



Oostburg Christian

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Mr. Robert Adams, Administrator

"He is like a tree, planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season..."
Psalm 1:3

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"The mission of Oostburg Christian School is to provide a distinctly Christian, quality education which will equip God's children to function as Christians in society, church, and home."

HOME BULLETIN

November 9, 2011

PRAYER

Praise God for a fantastic auction on Saturday night. The decorations in the school gym were beautiful and the atmosphere was friendly and generous. I praise God for our school community – a community bound together by a love for our Triune God and a belief in Christ-centered education.

Please continue to pray for our families. Pray God leads and guides each family as they seek His will for their lives. Thank you.

THANK YOU, GRACE BOARD

Along with praising God for Saturday evening, let us also thank the GRACE Board members and the many volunteers who made the auction so successful. Hard work and the blessings of the creative abilities of many volunteers helped make the night a great success. Please join me in thanking Joyce Eggebeen and the GRACE Auction Committee for spending endless hours making this fund raiser possible. God was certainly praised Saturday evening.

YEARBOOK HOT LUNCH

The jr. high yearbook lunch this coming Monday, November 14, will feature a hot dog and/or a noodle cup for \$1.00 each. Orders will be taken and payment collected during homeroom first thing in the day.

SPEECH AND SPELLING IN DELAVAN

All students in grades 5 – 8 will travel to Delavan this Friday for the Annual Wisconsin Christian Schools Speech and Spelling Festival. Please pray for safe travel as seven Christian schools from around the state will be sending students to this event, and many parents and friends will be traveling also. Travel directions are available on the OCS website by clicking on "School Calendars" on the left side of the home page, then clicking on the Speech event on the November calendar, and selecting "Map to location" and "directions". Or, you may pick them up in the school office.

REPORT CARDS, & PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Report cards will be sent home this Friday, November 11, and Parent- Teacher Conferences are scheduled for NEXT Monday and Tuesday, November 14 & 15. Please make every effort to attend the conference at your scheduled time. The revised conference schedule is attached electronically to this Blue Note. PARENTS: Please check the Lost & Found table outside the school office when you are here for your conference. The Lost & Found bin is overflowing!

EARLY RELEASES IN NOVEMBER

Due to Parent /Teacher Conferences there are several Early Release Dates in the month of November. Next **Tuesday, November 15**, we will dismiss at 1:20 so teachers may prepare for the evening Parent / Teacher Conferences. Next **Wednesday, November 16**, is our normal "third Wednesday of the month early release day." Finally, **Wednesday, November 23**, is also a 1:20 dismissal. This day before Thanksgiving vacation is our annual Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Day. Please write these early release dates on your calendars. Thank you.

BASKETBALL PARTICIPATION FEES DUE

The fee for participating in basketball is due at this time. The fee is \$20 for grades 5 & 6, \$25 for grades 7 & 8, or a maximum yearly fee of \$50 per family.

PICTURE RETAKES

Lifetouch will be here first thing in the morning next Wednesday, November 16, for retakes. Students who are having their picture retaken should bring along their original package to give to the photographer that day. There are order envelopes available in the office for those who have not had their picture taken yet.

GRANDPARENTS' AND GRANDFRIENDS' DAY

Our annual Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Day event will be held on Wednesday, November 23. Invitations were sent out this past Friday. PLEASE NOTE: The day (Wednesday) was correct on the invitation that was sent out but the correct date is NOV. 23. Please inform your grandparents/grandfriends. Students are invited to bring non-perishable food items on that day for the less fortunate. Please join us in making this Thanksgiving event a time of true praise to our faithful Heavenly Father.

O.C.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please mark your calendar: The O.C.S. 4K to 8th grade Christmas concert will be held on Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 PM in the O.C.S. gym. Students are asked to wear concert attire – black bottoms and white tops.

DO YOU NEED A PLACE FOR YOUR PARTY?

Oostburg Christian School rents both the gym and student center to anyone interested in using one or the other for a party. The charges for the gym or student center are \$80.00 for 1 – 4 hours plus \$20 for each additional hour. The charge for use of both gym and student center is \$125.00. Food is only allowed in the student center. If you would like to rent the kitchen, the cost is an additional \$20. For more details, please call the school office.

SCRIP STORE IS OPEN

Another great Scrip week last week with over \$13,500 in sales! We thank you sincerely for your support of this great program!!

There are five more Scrip order days before Christmas—the holiday season is coming quickly. Be sure to look over the list of all vendors available (they are coming home this week in hard copy) to let this excellent program help you do your Christmas shopping.

SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW...

that the Scrip store will be open on Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day!

GOOD SEARCH

Good Search is a search engine (like Google) and every time that you use it for your internet searching, Oostburg Christian School will receive \$.01. Just be sure to designate our school as we are already registered with them. Go to www.goodsearch.com, make it your default search engine, and you help the school each time!

You can also use it for your other online shopping—just click on GoodShop—and the box to the left will tell what percentage of your order will come back to OCS. Thank you for your support.

APPLES ON THE TREE

Thanks for supporting our apples program at the auction. We have some of those left. By buying an apple, you will be supporting our need for new computers and monitors in the lab for next year. Just pick an apple off the tree and bring it to the office with your gift. Our goal is to raise \$3,500. If you are supporting a charity this year for Christmas, thank you for considering this one. Remember, it's for the kids!

