

**November 4, 2009**

**END OF QUARTER, REPORT CARDS & PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

The first quarter ends this Friday, November 6. Report cards will be sent home the following Friday, November 13; and Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, November 16 & 17. Middle school parents, please ask your children if they have completed their Accelerated Reader points.

**GRADE 6 – 8 HOMEWORK IS ONLINE**

Please remember that all homework given to 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students can be found online. Simply go to our school website at [www.oostburgchristian.com](http://www.oostburgchristian.com). Please use the side bar and click on *Middle School*. From there simply click on *Assignments/Parent Notes*. You will see each teacher's name. Click on the teacher whose assignment you are searching for and you will be sent to the correct assignment page. You no longer have to worry about your child leaving his or her homework assignment at school.

**OCS Speech Festival –Great Job Everyone!!**

More than sixty students in grades 5-8 participated in the OCS Speech Festival, Thursday evening. Congratulations goes to each of them for a great evening of performances. Two students groups from each category will compete in the District Festival in Randolph on Nov. 13. Many thanks are also extended to the judges who contributed their time to encourage our students in this event. Judges included: Willie Gesch, Sheri Gulke, Nancy DeJong, Art DeJong, Joyce Eggebeen, Lori Weavers, MaryJane Gruett, Elwood Wynveen, Pastor Gordon Oliver, and Pastor Ben Johnson.

**PARENT / BOARD MEETING**

The evenings of November 5 and November 10, beginning at 7 pm, have been reserved for times when the Board can hear from parents concerning the issues of an early registration (in late February?) with some type of down payment for the upcoming school year. This early registration would help the board in developing a budget to be voted on in May at our Annual Association Meeting. Please pick one of these nights and join the board for this discussion. We are a parent-run school and desire your input.

Agenda for Parent / Board Meeting

7 pm Open in prayer

Date of pre-registration

Pre-registration fee

Reasons for change

Tuition payment method - should OCS go the same route as SCCHS?

Close in prayer

**GRANDPARENTS/FRIENDS DAY – NOVEMBER 25**

This year, Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day is scheduled for 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. Students in grades K-8 have already filled out their invitations. If you know of anyone who may enjoy spending the day with us, please stop by the school office and pick up an invitation.

### **EARLY RELEASES IN NOVEMBER**

Due to Parent / Teacher Conferences, there are several Early Release dates in the month of November. **Tuesday, November 17**, we will dismiss at 1:20 so teachers may prepare for the evening Parent / Teacher Conferences. **Wednesday, November 18**, is our normal "third Wednesday of the month early release day." Finally, **Wednesday, November 25**, is also a 1:20 dismissal. This day before Thanksgiving vacation is our annual Grandparents' Day. Please write these early release dates on your calendar. Thank you.

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

While you are setting aside dates, 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. Question?? 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.

### **NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

Recently a donation was made to our Music Room by Mr. Roger DeMaster. Mr. DeMaster made 12 boxes for the xylophone bell sets to improve the storage of the bells.

Thank you, Mr. DeMaster for your work of service to OCS!

### **H1N1 FLU IMMUNIZATIONS**

Oostburg Christian School will be hosting an H1N1 Immunization Clinic for any of our students whose parents are interested in having them immunized. These immunizations are free and will be given sometime in early November – when the vaccine becomes available. Terri Joose RN, former parent at OCS, has graciously offered to coordinate this clinic at OCS, SCS and SCCHS. You will be receiving a packet of information sometime in the near future. If you are a registered nurse and are willing to help with the immunizations, please call the school office. Thank you!

### **AFTERNOON CARE**

Afternoon Care is available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Prepaid cards can be purchased in the school office. PLEASE NOTE: There is no Afternoon Care on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or on our once-a-month early release Wednesdays.

### **DEER HUNTERS**

When you bag that buck, don't forget Miesfeld's Scrip when you pay for the processing! Get 5% back towards your tuition!

### **CARDS AND NAPKINS FOR SALE**

A new supply of greeting cards and dinner napkins has arrived – especially for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sale of these items raises funds for our Kash for Kids program. Please stop in the school office if you are interested in seeing or purchasing any of these items.

