

HOME BULLETIN
October 28, 2009

RULES FOR THE FLU

Yes, the flu has hit OCS. I don't know if this flu is any different than any other year, except for the fact that it seems so contagious. Knowing how easy it is to spread the flu from student to student, please keep your child home at least 24 hours after any temperature has broken. It is best to check for temperature in the afternoon. If there is no temperature in the afternoon, then wait 24 hours to send your child back to school. Even though I began this note by saying the flu has hit our school, we still have not had 10% of the students sick on the same day. Thank you for all you are doing to keep your children well. Remember; a balanced diet, plenty of rest, washing hands, and getting some exercise go a long way in keeping a person healthy.

PRAYER UPDATE

Thank you for all your prayers on behalf of Mrs. Nyenhuis. The surgery went well and she is recovering nicely. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to recover at home.

PEEK AT THE PAST CORRECTION

In thanking staff members last week, I missed Mrs. Sheba DeMaster. If you see Mrs. DeMaster, please join me in thanking her for all the work she did in helping to plan this fantastic event!

O.C.S. SPEECH FESTIVAL

Remember, tomorrow evening is our annual Oostburg Christian School Speech Festival. Speeches will begin at 7:00 PM and all students in grades 5 – 8 will perform. A schedule was attached to last week's Blue Note. Please come out and support our students. Thank you.

O.C.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

While you are setting aside dates, please reserve the evening of Thursday, December 17, for our all-school Christmas concert. The concert will feature praises to our Savior sung by all our students.

"Home for the Holidays", OCS's Heart for Education Auction is approaching fast! Donations are coming in daily - check out our website at www.oostburgchristian.com, then click on Grace, and auction items 2009. There is something for everyone - from gift certificates for everyday needs to vacation packages, to front row seats at OCS's school events! Start your Christmas shopping here! We hope to see you on November 7! Bring your friends!!

END OF QUARTER AND REPORT CARDS

The first quarter ends on Friday, November 6. Report cards will be sent home the following Friday, November 13; and Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, November 16 & 17. Middle school parents, please ask your children if they have completed their Accelerated Reader points.

“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 are available in the school office. 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.

PARENT / BOARD MEETING

The evenings of November 5 and November 10 have been reserved for times when the Board can hear from parents concerning the issues of an early registration (in late February?) with some type of down payment for the upcoming school year. This early registration would help the board in developing a budget to be voted on in May at our Annual Association Meeting. Please pick one of these nights and join the board for this discussion. We are a parent-run school and desire your input.

Agenda for Parent / Board Meeting

Open in prayer

Date of pre-registration

Pre-registration fee

Reasons for change

Tuition payment method - should OCS go the same route as SCCHS?

Close in prayer

NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH ORDERS

Orders were due today. If you did not turn yours in yet, you can do so by 9:00 AM tomorrow (Thursday). After that time we will be unable to accept any orders. Thank you.

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 Joosse 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!

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.

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.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SOCCER PLAYERS

Please return all washed soccer uniforms to Mr. Modahl

DEER HUNTERS: When you bag that buck, don't forget Miesfeld's Scrip when you pay for the processing! Get 5% back towards your tuition!

BASKETBALL PARENTS AND PLAYERS— The game schedule is now on the OCS website. In the "Middle School" section, go to "Extra-curricular" for a calendar of all games. If you prefer a list format of the games you can then go to the "sports" section listed under "Extra-curricular".

BRRRRRR!!!! Winter is just around the corner. Last year Hartman Chiropractic generously donated some hats, mittens, and gloves to OCS. If you are in need of any of these items, please come to the school office. All requests will be kept confidential.

DID YOU KNOW.....

that you can buy Scrip for your auction purchases? Yes, until Friday, November 6, at 3:30. This helps your tuition account as well as helps the school with your auction purchases. You will want to consider buying Scrip for the auction—all your purchases get 5% toward your tuition account. You can't beat that for double dipping!

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE AUCTION

The auction this year will feature a variety of musicians. They include Shelba DeMaster and Janell Otte at the piano, Angela Ring, vocalist, For Praise Quintet, and Rachel Katsma, vocalist. You will enjoy this great lineup of many who use their gifts to praise God and for our enjoyment.

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DO YOU HAVE A WILL?

If you have children and own your own home, you should have a will. If you don't, you can change that right now. Attorney Don Long, from the Barnabas Foundation, will help you develop the best possible Estate Plan to meet your family's needs meeting you in the privacy of your home, and free of charge. This is completely confidential analysis of your financial situation. 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.

CAN YOU CHOP, STIR AND/OR 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: THIS THURSDAY (10/29), Tuesday, 11/3 and Thursday, 11/5 or at any of the Food Prep times listed below for GRACE workers. No prior experience necessary—walk-ins welcome. Please call her if you can come or have any questions 564-5102. Thank you in advance for helping with our delicious auction food.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR DESSERTS

We will once again be offering desserts to the highest bidder! Each of our “fancy desserts” should serve at least 8-10 people and will open our live auction. They may be shared with the winner's 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 Heart for Education Auction. Those already signed up are:

- Bonnie Demos
- Nancy DeJong
- Joy Dempsey
- Gail Schuh
- Helen Veldhorst
- Jocelyn Wiebe

We can still use more—call Andrea today 564-5102.

