

HOME BULLETIN
May 13, 2009

RUN-JOG-WALKATHON

Only one day is left! Please join in the fun and get sponsors for our annual Run-Jog-Walkathon. The class that raises the most money per participant will enjoy an evening at Blue Harbor! **Reminder:** The deadline to turn in money collected for the RJW to qualify for prizes is **Thursday (tomorrow) at noon.**

ASSOCIATION MEETING

Please set aside next Tuesday evening, May 19, for our Annual Association Meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM, and we will be seeking God's will concerning the future of OCS. The meeting activities will consist of election of school board members, approving the general fund budget and the new tuition scale, and the choosing of GRACE Board members. Agendas have been mailed out to all families. All parents or guardians with children enrolled in OCS are automatically Association members. All supporters who have paid the Association Dues or contributed at least \$100 to the school and filled out an Association Membership application are also members. Only Association members may vote at this meeting. If you need an agenda or an Association Membership application please call the school office, and we will send you one when they become available. Please be in prayer for our school in the days leading up to this important meeting. Thank you.

WHY A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Three weeks ago we invited parents and friends to share with us why they chose a Christian education for their children. For the past two weeks we have published some of the answers. The following response is another example why parents have chosen to send their children to a Christian school.

We chose Christian education because we know that God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit deserves to be central in a school's curriculum. God is not a cast off, compartmentalized deity. Colossians 3 tells us that in Him, Christ, all things hold together. Education cannot be any other way for my children. I want my kids to see God in history class, in literature, in biology. Chapels and prayer before meals are important components to Christian schools, but we are after the perspective across the whole day. That is why we have chosen to send our children to Oostburg Christian School.

SURVEY SAYS

On Wednesday, April 15, a survey was attached to our Blue Note. The survey asked families two things. The first question had to do with After-school Care. We wondered how many parents intended to use this program in the future. The second question asked parents if they would be interested in a 3 year-old kindergarten program. We have received replies from 27 families. The results were as follows:

5 families intend to use the After-School program on a regular basis
4 families intend to use the After-School program on a drop-by-basis
The remaining families will not use the program

A total of five families said they were interested in a 3K program if OCS started one. Thank you to all who took part in the survey. Your input is very much appreciated. If you would still like to be part of this survey, just call the school office and ask for the yellow, survey sheet.

EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday, May 20, will be our monthly Early Dismissal Wednesday. Students will be dismissed at 1:20 and busses will be running at that time. There will be no afternoon care. Thank you for planning ahead.

BIKE AND WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Bike and Walk to School Week 2009 takes place May 18th . May 22nd. Wednesday, May 20, is Bike and Walk to School Day. We encourage everyone who can participate to do so. This will help families save on gas and help the children become more physically fit. Did you know that in the 1960s between 40% and 50% of children 5 to 18 years of age walked or bicycled to school? In 2001, 16% in that age group did so. Bike and Walk to School Week is a challenge established by the Sheboygan County Planning and Resources Department.

GYM USE RULES

Many of our families enjoy using the gym for a quick game of basketball or some other physical activity. These quick uses of the gym are not family rentals but are instead times when a dad might bring his children in for some fun during a rainy day. Whether the gym is being rented or is used by a school family for a short game of physical activity the same rules apply. No students may use the gym without adult supervision. Please follow this rule. We would hate to have an accident take place and there not be an adult around to help the children. This really boils down to a liability issue for the school. In summary, we want our families to enjoy our wonderful facility as much as possible, but we do insist an adult be present. Thank you.

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.

BOYS' PRAYER BREAKFAST

The next 5th-7th boys' breakfast will be on Wednesday, May 20, at 7:30 AM.

TRAVEL PLANS?

Do you plan to travel this summer? Do you use online reservations like Orbitz, Expedia or Travelocity? If so, you will want to remember that by using Travelocity, Oostburg Christian will get up to 2.5% of your travel expenditures. Please consider using this service and for no extra charge, you help the school. Just go to Travelocity/schoolrewards.com and put in *Oostburg Christian* and then start your searches. Our school will automatically get the rewards!!

GENERAL MILLS PRODUCTS

What is your family's favorite cereal? Cheerios or other General Mills brands? Please save the Box Tops for Education labels and bring them to school sometime. Just drop them in the barrel located near the office labeled Kash for Kids. Thanks for helping keep tuition down!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER TUTORING

Does your student need help in phonics, reading or math to make him or her more successful at the next grade level? Does he or she need some %atch-up+help? We can work with your child's teacher to provide the help your child needs. Call Mary Jane Gruett (564-3788) or Sandy Gartman (564-6279). Reasonable fees. Individualized instruction can make a difference.

OOSTBURG COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

This blood drive will be held at Oostburg Middle School on Wednesday, May 27, from 12:30 . 4:30 PM. Call 980-8371 to schedule a donation time or sign up at the Oostburg High School Office. Appointments are encouraged, walk-ins are welcome.

