

HOME BULLETIN **March 18, 2009**

SPRING BREAK

This Friday will be our last day of school before Spring Break. School will not be in session until Monday, March 30. Enjoy your Spring Break and please keep our school family in your prayers. There will be many people traveling during this time, so please pray for the safety of everyone on the roads. Thank you.

THANK YOU, MRS. DEMASTER

Please join me in thanking Mrs. DeMaster for all her work with our Kindergarten – 5th grade students. The musical, “Are We There Yet,” was a great reminder of how God cared for Moses and the children of Israel during the Exodus and how He cares for us. The children did a great job. Also, many thanks to all who adjusted their schedules to make it possible to hold the musical in the afternoon. Your cooperation made it possible for many families to enjoy the musical and a high school tournament basketball game on the same day.

K-5 MUSICAL VIDEOS

We hope you enjoyed our musical production, “Are We There Yet?”. VHS tapes of the performance will be available for \$5.00. Call the school office at 564-2664 this week to reserve your copy.

TEACHER IN-SERVICE

The teachers thank the Board for the chance to attend the Wisconsin Christian Schools Spring In-service last Friday. The theme for the meeting was “Giving Thanks.” We were reminded of the true meaning of Christian education and challenged to “bring Christ into all we teach.” The teaching at OCS should be so distinctly Christian that the children do not miss the point that parents and teachers are passionate about their walk with God and their desire to see our children in a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

APRIL HOT LUNCH ORDERS

These orders were due today. If you did not turn yours in you may do so by 9:00 AM tomorrow (Thursday). No orders will be accepted after that time.

2009/2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The calendar for next school year has been approved by the board and is attached. PLEASE NOTE: Because Labor Day is so late this year school will begin on September 1 - BEFORE Labor Day..

ACCREDITATION

Our accreditation process continues to move forward. The materials are being sent to the site visitors this week. Please pray for the ongoing work in preparation for our site visit on April 6, 7, 8, 2009.

4K REGISTRATION

Although final registration for grades K – 8 takes place in early August, registration for our 4K class has already begun. Please come in and pick up the information needed to register your child. We will decide on the number of sessions to open based on the number of children enrolled. Those registering first will have the first opportunity to choose the session they want if we do have more than one session. Please call the school office for more information (564-2664). 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. All

applications should be sent in by April 30, 2009. 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 2009 – 2010.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our optional, spring Parent / Teacher Conferences will be held the evening of Tuesday, April 14, 2009. Please call the school office if you would like to meet with your child's teacher. Teachers will also be notifying parents of conferences if such meetings are needed.

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Tomorrow, 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.

LINK YOUR DIGITAL CALENDAR TO THE O.C.S. 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.

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 **TOMORROW, MARCH 19.**

CHRISTMAS PROJECT CONTINUES

We continue to collect funds for the Mission To The World Karen hill tribe orphanage and irrigation projects. So far we have collected \$1212.15 of the total of \$1950 needed to complete both projects. Won't you please consider helping us to reach our goal? We will continue this drive until the end of this school year. Thank you!

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Don't be too sure that winter's 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).

LAPTOP NEEDED

The Scrip committee is interested in a laptop, one which you may no longer be using, for the Scrip records. The very committed Scrip team who works on this every week needs to pass the electronic information back and forth and it would be very helpful if the laptop was available for this use. If you or someone you know has one that isn't being used, the school could put it to good use. Please contact Mary Swihart (564-3882). Thanks.

LIVE OUT LOUD T-SHIRTS

You may have noticed the tees hanging in Mr. Adams office window. These were created by Wendy Eckwielen who is participating in the Make It Grow project that was from our Heart for Education Auction in November. Wendy is selling the t-shirts for \$12 in lime green, sapphire blue, and jade. They are available in Youth M, L and Adult S, M, and L. They will only be for sale until they are sold out so be sure to get yours soon. Just call Wendy at 694-0819.

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, please call Carolyn Morgen (564-467-1180) or Beth Modahl (564-6512)

The GRACE Place

QSP

Do you know what these letters stand for? Neither do we!!! But you can order or renew your magazines from this company through our website.

- Just click on GRACE-everyday tab on the left side of our OCS website.
- Scroll down to the bottom of that page and click on the QSP logo which takes you directly to their web page and you can begin ordering.

The best part: 38% of what you spend comes directly back to your tuition account!!!

- Order them for gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthday or Christmas.
- Order them for yourself.
- You can also purchase books, music and software.

Take two minutes and go look at it today!

SCRIP

Don't forget to pick up Scrip for your vacation plans—we have everything from fast food to gasoline to higher-end restaurants. **Pick them up tomorrow!**

RUN – JOG –WALKATHON KICK-OFF

The Run-Jog-Walkathon kickoff will be held tomorrow at 11:20 in the gym. All parents and friends are invited to this short program. There are new prizes this year as well as a new class competition. Come see what it's all about! The mascot will show up, of course, to lots of cheering. You'll want to be sure to stop in.

NIGHT OF PRAISE – APRIL 18, 2009

We are working on an exciting program which will feature our students assembled in their Unity Groups for some fun competition. You don't know what Unity Groups are all about? This would be a great time to see one of their many activities in action. Our Friend of Christian Education Award will be announced as well. Put this on your calendar—your student will be bringing home further information today about this great evening.

UPCOMING DATES

Run-Jog-Walkathon—May 15, 2009.

Please support the students in helping them find generous donors for this year's event! It is an exciting time for all participants—if you haven't joined us in the past, consider helping this year. Just \$50 gives your students some nice prizes and a fun afternoon.

Spaghetti Supper – May 15, 2009

You have to eat supper after the RJW anyway. Why not stop in and support the school on wonderful spaghetti, bread and cake? The pasta will be good for your energy level for Saturday!

Unity Bike Ride—May 16, 2009

This event has become well-known throughout the biking world. This week the hits on our Unity Ride website surpassed those of the OCS home page at 127 hits! Plan on bringing your family for fun and fellowship.

Spring Fry—May 16, 2009

We are serving brats and hamburgers straight off the grill on Saturday, May 16 during the Bike Ride! This ala carte menu is popular and you won't want to miss it!

Please pray with us about these upcoming events to finish out our fund-raising year strong! We deeply appreciate your support and ask for your participation in any one of these events however you are able!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER SCHOOL

A class listing and registration form is available in the O.C.S. office for the Cedar Grove/Belgium School's summer school program. The deadline to register is April 24.

There is also a brochure available in the school office for summer courses offered at the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh.

MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

There is a calendar of events taking place during April sponsored by the Sheboygan Early Childhood Council available in the school office. These events are open to parents and their preschool through grade 2 aged children.

CAMP CALVIN

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

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.

CALENDAR

March 19	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30 – 10:00 AM
	R-J-W Kick-Off 11:20 AM
March 23 – 27	Spring Break
April 1	Nacho Lunch
April 2	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30-10:00 AM
April 3	End of 3 rd Quarter