

HOME BULLETIN
November 12, 2008

SPECIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thank you to all who attended the special Association Meeting last night. The Association voted unanimously to accept the change to the constitution.

THANK YOU GRACE BOARD AUCTION COMMITTEE

Saturday evening was a wonderful time filled with fellowship, great food, and plenty of opportunities to support our school. Our entire gym was beautifully decorated and the result was an inviting atmosphere filled with excitement as families and friends came together to raise money for Oostburg Christian School. We praise God for the fantastic success of the evening and thank all those who helped out. We especially want to thank those on the Auction Committee who spent endless hours in preparation for the event. If you see a GRACE Board member or a member of the auction committee, please thank him or her for all their work.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Just a quick reminder that TOMORROW is "Picture Retake Day." If your child is having their picture re-taken they must bring their original package back to hand in to the photographer. Pictures will be taken first thing in the morning.

SPEECH AND SPELLING FESTIVAL IN RANDOLPH

All students in grades 5 – 8 will travel to Randolph this Friday for the annual Wisconsin Christian Schools Speech and Spelling Festival. Please pray for safe travel as seven Christian schools will be sending students to the festival and many parents and friends will also be traveling. Travel directions are available on the O.C.S. website or, you can pick them up in the school office.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent / Teacher Conferences will be held next week Monday and Tuesday. A schedule was attached to the Oct. 15 Blue Note. Please make every effort to attend at the time you are scheduled, as rescheduling can get very complicated. If you absolutely cannot make the time you are assigned, please call the school office at 564-2664 as soon as possible. Thank you.

GRANDPARENTS' & GRANDFRIENDS' DAY

Please remind all grandparents and "grandfriends" that Wednesday, November 26, is THE day! Invitations were sent out last week and we look forward to spending time with our guests in chapel and at other special events throughout the morning. All guests at the chapel will have the opportunity to contribute to our area food drive by bringing non-perishable food items or a money donation to the school. Activities are set to begin at 9:00 AM and will conclude at 11:30. Parents are also invited to our chapel which will begin at approximately 9:15.

FOOD DRIVE

This year we will hold an extended Thanksgiving food drive. In previous years we have asked students to bring non-perishable items to school on Grandparents' Day (the day before Thanksgiving). During the Grandparents' Day Chapel the students brought the food into the gym and from there it was sent to a nearby food pantry – usually the Plymouth Salvation Army. This year, due to economic needs brought on by our nation's economy - we began the food drive last Wednesday. Students are invited to bring in non-perishable food items for the next two weeks and watch them accumulate throughout the month of November. On Grandparents' Day all the food will be brought into the gym as part of our chapel. Please join us in our endeavor to feed the

hungry from our own community and surrounding area. Please see the flyer attached to last week's Blue Note for more information.

O.C.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please reserve Thursday, December 18, for the all-school Christmas Concert. It will be held in the O.C.S. gym at 7:00 PM. All students, 4K to 8th grade, will be featured. Concert attire for students is white tops and black bottoms. Check with friends and classmates to see if you can swap clothes from previous years.

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER IS BACK!

Oostburg Christian School will once again host playtime for energetic children and their caregivers in our gymnasium. This service is **FREE** and we will meet from 8:30-10am on the following Thursdays: 11/20, 1/15, 2/5, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2 and 4/16. Everyone is invited to attend, 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 920-564-2664.

TUITION DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are a wonderful time for 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.

SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

The maintenance committee is accepting snow removal bids for the school entrances and sidewalks. Please call Curt Claerbaut at 564-3758 if you are interested.

EARLY RELEASES IN NOVEMBER

November is a month with three "Early Release Days". Next **Tuesday, November 18**, we will dismiss at 1:20 so our teachers have time to prepare for the second evening of Parent/Teacher Conferences. Next **Wednesday, November 19**, is our normal early release date, and teachers will use that afternoon to work on accreditation material. **Wednesday, November 26**, is the day before Thanksgiving, and we will dismiss at 1:20 to give families a head start on any traveling they may have to do for Thanksgiving vacation. Please mark these on your family calendar. There will not be any afternoon care on these days. Buses will run at the 1:20 dismissal time on all three of these dates.

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. Remember, if Oostburg Public Schools close due to inclement weather, so do we (bussing).

