

**HOME BULLETIN**  
**May 6, 2009**

**THANK YOU TO THE TEACHERS**

Parents are not the only ones who appreciate our teachers' contributions.

The GRACE Board is deeply appreciative of our teachers for many ways that they contribute to our fund-raising events-

- they coordinate a donation for the annual auction from their classrooms,
- they buy our pizzas,
- they come to work at events even when they don't have students here anymore,
- they practice with their students to be cheerleaders at the Charger Shoot-out,
- they promote the Run-Jog-Walkathon among their students,
- they allow time in their day for the students to clean up the gym and/or Student Center after an event,
- they have participated in a skit for the Night of Praise.

The Promotion Committee is appreciative of the teachers for their help with the Lunch Buddies program when it is their classroom's turn, and for allowing students to help serve meals for the Senior Stars program.

The School Board is appreciative of teachers who spend their own funds to support the work that goes on in their individual classroom. Individually, they also contribute to the Faith Campaign, the TAP needs, Teacher Wish List, Interest Wheel, technology and more. Teachers serve on Board committees faithfully and with commitment.

Listing items means that we may also forget something, but our appreciation is heartfelt. God bless our teachers.

This is Teacher Appreciation Week. Parents and friends are asked to pray specifically for our teachers this week. Start with your child's teacher and then please remember all the teachers at OCS. It might be helpful to use the school directory. All the teachers' names are listed on the third page of the directory. Also, if anyone would like to show his or her appreciation with a gift, this would be a great time to do it. A friendly note of encouragement is always a blessing. In addition OCS has a Teachers' Wish List Account from which teachers may withdraw money during the school year to purchase items that will be used to enhance their teaching in the classroom. This account is beginning to run low and could use an infusion of gifts. Thank you, in advance, for your support and prayers for our teachers.

**WHY A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Two weeks ago we invited parents and friends to share with us why they chose a Christian education for their children. Last week we published one reply. Since that time other responses have been sent in to the school. For the next few weeks I will share some of the reasons parents have chosen a Christian education for their children with you.

We choose Christian Education so that our children are not confused about whether or not God is the most important thing in life. We want their years of growing and learning to be very clear that God is in control of this world and is active. Yesterday I heard, on the 91.3 Christian Radio, that 86% of Christians, active in our churches today came to know the Lord Jesus before the age of 15. Only 10% of Christians accept Jesus between the ages of 15 and 30, and only 4% after the age of 30+.

## **R-J-W PRIZE DEADLINE**

REMINDER: The deadline to turn in money collected for the R-J-W to qualify for prizes is NOON next Thursday, May 14. Thank you!

## **WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

August is a long time ago and many of you signed up for these jobs last August and may have forgotten your time slot. Please check the worker sheet in the GRACE Place this week and make sure that you are available.

Also, the opening times for the Rest Stop workers have changed since the blue note last week and you should have been notified of this change with a phone call. The list attached today is the current information. The changes are mostly minor, but important to those who will be supervising the rest stops.

## **SCRIP**

It's Mother's Day this weekend. If you can't find the right size, just stop in and buy a gift card. Kohl's for clothing, Caan's for flowers, and many restaurants are available. Remember, Highland House has 18%--buy up now just in case they change their mind about this generous percentage!

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY LUKE MORGEN!!**

Luke Morgen was inadvertently left off of the May birthday calendar. Luke, we're sorry for this mistake and wish you a very happy birthday on May 16.

## **5<sup>TH</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup> BOYS OPEN GYM**

A schedule change has been made for the 5<sup>th</sup> . 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' open gym. The May 12th open gym has been canceled and replaced with a pancake breakfast on Tuesday, May 12. The Bible reading assignment for May 12 is the book of Ephesians. Breakfast begins at 7:30. Please have your son let me know if he will attend the breakfast. Mr. Modahl

## **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.

## **HELP OUR CEDAR GROVE PARENTS**

Last Monday evening our OCS parents who live in Cedar Grove met in our school library. The purpose of the meeting was to explore ways to transport students living in the Cedar Grove - Belgium School District to our school. The Cedar Grove School District has decided to discontinue bussing students from Cedar Grove to Oostburg Christian. In place of the bussing, Cedar Grove will give our parents a financial stipend. If you know of any retired person or others who may be willing to help with car pooling please call Mary Huenink (668-8078) or Bob Adams (564-2664). Also, please pray for all our families who struggle with transporting their children to and from our school. Thank you.

