

HOME BULLETIN
May 26, 2010

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Please remember Mackenna Epping in your prayers. Mackenna cut her foot over the weekend and needs to be careful while her foot heals.

Please pray for all the children as summer approaches. With beautiful, warm weather now upon us, the children are running about having fun after school and on the weekends. Pray for God's protection as our children enjoy time outdoors.

Please pray for Mrs. Kris Hancock. Mrs. Hancock had some tests done on Monday and will receive the results this afternoon (Wednesday).

TALKING POINTS

How can one measure spiritual growth? Actually we can't measure true spiritual growth, only God sees a person's heart. We do notice when children are polite or obedient, but is that spiritual growth? There are plenty of non-believers who have wonderful manners and even submit to people in authority over them. At OCS we do our best to teach manners, obedience, and other positive and Biblical life skills, but that is not what makes us a Christian school. What makes OCS unique is that we teach our students who they are in God's sight and what God's will is for their lives. We expect our students to have "head knowledge" concerning His Word and His world. Then we join with home and church in prayer for each child. Praise God that He does use home, church, and school to change and mold the hearts of His children. Praise God for Oostburg Christian School.

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S GIFTS – TIME CHANGE

You are invited to attend our Middle School "Celebration of God's Gifts", on Tuesday evening, June 1, from 5:00 – 6:15 PM in the Student Center. Beginning at 5:00, the eighth grade class will be presenting, *The Case for Christ*, and explaining the truth about Christ's life, death and resurrection. They will also be presenting a creative arts project which tells their story of their experience at O.C.S. In addition, the 6th – 8th graders will also be presenting their science fair projects.

CONCERT IN THE GRASS

The annual Concert in the Grass (or in the Student Center if it is raining), featuring our 5th – 8th grade band, will be held next Friday, June 4, at 2:30 PM. Bring your lawn chair and join us for this mini-concert.

GRADUATION

The School Board cordially invites the public to the graduation ceremony of our 8th grade class. **Graduation will take place Tuesday, June 8.** The actual **start time will be 7:15 PM.** This will help our guests who are also attending the Oostburg Middle School graduation program which begins at 6:00 on the same evening.

IS YOUR CHILD REGISTERED FOR OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM?

Please make sure you register for our Three-School or 4K program if you are interested. **Even if you have already pre-registered and paid the pre-registration fee, we still need you to register your child for the correct Early Childhood Program.** Please call the school office for a registration form. Three-School must have eight students by June 1 to be offered. Also, please let us know if you are interested in After-Care next year. This is another program whose existence is based on enrollment and use.

K-5 MUSICAL DVD'S

If you ordered a DVD of the "Jonah" musical, they are now available in the school office. The cost is \$5 per DVD.

The mission of Oostburg Christian School is to provide a distinctly Christian quality education which will equip God's children to function as Christians in society, church, and home.

END-OF-YEAR-ACTIVITIES

Listed below are the dates of many of the end-of-the-year activities:

Thursday, May 27	3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th grade on field trips Yearbook signing for grades 6, 7, and 8
Tuesday, June 1	Middle School Celebration of God's Gifts 5:00 – 6:15
Wednesday, June 2	Last Blue Note of the year
Thursday, June 3	Faculty / Graduates Reception in Student Center
Friday, June 4	4K Graduation Concert in the Grass
Monday, June 7	8 th grade to Great America
Tuesday, June 8	Grades 1 & 2 to Zoo Graduation
Wednesday, June 9	Last day of school – noon dismissal Fifth Grade Lock In
Tuesday, June 15	Report Card Pickup 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

FINAL BLUE NOTE OF THE YEAR

The final Blue Note of the school year will go out NEXT Wednesday, June 2. THERE WILL BE NO BLUE NOTE ON JUNE 9, the last day of school. Please plan accordingly.

YEARBOOKS ARE IN!

Yearbooks ordered should have come home with your children last week. We received a few extra – call Wendy Urban if you would like to purchase one for \$13.00. The junior high yearbook signing party is schedule for TOMORROW, Thursday, May 27, from 11:40 to 12:30.

REPORT CARD PICK UP

Report cards will be available for pick up on Tuesday, June 15, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. All fines, fees, and overdue books must be taken care of before students will be given their report cards. Please try to stop in that day, or shortly thereafter when someone is in the office.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be open from 8:00 AM to noon every Wednesday throughout the summer. Most other weekday mornings Mr. Adams or Mrs. Nyenhuis will be in the office, however, you should call the office to make sure someone is in if you want to stop by. Thank you.

TUITION PAYMENTS THROUGH THE SUMMER

Please remember that tuition is calculated over twelve monthly payments. This means tuition for June and July must be paid even though school is not in session. Please make sure your summer monthly payments reach the school office by the 15th of each month. Tuition payments may be mailed to school at the following address: Oostburg Christian School, PO Box 700319, Oostburg, WI 53070, or may be dropped off when either Mr. Adams or Mrs. Nyenhuis is in.

