

**March 4, 2009**

**BASEBALL REGISTRATION**

Registration forms for summer baseball, softball, fast pitch, and slow pitch leagues were just dropped off in the school office this week Monday. REGISTRATION IS **THIS THURSDAY (TOMORROW), March 5**, in the Oostburg High School Cafeteria from 5:00 – 8:00 PM.

Registration forms can be picked up in the O.C.S. office. If you have questions, or concerns regarding getting your registration in on time because they were so late, please contact Thad Gabrielse at 564-2886 or [tgabriel@hgsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:tgabriel@hgsd.k12.wi.us).

**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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – A DAY OFF FROM SCHOOL**

Next Friday, March 13, the annual Wisconsin Christian Schools Spring In-service will be held in Brookfield. Although our teachers will be “going to school” by attending this conference, our students will not have school that day. Please pray for safe travel for our teachers. Thank you.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

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

**K-5 MUSICAL NOTES**

There is a strong possibility of the SCCHS boys' basketball team playing Randolph in Sectionals at Beaver Dam next Thursday, March 12. Because we realize that many of you would like to attend both events, we are considering moving our Musical to Friday, March 13. Please check the Blue Note next week and stay tuned for the final decision. Please call Mrs. De Master at 564-3757 if you have any questions.

We're not quite there yet, but “Are We There Yet” is quickly approaching. Invite your family and friends to see this musical, presented by our K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Children should plan to be at school at 6:10 on the evening of the performance. Please remember, ALL K-5<sup>th</sup> graders should wear black bottoms and a black t-shirt. On their feet – sandals (please, NO flip flops), dark shoes, or crocs. If you have any questions please call Mrs. De Master.

All 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents: You should have received a note home from your child regarding the reception following the K-5 musical. If you have not received this note, please ask your child for it or call Melissa Scheidt at 564-6432.

**ACCREDITATION**

Our accreditation process continues to move forward. The Steering Committee has met and is reviewing the materials from various parent, Board and faculty committees. Please pray for the ongoing work in preparation for our site visit on April 6, 7, 8, 2009.

**CABIN FEVER RELIEVER**

Tomorrow, March 5, 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.

### **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](http://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).

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Indeed, we are already planning for the auction for next year. "Home for the Holidays" Heart for Education Auction will be held November 7, 2009 here at school. Put it on your calendars now—there are already some new additions to the evening!

### **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.

# **The GRACE Place**

### **SCRIP**

It's not too early to think about the Scrip that you will need for your spring vacation. Stop in for restaurants and fast food places like Arby's, KFC, Cold Stone Creamery, Culver's, Wendy's, and Pizza Hut.

Stop in for gas cards: Kwik Trip (18%!!) Exxon, and BP.

Hotels can be ordered—just ask for the complete list in the office. Or check out availability online at [www.glscip.com](http://www.glscip.com). Click on Retailer's list sorted either alphabetically or by category.

**Night of Praise** will be April 18, 2009. Our student body will be actively involved in this great evening—plan on making this a family night out!

**Run-Jog-Walkathon** will be held on Friday, May 15, 2009. Kick-off will be held on Thursday, March 19. Watch for times later—all parents are invited to come and catch the excitement that your students participate in during the Kick-off.

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.

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

#### **THINK ABOUT THE FOLLOWING FACTS FOR THIS EVENT:**

We

- 🚲 have distributed over 1,000 brochures,
- 🚲 have distributed over 200 posters,
- 🚲 have our website linked to 25 bike websites,
- 🚲 have been in contact with 55 bike shops in the eastern part of the state.
- 🚲 have been in contact with bike shops in the Chicago area.
- 🚲 have contacted over 100 bike clubs and the list is still growing, some who have as many as 50-80 members!
- 🚲 have had 87 hits on our Unity Ride page in the last five days—the largest number of visitors to the OCS website except for the home page!

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](http://www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride) and get the registration form.

Our **Spring Fry** will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 in conjunction with the Unity Ride. Brats and hamburgers for all!

And **pray** for all these events. Planning is moving forward with a lot of people already working hard to make them happen. We covet your prayers for all the preparations as well.

#### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **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.

##### **PLUGGED IN MINISTRY**

On Wednesday, March 11, Bob Waliszewski, director of the "Plugged In" ministry, will be at Sheboygan County Christian High School to speak on the topic, "TV, Music, Movies, Video Games: What Would Jesus Do?" This message will be ideal for parents, teachers, **and students**

**age 11 and older.** Doors open at 6:30 PM with coffee and fellowship available. Mr. Waliszewski will begin speaking at 7:00 PM. A free will offering will be taken to help cover the costs of the speaker. More information can be found at the following websites: Focus on the Family – [www.focusonthefamily.com](http://www.focusonthefamily.com) or at Christian High's website at [www.scchs.com](http://www.scchs.com).

#### 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.

#### 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](http://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](http://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 5	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30 – 10:00 AM B-Ball 5/6 Girls @ SD 5:30 5/6 Boys @ SJB 5:00
March 11	Hot Dog Lunch
March 12 or 13	K-5 Musical 6:30 PM
March 13	Spring Teacher's Conference – No School