

**BULLETIN**  
**March 10, 2010**

**REQUESTS AND PRAISE**

Please pray for our board, especially the Finance Committee as they propose and discuss a budget for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Pray for the safety of the children as the weather turns warmer. Many students are now walking to school and are playing outside after school is dismissed. With clocks going forward one hour on Saturday evening, there will be even more time for the children to play outside. Pray for their protection.

Pray for all the students involved in our musicals.

Praise God for the good news received by a staff member's family last week following cancer surgery. The doctors believe treatment will be completely effective.

Also please pray for the mother-in-law of another staff member who will have surgery on Friday. Pray the surgery is successful.

**NO SCHOOL FRIDAY**

One final reminder: This Friday is a day off from school for our students. The teachers will be traveling to Delavan Christian School for the Wisconsin Christian Schools Annual Spring In-service. Please pray for safe travel as our teachers drive to Delavan and as some of our families use this three-day weekend for mini-vacations.

**EARLY DISMISSAL**

Next Wednesday, March 17, is our monthly early-release day. School will dismiss at 1:20 PM. Buses will run at that time. There is no after-school care on early-release Wednesdays.

**K – 5 MUSICAL**

Excitement is building for our K-5th Grade Musical, "Go, Go Jonah", set to take place at O.C.S. next Thurs., March 18, at 6:30 PM. All K-4th grade students should wear blue jeans, a blue t-shirt (no words). Each child will also need a bandana of any color; please bring the bandana to school by Monday, March 15. If you cannot find a bandana, please talk to Mrs. DeMaster; we do have a limited number of them at school. Children should arrive at school at 6:15 on the night of the performance. Be sure to invite family and friends to this Biblical "Whale of a Tale"!

5th Grade parents were contacted via email this past week about the set-up for the musical, on Thursday, March 11, starting at 3:30 PM. We will wrap it up by 5:30. Take-down will occur right after the musical, while the students enjoy refreshments. Thank you, in advance, for all your help.

ATTN. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: Please remember to bring your pan of uncut bars or 3 dozen cookies by noon next Thursday, March 18, for the musical. Thanks!

**JR. HIGH MUSIC NOTES**

This is the "music season" in Jr High, as well. Students are well on their way in rehearsal for Music Festival and "Annie". Parents, please keep checking with your children in regards to learning music and lines for these events. It is a joy for us to see talents take flight as students apply themselves to musical learning!

*The mission of Oostburg Christian School is to provide a distinctly Christian quality education which will equip God's children to function as Christians in society, church, and home.*

**"ANNIE" DATES/PROPS NEEDS**

Parents, students and friends! Please, note, if you have a calendar from last fall, the ORIGINAL date that “Annie” was scheduled was changed. The actual dates are May 6-7-8. Be sure to join us for this fun-filled performance, which will include thirty of our junior high students!!

Many thanks to Dave Weavers (first grader Jayden Weaver’s grandpa) for making beds for the orphans!

Other needs for props include furniture for the Warbuck mansion scene:

- A nice loveseat
- End tables and old-fashioned lamp
- butler’s table
- nice office desk for Warbucks
- 3 ft high Pedestals to put floral arrangements on at doorways in mansion
- Old fashioned radio
- Park bench
- Metal garbage can

“Annie” CAST Members: Check on-line schedule for two practice schedule changes due to the District IV Music Festival and Spring Break –dates involved are March 24-25-26 and April 21-22-23.

### **JR. HIGH YEARBOOK LUNCH**

The Monday, March 15, Yearbook Lunch menu is a hot dog or a noodle cup for \$1.00. Orders will be collected first thing in the morning.

### **APRIL HOT LUNCH ORDERS**

The order forms for April hot lunches is included as an attachment to this Home Bulletin. PLEASE NOTE: It may seem early but orders MUST be back by Wednesday, March 24, because we are not in session the following week (Spring Break).

### **TALKING POINTS**

How is discipline taken care of in a Christian school? The aim of discipline at O.C.S. is to build a Biblical, saving faith in each child and in so doing glorify God. By God’s grace an obedient way of life is sought in each child. This means a proper climate must exist in the classrooms and throughout the school. Any discipline that may take place at O.C.S. is carried out with love and respect. It also means school and home must work together as a team with God in the lead. Therefore if any discipline is necessary teacher and student are often found praying together asking for God’s forgiveness, grace, and guidance. As God’s family we desire to grow in the fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22 – 24: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such there is no law.” Please keep O.C.S. in your prayers. Pray for wisdom as parents and teachers are used by God to help the fruit of the Spirit grow in each child.

