

**HOME BULLETIN**  
**November 18, 2009**

**SPEECH AND SPELLING FESTIVAL**

Congratulations District IV Speech Festival Participants. Thirty-six students in grades 5-8 participated in the District IV Speech Festival held at Randolph Christian School, last Friday. Seven Christian Schools competed in the Festival. The OCS students formed a total of 24 individual and group entries. They received 22 "first place awards" and two "second place awards." Once again, we praise God for the gifts he has given these students.

**LAKELAND MATH MEET**

On November 12, 16 students traveled to Lakeland College for a math meet. Team #1 consisted of Zach Dykstra, Zach Morgan, Zach Winkel, Josh Stecker, Allison Gartman, Jordan Sonnentag, Jackie Wisse, and Michael Duenk. Team #2 consisted of Grace Stevens, Jessie Walvoort, Alex Schnelle, Timothy Walvoort, Micah McKinster, Carissa Wisse, Michael Alsum, and Hannah Modahl. Zach Dykstra scored 32 points out of a possible 40 to place 5<sup>th</sup> out of 400 total participants. Jordan Sonnentag scored 27 points which placed him 2<sup>nd</sup> among our schools 7<sup>th</sup> grade record holders. Carissa Wisse scored 16 points which tied for first place all time for 6<sup>th</sup> grade participant from OCS. Team # 1 place 15<sup>th</sup> out of 50 teams. We praise God for the gifts and talents he has given our students.

**VACCINE FORM DUE**

All H1N1 vaccination permission/refusal slips are now due at school. Even though the majority of parents are refusing the vaccine, the slip must still be returned to school. This is proof that Oostburg Christian School did inform our families of the scheduled vaccination clinic. Please make it a top priority to complete, sign, and return the form to school IMMEDIATELY. Thank you.

**GRANDPARENTS'/FRIENDS' DAY**

Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day is scheduled for next Wednesday, November 25, beginning at 9:00 AM. Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day is a morning activity that includes a Thanksgiving Chapel performed by the K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, coffee time, and an opportunity for grandparents and friends to visit classrooms and see their grandchildren/grandfriends. Invitations were sent out in early November. If you know of anyone else who may enjoy spending the day with us, please stop by the school office and pick up an invitation.

Parents are also invited to join us for the chapel and to bring donations for the food drive in conjunction with Lakeland Chiropractic and The Healing Space to aid individuals and families right here in our own community.

**EARLY RELEASE NEXT WEDNESDAY**

Although we had early dismissals yesterday (due to Parent / Teacher Conferences) and today (the third Wednesday of the month – teachers' meeting); there is still one more Early Dismissal in the month of November. Next Wednesday, November 25, is the day before Thanksgiving and we will be dismissing students at 1:20 PM. Busses will run at that time. There is no afternoon care when we have early release.

**NO HOT LUNCH NEXT WEDNESDAY**

Reminder: There will be no hot lunch served next week Wednesday because of the Grandparents'/Friends' event being held that day.

**DECEMBER HOT LUNCH ORDERS**

The order form for December is attached to this Blue Note. Please fill it in, attach payment and return it to school NO LATER THAN next Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 1:30. PLEASE NOTE: Because we do not have school Nov. 26 & 27, all orders must be in on time. No orders will be accepted after 1:30 on Wednesday, Nov. 25. Thanks for your cooperation!

**ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEES**

If your child is playing on one of the OCS basketball teams, you should pay the participation fee at this time. The fees are as follows:

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Girls' or Boys' Team - \$15                      7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Girls' or Boys' Team - \$20

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Please reserve the evening of Thursday, December 17, for our all-school Christmas concert. The concert will feature praises to our Savior sung by all our students. Students should dress in concert attire – black bottoms and white tops, please. Borrow from other families, or visit the local second-hand shops. If there is interest, we can also set up a swap table. Questions?? Please call Mrs. DeMaster at 564-3757. We are also looking for small costumes from other countries- Please call Mrs. DeMaster if you have access to any.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thank you.

