

HOME BULLETIN
November 5, 2008

SPECIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Please join the school Board for a special Association Meeting scheduled for NEXT TUESDAY, November 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on a Constitutional change being brought by the Board to the Association. The purpose of the Constitutional change is to clarify who may be employed to teach at Oostburg Christian School. A cover letter and details of the proposed change are being sent to all parents. Please set aside this evening and join us for this important meeting. If you have any questions please call Mr. Adams at school (564-2664). Thank you.

THANK YOU MRS. SLOTMAN

Please join me in thanking Mrs. Slotman for her service at Oostburg Christian School. Today was her last day here. She is moving on to full-time employment in Port Washington. May God bless you in your new endeavor, Mrs. Slotman!

THANK YOU, MRS. HANCOCK AND MR. SLIEKERS

Please join me in thanking Mrs. Hancock and Mr. Sliekers for all the work done in preparing our students for the 5th – 8th grade Speech and Spelling Contest. Last Thursday night was a time of excitement as each student performed at least one speech. All students in grades 5 – 8 will travel to Randolph on Friday, November 14, for the district contest. Those who scored highest in our school contest will perform again, and the other students will be there to encourage them. If any parents need directions to Randolph, please ask the school office. Thank you.

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 economic needs brought on by our nation's economy - we will begin the food drive today. Students are invited to bring in non-perishable food items for the next three 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 this Blue Note for more information.

STUDENT PHOTOS

Student photos were sent home last week. Retake day is scheduled for next Thursday, November 13 at 9:00 AM. If your student is having his/her picture retaken, they must return the full original package to the photographer on retake day.

NO MORE SHORTS!

The O.C.S. dress code matches the seasons when it comes to students wearing shorts. When "winter parking rules" change on November 1, so does our dress code. There will be no shorts allowed until spring when "winter parking rules" change again.

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.

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.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent / Teacher Conferences will be held the evenings of November 17 & 18. 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.

EARLY RELEASES IN NOVEMBER

November is a month with three "Early Release Days". On **Tuesday, November 18**, we will dismiss at 1:20 so our teachers have time to prepare for the second evening of Parent/Teacher Conferences. **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).

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!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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

**“Tis the Season”—Heart for Education
Auction—this week Saturday,**

November 8, 2008

Friday, November 7 is Preview Night

6:00-8:00 p.m.

(“Apples for the Teachers” will be for sale on Friday as well)

ONLINE AUCTION—BIDDING CLOSSES ONLINE TOMORROW!

HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE WEBSITE?

www.oostburgchristian.cmarket.com

Doors open on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and

Silent Auction and buffet opens,

Silent Auction tables begin to close

at 5:30 p.m

Live Auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

(Sorry no credit cards accepted this year.)

PREVIEW NIGHT—Friday, November 7

Be sure to join us on this Friday night from 6:00-8:00 to preview all the items for the auction. We will give every child attending the Preview Night an opportunity to put their name in for a door prize drawing to be held on Saturday night. Parents must be present at time of drawing on Saturday for the child to win.

**THERE ARE SO MANY EXCITING THINGS GOING ON AT
OUR AUCTION THIS YEAR—
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**

- ➡ **'TIS THE SEASON**—items from every season, for every season!
- ➡ **ONLINE AUCTION**—just go to www.oostburgchristian.cmarket.com and bid until Thursday!
- ➡ **BUFFET DINNER**—lovely meal served, asking \$5.00 donation per person
- ➡ **CASH AND CARRY**—take along Food, Entertainment and Business certificates at face value.
- ➡ **APPLES FOR SALE**—buy an “apple” from the tree and help a teacher and a classroom!
- ➡ **CENTERPIECES FOR SALE**—our lovely centerpieces will again be for sale—buy one for yourself or as a gift.
- ➡ **10% OF OUR PROFITS WILL GO TO TESOROS DE DIOS**, a school for handicapped in Nicaragua, directed by OCS alum, Michelle Adams.

CALENDAR

November 7	End of 1 st Qtr. Heart for Education Auction Preview
November 8	Heart for Education Auction
November 11	Association Meeting 7:00 PM
November 12	Pizza Lunch 1 st Grade Lunch Buddies
November 13	Picture Retakes Hearing Rechecks
November 14	Speech Festival @ Randolph
November 14	Report Cards