### **THANK YOU, MR. AND MRS. BRANDT**

As you may have seen in previous Blue Notes, Keith and Ingrid Brandt are retiring from being our school janitors at the end of this week. We thank the Brandt’s (including son, John) for their faithful service to our school. We pray for God’s leading and blessing the Brandt’s as they move and seek to serve Him in the future. We also welcome Mr. and Mrs. Tim Friberg as our new janitors.

### **SPRING FORWARD**

Don’t forget to move your clocks forward one hour on Saturday. It is time to “spring ahead” and lose an hour of sleep☺.

To help prepare for public health emergencies, the American Public Health Association is reminding everyone that they need to have an emergency preparedness stockpile with at least three days of food, water and supplies.

APHA’s Get Ready: Set Your Clocks, Check Your Stocks effort is encouraging people to check that their stockpiles are up to date when they change their clocks for daylight saving time and back again.

For people who don't have an emergency stockpile yet, Set Your Clocks, Check Your Stocks offers information to help them become prepared.

The Set Your Clocks, Check Your Stocks Web site, online at <http://www.getreadyforflu.org/clocksstocks> includes a stockpile checklist, grocery list, stockpiling facts, tips for healthy stockpiling and stockpiling recipes. There are even games and other materials aimed at kids!

The Sheboygan County Division of Public Health is calling on you to spread the Set Your Clocks, Check Your Stocks message to help our community become better prepared. The next clock change is coming up, so now is the time to spread the word!

#### **NEW FAMILY REFERRAL**

If a family that you refer to our school is enrolled for at least a semester, you will have a \$750 tuition assistance package coming your way! Besides the card you received several weeks ago, you can also pick up any number of brochures about our school to distribute to family and friends. There are several different ones that may meet your need specifically:

- Resource Room opportunities
- Part-time/Home School student information
- Two different general school information brochures
- Early Childhood Brochures
- Free 4-K package brochure
- Just hot off the press: Cabin Fever Reliever promotion brochure.

#### **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

*"No child in the area should be denied the opportunity of a Christian education because his or her family cannot afford tuition."*

It is this Board held belief that has led Oostburg Christian School to establish a Tuition Assistance Program (TAP Fund). With the current economy still in a serious slump, we believe there will be more families in need of 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 2010-2011. 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. All applications should be sent in by May 15, 2010. Please remember that families currently receiving aid through the TAP Fund must fill out an application and use this service if they wish to continue that assistance in 2010-2011.

#### **4K REGISTRATION**

We are now accepting registrations for the 4K program here at O.C.S. Stop in for a registration packet and reserve your spot today! No pre-registration fee is required for 4K.

#### **WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS**

As "spring-like" as it's been this week, parents and guardians are still reminded that students should have an emergency plan in case we dismiss early or if school is cancelled. 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).

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

that we received a check from Roundys/Pick n Save We Care Program for \$50.41. Thanks for registering with this and helping our Scrip program boost their bottom line!

#### **HEART FOR EDUCATION AUCTION**

The planning has already begun and we are looking for some new vendors and donations. If each family would find a new vendor to donate or make a personal donation worth \$25 or more, you will receive a \$5 discount on all your auction purchases. While November sounds really far away, it is not too early to think about how you could help this event with some new and exciting donations.

# The GRACE Place

#### **SCRIP**

Have you had a chance to stop in and pick up our newest vendor--Shear Imagination? Yes, you can get an 8% discount on products and services from Lynette Johnson using certificates valued at \$10. When you use these gift certificates, be sure to thank Lynette for joining our program!

Only 12 more Scrip shopping days until Spring Break! Please stop in and order your Scrip early. Because Great Lakes Scrip (where we order our Scrip) is taking Spring Break a week later than we are, there may be some backlog in ordering. Don't get caught without important Scrip!

#### **NIGHT OF PRAISE-APRIL 17, 2010**

An exciting evening awaits you:

- Speaker: Dr. Carl Zylstra, President of Dordt College
- Special Music: Tricia Luedtke Morris (Class of 1985)
- Friend of Christian Education Award: to be announced during the evening
- Offering: for our new telephone/intercom system
- Recognizing our graduates from 1949, 1950, 1960, 1985
- Featuring Terry Katsma as emcee.

