

**HOME BULLETIN**  
**March 3, 2010**

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE**

Please pray for the school board as they work on the budget for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Pray, too, for the Faith Campaign follow-up mailing which was mailed out last week. Our school budget figures on a certain amount of income being generated by this campaign annually. Please pray that God will bless this mailing. Income from this mailing and all fund-raising projects helps keep tuition down.

Also, please pray for our students as they prepare for our two, spring musicals. The K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade is preparing for the musical, “Go, Go, Jonah.” Also pray for our students in grades 6 – 8 as they prepare for the musical, “Annie.” Join me in praising God for all the talents He has given our children.

Please pray for the mother of a staff member who has been diagnosed with cancer. Thank you.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

Progress Reports were sent home last Friday. Please sign and return these reports as soon as possible. Thank you.

**EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAY**

This is just a reminder that Wednesday, March 17, is the third Wednesday of the month and, therefore, our early-release day. School will dismiss at 1:20, and busses will run at that time. There is no afterschool care on early-release Wednesdays.

**TALKING POINTS**

Christian Education: Music? Of course! You may sometimes wonder exactly what is thought of as important at Oostburg Christian School. The traditional “Three R’s” are, of course, immensely important in a Christian school, and, as mentioned in previous Talking Points, nurturing the faith of our children is incredibly important and is integrated into all we teach. However, what else is seen as inseparable from Christian education? Music! Music is an integral part of education at OCS. Psalm 24:1 says, “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” That means all we study belongs to God. This includes music. What makes mankind different from animals is that what we study and learn is not limited to what helps us make a living and survive, but also includes that which is creative in nature and brings praise to our God and Savior. James 5:13 says, “Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.” These songs that burst forth from our hearts may not help us make money or help us make friends. These songs are to be sung for the purpose of glorifying God and bringing joy to the singer. At OCS our children learn how to sing, why to sing, and when to sing. They even learn what to sing as they study hymns and music from the past and combine that with the praise music of today. We thank God for the talents He has given to our music staff, Mr. and Mrs. DeMaster. Please pray for them as they teach our children about this wonderful element of God’s creation.

**K-5 MUSICAL**

**ATTENTION 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS:** You will receive a note home today with your child regarding the reception following the K-5 spring musical. If you do not receive it, please contact Sandy Gartman at 564-6279.

**JR. HIGH YEARBOOK LUNCH**

The menu for this upcoming Monday’s lunch is a grilled cheese sandwich or a noodle cup. Remember to bring your \$1.00 in the morning.

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**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.

#### **LOST & FOUND**

The Lost & Found bin is overflowing since the basketball tournaments!!! Items have been put out on tables. Parents, please check over the tables if you stop in or encourage your students to do so also. All items left will be taken to the Good As New Shop after this week.

One specific item left since the basketball tournaments is an iPod player. This item can be claimed in the school office.

#### **JOB OPPORTUNITY – EARN \$7,000**

Oostburg Christian School is in need of a part-time janitor. Keith and Ingrid Brandt have retired as of March 1. If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please call the school office. Keith is willing to train anyone who is interested in this position. We thank Keith and Ingrid (and their son, John) for their faithful service to Oostburg Christian School. Please be in prayer for the Brandt family as Keith is searching for a full-time job.

#### **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 here 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. 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).

#### **CABIN FEVER RELIEVER**

Would your child like to run freely in a large gymnasium? Come join other moms or dads with their children TOMORROW, March 4 (& 4/15) from 8:30 – 10:00am at Oostburg Christian School. All are welcome, and it's FREE!! Call 564-2664 with questions.

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

that we have a new vendor—Shear Imagination! Yes, you can get an 8% discount on products and services from Lynette Johnson using certificates valued at \$10. These would make great gifts for Mom or Grandma if they already use this salon, or if they are looking for a new hairdresser, it would be a great time to try it out! When you use these gift certificates, be sure to thank Lynette for joining our program!

#### **WE LOVE OCS!**

Wow—there are so many of you who love our school! We were able to pick up a total of 85 **new** dates for our Interest Wheel calendar during the month of February. While the matching gift will end, you can still add your name to the Interest Wheel anytime. Just contact the school office or Joyce Eggebeen at [jeggebeen@wi.rr.com](mailto:jeggebeen@wi.rr.com).

The Interest Wheel is posted outside the office door on the wall each month, so stop by and read through the names and thank God for each one who so faithfully contributes to this.

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# The GRACE Place

## **SCRIP**

Another great week in Scrip sales—over \$7,600! Thanks so much—the Scrip program and your tuition account will appreciate it in June! Keep it up!

Please note- the last order placed before Spring Break for any special orders will be March 19. If you are traveling during spring break, **PLEASE** stop in and pick up Scrip for gasoline, restaurants, hotels, and even airlines. Some of these need to be ordered ahead—just ask in the office for our Travel Scrip form which has been organized to help you pick Scrip certificates that you may need. You can also e-mail us at [ocscrip@gmail.com](mailto:ocscrip@gmail.com)

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

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 Julie Meyer (564-3502) or Mary Lou DuMez (564-2727) if you would like to come.

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

Plans are being made, prizes are being chosen, and the mascot will be announced at the kick-off which will take place after Spring Break this year. Because the event is two weeks later than usual, we have moved the kick-off later as well.

## **UNITY BIKE RIDE—MAY 22, 2010**

This third annual event is already bringing hits to our website! You can register for this event now and the forms are available at [www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride](http://www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride). Registrations have already started to come in!

## **SPRING FRY—MAY 22, 2010**

Serving delicious brats, hamburgers, and all the sides from 11:30-3:00 pm. Watch this home bulletin for donation information for this event. These donations are a HUGE help in keeping costs down. Thanks so much.

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## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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.

### **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.

**OOSTBURG YOUTH BASEBALL**

The registration forms for summer baseball/fast pitch are now available in the O.C.S. office for all students in grades 1-8. The registration and payment deadline is THIS FRIDAY, March 5.

**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.

<b>CALENDAR</b>	
March 4	B-Ball Boys5/6 vs HF 5:30
March 8	Jr. High Yearbook Lunch
March 10	Sloppy Joe Lunch
March 11	Reader's Theater Presentation to Gr. 4K-4
March 12	Teacher Spring Conference @ Delavan No School