LUNCH WITH THE TEACHER

Some of the bidding for the auction will start on Preview Night! Yes, the silent bidding for lunch with a teacher will begin on Friday night at preview night and end during the auction on Saturday night. Here’s what some teachers have already decided to do:

- ❖ Mrs. Leila VerVelde is offering a summer picnic lunch at the Marina pool or on Mr. VerVelde’s sailboat for the highest bidder and a friend. (Mr. V. V. will be on board!)
- ❖ Mr. Sliekers will take your child and friend to out to a movie (approved by the parents) which includes the cost of a movie, drink and snack!
- ❖ Mr. Modahl will buy lunch for two at the Pizza Ranch on a school day between 11:30 and 12:30 p.m.
- ❖ Mrs. Hancock will take a student and a friend to lunch in downtown Milwaukee followed by a performance of the musical “Annie” at the Milwaukee Center Theater, Sat. Dec. 19 @ 2:00 p.m.

THIS JUST IN.....

Details are not finalized, but there will be a black lab puppy in the auction this year. Parents are purebred, but there are no papers and it comes with some training as well. We’ll have full details on the website soon---www.oostburgchristian.com. Click on GRACE and then Auction Items 2009.

October 29	Speech Festival
November 5	OCS Discussion Group
November 6	End of 1 st quarter Auction Preview
November 7	Heart for Education Auction

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

none

The GRACE Place

Preview Night November 6 – 6:00- 8:00 p.m.

Only 10 more days to the auction!

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.

Check out the workers at the bottom and be sure to help where we have you signed up.

Thanks so much!

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

4-K -- “Hand” painted bird bath

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

Grade 1 – Class Picture Puzzle

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 5 – Reading is Fun book basket

Grade 6 – Class Calendar

Grade 7 – Wooden bench—green and white

Grade 8 – Birthday party for a boy and a girl

For more information, check out our complete online list at
www.oostburgchristian.com/auction, then click on Auction Items 2009. You will also see many
of our items in the display case and front hallway—be sure to browse around!

Check out the apple trees at the auction!

You will have the opportunity to purchase apples to support Michelle Adams at Tesoros de Dios, a school for children with handicaps in Nicaragua. You can also purchase a bookworm and support our own library here at Oostburg Christian. Various ages and prices will be available. These are also available for sale on Preview Night!

AUCTION SET-UP:

Wednesday, November 4 4:00-8:00

1. Kevin Ludens
2. Steve Smies

Thursday, November 5 3:30-8:30

1. Marjorie Oliver
2. Scott Winkel
3. Jackie Daane
4. Wendy Eckwielen

Friday, November 6 8:30-12:30

1. Todd Johnson
2. Shannon Gartman

FOOD PREP

Friday, November 6 9:00-1:00

1. Michelle LeMahieu
2. Tammy Stecker
3. Heather Johnson

Saturday, November 7 9:00-1:00

1. Jodi Raih
2. Denise Forester
3. Jen Ludens

Saturday, November 7 1:00-5:00

1. Heather Johnson
2. Elaine Kappers
3. Jen Ludens

Saturday, November 7 4:00-8:00

1. Karen Hinz
2. Rob Hinz
3. Denise Forester

AUCTION TAKE-DOWN

Saturday, November 7 9:00pm-11:00ish (1/2 Project)

1. Dale Stecker
2. Tammy Stecker
3. Scott Winkel

If you would like to help with some of the Food Prep, all willing workers are welcome at any of the times available. This wonderfully delicious meal would not happen without a lot of extra help and we appreciate it ALL!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

ESSLINGEN/SHEBOYGAN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOLS SUMMER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Esslingen/Sheboygan Middle School Exchange program is a new program sponsored by the Sheboygan Chapter of People to People and Esslingen-Germany Verein. It is a direct exchange between German and Sheboygan County families and will involve as many students as are "accepted" and matched between the two cities. The program involves the American students traveling to homes in Esslingen, July 17-Aug. 7, 2010, and the Esslingen students staying with the Sheboygan students Aug. 8- Aug. 29, 2010. The applications are available from Mrs. Hancock or at: <http://www.ptpsheboygan.org/applications.html>. After applications and references are received, there will be a home visit and a student interview before each student is accepted into the program. All applications and references MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1. Matching with Esslingen students will take place in January. There will be a short meeting of interested parents/students at 7 p.m. at Oostburg Christian School, Monday, October, 26. Further information may be obtained by calling Kris Hancock at 457-0263.

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.

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 any church in Oostburg from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 14 as we participate in this worldwide event. Bethel, First Reformed, First Presbyterian and the Christian Reformed Church will be participating as well as 600 other sites in 80 different countries! Don't miss this very special opportunity to lift up children and schools in prayer. The event will be lead with a DVD of the 25th anniversary celebration of Moms In Touch held Oct. 9&10 in San Diego, CA. Register now at www.MomslnTouch.org. or by filling out a registration form at school. For more information please contact Sue Dykstra, 564-4212, susandykstra@wi.rr.com or Vicki Swart, 564-3807, jimswart@juno.com or Marie Veldboom 564-3585.

A MEN'S EVENT will be held the same morning from 9am-10:30a.m. in the new Ministry Building next to Bethel Church. Childcare will be provided at all churches from 8:45 - 10:30 a.m.

THE SCCHS DRAMA DEPARTMENT, in joint ministry with the Southside Alliance Church, will present the family comedy, *Here We Go Again!*, on November 12, 13, & 14, 2009 AT the Southside Alliance Church, 4321 County Road A, Sheboygan. Join the Dent family on a comical road trip from Iowa to California. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. with dessert served by the characters at 7:00 p.m. Purchase tickets in the SCCHS office or call 458-9981. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$4 for seniors & students (18 and younger.) Tickets will also be available at the door, but do not include dessert