

HOME BULLETIN
November 19, 2008

SPEECH & SPELLING FESTIVAL

Congratulations Dist. IV Speech Festival participants! Forty-five students from grades 5-8 won 45 blue ribbons at the District IV Speech Festival held in Randolph last Friday. Mrs. Hancock noted that this is the first time in her 21 years of teaching at O.C.S. that all of O.C.S. entries received first place awards at the district level. Great job students!! Praise the Lord for the gift of speech which God has given our students.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Jocelyn VerVelde, daughter of Mrs. Margaret VerVelde and older sister to Josiah, Jo-Leigh, and Janeese. Jocelyn will have surgery on Friday, November 28, to help regulate her heart beat.

Please pray, too, for Mrs. Marlene Kuiper. Mrs. Kuiper had been our kindergarten teacher for many years. Mrs. Kuiper has been diagnosed with cancer and will be meeting with doctors to discuss how best to fight the disease.

EARLY RELEASE DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday, November 26, will be an early release day as we begin our Thanksgiving celebration. School will dismiss at 1:20, and busses will run at that time. There will be no afternoon care beyond the 1:20 dismissal.

NO HOT LUNCH NEXT WEEK

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 December order form is attached to this Blue Note and is due back NO LATER THAN next MONDAY, NOV. 24. The earlier due date will enable us to get the count to the Hot Lunch Committee by the time we leave for the Thanksgiving break. Your cooperation is appreciated.

GRANDPARENTS' AND GRANDFRIENDS' DAY

Please remind all grandparents and grandfriends that next Wednesday, November 26, is THE day! Invitations were sent out several weeks ago, and we look forward to spending time with our guests in chapel and at other special events throughout the morning. All guests at the chapel will have the opportunity to contribute to our area food drive by bringing non-perishable food items or a money donation to the school. Activities are set to begin at 9:00 AM and will conclude at 11:30. Parents are also invited to our chapel which will begin at approximately 9:15.

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 to economic needs brought on by our nation's economy - we began the food drive last Wednesday. Students are invited to bring in non-perishable food items 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 included in this Blue Note for more information.

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: 5th/6th girls or boys - \$15 7th/8th 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.

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.

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER IS BACK

Oostburg Christian School will once again host playtime for energetic children and their caregivers in our gymnasium. This service is **FREE** and we will meet from 8:30-10am on the following Thursdays: 11/2 (TOMORROW!), 1/15, 2/5, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2 and 4/16. Everyone is invited to attend, whether pre-school, home school, public school or Christian school. Anyone curious to see the rest of the school is welcome to walk through during this time as well. For more information, call 920-564-2664.

TUITION 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 15th 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 last week's 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.

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. We have the database prepared for the mailing. 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 Eggebeen at 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.

PIZZA PIZZA

Please consider buying the pizzas in our freezer for your family. Your family benefits from good pizza, and the school benefits from an emptier freezer for upcoming projects!! Please pick the ones you like and pay for them in the office. Thanks and enjoy!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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 Jensem 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

SCRIP

Remember Scrip is a great idea for your Christmas shopping needs:

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- ➡ You know exactly how much you are spending
- ➡ It fits into stockings well
- ➡ You can use most gift cards online

Start your Christmas shopping in the OCS office today!

CHARGER SHOOTOUT

Please pray for our Charger Shoot-out committee that is gearing up for another great basketball tournament season. We praise God that we are already getting major and three-point sponsors, as well as teams. Ask God for wisdom in the planning and preparations—that all of it will honor him.

COOKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE

Looking for something appreciated by cooks everywhere? We have a nice cookbook available for only \$10. Stop in the office today.

GOOD SEARCH

Will you be doing Christmas shopping online? Start with Good Search. If you use Good Search as your search engine of choice, and designate Oostburg Christian School as your favorite charity, we will receive \$.01 every time you use it! Also, if you use the vendors with GoodShop, we get even more revenue. Please consider making this your default search engine. It costs you nothing!

CALENDAR

November 20	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30-10:00 AM
November 24	Hot Lunch Orders Due
November 26	Grandparents&Grandfriends&Day Chapel 9:15 NO HOT LUNCH
November 27 & 28	1:20 PM Dismissal Thanksgiving Break