**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.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Minimum Deposit</b>	<b>OCS RATE</b>
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%

**BASKETBALL SCHEDULE CHANGE**

The Jan. 7 basketball games have been changed. The correct schedule is below:

- 5/6 Boys' game has moved to Jan. 18 @ 5:00 @ OCS
- 5/6 Girls' game has been moved to Jan. 19 @ 6:00 @ OCS

**GRADE 6 – 8 HOMEWORK ON LINE**

You can go to [www.oostburgchristian.com](http://www.oostburgchristian.com) to access homework assignments for students in junior high. Click on *Middle School*. From there, simply click on *Assignments/Parent Notes*. Click on the teacher whose assignment you are searching for and you will see their assignments.

**BRRRR!**

Winter is just around the corner. Last year Hartman Chiropractic generously donated some hats, mittens, and gloves to OCS. If you are in need of any of these items, please come to the school office. All requests will be kept confidential.

**O.C.S. APPAREL**

Orders are now being received for shirts with the OCS crest on the upper left-hand corner. Orders will be accepted until November 25, the day before Thanksgiving. Shirts should be ready for pick up on December 14, in time for Christmas giving. Please fill out the order form that was included in last week's Blue Note and return it with payment to the school office. Additional order forms can also be picked up in

the office. Specialty items (ie. Jackets, denim shirts) may be ordered upon request. If you have any questions, contact Michelle at 564-2019.

#### **CABIN FEVER RELIEVER**

This year's first Cabin Fever Reliever will be held tomorrow, Nov. 19. Do you have an energetic youngster who would enjoy running freely in a large gymnasium? Everyone is welcome and it's FREE. Join us tomorrow morning from 8:30 – 10:00 AM. If you have any questions, you can call the school office at 564-2664 or Michelle at 564-2019.

#### **SCRIP WANTS YOU TO KNOW.....**

that there is Scrip for the hunters and sportsmen! Cabela's can be ordered. Gander Mountain and Daane Ace Hardware is available in the Scrip Store. Stop in today!

#### **THANK YOU, THANK YOU**

The Auction committee is pleased to report that we collected \$500 for Tesoros de Dios and \$450 for library books. The \$500 will help our Unity Groups in their efforts to support the children in Nicaragua and the \$450 will be spent for books for our library. Thank you for your support!!

#### **CARDS & NAPKINS AVAILABLE FOR SALE**

The Grandparents' Club recently received a shipment of Thanksgiving and Christmas cards and napkins. You can view and purchase these items by stopping in the school office.

# The GRACE Place

#### **SCRIP**

Are you thinking about using Scrip certificates for Christmas gifts? These make great stocking stuffers, send easily in the mail, and are just the right size and color; no need to exchange them!

Please be aware that our last order date will be December 11. That way we can be sure that you will receive it by Christmas. Remember there are many stores that we don't carry in our Scrip Store but are available through Scrip. Some suggestions are listed on the back of the yellow order sheet, but many more are available "in the office" or online at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com).

Are you buying for a teen for Christmas? You can order Aeropostle (at Bayshore Mall) American Eagle, and J. Crew Scrip. Available in the Scrip store are iTunes, Game Stop, and Bath and Body Works (11%!), Marcus Theaters, and ColdStone Creamery.

#### **HEART FOR EDUCATION AUCTION**

We are pleased to be able to report that the auction made around \$15,000. We are still collecting funds as well as paying bills, but the committee is grateful to the Lord for providing a good crowd of people as well as many with generous hearts during this kind of economy. As we have visited with several of you in getting some issues straightened out, you have been most supportive and encouraging. Thanks so much and may God bless you.

We have some items that have not sold. If you would like to purchase any of the following, please call Jocelyn Wiebe on her cell phone to make arrangements for pick-up 287-1111.