## **SWINE FLU OUTBREAK?**

I am sure many of you have heard about the outbreak of swine flu in Mexico, and the cases that have been reported in parts of the United States. Even though no cases have been confirmed yet in Wisconsin and there is nothing for us to worry about, we want you to know Oostburg Christian School does have a binder of information provided by the Sheboygan County Division of Public Health detailing proper planning for schools. We can help our children stay healthy by taking some very simple steps. These steps would be the first steps taken to prevent the spread of any influenza and make sense in all situations of illness at any time of the year. Quoting from the manual:

- **Keep children who are sick home. Don't send them to school.**
- Teach your children to wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children to stay at least three feet away from people who are sick.
- People who are sick should stay home from work or school and avoid other people until they are better.

## **ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Please set aside the evening of Tuesday, 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.

#### **MUSIC NOTES**

The video tapes of the K-5 Musical are ready. If you ordered a copy you may pay for and pick it up in the school office.

Jr. High students will be given information today regarding the Music Festival on Friday. Please ask them for it.

#### **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.

# **The GRACE Place**

**CAN YOU BELIEVE--ONLY 9 MORE DAYS  
to the beginning of an exciting weekend!**

May 15 and 16, 2009

Keep praying for nice weather!

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

(Deadline to turn in money to qualify for prizes is NOON on Thursday)

Some of the prizes are in the display case now- check them out!

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

Invite family, friends and neighbors for a good meal and great fellowship!

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

**UNITY BIKE RIDE, Saturday**

Praise God, we have over 135 registrations so far!

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

Check the workers list below- did you sign up last August?

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

Serving brats and hamburgers right off the grill

Thank you for all your response to donations- we will realize great profits on this because of your generosity.

**Workers for Spaghetti Supper**

**Serving 4:00-6:30 p.m.**

**May 15, 2009**

**(RJW DAY)**

Chair- Dan and Lisa Roerdink

Kitchen workers: 1:00 . 5:00

1. Cathy Stevens
2. Elaine Kappers

Kitchen workers: 3:00-7:00

1. Gail Niemuth
2. Rosa Laganowski
3. Shannon Gartman
4. Julie Meyer
5. Cassandra or Phil Meyer

Workers/clean up 5:00-7:00 or clean up **(½ project)**

1. Tim Friberg
2. Scott Gartman
3. Joel Oppeneer

Jumping Jupiter . 4:30-7:30· Tim Wisse Family

**We need 12 cakes—be sure to have them to school by 1:00 on Friday.**

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| 1. Michele Hilbelink | 7. Jodi Raih             |
| 2. Mary Swihart      | 8. Shannon/Scott Gartman |
| 3. Mary Swihart      | 9. _____                 |
| 4. Patti Duenk       | 10. _____                |
| 5. Patti Duenk       | 11. _____                |
| 6. Brenda Lammers    | 12. _____                |

**UNITY BIKE RIDE**

**May 15-16, 2009**

**Workers for Unity Bike Ride—Friday, May 15, 2009**

Planning Committee: Jason Alsum, Randy Swihart, Carolyn Morgen, Joyce Eggebeen, Dean Ratajczak, Vern Frier.

