

HOME BULLETIN
October 1, 2008

***“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.”***

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS AND GUYS

Wow, what an exciting weekend! No, I am not talking about the Brewers making the playoffs; I am talking about our 7/8 volleyball team and 6/7/8 soccer team for their first place finishes in their respective tournaments. Our volleyball team defeated an excellent Sheboygan Falls team in three sets to finish the annual GRACE Board Volleyball Tournament with a perfect 5 – 0 record. Our soccer team traveled to SCCHS to play games against Central Wisconsin Christian, Randolph Christian, and Sheboygan Christian. Our team won two of the three games they played to take first place in round-robin play. Many thanks go to Mrs. Gina Lemmenes and Mr. Paul Modahl for the fine coaching they do as they prepare our students for interscholastic play. Also, thanks go to Mrs. Michelle Rondeau and Mrs. Janell Otte for their leadership in chairing the GRACE Volleyball Tournament. Most of all we praise God for watching over the young people and keeping everyone safe as they used the talents given to them by their loving Heavenly Father.

ACCREDITATION

Another purpose of the accreditation process OCS is going through is to affirm the contributions of the teachers, staff, administration, and the entire school community in the implementation of our school’s foundational statements. Join me in praising God for all our brothers and sisters in Christ who work to make OCS a distinctly Christian school.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be sent home with students in grades K – 8 this Friday. If you have any questions please call your child’s teacher. Also, please sign and return these reports as soon as possible. Thank you.

STUDENT PICTURE DAY

Student photos will be taken next Thursday morning, October 9. An order envelope is being sent home with each student today. Each student MUST have his or her order envelope, with payment enclosed, with him or her to hand to the photographer that day. If they do not have their order envelope, the student will only have their picture taken for the class composite, but no package will be ordered. All grade K-8 students will have their picture taken for the yearbook, regardless of whether they order a package or not. Students in 4K or younger can also have their pictures taken, but parents must call the office to make appointments for these photos.

VISION SCREENINGS

Shifting of public health resources has required the implementation of a reduced, more targeted vision/hearing program this school year by the Division of Public Health. Our screening day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15. Only kindergarten students will be screened routinely for vision. BUT, any student who is referred by a staff member or by their parents will be screened for vision and/or hearing. If you suspect a vision or hearing problem in your child, and would like them screened, please call the school office at 564-2664 NO LATER THAN 3:30 on Tuesday, Oct. 14 and we will add them to the schedule.

MEDICATION PERMISSION FORMS

Parents: Please remember that if your child has ANY medication in school (in desk, locker, backpack, the office, etc.), whether prescription or non-prescription, you **MUST** have a permission form on file in the office. Please call the office if you need this form.

ROOM PARENTS STILL NEEDED

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be Room Parents. We are in need of several more parents for grades 1 and 8. Please call the school office at 564-2664 if you can help out in this way. Thank you.

IOWA TESTS OF BASIC SKILLS

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills will be given to all students in grades 3 – 8 next week. Please make sure your child is well rested for these tests. OCS uses the ITBS to help assess our school curriculum. The tests are also used to determine the 8th grade Presidential Fitness Award Winners.

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 is offered from 8:30 – 10:00 AM on the following (1st & 3rd) Thursdays: 10/2, 11/20, 1/15, 2/5, 2/15, 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 564-2664.

NATIONAL HEROES EVENT

Please join us at 9:00 AM on Thursday, October 16, as the students and staff at Oostburg Christian School honor our NATIONAL HEROES. We are asking both active and inactive servicemen to join us in a special chapel service where we will thank God for our servicemen, pray for their safety and the needs of their families. We will also be singing patriotic songs and praying for our nation. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the school at 564-2664.

BARNABAS FOUNDATION

We are pleased to announce that the Barnabas Foundation will be in our area next week, October 8 & 9, 2008. If you don't have a Will, or haven't updated your Will and/or estate plan in the last five years, you may want to sit down with Mr. Don Long and go over your documents. Please call Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678) or directly to Barnabas (1-888-448-3040) to make an appointment. This is a free service to you the supporters of our school, and is completely confidential.

MISSED A BLUE NOTE

If you ever miss a Blue Note or have thrown one away and are looking for information, just go online at the school website, www.oostburgchristian.com and look under "School News" / "Weekly Bulletin Archives." Previous Blue Notes will be found in this area. If you need an attachment for a Blue Note that is not located on the web site, please call the school office.

ILLNESSES AND ABSENCES

Please call the school office before 9:00 AM if your child will miss school on a certain day. If you call before office staff is in, you can just leave a message on the answering machine. If we do not hear from you, and your child does not show up for school, we will be calling your home to make sure your child is safe.

BIBLES FOR SALE IN THE OFFICE

NIV Bibles are for sale in the school office. The price is \$7.50.

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. Three different course dates have been set: Oct. 18, Nov. 15 or Dec. 6. All classes run from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

CALENDAR	
Oct. 6-10	Iowa Test of Basic Skills
Oct. 6	8 th Grade Parent Meeting 7:00 PM
Oct. 7	Soccer vs SCS @ SCCHS 4:30 V-Ball @ StJ 5:00
Oct. 8	Baked Potato Lunch
Oct. 9	Picture Day
Oct. 10	Soccer Tourny @ Waupun
Oct. 10 & 11	V-Ball Tourny @ CCA

GRACE The Grace Place

PIZZA SALE—Faye's Pizza

Pizzas can be picked up on October 14 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS AND ORDER

Did you know that you can order or renew your magazines online and realize a 40% profit for your designated account? Just go to our website www.oostburgchristian.com and click on GRACE—everyday. Scroll down to the bottom of the first page and when you click on the QSP logo, you will go directly to their website. We will get the credit for all orders that you place with them. Order and renew before Christmas.

BANKS

The Bank Collection ends on October 8. Please have your banks ready for the route people to pick up or, feel free to continue to drop the banks off in the school office. If you have any questions, please call Sue Radtke at 262-339-7135.

SCRIP

The Scrip Store has been a busy place. **Stop by the office today** and pick up your certificates for gas and groceries. If you are going to have to pay higher prices for these two products anyway, we want your tuition account to benefit from it.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT—September 26 and 27, 2008

Praise God for a wonderful weekend. We don't have any totals yet for the amount raised, but many people enjoyed great food, fellowship and exciting volleyball. We will update you as soon as information becomes available.

Our sincere appreciation to Janell Otte and Michele Rondeau who coordinated all the efforts to make this weekend an exciting time for our school and the many people who participated in any way—whether watching or playing.

'TIS THE SEASON—Heart for Education Auction—November 8, 2008

Our theme this year is *'Tis the Season*. The auction will be held in the gym and be decorated in all four seasons. Centerpieces that have been donated will be available for sale featuring all sorts of seasons and you can see them on the Friday night preview. You'll surely find something to spruce up your table or foyer from these delightful items.

Something new this year: we will be holding the auction in our gymnasium—we've outgrown the Student Center!!! Great food (by Andrea and her committee) will tickle your palette, great decorations by Nicole Mentink, Liz Weavers and Dawn DeMaster will enhance your senses, and great items by generous donors will be a delight.

This is an evening that you won't want to miss.