STUDENT ARTWORK AT COUNTY FAIR

If you visit the Sheboygan County Fair over the Labor Day weekend, don't forget to stop in at the School Art Display building. Every one of our K-5 students, and some of our junior high students will have at least one piece of artwork on display for that weekend. We thank Curt and Betty Nyenhuis for volunteering to do the work of labeling and transporting the artwork to and from the Fair so our students can have their work displayed there.

UPDATED PHONE SYSTEM

With some additional funds and the Night of Praise offering, we are nearing our goal of \$7,000 to upgrade our telephone system. We need about \$1,300 to finish up the funding and get started on this important upgrade. If you or someone you know is willing to donate to this worthy project, please contact the school office. We thank you in advance for keeping our students and staff safer with these necessary changes.

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.

PRIVATE NOTES

The Oostburg Christian School Board is seeking private notes to help finance the ongoing operations of the school as well as to repay a previously issued note that has been called in for payment. These notes will bear interest and terms as set forth in the schedule below. We are requesting a minimum note value of \$1,000. Please contact Justin Zylstra at 207-9990 or Brian DeMaster at 564-6963 for more information.

<u>Term</u>	<u>Minimum Deposit</u>	<u>OCS RATE</u>
36 month	\$1,000.00	2.50%
48 month	\$2,500.00	3.00%
60 month	\$5,000.00	4.00%
10 Year	\$10,000.00	5.00%

SHARE THE HARVEST

Oostburg Christian School will be sponsoring Share the Harvest at the Oostburg Community Farmers Market during the 2010 season. The season runs July 10 through the end of September and is held on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon next to Oostburg State Bank. O.C.S. is our rain location. Share the harvest volunteers help harvest and sell produce that is donated by gardeners in our community. We also distribute care packages to families in the community. Anyone interested in joining our volunteers, donating produce, selling as a vendor, or being a referral source for families with needs should contact Patti at 564-3221.

SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW.....

that you can use Ace Hardware Scrip for your fishing license, hunting license, and all your sportsmen equipment at Daane Hardware.

GREAT NEWS FROM GREAT AMERICA

Going to Great America this summer? Your tuition account and the GRACE pledge will get a 6% boost from this new Scrip that is now available. Ask about this in the office or e-mail at ocscrip@gmail.com. These will be valid for this season only and expire on 1-5-2011.

If you don't need to do this for your tuition account because God has blessed you with an income that pays your tuition, would you do it for the school?

OCEF FUND RAISING EVENT

August 7, 2010 will be a golf tournament and silent and live auction at the Town and Country golf club. If you or someone you know plays golf, please consider supporting this event for OCEF, a great organization that supports our school: over \$31,000 since 2004. This Oostburg Community Education Foundation has donated: --money to our playground,

- our sound system in the gym
- Jr. High Smart Board,
- large screen in the Student Center
- Listening Center for 5K,
- computer for teacher's room
- programs for Resource Room,
- Spanish program
- computers for our lab

If you don't play golf, you can always go out to Town and Country for lunch for \$15 and stay for the Silent and Live Auction. **All of these donations have affected your student, so thank you for supporting this event.**

SURVEYS

At their June meeting, GRACE Board will be finalizing a decision about separating the four events (RJW, Unity Ride, Spaghetti Supper and Spring Fry) for next year or keeping them on the same weekend. If you haven't had a chance to turn in your survey on this, please e-mail Becky Zylstra at thezylstras@wi.rr.com before June 21. We have received less than 20 surveys which really isn't enough to help us make the decision.

SCHOOL PAX

School PAX is a shopping site where if you use Travelocity, shop online at Foot Locker or shop at 1800-flowers.com, you will be helping our school. Just go to www.schoolpax.org, click on SHOP ONLINE NOW, you will type in our school name and state, get the code which is TFMW and can go shopping. You must shop from their website to get the discount. Thanks so much. (Subway is included in this, but it is easier to buy Scrip!!)

The GRACE Place

**IT WAS TRULY A GREAT WEEKEND!
BEAUTIFUL WEATHER AND NICE SUPPORT FOR ALL OUR FUND
RAISERS!
THANK YOU!!!**

RUN-JOG-WALKATHON

We are still counting, but have over \$18,000 in Run-Jog-Walkathon funds. Congratulations to our 3rd grade class for winning the Blue Harbor party this year! They edged out the first graders, but all our students are terrific!!! Thanks so much.

UNITY BIKE RIDE

We had 179 riders who enjoyed the beautiful weather and a great ride. We will try to get some idea of our profits in the blue note next week. **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Information about our profits on the Spaghetti Supper and Spring Fry will be available soon. Thanks for coming out and supporting the school.