SAG chair: Brad Eckwielen

Workers 3-7 PM report to Registration table for instructions

1. Brenda Lammers
2. Nicole Follen
3. Jodi Hilbelink
4. Jamie Dolfen

**Workers for Unity Bike Ride—Saturday, May 16, 2009**

Registration 6-10AM

1. Michele Hilbelink
2. Jodi Hilbelink

Registration 10:00-12:00 & Clean up 12:00-3:00

1. Tim Herr
2. Robert Koeppen

Jumping Jupiter

9:00-12:00- Shelbi Gesch

12:00-3:00 \_\_\_\_\_ **WILL YOU HELP US FOR THIS TIME SLOT?**

**Rest Stop helpers – 14 workers**

	<b>Leave OCS</b>	<b>Rest Stop Opens</b>	<b>Rest Stop Closes</b> <b>(approx)</b>
Rest Stop 1(Smies Beach) 1.Steve Smies (2 projects) 2.Georgia Smies (2 projects)	7:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
Rest Stop 2 (Belgium) 1. Bart Epping (2 projects) 2. Michelle Epping (2 projects)	7:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
Rest Stop 3 (Pt Wash) 1. Dan Roerdink (2 projects) 2. Lisa Roerdink (2 projects)	6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
Rest Stop 4 (Town of Sherman) 1. Julie Wisse (2 projects) 2. April Wisse (2 projects)	6:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
Rest Stop 5 (Elkhart Lake) 1. Derrick Heydon 2. Megan Heydon	7:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Rest Stop 6 (New Prospect) 1. Joel Oppeneer 2. Sheila Oppeneer	7:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
Rest Stop 7 (Fredonia) 1. Wendell Kappers(2 projects) 2. Elaine Kappers (2 projects)	8:30 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	2:30 p.m.

Specific duties will be given to you, but will include setting up a canopy, tables and serving bikers the food that we will provide. Then cleaning up the site before leaving. If you have any questions, call Carolyn Morgen (920-467-1180)

Clean Up workers at school- 1:00-5:00 p.m.

1. Sean Follen

2. Joel Oppeneer 1:30

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **WILL YOU HELP US FOR THIS TIME SLOT?**

**Workers for Hamburger/Brat Fry—Teresa Ver Velde, chair**

Serving from 11:30 a.m . 3:00 p.m.

Fryers 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

1. Paul Stevens

2. Kevin Hilbelink

Set Up/Kitchen . 9:00 a.m. . 1:00 p.m.

1. John Wishman

2. Debbi Wishman

3. Julie Meyer

Serving/Kitchen . 10:00 a.m. . 2:00 p.m.

1. Brenda Lammers

2. Rosa Laganowski

Serving/Kitchen- 11:00-3:00 p.m.

1. Heather Johnson
2. Glenn Schnelle

Serving/Clean-up/Cashier 11:00 a.m.--approx. 3:00 p.m or later

1. Megan Heydon
2. Sue Schnelle
3. Ben Dolfen
4. Jamie Dolfen

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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!

### SHARE THE HARVEST

Share the Harvest Community Farmers' Market is planning our second season. 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. We will also schedule monthly craft sales in addition to our seasonal vendors. Please consider becoming a vendor, donating your extra garden produce, volunteering to sell at the market, recycling your produce containers (the stackable strawberry and cherry tomato size), shopping the market, and most importantly pray that God will bless this ministry. To participate or volunteer, contact Patti Duenk at 564-3221 or visit [www.sharetheharvest.org](http://www.sharetheharvest.org). **Our First Market Date is May 30, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and will feature a Craft and Plant Sale.**

### SCCHS PLAY

Sheboygan County Christian High School Drama Department will present Deborah Brevoort's *The Women of Lockerbie* on May 7, 8, and 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Loosely inspired by a true story, the play portrays a mother from New Jersey roaming the hills of Lockerbie, Scotland, looking for her sons who remain that were lost in the crash of Pan Am Flight 103. The play is a poetic drama about the triumph of love over hate.

Tickets are on sale now: adults are \$8.00; students (through grade 12 with a valid student id) and senior citizens are \$4.00. SCCHS students and OCS / SCS students with Activity Passes are free. Due to graphic descriptions of the aftermath of the plane explosion and strong emotional content, this play may not be suitable for children under 12. Parental discretion is recommended. For tickets, call the SCCHS office at 458-9981. Christian High is located at 929 Greenfield Avenue in Sheboygan.

### 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 catch-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.

### MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST/CARWASH

Show mom how much you love her! The high school Youth Group at Oostburg First Christian Reformed Church will be hosting a Mother's Day breakfast and car wash on Saturday, May 9, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at First CRC. Treat your mom to a delicious breakfast while our eager young people freshen up the shine on her car. All donations will be used to support our Youth Group's 2010 mission trip to help Dave and Jan Veldhorst in Bangkok, Thailand.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](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.

## GREEN BAY PREVEA TITLETOWN 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Registration for this event which will be held on May 30 is available in the school office. Mail-in registration deadline is May 6, online registration deadline is May 11.

### CALENDAR

May 8	Music Fest. at Elmbrook Progress Reports
May 12	Gr. 4 & 5 to Discovery World
May 13	Chicken Patty Lunch 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch Buddies
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

### NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

\*Scrip Form

