or three days per week. Thank you.

HOLLAND FEST PARADE JULY 25TH

For the past 2 years, Oostburg Christian students have carried a banner in the Hollandfest parade in July. We plan to continue this tradition. We would love to have as many students as possible participate. **INCOMING 4K STUDENTS ARE WELCOME** to march in the parade also. Please wear your OCS t-shirt and bring any extras to share with others. Students should meet by the Cedar Grove High School by 1pm, at the beginning of the parade route. Look for more details in the Lakeshore Weekly or church bulletins. See you there!!

GYM USE RULES

Many of our families enjoy using the gym for a quick game of basketball or some other physical activity. These quick uses of the gym are not family rentals but are instead times when a dad might bring his children in for some fun during a rainy day. Whether the gym is being rented or is used by a school family for a short game of physical activity the same rules apply. No students may use the gym without adult supervision. Please follow this rule. We would hate to have an accident take place and there not be an adult around to help the children. This really boils down to a liability issue for the school. In summary, we want our families to enjoy our wonderful facility as much as possible, but we do insist an adult be present. Thank you.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Oostburg Christian School is partnering with the Christian School Tuition Service of Fulton, Illinois, to determine how best to distribute the school's tuition assistance to those seeking help paying tuition expenses for 2009 . 2010. This %outside+ service can impartially evaluate family needs. The only charge is \$15 per family payable to Christian School Tuition Service and sent in with the application. Please call the school office and ask for an application if you so desire.

The GRACE Place

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS

Thank you, thank you, thank you! We praise God that we have been able to serve him this year through fund-raising. Many hours were put into making these projects a blessing to many. There are a few bills yet to pay for the Unity Ride, and our Pie in the Park has yet to add to our 2009 pledge, but here is a summary of projects to date:

Share the Harvest \$1,500—distributed to OCEF and community food pantry

Volleyball Tournament \$3,347

Banks \$1,861

Pizza Sale \$907

Heart for Education Auction \$18,019

Distributed to Michelle Adams and Tesoros De Dios \$1,800

Charger Shoot-out \$12,712

Night of Praise \$2,415

Run-Jog-Walkathon \$20,074

Spaghetti Supper \$423

Spring Fry \$1,023

Unity Bike Ride \$6,582

Distributed to OCEF \$80

Cookbooks \$170

Scrip \$4,315

DURING THE SUMMER:

- Pray for the Auction committee—they will be planning for the November 7th event.
- Pray for the Bike Ride committee—they will be meeting and planning for Unity Bike Ride 2010!
- Pray for the GRACE Board—wisdom for decisions on projects and preparation for Registration on August 11.

SCRIP

Just a reminder—the Scrip Store will be open all summer—Wednesdays from 9:00 to noon and any other time that Barb Nyenhuis is in the office. Just call ahead to be sure she is there—she will be happy to sell it to you.

If you or someone you know needs to pick up Scrip after “office hours”, please contact Melanie Wise (564-6301) or Brenda Lammers (564-2310) to make other arrangements.

PIE IN THE PARK

Mark your calendars. Our school has the privilege of selling pies in the village park on the 4th of July. This event will allow us to keep your tuition costs down through the profits we receive and promote the school to many who will visit the park that day. Each family is asked to donate two pies. If you can make three, that would be even better because we can sell them ALL. These may be homemade or bakery. We ask that your pies DO NOT require refrigeration (no cream pies). Our refrigeration is very limited.

You may either have your pies in the school kitchen on Friday, July 3 during the morning from 9:00-noon, or bring them directly to the park by noon on Saturday morning, July 4.

Be sure to come to the park for a lot of fun and festivities helping Oostburg celebrate our centennial. There will be special activities and entertainment and some delicious pie, to boot.

REGISTRATION

Please put August 11 on your calendars for registration night. All the GRACE chairs will be available to help you sign up for the many opportunities available to help. New families may register at 6:30 and returning families may begin registering at 7:00. Thank you for allowing our new families to spend some extra time understanding the process for fund-raising here. Most families remember their first year and appreciate that it takes a little longer to sign up.

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE SCHOOL ALL SUMMER LONG BY USING:

GOOD SEARCH

Make www.goodsearch.com your default search engine so that Oostburg Christian School can benefit every time you search the internet. Just be sure you type in Oostburg Christian School under the question Who Do You GoodSearch for? You can even check how many others are helping support the school!