**HOMEMADE PIZZAS STILL AVAILABLE!** There are still homemade pizza's in the freezer at school. Stop in the office for a price list and help yourself. These extras are only while supplies last, so hurry in for the best selection.

### **AUCTION LIST**

A list is attached to the blue note today, but keep checking online as that will be the most current items: [www.oostburgchristian.com](http://www.oostburgchristian.com), click on GRACE, then Auction Items 2009

**BASKETBALL PARENTS AND PLAYERS**– The game schedule is now on the OCS website. In the “Middle School” section, go to “Extra-curricular” for a calendar of all games. If you prefer a list format of the games you can then go to the “sports” section listed under “Extra-curricular”.

### **ATTENTION PARENTS OF VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS**

Please return all washed volleyball uniforms to Mr. Modahl

**BRRRRRR!!!!** 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.

### **OCS Bank Collection Project**

Thank-you for all the contributions to the OCS Bank Collection Project. We have raised over \$1500 for Christian education. Please continue to collect your spare change for next year – and don’t forget the prayers! They really do make a difference.

### **DID YOU KNOW.....**

that you can buy Scrip for your auction purchases? Yes, until this Friday, November 6, at 3:30. This helps your tuition account as well as helps the school with your auction purchases. Please consider buying Scrip for the auction!

### **WE COULD USE....**

one more silver crock pot for serving at the auction. Please call Andrea DuMez 564-5102. Thanks.

### **OCS Clothing**

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 by @ December 14, in time for Christmas giving. Please fill out the order form in this blue note and return it with payment to the school office.

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

### **WE NEED HELP THIS THURSDAY!**

Andrea DuMez can use your help this Thursday from 8:30 – 11:00, or Friday morning 9:00-1:00 p.m. or all day on Saturday. No prior experience necessary—walk-ins welcome. Please call her if you have any questions-564-5102. Thank you in advance for helping with our delicious auction food.

November 5 OCS Discussion Group

- 6 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
Auction Preview
- 7 Auction
- 10 OCS Discussion Group

**NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN**

\*Auction List

# The GRACE Place

**Preview Night Friday, November 6 – 6:00- 8:00 p.m.**

**Only 3 more days to the auction!**

**Heart for Education Auction-**

***“Home for the Holidays”***

**November 7, 2009**

**Doors open at 4:00 and Silent Auction begins**

**Buffet dinner served between 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. (\$8.00 per person—no reservations needed for the buffet meal)**

**Admission is free!**

**Dessert auction at 6:30 p.m.**

**Live Auction begins at 7:00 p.m.**

**Check out the workers at the end of these announcements and be sure to help where we have you signed up. Thanks so much!**

Some last minute items just in:

- Elk Hunting in Bend, Oregon, next season.
- Two lovely baskets by Joan Flipse and Janet Klompenhouwer
- Gorgeous centerpiece by Dan Sonnentag
- Mrs. Edwards will serve on any Friday in January or February 2010, between 11:30-12:30 a melt in your mouth, fall off the ribs Memphis barbaque with all the fixings for a student and friend.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade basket is Fantasy/Adventure books, audio books for middle school students w/ blanket.
- \$25 gift certificate to Candy Creations—candy bouquets
- Industrial Impact Wrench valued at \$300 from Hagemeyer.
- Student Hot Lunch at OCS from Dec '09 –May '10
- Golf at the Bull and Town and Country
- Alsum's Sweet Corn and Fall Displays

- Handmade bird feeder and mailbox by Ralph VerVelde
- Decorative Benches by Dwight Ludens

Many have told us how much they appreciate this auction list. Check it out at:

[WWW.OOSTBURGCHRISTIAN.COM](http://WWW.OOSTBURGCHRISTIAN.COM),

click on GRACE, then Auction Items 2009

### **Check out the apple trees at the auction!**

You will have the opportunity to purchase apples to support Michelle Adams at Tesoros de Dios, a school for children with handicaps in Nicaragua. You can also purchase a bookworm and support our own library here at Oostburg Christian. Various ages and prices will be available. These are also available for sale on Preview Night!

