



# Oostburg Christian School

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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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## HOME BULLETIN

October 5, 2011

*"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."*

### IOWA TESTS OF BASIC SKILLS

We are in the middle of testing our students in grades 3 – 8. Please make sure your child gets enough sleep this week. We use the results of these tests to determine the strengths and weaknesses of our curriculum. We also use the tests to see how individual students and classes are progressing compared to national standards. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

### HOME BULLETIN DEADLINE

REMINDER: The deadline for announcements for the Blue Note is NOON ON TUESDAY.

### PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be sent home with students in grades K – 8 this Friday, October 7. If you have any questions please call your child's teacher. Communication is very important as we work together to educate and train our children in the Lord. Also please sign and return these reports as soon as possible. Thank you.

### HEAT IN BUILDING

Monday morning was a bit chilly, however the building warmed up quickly. Please dress your children appropriately, because we will leave the giant boilers off as long as possible to conserve energy. Especially on cool, frosty mornings remind your children to wear sweaters or jackets. When it does warm up they can always take them off. Thank you.

### STUDENT PHOTO DAY

Student photos will be taken next Wednesday morning, October 12. Order envelopes are being sent home with all students in grades K-8 today. EACH student getting their photo taken must have their own order envelope filled out with the money enclosed. If your child does not have their order envelope along next Wednesday, they will not be able to have their photo taken. If your child is in 4K and you would like them to have their picture taken, please call the school office to make an apt. The 4K class does not go together as a class to have their photos taken.

### OCTOBER EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

\*NEXT Wednesday, October 12, school will dismiss at NOON so the teachers can travel to the Christian Educators Convention in South Bend Indiana. Staff members will be leaving immediately after the dismissal time in order to avoid Chicago rush hour so please be sure to pick up your child AT NOON. There will be no school on Thursday and Friday that week.

\*Wednesday, October 19, is our monthly 1:20PM dismissal date.

Van and bus transportation will take place at the dismissal time on both dates. There is no After Care after dismissal on these dates.

### VISION SCREENING

Becky Zylstra, a mom of O.C.S. students and a Certified Ophthalmic Assistant, will be conducting vision screenings in school on Thursday, October 20. All kindergarten students will be screened plus any other students who are referred by either their parents or a staff member. Parents should observe their child for signs which may indicate a need to have him/her tested such as:

1. Rubbing eyes frequently.
2. Difficulties seeing close work.
3. Dizziness, headaches, or nausea following close work.

4. When looking at a distance, student holds body tense, contorts face in an attempt to see things clearly, or thrusts head forward.
5. Crossed eyes.

If a child fails the vision screening, a referral form will be sent home to the parents recommending a professional eye exam. The screening at school is not intended to be a substitute for a professional vision exam. Please call the school office at 564-2664 by Wednesday, September 19, if you would like to schedule an eye exam for your non-kindergarten student.

#### **PENNIES FOR PINK**

OCS will begin its third annual **Pennies for Pink** drive during October. Students are encouraged to bring their pennies to support research for all forms of cancer. Funds raised will go to the American Cancer Society. The drive will include a Pennies for Pink Day, October 20, when OCS has a volleyball game against Sheboygan Christian School. Students are encouraged to wear PINK on that DAY (BOYS, TOO!). The game will begin with a prayer for all those who have been touched by cancer through friends and family members.

#### **ATTENTION PARENTS OF VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS**

Did you happen to take a team photo at the Volleyball Tournament? If so, would you please e-mail the picture to Mary Swihart at [rmswihart@frontier.com](mailto:rmswihart@frontier.com) for the yearbook? Thank you very much.

#### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our substitute teacher list, please contact the school office. The only requirement is a teaching degree (and it does not have to be current☺) and a love for our Lord and children. Please pass this news around, because our sub list is short. Thank you.

#### **MOMS IN TOUCH PRAYER TIME**

Come and join our “Moms in Touch” prayer time this Thursday, October 6, from 8:30 to 9:15 AM in the OCS library. “Moms in Touch” will be meeting the first and third Thursday of each month. Moms, grandmas, and friends (male and female☺) are all invited to come and join us.

