

**HOME BULLETIN**  
**November 25, 2009**

*“Come let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving  
And extol Him with music and song.”*

*Psalm 95:1 – 2*

**The staff wishes all our families and friends a blessed Thanksgiving season.**

**PRAYER REQUEST**

Please pray for Don Wilterdink (Dad to Dawson in 4<sup>th</sup> grade) who was injured in a farm accident this past weekend. Please pray Donnie recovers quickly after surgery on his hip so he can get back to the work he loves on his farm. Thank you.

**PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES**

The teachers and administration thank our parents for attending the annual Fall Parent / Teacher Conferences. One of the key ingredients to a successful, Christian school is open lines of communication between school and home. Please continue to pray for our teachers and all the children in school. Pray we may be faithful to God as we teach, discipline, and nurture the faith of these children. Thank you for your prayers.

**THANK YOU!!!**

The staff would like to thank the first grade moms for providing us with a delicious lunch last Thursday. It was a very nice treat and we appreciate your generous efforts.

**PICTURE RETAKES**

Picture retakes will take place NEXT Wednesday, December 2, immediately after school begins. Students who are having their picture retaken must return their original photo package to the photographer that day.

**PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER**

It's the first Class of 2010 fundraiser!! Eighth grade students need everyone's help. They need you to ask friends, neighbors, and family members to come to the Pizza Ranch on Monday, December 7. The class makes money from tips and from total profits for the evening. They will have a successful evening only if you come, and encourage others to come also. Tell everyone to join the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for a great buffet at the "Ranch"!

**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 go to [www.whbl.com](http://www.whbl.com) and click on "Cancellations" on the left side of the home page. 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).

**CHRISTMAS PROJECT AT O.C.S.**

This year's Christmas project is actually a continuation of a project we 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 developmentally disabled children 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 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.

Please remind your children of this project. This Christmas we will not be exchanging gifts in our classrooms, and we are asking children not to bring a gift for their teachers. Instead we would like our children to bring any money they would normally spend on these gifts to their Unity Group to support their child. Please help us share Christ's love this Christmas and throughout the school year in Nicaragua. Thank you.

### **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.

### **NEW TESTAMENT GIFT BAGS**

The Promotion committee has made New Testaments available to all of our families in a nice gift bag for \$1.00 each. This is a creative way to spread the Good News to others this holiday season. The gift bags include an invitation which you can fill out to invite others to visit your church also. Please stop in the school office if you are interested in picking up some of these bags.

### **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	2.5%
48 month	\$2,500.00	3.00%
60 month	\$5,000.00	4.00%
10 Year	\$10,000.00	5.00%

### **BRRR!!!**

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.

### **CABIN FEVER RELIEVER**

The next Cabin Fever Reliever date is next Thursday, December 3. Do you have an energetic youngster who would enjoy running freely in a large gymnasium? Everyone is welcome and it's FREE. Join us next Thursday 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 the last order date for Scrip will be December 11. There will be the regular Scrip certificates and cards available in the store until school closes on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. But remember, there are no guarantees with shipping and restocking this time of year. ORDER EARLY!

#### **THANK YOU**

Our school has recently received a check from Good Search for \$102. We thank you for supporting this website by using it every time you search as we receive \$.01 each time you use Good Search. Please make [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) your default search engine, designate our school as your favorite charity and your favorite school will benefit!!!

#### **YOUR IDEAS ARE NEEDED**

It has been suggested that our school research the possibility of a 5 on 5 outdoor soccer tournament. Many of our families are involved in this sport with their students already and we are looking for anyone who may be interested in helping with this type of fund-raiser. If so, please e-mail Becky Zylstra, GRACE president @ [thezylstras@wi.rr.com](mailto:thezylstras@wi.rr.com).

# The GRACE Place

#### **SCRIP**

Attached to today's blue note is an orange sheet with Travel Scrip Order information. Our Scrip team has compiled a list of items that are available for those of you who are traveling. Some of these items are in our Scrip store, some will need to be ordered. So look it over and stop in soon!

If you have parents or grandparents who go south for the winter, encourage them to stock up before they leave!

Christmas shopping and Scrip go hand in hand:

- ➡ Buy Scrip for your gasoline needs while driving around looking for just the right item (remember Kwik Trip is still 8% for this school year!)
- ➡ Buy Scrip for lunch on those shopping days
- ➡ Buy Scrip to pay your Kohl's bill in December and January
- ➡ Buy Scrip for many stores where you are shopping: Shopko, Walmart, TJMaxx, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Sonlight Books, Pier One, and more
- ➡ Buy Scrip to go relax at the movies after shopping!

Only two more ordering weeks before Christmas so get your special orders in soon! We'll keep the store stocked as much as possible, but please don't wait until the last minute. We may not have what you need!

## **A SHEBOYGAN PRESS SUBSCRIPTION OR RENEWAL WOULD MAKE A GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT!**

Do you or someone you know subscribe to the Sheboygan Press? Be sure to use the mail-in renewal service (rather than the automatic E-Z pay) and when you do we get a 5% rebate: 2% will go to the school, and 3% to the account of your choice. Just send your renewal slip along with your check made out to Oostburg Christian School to the office and we will renew your subscription today.

## **HEART FOR EDUCATION AUCTION**

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 for 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 **is now just one** sunflower bouquet available from Doris Hendrikse for next season. Value \$30.
- 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

## **CHARGER SHOOT-OUT**

**January 28-30, 2010—Girls' Tournament**

**February 4-6, 2010—Boys' Tournament**

The Charger Shoot-out Planning Committee is already in full swing and we ask your prayers for the following:

- Pray for the committee that the work of their hands will be blessed (Ps 90:17).
- Pray for many generous people and businesses to be able to step forward as sponsors.
- Pray for coaches and teams to sign up to play.
- Pray for the kitchen chairs as they plan menus and grocery orders.
- Pray that God is glorified in all that we do.

## **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 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Break-No School
December 1	B-Ball Boys7/8 vs HF 5:30 Gifls7/8 vs HF 6:30
December 2	Picture Retakes 8:30 AM Nacho Lunch
December 3	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30 – 10:00 AM B-Ball Girls5/6 vs StJ 5:00 Boys5/6 vs HF 6:00
December 7	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

**NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN**

- \*December Calendar
- \*December Interest Wheel
- \*Travel Scrip Order Form