

October 14, 2009

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW OR FRIDAY

This is just a reminder that there will be no school Thursday and Friday. The teachers will be attending a "mini-convention" that will focus on distinct, Christian teaching. There is no afternoon care when school is not in session. Have a wonderful, long weekend.

EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY

October can be a very confusing month when it comes to school calendars. Wednesday, October 21, is the third Wednesday of the month and therefore is our "Early Release Wednesday." Students will be dismissed at 1:20. Busses (and van) will run at that time. Please remind your children to walk or bike home immediately after school, because the playground will not be supervised. All teachers will be taking part in an extended teachers' meeting.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Please return all Progress Reports to school as soon as possible. If you have any questions about your child's Progress Report, please do not hesitate to call his or her teacher. We want as much communication as possible between home and school. Thank you. Please remember, parents may ask for a conference any time during the school year. The staff is here to serve God by serving you and your children.

O.C.S. SPEECH FESTIVAL

Our annual speech festival involving all students in grades 5 -8 will be held Thursday, October 29, beginning at 7:00 PM. Please come out and support our students. A schedule will be sent home with specific times next week.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent / Teacher Conferences will be held the evenings of November 16 and 17. Please reserve these future dates. A schedule is attached. 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.

STUDENT PHOTOS

Picture Day is scheduled for NEXT Wednesday, October 21. Order envelopes were sent home today. Students in grades K – 8 will automatically have their pictures taken. Students in 4K or younger are also welcome to have their pictures taken, but parents will have to call the school office at 564-2664 to make an appointment.

AUCTION UPDATE

Here are two more exciting additions to the auction list. You won't want to miss a chance to bid on these items!

- 1 Week Fishing Trip in Pasha Lake Cabins in Ontario
- 1 Week Stay in a Condo in Bonita Springs, Florida
- A Si Buyze Handmade Spindle Doll Cradle

"HALLOWEEN" OPTION

The Promotion committee is making New Testaments available to all of our families in a nice gift bag for \$1.00 each. If you take your children out trick or treating, you might want to ask people if they have a Bible in their home, and if they don't, spread the Good News with this gift. These will be available in the office next week. There is an invitation inside which you can fill out to invite them to visit your church as well. Also, please feel free to use these in other creative ways as the holiday season approaches to spread God's Word.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SOCCER PLAYERS

Please return all washed soccer uniforms to Mr. Modahl.

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!

SAVE THESE DATES

Please set aside either the evening of November 5 or November 10 for a time of discussion with the Board. Both evenings have been reserved to present to the Association the possibility of an early registration for the upcoming school year which would include some type of down payment. Many schools hold an early registration in February so the board has a more concrete idea of the number of families planning to register. Please choose one of these dates and mark it on your calendar for a chance to give your input to our school board. 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.

DID YOU KNOW....

that you can order Scrip electronically? Go to www.oostburgchristian.com and click on the “Scrip Order Form” on the left side of the screen. Complete the information asked for and then Submit! The Scrip team will get your order, fill it, and let you know when it is available for pick up. Payment can be made in the school office when you pick it up! It’s that easy! Now you can order from home, a work break, where-ever you have access to a computer!

DO YOU HAVE A WILL?

Many Christians make a statement about the importance of God’s kingdom in their lives, but have failed to set up a will to provide for their family as well as ministries that they support like Oostburg Christian. Attorney Don Long, from the Barnabas Foundation, will help you develop the best possible Estate Plan to meet your family’s needs while considering your legacy, relative to the kingdom causes that are important to you. Don will be meeting with Christian families in our area during the week of November 2nd. Just call Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678) or the Barnabas Foundation directly toll-free at 888-448-3040 to set up an appointment.

TICKETS FOR BUCKS GAME

Once again, Oostburg Christian will have the privilege of selling tickets at a deep discount for one of their games this year. If you are interested, please watch the blue note and we will let you know the date as soon as we have it available.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Can you chop, and/or stir and visit at the same time? Andrea DuMez can use your help on the following dates from 8:30-11:00 a.m. in the kitchen at school: (not this Thursday 10/15 as stated last week) 10/22, 10/29, and 11/5. No prior experience necessary—walk-ins welcome. Call her if you can come or have any questions 564-5102. Thank you in advance for helping with our delicious auction food.

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.

The GRACE Place

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)
Dessert auction at 6:30 p.m.
Live Auction begins at 7:00 p.m.