SHEBOYGAN PRESS

Please remember to renew your Sheboygan Press subscription with Oostburg Christian. Ask for the paper renewal (rather than the EZ Pay system) and send/bring your renewal to the school office. Your tuition account benefits as well! Questions? Just call Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678).

QSP MAGAZINE RENEWAL

You can subscribe or renew your magazine subscription online and Oostburg Christian GRACE budget gets the benefit! Just go to our website www.oostburgchristian.com, click on GRACE and scroll down to the bottom of the page. By clicking on the logo, you can go to the website and start shopping.

COOKBOOKS

Our cookbooks are still available in the office: these make great shower, wedding, or birthday presents. Still only \$10.00.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER TUTORING

Does your student need help in phonics, reading or math to make him or her more successful at the next grade level? Does he or she need some catch-up+help? We can work with your child's teacher to provide the help your child needs. Call Mary Jane Gruett (564-3788) or Sandy Gartman (564-6279). Reasonable fees. Individualized instruction can make a difference.

SHARE THE HARVEST

Share the Harvest Farmers' Market would like to thank our customers, vendors, and those who donated plants and produce for our Craft and Plant sale. We took in \$150 for the donated plants and an additional \$20 in vendor fees. Tentative dates for our summer market are July 11 - September 26, and a Harvest Festival in October. Please remember to pray for a good growing season and harvest. If you have extra produce or are planning to be out of town on vacation, give us a call if you would like to donate your produce to the farmers' market. Vendors can sign up any time throughout the season. Contact Patti Duenk at 564-3221 or pduenk@excel.net.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY DAIRY ASSOCIATION PROMOTIONS

Addie+the life-size fiberglass milk cow will be traveling around the county this spring, summer and fall appearing at family events. Come join her, milk her and learn about the dairy industry from a Sheboygan County Dairy Ambassador. Schedules are available in the school office.

ST. NICHOLAS HOSPITAL FREEDOM RUN

There are registration flyers in the school office for the Freedom Run which will be held on Saturday, July 4. The proceeds from the Freedom Run will benefit the Friends of St. Nicholas Hospital.

CAKE FUNDRAISER FOR THAILAND MISSION TEAM

The Thailand mission trip team of the Oostburg First Christian Reformed Church Youth Group is selling party cakes for any occasion. Looking for a Mother's Day cake, birthday cake, graduation cake, or Father's Day cake? Call Doris Hendrikse at 564-2460 to order the cake of your choosing for \$20.00. Thank you for supporting the on-going work of Dave and Jan Veldhorst in Thailand.

CAMP CALVIN

An informational/registration brochure for Camp Calvin (June 22-27, 2009) is available in the O.C.S. office.

DORDT DISCOVERY DAYS

Dordt Discovery Days, our summer camp for students who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grades, is set for **June 22-26, 2009**. The week offers some exciting new classes like How do They do That?, Radio Drama, and Beginning Knitting. Returning favorites include War and Soldiering, Design on a Dime, and Digital Scrapbooking. More than 30 courses will be posted in early March at www.dordt.edu/events/ddd with registration opening at 12:00:01 a.m. on March 25. Registration fees are \$300 and three attendance options remain: Day Campers (9 a.m.-4 p.m.), Commuters (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) and Residents (students stay in a residence hall Mon-Thurs. evenings). If you have questions, call 712-722-6029 and ask to speak with Dianne DeWitt.

GREEN BAY PACKERS YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

Please check out www.packerscamps.com for information on community-based non-contact football camps for kids ages 6 to 14 featuring Green Bay Packers heroes and professional educators.

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

- *July and August Calendars and Interest Wheels
- *2009/2010 Student Supply List
- *Scrip Form
- *Kids in Motion Information & Registration Form

END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES

Listed below are the dates of many of the end-of-the-school-year activities so you can plan ahead:

Thursday, June 4	Jr. High Yearbook Signing 2:30
Friday, June 5	Concert in the Grass 2:30 PM
	4K Graduation 3:40 PM
Monday, June 8	8 th Grade to Great America
Tuesday, June 9	Grades 1 & 2 to Milwaukee Zoo
	Kdgn. To Pizza Ranch
	Graduation 7:00 PM

Wednesday, June 10

Last Day of School . Noon Dismissal

5th Gr. Lock-In 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM

Wednesday, June 17

Pick Up Report Cards 10:00 AM . 2:00 PM