- Tickets for Men of Harmony concert this Saturday, November 21, or tickets for Men of Harmony concert on April 24. Value \$100—make us an offer!
- Do you have a wedding or prom event in your family? You might want to let OCS benefit. This is a certificate for \$50 off the cost of limo service from Stardust Executive Limousine.
- Have a bare wall in your home? Ron VanderPol would love to come to your home for four hours and paint something beautiful for you. Value \$100.
- You can still take advantage of an all-sport adult season ticket to SCCHS. There are basketball games, and all spring events that many of you would enjoy. Value \$180.
- If you need a new one or to update your existing estate plan, you can get that for free at Rice and Bohrofen, Attorneys at Law. This would carry a \$200-\$300 value.
- If you enjoy car racing, we have two tickets to Road America for next season. Make an offer.
- You can still enjoy family time in your pool next summer with a volleyball net. Value \$25.00.
- There are still three sunflower bouquets available from Doris Hendrikse for next season. Value \$30 each.
- There are also gift certificates from  
Lakeshore Hair  
Family Video  
Build A Bear Workshop  
Oil, Lube and Filter from Mueller  
Lakeshore Lanes  
Art's Display  
Candy Creations

## SAVE THE DATE

Our spring event, Night of Praise, will be held on April 17, 2010. Plans are being made to have a “retro” event of sorts—looking a lot like the Hostess Supper that we had for many years! Put this date on your calendar and watch for more information as it becomes available.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEMORIAL MALL “A”CHIEVERS PROGRAM

Memorial Mall will again reward those students who strive to make “A’s”. Students just need to bring their Report Card to the mall office Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM and 5:00PM and register for every “A” that they receive. The mall will draw for a winner the first weekday of every month. The student that is drawn from the entries will win a \$25 Memorial Mall Gift Card. Each student that enters can also nominate a teacher who can also win a \$25 Memorial Mall gift card.

### CHRISTMAS CANDLIGHT HOME TOUR

Please join us for the Joy of Christmas Candlelight Home Tour on Wednesday, December 9, from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. hosted by the Oostburg Christian Reformed Church Youth Group Thailand Mission Trip Team. Your \$5 ticket will admit you to six homes beautifully decorated for the Christmas season and a dessert reception at the church anytime during or after your tour. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Vicki Westerbeke (564-2442) or e-mailing Angie De Blaey at [deblaeyr@charter.net](mailto:deblaeyr@charter.net). Tickets will also be available to purchase the day of the event at Oostburg CRC. Get your family in the Christmas spirit by attending the Joy of Christmas Festival on Wednesday, December 9, from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Oostburg CRC hosted by the Youth Group Thailand Mission Trip Team. The festival will feature a reading of the Christmas story, carolers, horse and carriage rides and snacks and drink. Admission is by donation.

### MOMS IN TOUCH

All OCS Moms: Please join us on Thursday mornings in the school library from 10:30-11:45 AM for a time of prayer for your child and our school. If you can't make it every week, that is okay. Come when you are able. If you have little ones, we have FREE childcare. Infants are cared for in the First CRC nursery and older ones can run and play in the OCS gym. Please join us for this encouraging and fulfilling time to draw near to God. Please call Sue Dykstra at 564-4212 to sign up your child for FREE childcare. *Lamentations 2:19: “Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street”.*

### OOSTBURG RECREATION/FITNESS PROGRAMS

The winter schedule for the Oostburg area Recreation/Fitness classes is available in the O.C.S. office. You can also call Jen Swart at 564-2346 xt. 1151 or e-mail her at [jenn.swart@oostburg.k12.wi.us](mailto:jenn.swart@oostburg.k12.wi.us) if you would like more information.

### CALENDAR

November 25

Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day  
NO HOT LUNCH  
1:20 PM Dismissal

November 26 & 27

Thanksgiving Break-No School

**NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN**

\*December Hot Lunch Order Form

\*Scrip Form