

HOME BULLETIN
November 23, 2011

**“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his Name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Psalm 100

The staff and Board of O.C.S. wishes all our families and friends a blessed Thanksgiving season.

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 around the corner 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 or check www.whbl.com) for closing information due to weather. Parents may also tune into channels 4 and 12 on their TV for closing information. Remember, if Oostburg Public Schools close due to inclement weather, so do we (bussing). There is no aftercare if school closes due to inclement weather.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT AT O.C.S.

This year’s Christmas project is actually a continuation of a project we began two years ago and are undertaking all year long. Our Unity Groups have committed to “sponsoring” children for one year at the Tesoros de Dios ministry. Tesoros de Dios, translated Treasures of God, is located in Managua, Nicaragua. This ministry, directed by O.C.S. alumna, Michelle Adams, provides children with developmental disabilities and their families with the basic tools necessary for life-long growth. It does this through programs in personal health, special needs education, and Christ-centered spiritual growth. The Unity Groups at O.C.S. have formed into pairs to share the cost of the sponsorship of a child. It costs \$25 per month or \$300 per year to sponsor a child. This means each Unity Group is responsible for raising \$12.50 each month for their child. Since we have twenty Unity Groups we have the opportunity to be a blessing to ten needy children in Nicaragua. For the past two years our Unity Groups actually exceeded the goal set for them. We pray God will again use us to help meet the needs of these children.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Do you love to think “out of the box?” Are you truly thankful for Oostburg Christian School? If you said yes to these questions, we would love to have you on our Promotion Committee. The Oostburg Christian School Promotion Committee meets only once each month. If interested please call the school office or email Bob Adams at bobadams@wi.rr.com. Thank you.

DEMOLITION TIME

If you couldn’t say yes to being the type of person who “thinks out of the box,” perhaps you are the type of person who loves to demolish things. (Yes, guys, I am talking to you – but not only to the guys, perhaps you are a Mom who needs an excuse to get out of the house and break something.J .) During Christmas break we would like to begin tearing down the old bathrooms across from the office. The area will be the sight of the future “Nehemiah Conference Room.” We can use all the muscle we can get. Please watch future Blue Note announcements for the exact days over Christmas vacation we will be working on this project. I even promise to have coffee available for those who help out.J .

YEARBOOK HOT LUNCH

The jr. high yearbook lunch this coming Monday, November 28, will feature a hot dog and/or a noodle cup for \$1.00 each. Orders will be taken and payment collected during homeroom first thing in the day. PLEASE NOTE: This is the final yearbook lunch until February.

DECEMBER HOT LUNCH ORDERS

The order form for December is attached electronically to this Home Bulletin. Please fill it in, attach payment, and return it to the school office NO LATER THAN next Wednesday, November 30.

BASKETBALL PARTICIPATION FEES DUE

The fee for participating in basketball is due at this time. The fee is \$20 for grades 5 & 6, \$25 for grades 7 & 8, or a maximum yearly fee of \$50 per family.

O.C.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please mark your calendar: The O.C.S. 4K to 8th grade Christmas concert will be held on Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 PM in the O.C.S. gym. Students are asked to wear concert attire – black bottoms and white tops.

DO YOU NEED A PLACE FOR YOUR PARTY?

Oostburg Christian School rents both the gym and student center to anyone interested in using one or the other for a party. The charges for the gym or student center are \$80.00 for 1 – 4 hours plus \$20 for each additional hour. The charge for use of both gym and student center is \$125.00. Food is only allowed in the student center. If you would like to rent the kitchen, the cost is an additional \$20. For more details, please call the school office.

SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW....

- that you should pick up your Scrip for all your shopping needs TODAY. Something to keep in mind: because of the holiday week, we will be making our regular Friday deposit tonight. (Wednesday)
- that Kwik Trip scrip will go back to its regular 2% deduction on December 31. Be sure to buy what you need now!!
- that KFC and Taco Bell Scrip have been added to the Scrip store.
- It's hunting season!! Please pick up your Miesfeld's Scrip for all your processing needs. Your successful hunting season will help with your family grocery bills **and** your tuition account!

COOKIE WALK

Been thinking about your cookies? Our first annual Cookie Walk will be held in our Student Center on December 10, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. **We will need donated Christmas cookies and ask that each family make one batch for this new fund raiser.** The cookies will need to be at school on December 8. Please e-mail Becky Zylstra with any questions that you have: thezylstras@wi.rr.com. Cookies will be sold for \$3.00 a dozen.

APPLES ON THE TREE

Praise God with us—we raised \$1,000 at the auction for our computer lab. We have \$3,500 from the OCEF and with a \$1,500 gift, we are over half way to our goal of \$10,000 to refurbish the entire lab. Pick an apple off the tree yet before Christmas!!

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Please let Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678) know if you would be interested in chairing the volleyball tournament next year. Thanks for prayerfully considering this important fund raiser.

SHEBOYGAN PRESS RENEWAL

Do you or someone you know get the Sheboygan Press? If you would like to support the school and your favorite tuition account, please consider renewing your subscription through the school. (You cannot be part of the E-Z plan.) If you don't already have one, ask for a paper renewal and then instead of sending it into

Gannett, just clip the renewal slip to your check made out to Oostburg Christian and we will renew it for you. You will realize a 3% rebate on your tuition account! How easy is that?

HEART FOR EDUCATION AUCTION

We are excited to have realized over \$21,000 in profit for the auction! God blessed us with many generous people, great fellowship, and a wonderful evening celebrating Christian education!

THAT'S MY PAN! IS BACK.

New brochures can be found in the information rack across from the office. Check out the new products that have been added since our Spring sale. Please turn in all orders, with payment, to the office by Friday, December 2nd. All orders will arrive before school dismisses for Christmas vacation. If you have any questions please contact Nicole Mentink (564-6399).

CALENDAR	
November 24 & 25	No School
November 28	Yearbook Lunch
November 30	Baked Potato Lunch