

HOME BULLETIN
March 11, 2009

TIME CHANGE FOR K-5 MUSICAL

Just a reminder that notes went home Monday detailing the change in time of our K – 5 Musical. **The musical will begin at 4:00 PM tomorrow afternoon.** Please share this news with your family and friends. The children will not go home after school but will stay in their classrooms, have a snack (a drink, bars and popcorn), change into their costumes, and be ready to start the program at 4:00 PM. Please send their black t-shirt, black pants, and dark shoes or sandals with them Thursday morning. Thank you for all your support and prayers. We have a wonderful musical and are eager to share it with you.

Attn. 4th & 5th grade parents: Please do not forget your bars/cookies for tomorrow afternoon's musical. Please bring them to the school kitchen no later than noon tomorrow. Thank you!!

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

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

EARLY DISMISSAL

Next week Wednesday, March 18, is our monthly early dismissal day. School will dismiss at 1:20 PM. Buses will run at that time.

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Next Thursday, March 19, is our next Cabin Fever Reliever date. This is a playtime for energetic children and their caregivers in our gymnasium from 8:30 – 10:00 AM. Everyone is invited to attend – whether preschool aged, home schooled, public schooled or Christian schooled. Anyone curious to see the rest of the school is welcome to walk through during this time as well.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Mrs. Kris Hancock's sister. Mrs. Hancock's sister suffered two strokes last week and is now going through rehab. Pray also for the Friberg family (Stuart – grade 6). Mrs. Friberg's brother died in a snowmobile accident over the weekend. May God bring a peace that only He can provide to the entire family.

4K REGISTRATION

We are accepting enrollments for our 4K program. Registration packets are available in the O.C.S. office. Enroll now to reserve your spot!

APRIL HOT LUNCH ORDERS

The April hot lunch order form is attached to this Blue Note. Please fill it out, attach payment, and return it to O.C.S. NO LATER THAN NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18. This is right before spring break – don't miss out on the delicious April lunches – get your order in on time!

LINK YOUR DIGITAL CALENDAR TO THE OCS CALENDAR

Through a new service offered by our website provider, you are now able to link to our school calendar and add all the OCS events to your personal digital calendars. Simply go to our calendar, click on "ical" and follow the directions. We hope this will help you plan family, church, and school events.

THANK YOU

We received the following thank you from Dave & Jan Veldhorst regarding the gift we sent to Mission to the World, Thailand:

"Dear friends at O.C.S. – Thank you for your very generous support of our team work with the Karen hill tribes. Your gift will be used to help establish an orphanage in a village, assist with a water project to get water into the village, and to provide training from the bible for teenage girls. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. We are excited to see the fruit God has and will bring from it. With thanks – Dave & Jan Veldhorst.

FULL-TIME TEACHER CONTRACTS

All full-time teachers received contracts for the 2009 – 2010 school year on Monday, March 2. Please pray for our staff as they consider God's will for their future. Join me in praising God for the wonderful teachers we have.

ACCREDITATION

Our accreditation process continues to move forward. Please pray for the ongoing work in preparation for our site visit on April 6, 7, 8, 2009.

O.C.S. APPAREL

O.C.S. shirts are available again! There are a variety of colors and styles available, featuring the O.C.S. crest on the upper left corner. Samples are on display in the case in the main lobby. We are also able to put the O.C.S. crest on other clothing items by special order (contact Michelle at 564-2019 for these). Order forms for the apparel are available in the school office. Please submit all orders, with payment, to the school office by MARCH 19.

CLOTHING ITEMS

Oostburg Christian School has been given a surplus of select new clothing items that are available to any families who can use them. Some of the items are socks, underclothing, mittens, hats, scarves and even a very nice size Youth XL used winter jacket. PLEASE feel free to check out these items which are kept in the health room, or ask Mrs. Nyenhuis in the office if you could use any of these items.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Winter's not over yet! Parents and guardians are 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. 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).

KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

Oostburg Christian School GRACE Board is looking for someone who may be interested in keeping our kitchen shining. Marlene Kuiper had been doing an excellent job, but due to her health issues, has not been able to fulfill those responsibilities which she so loves to do—clean! If you or someone you know would be interested in taking this job on a temporary basis, please contact Patti Duenk, GRACE President (564-3221) or Joyce Eggebeen for more details. (564-2678).

SCRIP HELP NEEDED

After many years of faithful service to our Scrip team, Mary Swihart, is stepping down. She has been involved this last year with Randy on the Bike Ride committee as well and has decided that she needs to give up the Scrip work. If you think that you may be interested in this, you should

call Mary at 564-3882 and ask her about it. This Scrip work will fulfill your entire GRACE projects and most of it can be done from your own home. Computer/internet access is necessary.