SHARE THE HARVEST

Share the Harvest Community Farmers' Market first market date is May 30, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, featuring a Craft and Plant Sale. The mission of Share the Harvest is to raise funds through vendor sales as well as through the sale of donated garden produce. Profits from the sale of donated produce and vendor fees are used to provide financial assistance and support for identified needs in our community. This year we will be located at 919 Center Avenue, next to Oostburg State Bank, rain dates at Oostburg Christian School. Monthly craft sales will be schedule in addition to our seasonal vendors. Please consider becoming a vendor, donating your extra garden produce, volunteering to sell at the market, shopping the

market, and most importantly pray that God will bless this ministry. We are also in need of recycled produce containers (the stackable strawberry and cherry tomato size) and we need a few more coolers. If you can help out in any way, contact Patti Duenk at 564-3221 or visit www.sharetheharvest.org.

MAY IS NATIONAL POSTURE MONTH!

Call Lakeland Chiropractic today to receive a complimentary posture check and consultation with Dr. Dulmes. How important is good posture? There is much more than most people think. Your posture is a result of the position of your spinal bones and the condition of the spinal muscles and ligaments. Your spine is the single most important factor affecting your posture. Posture is the window to your spine. Chronic poor posture can lead to early and accelerated degenerative changes of spinal and hip joints. You can tell a lot about the state of one's health by the stance of one's posture!

CAKE FUNDRAISER FOR THAILAND MISSION TEAM

The Thailand mission trip team of the Oostburg First Christian Reformed Church Youth Group is selling party cakes for any occasion. Looking for a Mother's Day cake, birthday cake, graduation cake, or Father's Day cake? 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 in Thailand.

COACHES NEEDED

Sheboygan County Christian High School is seeking coaches for its fall sports. Girls' varsity and JV volleyball coaches and boys' varsity and JV soccer coaches are needed. Please request more information and/or an application by calling Deb at 458-9981 or e-mailing dvandrunen@scchs.com.

BIBLE BEE

There are information flyers in the school office regarding the Shelby Kennedy Foundation very first National Bible Bee (www.biblebee.org), a Bible memory competition for children and youth from ages 7 to 18.

CAMP CALVIN

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

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

May 14	Moms In Touch Prayer Time 10:30 NOON R-J-W Deadline
May 15	Parochial League Track Meet Run-Jog-Walkathon Spaghetti Dinner
May 16	Unity Ride Spring Fry
May 19	Association Meeting 7:00 PM
May 20	Pizza Lunch 1:20 PM Dismissal

The GRACE Place

ONLY 2 MORE DAYS!

May 15 and 16, 2009

Keep praying for nice weather!

RUN-JOG WALKATHON-Friday, 3:30 p.m.

All money should be turned in by noon TOMORROW! (Money may be turned in later than that; it just won't count toward the class prize!)

We will declare a class winner to the Blue Harbor water park!

THE WORKER LIST FOR THIS WEEKEND HAS BEEN PUBLISHED THE LAST TWO WEEKS IN THE BLUE NOTE—YOU MAY CHECK BACK ISSUES ONLINE AT

WWW.OOSTBURGCHRISTIAN.COM

Click on School News, then Weekly Bulletin.

All-you-can-eat SPAGHETTI SUPPER, Friday serving 4:00-6:30 p.m.

This is a great time to fellowship with friends and family who have come out for the Run-Jog-Walkathon.

Walk-up registrations for the Bike Ride: 4:00-8:00 p.m.

UNITY BIKE RIDE, Saturday

🚶 Walk-up registration beginning at 6:00 a.m. Rides beginning at 7:00 a.m

SPRING FRY, Saturday 11:30-3:00 p.m.

Invite any and all family and friends to stop by for lunch, before or after your ride. If you don't ride, you can come for lunch anyway!!!

. Please pray with us for:

🚶 Nice weather

🚶 More bike ride registrations

🚶 Great fellowship

🚶 Good profits for the school

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEKEND!



*Oostburg Christian School
Unity Ride*

Office Use Only

OCS UNITY RIDE

May 16, 2009

Ride will be held rain or shine.

Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Street _____ Phone # _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 E-mail _____ (for notification of next year's ride!)

Registration Fee: Individual \$40.00 \$ _____
 Family includes 2 t-shirts if available \$60.00 \$ _____
 (children 15 and older must register as individuals)

Names of family members and ages _____

This is a registration for the 10 15 35 60 100 -mile ride. (Circle one.)

T-Shirts

Please put the number in the box beside the adult sizes you wish, including the ones you pay for:

Child's Size _____ Small Medium Large XL XXL

Biking Jerseys

Please put the number in the box beside the adult sizes you wish, including a free one at the \$1,000 sponsorship level, cost \$59 for all other registrants. \$ _____

Small Medium Large XL XXL

Individual Sponsorship (funds raised over the registration fee) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Waiver and Release of Liability

In being allowed to participate in this ride, I realize that I may be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury. I do hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue Oostburg Christian School, its officers, directors, agents and volunteers, other participants, sponsoring agencies, or advertisers from any and all liability to me and my heirs, for any damages or losses on account of injury. I will also give my permission for any pictures that are taken at the event to be used by Oostburg Christian School in their promotion and advertising materials.

I have read this and agree to submit to this release _____
Signature

Parent or guardian if rider is under 18 _____
Signature

Person to notify in case of illness or emergency
 Name _____ Phone# _____