#### **AUCTION SET-UP:**

Wednesday, November 4	4:00-8:00	Saturday, November 7	9:00-1:00
1. Kevin Ludens		1. Jodi Raih	
2. Steve Smies		2. Denise Forester	
		3. Jen Ludens	
Thursday, November 5	3:30-8:30	Saturday, November 7	1:00-5:00
1. Marjorie Oliver		1. Heather Johnson	
2. Scott Winkel		2. Elaine Kappers	
3. Jackie Daane		3. Jen Ludens	
4. Wendy Eckwielen			
Friday, November 6	8:30-12:30	Saturday, November 7	4:00-8:00
1. Todd Johnson		1. Karen Hinz	
2. Shannon Gartman		2. Rob Hinz	
		3. Denise Forester	

#### **FOOD PREP**

Friday, November 6	9:00-1:00
1. Michelle LeMahieu	
2. Tammy Stecker	
3. Heather Johnson	

#### **AUCTION TAKE-DOWN**

Saturday, November 7	9:00pm-11:00ish
(1/2 Project)	
1. Dale Stecker	
2. Tammy Stecker	
3. Scott Winkel	

If you would like to help with some of the Food Prep, all willing workers are welcome at any of the times available. This wonderfully delicious meal would not happen without a lot of extra help and we appreciate it ALL.

#### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **CABIN FEVER RELIEVER**

Cabin Fever Reliever begins a new season on November 19. Do you have an energetic youngster that would enjoy running freely in a large gymnasium? ALL are welcome, and it's FREE!! Join us at Oostburg Christian School on certain Thursdays from 8:30 - 10:00am. If you have any questions, call the school office at 564-2664 or Michelle at 564-2019.

### CRC YOUTH GROUP THAILAND MISSION TRIP TEAM PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER

This event will be held on November 30. Let us serve you to raise funds in support of Dave and Jan Veldhorst in Bangkok, Thailand

### LOL (LIVE OUT LOUD) TEE SHIRTS

We still have some LOL tees for sale – many youth sizes left for \$12.00 each. Please call Wendy Eckwielen at 694-0819 for details.

### ATTENTION... ALL OOSTBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MOMS!

Please join us on Thursday mornings in the school library from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. 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 1<sup>st</sup> CRC church nursery and older ones can run and play in the 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".*

### ARISE! CRY OUT! NOVEMBER 14 9A.M. TO 1P.M.

Our children are in desperate need of our prayers. Will you join with women from around the world as we pour out our hearts to the Lord for the lives of the children in our communities and around the world? Moms In Touch International is hosting Arise! Cry Out!, a worldwide day of extraordinary prayer for children and schools on November 14.

Join us, at any church in Oostburg from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 14 as we participate in this worldwide event. Bethel, First Reformed, First Presbyterian and the Christian Reformed Church will be participating as well as 600 other sites in 80 different countries! Don't miss this very special opportunity to lift up children and schools in prayer. The event will be lead with a DVD of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Moms In Touch held Oct. 9&10 in San Diego, CA. Register now at [www.MomsInTouch.org](http://www.MomsInTouch.org). or by filling out a registration form at school. For more information please contact Sue Dykstra, 564-4212, [susandykstra@wi.rr.com](mailto:susandykstra@wi.rr.com) or Vicki Swart, 564-3807, [jimswart@juno.com](mailto:jimswart@juno.com) or Marie Veldboom 564-3585.

A MEN'S EVENT will be held the same morning from 9am-10:30a.m. in the new Ministry Building next to Bethel Church. Childcare will be provided at all churches from 8:45 - 10:30 a.m.

THE SCCHS DRAMA DEPARTMENT, in joint ministry with the Southside Alliance Church, will present the family comedy, *Here We Go Again!*, on November 12, 13, & 14, 2009 AT the Southside Alliance Church, 4321 County Road A, Sheboygan. Join the Dent family on a comical road trip from Iowa to California. Doors open for dessert ticket holders at 6:45 p.m. with dessert served by the characters at 7:00 p.m. Doors for general admission seating open at 7:20 p.m. and the performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets including dessert are \$10 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens & students (18 and younger) and are available until Monday, November 9. General seating tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors & students (do not include dessert)

and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Purchase/reserve tickets in the SCCHS office or call 458-9981.

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**Oostburg Christian School Shirts  
Featuring OCS Crest**

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

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