HEART FOR EDUCATION AUCTION

It is with grateful hearts, we thank God for a wonderful evening last Saturday night celebrating Christian education. In a beautiful gym, with generous people, we had great food, great fun, and great fellowship. We appreciate your donations, your prayers, your bidding, and your support! Praise the Lord!

We had nearly 350 items available and many opportunities for people interested in all kinds of items—for themselves as well as gifts.

We praise God for the many people who worked to make this possible. Please be sure to thank the following members of the Planning Committee who work tirelessly for this large event:

- Dawn DeMaster, Co-Chair
- Jocelyn Wiebe,
- Denise Foerster
- Jason and Janell Otte

- Jenny LeMahieu,
- Gina Claerbaut
- Andrea DuMez & Georgia Smies in the kitchen and the brilliant Bistro drinks and snacks!
- Dan & Julie Sonnentag on the lovely decorations
- Laurie Ackley (who graciously agreed to come back and help with the details of check-out and follow up work!)
- Jodi Raih—chair of promotion
- Joyce Eggebeen, chair

We will publish auction totals and further information as soon as we have had time to catch our breath and start counting!

UNITY GROUP 'FUN'D RAISER

Congratulations to the Unity Groups 1 and 9 for being the highest total raised at the auction! Both groups will get a party at the Johnson's. **Thank you so much to Todd and Heather for being willing to host both groups.** Details about this will be available as soon as we have arrangements made! Thank you for your support!

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

We want to extend our sincere thanks to Michele Rondeau for her chairmanship of the Volleyball Tournament for the last six years. Her calm demeanor and kind spirit has served well in running a smooth tournament. She will be stepping down from her post as chair for next year, although she will come back to help with refereeing and give tips to the next chair. If you wish to serve the school in this way, this chairmanship position will fulfill all of your GRACE requirements. Please contact Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678 or jeggebeen@wi.rr.com) if you would be willing to use your gifts for this important event. Thanks for prayerfully considering this donation of your time and talent.

COOKBOOKS

Do you need another small gift for someone for a wedding shower? Perhaps a Christmas gift for your hair dresser or some other friend or colleague? Consider giving one of our school cookbooks. Many people love these for their price (\$10), and their usefulness!

COOKIE WALK

The GRACE Board is happy to announce the first annual Cookie Walk. This will be held in our Student Center on December 10, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. **We will need donated Christmas cookies and ask that each family make one batch for this new fund raiser.** The cookies will need to be there on December 8. Please e-mail Becky Zylstra with any questions that you have: thezylstras@wi.rr.com. Cookies will be sold for \$3.00 a dozen.

BANK COLLECTION DEADLINE

If you have not already done so, please drop your OCS bank off at the school office by Wednesday, November 23. Thank you!

PIZZAS

Are you hearing comments from your friends, family, or even your own kids about how great those homemade pizzas are? There are extra pizzas in the kitchen freezer at school. Just stop by, pick some up and stop in the school office to pay for them. Thank you for all of your efforts in making this a great fundraiser!

THAT'S MY PAN! IS BACK.

New brochures can be found in the information rack across from the office. Check out the new products that have been added since our Spring sale. Please turn in all orders, with payment, to the office by Friday, December 2nd. All orders will arrive before school dismisses for Christmas vacation. If you have any questions please contact Nicole Mentink (564-6399).

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL MALL "a"CHIEVERS PROGRAM

Student may bring their report card to the Memorial Mall office Monday thru Friday 9 am to 5 pm and register for every "A" or grade that is equivalent to an "A" per subject that they receive. They will draw for a winner the first weekday of every month. The student that is drawn from the entries will win a \$25.00 Memorial Mall Gift Card. Each student that enters can also nominate a teacher who will also win a \$25.00 Memorial Mall Gift Card. It's that easy!

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

The SCCHS drama department will present "Nothing But the Truth" this Thursday November 10 (noon matinee) and 11 and 12 (7:00 p.m.) at SCCHS. Come experience the fast-paced balance of humor and suspense on an ocean liner around the time of the Titanic – but without the sinking feeling at the end! Reserved seating and general admission bleacher seating are available.

Ticket prices are adults \$8.00, senior citizens \$6.00, and students (age 4-14) \$4.00. For more information and ticket sales, call the school office at 458-9981.

KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This event, sponsored by the Oostburg Kiwanis Club, will be held this Saturday, November 12, at the Oostburg High School cafeteria. Serving will be held from 7:30 to 11:30 AM. Adults - \$5.00, Ages 6-12 - \$3.00, Children under age 6 – Free. Included are all the pancakes you can eat, applesauce, and a beverage. Sausages and extra beverages served a la carte. Proceeds from this event will go toward funding youth projects throughout the community.

CALENDAR

November 10	Gr. 5-8 to SCCHS Play
November 11	Speech Festival @ Delavan Report Cards
November 14	Jr. High Yearbook Lunch Parent/Teacher Conferences Lakeland Math Meet
November 15	1:20 PM Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 16	Picture Retakes 1:20 PM Dismissal
November 17	Cabin Fever Reliever