SCRIP

Buy your gift cards for the grads here:

- Bath & Body
- Kwik Trip
- i-tunes
- Walmart
- Kohl's

Buy your gift cards for the dads here:

- Home Depot
- Fleet Farm
- Daane Ace Hardware
- Menards'
- Best Buy
- Gander Mountain

Thanks for your great response last week to our appeal for more families to buy Scrip: We had over \$8,000 in orders. Please keep it up during the summer. The Scrip Store will always be open on Wednesday mornings, and any other time that Barb is in the office, just call ahead so that you aren't disappointed.

PIE IN THE PARK—July 5, 2010

- YES, we are already thinking about this next fundraiser.
- YES, that's right—it is the day AFTER the 4th this year at the Oostburg Village Park.
- YES, we did do it last year and typically we do it every other year, but we have requested it again so that it will be on the opposite summer as Heritage Day.
- YES, we need a donation of **two** pies from every family.
- YES, we need your **home-made** pies. Please remember that store bought pies do not sell. People prefer home-made ones. If you don't bake pies, would you please ask a friend, parent or grandparent to make yours for you?
- YES, we can still use help that day—call Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678) or e-mail at jeggebeen@wi.rr.com if you can work then.

REGISTRATION--August 10

GRACE Board is already busy planning each project in preparation for registration. Please put this date on the calendar so you can sign up for your projects and register all in one night!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTIONS ALL MOMS!

This Thursday morning is the final Moms In Touch prayer time in the school library from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. This is a time of prayer for your child and our school - please join us!

BABYSITTERS CLASS

The American Red Cross is holding two Babysitter's Training Classes – Monday, June 21, or Tuesday, July 20, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Registration forms are available in the school office.

TUTORING FOR THE SUMMER

Could your child use a little extra work this summer on Math, Reading, or Language? Mary Jane Gruett and Sandy Gartman are available to guide your child if needed. They will work with your child's classroom teacher to best assist your child. Call Mary Jane at 564-3788 or Sandy Gartman at 564-6279.

OOSTBURG MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Kids & parents: Start thinking about decorating your bikes, trikes, scooters & wagons and participating in the Memorial Day Parade in OOSTBURG. This parade is for everyone. Come out and have fun! Please call Mrs. Brusse at 564-2431 if you have questions.

KIDS BOWL FREE

Sound like a great idea? Well it can be true for the summer months. Lakeshore Lanes in Sheboygan is offering this program to all children in the Sheboygan County area. All you have to do is register on the KidsBowlFree website, and your child will receive a coupon for two free games of bowling for every day this summer! The program is open to kids under age 16. However, families can sign up for a family pass and receive additional games of bowling for a nominal fee of \$25.00. Log on to the www.KidsBowlFree.com website for more information. Or if you have any questions, call Todd Schaetzer at Lakeshore Lanes (458-1352), or Dan and Lisa Roerdink (564-3477).

EAGLE SUMMER CAMP

Expect an unexpected week of fun and learning at Eagles Summer Camp from July 26-30, 2010! Join us at Sheboygan County Christian High for a week of zany science discovery, or techno techniques, or outrageous art, or fabulous food creation, or music with a twist or a super selection of sports. This crazy summer camp is for students who are entering 3rd through 8th grades.

All instructors are staff members and/or coaches at Sheboygan County Christian High. Students may sign up for a full day [two choices] or a half day option [one choice] either morning or afternoon. Lunch and snacks are included.

Flyers are available in your school office or by contacting the Christian High office. Call Rhonda Anderson 458-9981 ext. 306 (evenings at home: 920-893-1993) for more information. Don't wait to sign up for a thrilling week at camp – class sizes are limited!

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.

FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE O.C.S. OFFICE

* Informational Brochures/Registration Forms for the Juneau, WI Volleyball Camp of Champs for girls ages 12-18, July 25-29.

*Informational Brochures/Registration Forms for the Back 2 Basics Youth Football Camp, sponsored by the Oostburg & Cedar

Grove/Belgium football coaching staff. The camp will be held July 26-28 from 9:30 until Noon. The camp is for players entering grades 5-8.

*Informational Brochures/Registration Forms for the Lakeland College Girls' Basketball Camp for girls in grades 4-8. The camp will be held July 23 – 25.

*Informational Brochures/Registration Forms for the Green Bay Prevea 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament being held June 5 for hoopsters age nine through adult.

*Camp Calvin Registration/Information Brochures – Camp is June 21-26

CALENDAR	
May 27	Gr. 3 to Pinecrest Village Gr. 4 & 5 to Milwaukee Museum Jr. High Yearbook Signing 11:40 – 12:30
May 31	Memorial Day – No School
June 1	Jr. High Celebration of God's Gifts 5:00 – 6:15
June 2	Last Blue Note of the School Year Hamburger Lunch

June 4

Concert in the Grass 2:30
4K Graduation 4:00