This will be a hostess-supper style event, so you will need to make reservations by **March 17, 2010** so that we may accommodate you. Please call or e-mail Julie Meyer (564-3502) [jmeyer@maritime-ins.com](mailto:jmeyer@maritime-ins.com) or Mary Lou DuMez (564-2727) [mddumez@verizon.net](mailto:mddumez@verizon.net) if you would like to come.

#### **RUN-JOG-WALKATHON-May 21, 2010**

The Kickoff for the Run-Jog-Walkathon will be held on April 8, 2010. This is following spring break which is two weeks later than usual, but our event is two weeks later than usual as well. We will look forward to see who the mascot is and get ready to hit the streets!

#### **UNITY BIKE RIDE—MAY 22, 2010**

FEES AREN'T GOING UP FOR THIS! This third annual event is already bringing hits to our website as well as registrations! You can register for this event by going to [www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride](http://www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride).

#### **SPRING FRY—MAY 22, 2010**

A great hamburger and brat menu awaits on Saturday! Put this weekend on your calendar as a great time to get in on some fun and support the school.

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#### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### OPEN HOUSE AT CHRISTIAN HIGH

SCCHS is hosting a spring Open House for current, new, and prospective parents on Monday, March 15, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m. with break-out sessions (financial aid, athletics, scheduling & more) and tours beginning at 7:00 p.m. Call the school office at 458-9981 for more information.

##### OOSTBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY FILM PROGRAM

The Princess and The Frog will be the featured film on Saturday, March 20, at the Oostburg Public Library. The program is free and begins at 10:00 AM.

##### BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSES

The Sheboygan County Chapter of the Red Cross has added two separate Babysitter's Training Courses this spring. The class will be held at the Red Cross building located at 2032 Erie Avenue in Sheboygan. The two class dates are listed below:

Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 to 3:00 PM

OR

Saturday, April 24 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Participants will learn the responsibilities of a babysitter, how to prevent accidents, how to handle emergencies, some basic first aid, infant care skills, and more. We feel this is a very beneficial program, not only for the babysitter, but also the children in their care. The program is open to both boys and girls.

Persons interested in the course can register in person or mail in their registration –forms are available in the school office. Class size is limited to 12 students, so early registration is recommended. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Red Cross office at 457-7739.

##### ATTENTIONS ALL MOMS!

Please join us on Thursday mornings in the school library from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. for a time of prayer for your child and our school. If you can't make it every week, that is okay. Come when you are able. We have FREE childcare available for moms with little ones. Please call Sue Dykstra 564-4212 with your questions or to arrange for childcare. *Lamentations 2:19b "... Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street".*

##### PARTY CAKES

THE 1st Oostburg CRC Youth Group THAILAND MISSION TRIP TEAM is selling party cakes for any occasion. 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.

##### ADVANCE NOTICE: THINK SPRING CLEANING!

The 1st Oostburg CRC Youth Group Thailand Team is planning a spring rummage sale. If you have items to donate that you wish to have out of your home, please call Pastor Ben or the church office and we will make arrangements to help you. Otherwise, we appreciate any items you are willing to donate later this spring.

##### KOHL'S KIDS WHO CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please visit [www.kohlskids.com](http://www.kohlskids.com) to nominate a deserving kid age 6 to 18. Scholarship nominations will be accepted Feb. 1 through March 15. Help Kohl's identify stand-up kids who are doing great work to benefit their community. More than 2100 nominees will be awarded with more than \$410,000 in scholarships and prizes.

##### UW SHEBOYGAN SUPER SATURDAY

This is a special event for students in grades 2-6. If you have ever wanted to try our College for Kids or Middle School University programs, now is your chance. The event is being held on Saturday, March 20, and students may choose two of four classes available. Registration forms are available in the O.C.S. office.

**CALENDAR**

March 11	Reader's Theater Presentation to Gr. 4K-4
March 12	Teacher Spring Conference @ Delavan No School
March 15	Jr. High Yearbook Lunch
March 17	Corn Dog Lunch 1:20 PM Dismissal
March 18	K-5 Musical 6:30 PM