



Oostburg Christian Sci

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Mr. Robert Adams, Administrator

"He is like a tree, planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season..."
Psalm 1:3

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***"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. wish all our families and friends a blessed Thanksgiving season.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

The teachers and administration thank our parents for attending our annual Parent / Teacher Conferences. One of the main ingredients to a successful, Christian school is open lines of communication between school and home. As stated in the Philosophy Statement of Oostburg Christian School, "The authority and covenant responsibility for educating children resides with the parents or guardians of the children." Teachers can only be effective with support from the home. Thank you, parents, for all you do at home to make the education of your children pleasing to God. Please continue to pray for each staff member and for your fellow parents. Remember, "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."
James 5:16

PARENT HELPERS

Many of you remember helping out in 4K in the past. Our current 4K is in need of some parent helpers on Mondays and Wednesdays. We have 12 wonderful children who are all at different levels socially, emotionally, academically, and physically ☺. Another set of eyes would be the perfect way of helping our children grow. We know many parents work out of the home and it is very difficult to sign up for a specific day each week. However, if you can help once in awhile it would be greatly appreciated. All we need is one helper each day. Please call the school office (564-2664) or Miss Gantner (1-262-853-9061) if you can help. We will confirm the day(s) that works for you. Thank you for your help.

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) for closing information due to weather. You can also get closing information on their website at www.whbl.com. Go to "Quick Links" listed on the right side of the home page and select "Cancellations". Parents may also tune into Channel 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.

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.

YEARBOOK LUNCH

The final junior high Yearbook Lunch until February will be this coming Monday, Nov. 29. Hot Dogs and/or Noodles will be served.

BASKETBALL PARTICIPATION FEES

Participation fees for basketball are due at this time. The fee is \$20.00 per student. The maximum payment for a family for soccer and/or volleyball and/or basketball is \$50.

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

The next Cabin Reliever Date is Thursday, Dec. 2, from 8:30 – 10:00 AM. This is an opportunity for children and their caregivers to run and play in our gymnasium. Anyone is invited, whether pre-school, home-school, public-school or Christian school. Anyone curious to see the rest of the school is welcome to walk through during this time as well. For more information, call the school office at 920-564-2664.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT AT O.C.S.

This year's Christmas project is actually a continuation of a project we began last year 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. Last year 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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please reserve the evening of Thursday, December 16, for our all-school Christmas concert. The concert will begin at 6:30 PM and will feature praises to our Savior being sung by all our students. Students in grades K – 8 should wear concert attire – black bottoms and white tops. Our 4K students should wear black bottoms – a shirt will be provided for them. Please lend and borrow from other families to outfit your children. Call Mrs. DeMaster at 918-5401 with any questions.

WINTER WEAR

There is a supply of hats, mittens/gloves, jackets at school from a previous holiday clothing drive. If your child is in need of any of these items, please stop in the office and we will direct you to them.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TASK FORCE

It has now been about a year since the boards of Oostburg Christian School, Sheboygan Christian School, and Sheboygan County Christian High School came together and formed the Sheboygan County Christian Schools Task Force. The job of this task force was "to prove the following premise to be either true or false: Becoming one association is crucial to the future of Christian education in Sheboygan County."

The task force has come to the conclusion that forming an association is NOT essential to the future of Christian education in Sheboygan County at this time. However, the task force did recommend the following: "Becoming one federation while maintaining separate associations IS crucial to the future of Christian education in Sheboygan County. We recommend the school boards call a vote of their associations in May, 2011 on whether to form a federation. In addition, we recommend that the school boards call another vote in May, 2013 to determine whether the schools will move towards further unification." At this point, all three association boards have approved that recommendation, and will be asking their associations in May, 2011 to approve forming a federation.

The Task Force has set three dates for the purpose of sharing with families the evidence and rationale behind these recommendations. Parents and all association members are encouraged to attend any one or all three of these meetings. The meeting dates, times, and places are as follows:

Christian High	Monday, Nov 29 at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room
Sheboygan Christian	Tuesday, Dec 7 at 7:00 pm in the Gym
Oostburg Christian	Thursday, Jan 6 at 7:00 pm in the Student Center

Please note these dates on your calendar now, tell your friends and family, and plan to participate in these important discussions regarding the future of Christian education in Sheboygan County.

TUITION DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are a wonderful time of celebrations and giving gifts. Please do not allow the activities of the season to cause you to fall behind in tuition payments. Remember, tuition is due the 15th of each month. Thank you.

ALUMINUM CANS

Thank you for your support of Oostburg Christian School TAP fund by bringing your aluminum to Nyhof Trucking. Carl and Phyllis have committed to giving an extra \$.05 per pound if you designate it for the school. When you've having parties and friends over during this holiday season, save your cans and help the school. Thanks so much!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

"I'll Be Home for Christmas" Tour of Homes, sponsored by Oostburg Christian School to be held on December 8, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold for \$5 which includes a tour of the homes and dessert in the school Student Center. Reservations would be appreciated by calling Vicki Westerbeke at 564-2442 and leave a message. Walk-ins are also welcome. Tickets, shoe covers, and directions will be available in the school office the day before and the day of the tour. (We can feature one more home, if you would still like to get in on this exciting event.)

SCRIP STORE IS OPEN

The Scrip Store will be open during regular school hours this week, but remember that school dismisses at 1:20 PM on Wednesday. Get all your Scrip for Black Friday shopping!! There will be Scrip sold on Wednesday during Grandparents/Grandfriends' Day. We look forward to seeing you there.

SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW....

That there are only 21 Scrip shopping days until Christmas vacation and only four more order days!

DECORATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE AUCTION

If you would like to be on the Decorations Committee for next year, please contact Joyce Eggebeen. We are deeply grateful to Nicole and Liz for their years of service to the Lord through this event!

APPLE TREES

The Apple Trees that were featured at the auction are still in the hall. If you want to get something extra for your child or grandchild's teacher, please stop by and take a look at the items that are still available. We are pleased to let you know that over \$1,000 worth of items were purchased at the auction. The teachers are grateful for your support.

KINDERGARTEN CALENDARS

There are two Kindergarten calendars still available (like the one sold at the auction) which feature all the students from the Kindergarten class. They are \$26 each and you can pick up yours and pay in the office.

GOOD SEARCH

Thank you! Thank you! We have recently received a check for \$120.24 from GoodSearch. We are very appreciative of all of you who used Good Search as your favorite search engine, and/or GoodShop as your first online shopping stop.

It's easy—just put GoodSearch as your default search engine and it will also help you identify those online stores that will also give us an additional discount. Doing your holiday shopping, travel planning, etc. through GoodShop will boost those numbers in our annual check!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

***AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE**

This course instructs youth on how to care for infant through school-aged children by teaching them how to prevent injuries and what to do in an emergency. They will also learn how to change diapers, feed children, discipline, and how to handle emergencies and basic first aid. The course will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the American Red Cross Office. Class size is limited to 12 students so early registration is recommended. Registration forms can be picked up in the school office. There is also an electronic version attached to this Home Bulletin e-mail.

CALENDAR

November 25 & 26	No School
November 29	Jr. High Yearbook Lunch
December 1	Sub Sandwich Lunch
December 2	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30 – 10:00 AM
	B-Ball Girls5/6 @ StJ 5:00
	Boys5/6 @ StJ 6:00
December 4	Girls' Oostburg Middle School Tourny