Here's some exciting additions to the auction this year:

- An African safari—yes, its for real, check out the information in the display case or go to www.zulunyala.com
- A portable DVD player—would make a great Christmas gift.
- And this is a wonderful re-run: Fishing trip for a week to Pasha Lake Cabins in Ontario!!

Check out all items on www.oostburgchristian.com, click on GRACE, then Auction Items 2009. We've already listed 105 items and they are now coming in fast and furious!

Our special auction donation this year will include two choices of "apples" or "bookworms" from our trees:

- Pick an apple and help our students support the children at Tesoros de Dios, a school for students with handicaps directed by alum Michelle Adams.
- Pick a bookworm from the tree and support the library here at Oostburg Christian.

Do you love to bake? We will once again be offering desserts to the highest bidder! Each of our "fancy desserts" should serve at least 8-10 people. They may be shared with your table or put in the kitchen for pick up after the auction. If you have a "signature dessert" or a gift for baking, this is a great way to use your gifts and make a meaningful donation to this year's auction. Call Andrea @ 564-5102 or sign up on the sheet that is on the display case in the front lobby.

Call Judy Mentink by Friday (564-3626) if you would like to reserve a table for eight for \$100. (If you would like to call during the day, her husband Bruce would be happy to speak with you after 1:00 p.m.!) You will be served your food (except the soup) family style at your table instead of standing in the buffet line.

Note: There is a table of four who is looking for four more to join them. Are you interested? Just make note of that when you call for reservations.

PLAN TO COME TO PREVIEW NIGHT ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 FROM 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

This most popular event from last year will be repeated. Come on Friday night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to view the items that will be for sale on Saturday night. Bring the family for cookies and cocoa and browse around.

- So you can't come to the preview night or the auction, but you would be willing to bake some sugar cookies? Just let Andrea know (564-5102).
- Some of the bidding will start on Preview Night! Yes, the silent bidding for lunch with a teacher will begin on Friday night at preview night. Each teacher will decide when and where the lunch will be, but your student and a friend will be able to have lunch with a teacher. Lunch goes to the highest bidder!

Here are the class donations that we have so far: (We'll list others as they become available.)

4-K -- "Hand" painted bird bath

5-K -- Kindergarten Class Calendar (Creative Memories)

Grade 1 – Coasters

Grade 2 – 12 meals on the go

Grade 3 – Class Stepping Stone

Grade 4 – Ottoman/game box with chess/checker board inside made by the 4th graders

Grade 6 – Class Calendar

Grade 7 – Wooden bench—green and white

Grade 8 – Birthday party for a boy and a girl

Families will want to check these out on preview night and come and bid for that special item on Auction night!

INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

*American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course information and registration form.

*Point Beach Energy Center Family Event Calendar – Science Saturdays – First Saturday of every month.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

OOSTBURG COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL

Will be held at Oostburg Christian School on October 17th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please consider joining us for a time of Celebration and Praise. This is a great opportunity to expose the community to OCS. Unity groups might consider having a bake sale, selling some homemade soup or chili, or entering the scarecrow contest. Scheduled events include a farmers market, arts and crafts sale, food - including caramel apple slices served up by the GRACE Board, scarecrow contest, and non-perishable items collection. Share the Harvest will be selling donated produce, so bring your extra produce to the festival. Call Patti Duenk at 564-3221 to participate.

CRC COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL BOOTH

Cookies, cupcakes, cakes and cards

Support our team-it's not that hard!

It's harvest time at OCS

The Thailand Team will sell its best.

Join us October 17-

From 9-1 for autumn dreams!

The First CRC Youth Group Thailand Mission Trip Team will be taking orders for Christmas cookies so think ahead to your Christmas baking plans. We can help!

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.

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

Each year we organize a special prayer team to pray for our students, our teachers, and support staff. If you are willing to be a prayer partner, please call Patti Duenk at 564-3221.

OOSTBURG MOPS

Attention mothers of children ages 0-5: You are invited to join us for fun, fellowship and friendship the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 9:00-11:00 AM at First Reformed Church in Oostburg.

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 1st 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 the First Reformed Church in Oostburg from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as we participate in this worldwide event. Register now at www.MomsInTouch.org. Contact Sue Dykstra, 564-4212, susandykstra@wi.rr.com or Vicki Swart, 564-3807, jimswart@juno.com for more information.

CALENDAR

October 15 & 16 Teacher's Convention – No School
October 21 Student Photo Day
Pizza Lunch
1:20 PM Dismissal

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

- *Sheboygan County Division of Public Health October Tid-Bit Times
- *Parent/Teacher Conference Schedule
- *Scrip Order Form