OCS SHIRT ORDERS

Oostburg Christian School will once again place an order for shirts with the OCS Crest on the upper left corner. These shirts are available in a variety of styles and colors. Samples of the apparel can be seen in the main entrance trophy case. Please fill out the order form included in this blue note, and turn it in to the office with payment by December 4. These make great Christmas gifts and will be ready before Christmas break. For more information, contact the office, or Michelle at 564-2019.

PIZZA PIZZA

Yes there are still some of the delicious Faye's pizzas in the freezer at school available for sale. Please pick out the pizzas you would like and stop in the office to pay for them. Thanks and enjoy!

SCRIP

CAN YOU BELIEVE--ONLY FIVE MORE SCRIP ORDERS BEFORE CHRISTMAS! It's time to get shopping for the holidays! Start with SCRIP! Gift cards are great to send, great to buy for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list. There is something for everyone!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Nicaragua Spring Break Mission Trip team from SCCHS is available to do fall yard work and odd jobs for donations. If you are interested in making a donation toward the work in Nicaragua in exchange for help around your home, please call Jeremy Jensema at 564-3981 to make arrangements. Students will be available especially through the month of November.

*Registration forms for American Red Cross babysitter training classes are available in the school office. The course is designed for children 11 years of age or older. The following course dates have been set: Nov. 15 or Dec. 6. All classes run from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

The GRACE Place

HEART FOR EDUCATION AUCTION

WOW! What a wonderful evening! We praise God for each of you who donated items, who came, and who bid generously. The gym was decorated beautifully, the food was marvelous, and the crowd of people was lively and generous. We're still counting but we have an early estimate of \$18,000 profit for this event! **But it is still growing**.....

.....On Thursday night before the auction, we received a \$500 cash donation from Larry and Kathy Gentine, owners of Sargento Cheese, who love Christian education and what we are doing here at Oostburg Christian School. And the money was donated with a challenge: "Make it grow!" So with a short notice, the Auction Planning Committee came up with an idea in the spirit of the parable of the talents in Matthew 25: We would offer any individuals, groups, families, etc. the chance to take \$100 and do something that would increase that amount for the school.

We told this story to another generous supporter who wanted to join the effort and added \$500 to this! We now have \$1,000 that we want to grow into more.

Will you consider taking on the challenge with your family, your small group, yourself? We have had some people come forward with suggestions already!

The upcoming holidays may offer you an opportunity. Let us know what your idea is and we will give you some cash and three months to do a project and come back with your "growing" funds:

- Buy ingredients and make bars and cookies and sell them.
- Purchase supplies to make something to sell: paint a picture for someone, sew a garment, offer to decorate their home, etc.
- Offer the use of your cottage, boat, vehicle.
- Perhaps they couldn't donate to the event, but would your company do a service for its cost only?

So please pray about how you can help us make these funds grow!

And a HUGE THANK YOU to the Auction Planning Committee. If you see any of them, be sure to thank them for their hard work and the many hours of preparation in seeing that this event ran so smoothly: Patti Duenk, chair; Steve and Nancy DeJong, Brian and Dawn DeMaster, Andrea DuMez, Liz Weavers, Ryan and Jocelyn Wiebe, Nicole and Paul Mentink, Judy Mentink, and Joyce Eggebeen.

APPLES FOR SALE

Praise God with us that 67 apples were sold on the night of the auction. If you were unable to come and would like to purchase something yet for the teachers, please stop in the office and pick an apple out of our basket and you can still get in on some nice gifts for our teachers.

CALENDAR	
November 13	Picture Retakes Hearing Rechecks
November 14	Speech Festival @ Randolph
November 14	Report Cards
November 17 & 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 18	1:20 PM Dismissal
November 19	Turkey Hot Lunch 1:20 PM Dismissal
November 20	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30-10:00 AM

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHEMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

*Sheboygan County Historical Museum Information

Apparel Order Form

	YS (6/8)	YM (10/12)	YL (14/16)	YXL (18/20)	AS	AM	AL	AXL	2XL
Hooded Sweatshirt	\$12				\$20				\$22
* Forest Green									
* White									
* Ash Gray									
* Black									
Crewneck Sweatshirt	\$10				\$14				\$16
* Forest Green									
* White									
* Ash									
* Black									
Long Sleeve Tee	\$8				\$10				\$12
* Forest Green									
* White									
* Ash									
* Black									
Short Sleeve Tee	\$6				\$7				\$9
* Forest Green									
* White									
* Ash									
* Black									

Name: _____ Phone#: _____ Amount Due: _____ Paid: _____