#### **SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW...**

that Scrip can partner with your online shopping and Good Shop. Start your online shopping with Good Search (be sure that OCS is your designated charity), click on Good Shop, find many popular stores and use your Scrip certificates to pay for your items!

#### **PIZZA SALE**

Pick-up for the pizzas you ordered will be next Tuesday, October 11, between 3:30 and 6:00 PM in the OCS Student Center.

#### **OCS BANKS**

Some have already brought their banks into the office. We thank you so much!

#### **COOKBOOKS**

Reminder: We have a wonderful cookbook for sale in the office. Just \$10 will get you a great gift for birthday, anniversary, Christmas, or just a hostess thank you gift!

#### **DESSERT AUCTION**

We have several desserts coming in already. Would you like to make one for the auction? Please call Andrea DuMez—this is one of the best fundraisers during the evening!

#### **HEART FOR EDUCATION AUCTION—NOVEMBER 5, 2011**

*“Shining His Light in the Darkness”*

**Preview Night—6:30p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

4:00 – Doors open and silent auction resumes

4:00-6:00 – Hors d’œuvres are served

6:00 – Dessert Auction begins

6:30 – Live Auction

7:30 - Silent Tables start closing

Have you checked out our website for the newest donations yet? Just go to <http://www.oostburgchristian.com/auction.cfm> and click on the *Auction Items* button.

## SOMETHING NEW AT THE AUCTION

We will have a golf putting contest at the auction. You will be given an opportunity to make a hole-in-one on a 16' putting "green". Every putt is \$1.00 or 6 putts for \$5. All players making a hole in one will go on to the next round and the last player standing will win a set of seven Titlest golf clubs! The putting contest will be open on Preview Night as well!

## 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](mailto:thezylstras@wi.rr.com). Cookies will be sold for \$3.00 a dozen.

## HAVE YOU PROVIDED FOR YOUR YOUNG CHILDREN SHOULD SOMETHING HAPPEN TO YOU?

Barnabas Foundation has helped many young Christian families develop the best possible Estate Plan to meet family needs. And certainly where children are concerned, naming appropriate guardians and trustees is a priority. **Don Long**, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation will come alongside you to provide clear and easy-to-understand information and help you determine what is best in your situation. **Don** will be meeting with Christian families in our area during the week of **October 17-20**. Call Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 1(888) 448-3040 to schedule a conversation with **Don**. To help you get started, you may also request a free special report titled "Top 10 Estate Planning Mistakes" by simply going to [www.barnabasfoundation.com/top10](http://www.barnabasfoundation.com/top10).

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEFIT CONCERT FOR OUR HOME CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

On Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 7pm, First Reformed Church in Oostburg is the place to be for an evening of incredible Christian music. Music will be provided by Men of Harmony, OHS Voice 34, The King's Delegates, and a song by the OHCM residents. There is no charge for the concert – a free-will offering will be taken for OHCM. OHCM is an adult family group home with three homes and a forth in the works. All homes are located in Oostburg. We would certainly appreciate your support.

### JILL HAAG BENEFIT

There will be a Zumbathon benefit for Jill Haag on Saturday, October 22, from 9:00 – 12:30 at Oostburg High School. Included events will be a bake sale, rummage sale, zumbathon, buzz cuts, locks for love, tattoos for kids, nail painting, jewelry sales, arbonne sales, raffles, and more.

### SCCHS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

This volleyball camp, open to girls currently in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on November 12, 2011 in the SCCHS gym. The camp will focus on basic skills including passing, setting and hitting. During the last hour, pizza and a snack will be provided and shirts will be handed out. The registration fee is \$15. A registration form is available in the school office and must be returned to the OCS, SCS or SCCHS office, with payment included, no later than October 30.

### CALENDAR

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| October 6       | ITBS<br>V-Ball @ StJ7 5:30                                  |
| October 7       | ITBS<br>Progress Reports<br>Soccer & V-Ball Tourny @ Waupun |
| October 10      | Senior Stars Event  |
| October 11      | K & 1 to Gibbsville Orchard<br>Pizza Pick-up 3:30-6:00 PM   |
| October 12      | Student Pictures<br>NOON Dismissal                          |
| October 13 & 14 | CEA Convention – No School                                  |

