

**HOME BULLETIN**  
**November 26, 2008**

***“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good;  
His love endures forever.” Psalm 118:1***

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

**PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES**

The teachers and administration of O.C.S. thank all parents for their presence at our Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences. Communication is the key to having a successful school, and these conferences help make that possible. Please continue to pray for all the students and the staff of OCS. Thank you.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please continue to pray for Jocelyn VerVelde, oldest child of our PE teacher . Mrs. Margaret VerVelde. Jocelyn will have surgery on Friday to help regulate her heartbeat.

Also, please continue to pray for Mrs. Marlene Kuiper. Mrs. Kuiper was our kindergarten teacher for many years and retired after the 2005 . 06 school year. Mrs. Kuiper has been diagnosed with cancer and will be meeting with doctors to determine how best to fight the disease.

Finally, please pray for the many families who will be traveling during the Thanksgiving holidays.

**SNOW REMOVAL JOB**

O.C.S. is in urgent need of someone to remove snow from sidewalks and entrances around the school. The school owns its own rider-snow blower and will pay for all gas. Pay will be \$12 per hour. Please call Mr. Curt Claerbaut (564-3758 at home) or Mr. Bob Adams (564-2664 at school) for more information. Thank you.

**WE COULD USE YOUR TALENT**

We are looking for a volunteer who would help write articles and put together the Our Witness every other month. It is a shortened version as you may have noticed last month and when it is prepared, it will need to be sent out. If this sounds interesting to you, you have computer skills, and are familiar with the Publisher program; you may enjoy this work very much. Please call Joyce Eggebee--564-2678--or leave your contact information with Barb Nyenhuis in the office. We appreciate that you would consider helping the school in this way.

**RE-ACCREDITATION**

Each family received at least one copy of the survey for our re-accreditation process in the Report Card envelopes. We appreciate those who responded. If you would still like your opinion heard here as we go through our self-study, please turn them into the office by December 10. Thanks so much.

**O.C.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Please reserve Thursday, December 18, for our all-school Christmas concert. The concert will be held in the O.C.S. gym beginning at 7:00 PM. All students, 4K . 8<sup>th</sup> 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 cloths from previous years.

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

Christmas is a time of giving. This year we have a wonderful opportunity to give to others in the name of our Savior. Our Christmas project is to help the hill tribe people in Thailand. For only \$700 we can build an orphanage in Baan Naakklang Village, and also care for the orphans. The children will be given food, shelter, and biblical training. Another \$1250 can supply Baan Naakklang with a water system that will help this village be self sustaining. This system would provide clean water for the people, and irrigate fields, providing a rice crop that can be used and some sold for income. Only \$625 more would help Palambi Village clear land and purchase seeds in order to grow its own food supply. We are encouraging students to give up a Christmas gift and give the money, or to do some jobs and earn money to give. We have so much! What a privilege to be able to give as we have been blessed. % ..freely you have received, freely give.+ Matt. 10:8b

**ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEES DUE**

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 - \$15                      7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> girls or boys - \$20

### **BASKETBALL SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Please note that the 5/6 girls basketball game on Dec. 11 vs. St. Mary's will begin at 4:30 PM instead of 5:30.

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

### **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).

### **O.C.S. 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 Nov. 12 Blue Note, and turn it in to the office, with payment, by December 4. Extra order forms are also available in the office. These make great Christmas gifts and will be ready before Christmas break. For more information, contact the office or Michelle at 564-2019.

### **CANDY CANE SALE!**

Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, begins our third annual candy cane sale. All proceeds will go to benefit a local family in need. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be selling the candy canes during the junior high lunch break and during the all-school morning recess.

### **WE'VE GOT PIZZA**

Want a quick and easy meal over the Thanksgiving weekend when you have family and friends over? Just stop in and pick up pizzas to go. They are ready to pop in your oven- just stop by the office to pay for what you take along!

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OCS Gift Wrapping and Bake Sale** - A group of people have accepted the "make it grow" challenge and are organizing a gift wrap and bake sale to help raise money for the school. Get your calendars and mark the time and dates and then pray about how you might be involved. Here is a list of our needs:

- Adults and students who will bake holiday cookies and candies and package them to sell at our bake sale.
- People to wrap gifts.
- Public relations people who will invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to come and have their gifts wrapped and shop our bake sale.
- Support of OCS families through prayer and participation.

**Dates** are Tuesday, December 16 from 3:30 - 8:00 p.m. and Friday, December 19 from 3:30- 8:00 p.m. Call Patti at 564-3221 to join this exciting opportunity.

\*Attention, Moms! Here is an opportunity for you to become part of a group called Moms In Touch International. It is a group of mothers who meet for one hour each week to pray for their children and the schools they attend. A new group is being formed at Oostburg Christian School. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday in the school library from 10:30 - 11:45 AM beginning in January. Childcare will be provided. If you are interested in being a part of this praying support group, please contact Sue Dykstra 564-4212 or [susandykstra@wi.rr.com](mailto:susandykstra@wi.rr.com).

Would you be willing to offer childcare on a Thursday morning so Moms can gather to pray for their children and Oostburg Christian School? It would be from 10:15 until noon the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month beginning in January. If you could help even once a month it would be greatly appreciated. Questions and more details... please call Sue Dykstra 564-4212.

\*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. There is one course date yet on Dec. 6. The class runs from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

# The GRACE Place

## THANK YOU

We have recently received a check from Schoolpop. We thank you for supporting this website through which you can shop and the school gets the benefit. This program has been renamed One Cause. If you are doing any online shopping, just check out the merchants at [www.onecause.com](http://www.onecause.com) and choose Oostburg Christian as your charity of choice. We will benefit from your shopping without you doing anything extra!

## MAKE IT GROW

We have had several families come forward to contact us about the auction funds that could be used for a project and make our money grow. If you would like some funds for a family project to make it grow, just contact Joyce Eggebeen 564-2678. You may see requests in the blue note from these families who are looking for your support.

## SCRIP

Christmas shopping and Scrip goes hand in hand:

- ➡ Buy Scrip for your gasoline needs while driving around looking for just the right item (remember Kwik Trip is only 20% for this school year!)
- ➡ Buy Scrip where you are going to stop 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, more
- ➡ Buy Scrip to go relax at the movies after shopping!

Only two more ordering days 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!

FYI: The Scrip Store won't re-open after the holidays until Jan 8. The Great Lakes Scrip Center is closed and so our Scrip committee will do inventory and close out the books. That means your tuition accounts will realize the bonus before semester ends!!

Keep shopping!!

## SHEBOYGAN PRESS

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.

\*Maywood Environmental Park Winter Programs Info.

### CALENDAR

November 27 & 28	Thanksgiving Break
December 2	B-Ball Girls7/8 vs SJB 5:00 Boys7/8 @ HF 5:30
December 3	Chicken Patty Lunch 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch Buddies
December 4	B-Ball Boys5/6 @ SJB6 5:30

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**NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN**

\*December Calendar/December Interest Wheel