JUMPING JUPITER

Do you remember the fun your children had last year playing in the Jumping Jupiter the weekend of the Run-Jog-Walkathon and the Unity Bike Ride? The Bike Ride committee would like to bring that back at no charge to our families, but we need people who will volunteer to supervise it. We don't want anyone hurt or any other kinds of accidents because there was no adult supervision. If you can help out either Friday night after the RJW, or sometime during the day on Saturday, would you please call Carolyn Morgen (564-467-1180) or Beth Modahl (564-6512)? Thank you!

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

Stop in the office for all your Scrip needs.

Night of Praise will be April 18, 2009—this is always a great night—plan on attending this evening in celebration of Christian education.

The Run-Jog-Walkathon Kick-off will be next week Thursday, March 19 at 11:20 AM. All parents are invited to come and catch the excitement that your students participate in during the Kick-off. The mascot will be announced and the fun begins!

The **Run-Jog-Walkathon** will be held on Friday, May 15, 2009. Plans are going forward for some exciting new prizes!

Our **Spaghetti Supper** will be held after the Run-Jog-Walkathon on Friday, May 15, 2009. You have to eat someplace anyway—stay for supper and enjoy the fellowship. Jumping Jupiter may be available—see our note earlier in this edition of the Blue Note.

Our **Unity Bike Ride** will be held Saturday, May 16, 2009.

The excitement is mounting! If you are thinking about registering, you should do so before April 27, the price will go up \$5.00 after that!! Go to our website: www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride and get the registration form. We already ordered great weather!

Our **Spring Fry** will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 in conjunction with the Unity Ride. Many were appreciative of this last year. You will enjoy it again!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCCHS BOYS' SECTIONAL TICKETS

The SCCHS boys' sectional basketball tickets for Thursday nights' game in Beaver Dam are now available in the SCCHS office. It is recommended that you purchase your tickets in advance. SCCHS is allowed to sell 600 tickets by Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$4.00 for students and adults and \$1.00 for children under 6 years of age. No tickets will be reserved without payment.

We would like to send a fan bus to the game in Beaver Dam. Students and adults are welcome to ride the bus for \$5.00/person. The bus will depart from SCCHS at 4:50 on Thursday afternoon. We must have at least 40 riders to send a bus for the game. Please sign-up in the SCCHS office to ride the bus by 4:00 on Wednesday, March 11. Contact SCCHS office at 458-9981 with any questions.

CAMP CALVIN

An informational/registration brochure for Camp Calvin (June 22-27, 2009) will be available in the O.C.S. office beginning this coming Monday, March 16.

SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN/KOHLER/SHEBOYGAN CHRISTIAN YOUTH FOOTBALL PROGRAM

The Sheboygan Lutheran / Kohler/Sheboygan Christian Youth Football Program has been created for all students in grades 5-8 who are interested in tackle football beginning in the fall of 2009. This program will be part of the Sheboygan Youth Football League, which consists of teams throughout Sheboygan County. This program is designed to be a feeder program for the High School Football Team.

There is an informational meeting and sign up at 7pm on Monday, March 16 in the cafeteria of the Kohler School. Coaches will be there to present more details and answer questions. Parents and kids are encouraged to attend as there will be a sign up on site. No payment is due at sign up as this is strictly to estimate numbers for planning and fundraising purposes. If you have any questions please contact Al Holzheimer at Sheboygan Lutheran High School at (Holzheimer@lutheranhigh.com) or call 452-3323.

MILWAUKEE BUCKS/UWM SALUTE TO STUDENTS NIGHT

Order forms and information for specially priced tickets for this evening (April 4), when the Bucks play the Memphis Grizzlies, are available in the school office.

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

The Dykstra Engineering Women's Volleyball Team will be holding a Volleyball Clinic on Saturday, April 25, for girls in grades 1-8. Information and a registration form is available in the school office. The deadline to register is April 15.

Please note: The location of this clinic has been changed to Oostburg Christian School.

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.

NICARAGUA SPRING BREAK WORK TEAM FUNDRAISER

The Nicaragua Team is selling party cakes to raise funds for ministries in Nicaragua. Interested in a Valentines Cake, or any occasion? Call Doris Hendrikse at 564-2460 to place your order. Some cakes will be available at the Charger Shootout this weekend; or you can order a cake anytime until March 15.

CALENDAR

March 12	K-5 Musical 4:00 PM
March 13	Spring Teacher's Conference – No School
March 18	Soup Lunch/7 th Gr. Lunch Buddies 1:20 PM Dismissal
March 19	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30 – 10:00 AM R-J-W Kick-Off 11:20 AM
March 23 – 27	Spring Break