

HOME BULLETIN
October 8, 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.”***

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports were sent home last week Friday, October 3. If you have not signed and returned your child’s Progress Report, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

ACCREDITATION ALERT

Each Blue Note this year has contained a reference to the accreditation process we are going through. Basically Oostburg Christian School is conducting a self-study and is preparing for a spring on-site visit by a team of administrators representing Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation (WRISA). Last night the Promotion Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee met and examined how our school compares to two of the standards set forth by WRISA entitled, “Communication and Community Relationships” and “School Improvement Program Strategies and Tools for Improving the School.” OCS is always looking for ways to improve, and both committees were delighted to see how our school not only meets but also exceeds these standards. Please pray for our committees and staff as they meet to satisfy the self-study process component for school accreditation. Pray too that God uses the accreditation procedure as a tool to help us grow closer to Him and His will.

HEAT IN BUILDING

Ten days ago it was almost 80 degrees outside. Then the temperature dropped and we had our first frost. This week we are seeing temperatures in the 60-degree range. Please remember to dress your children appropriately, because we will leave the heat off for as long as possible to conserve energy. Especially on those cool, frosty mornings remind your children to wear sweaters or jackets. If it does warm up, they can always take them off. Thank you.

PICTURE DAY

Don’t forget that TOMORROW is Picture Day at OCS. Order envelopes have already been sent home. Each student must have his or her own order envelope with payment enclosed – you cannot combine payment for all children in a family in one envelope. Students should bring the order envelope tomorrow and hand it directly to the photographer. Students who do not have order envelopes with payment enclosed will only have their picture taken for the class composite, but no package will be ordered. All K – 8 students will have their picture taken for the yearbook regardless of whether they order a package or not.

CHAPEL THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, AT 10:20 am

You are invited to join us for this chapel led by Rev. Dave Veldhorst and three Thai mission team members. Some topics included in Friday’s chapel are “Coming to know Christ” and “Thai Culture”. Join us and learn more about Thailand and how God is working in Bangkok.

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 next 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. PARENTS: If your child wears eyeglasses, please be sure they have them with them for the screening!

IOWA TESTS OF BASIC SKILLS

The ITBS are being given to all students in grades 3 – 8 this 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.

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

Parents, please note the following upcoming early dismissal dates:

*Next Wednesday is our regularly scheduled 1:20 PM third Wednesday dismissal

*We will also dismiss at 1:20 PM the next Wednesday, Oct. 22, so our teacher's can begin their travel earlier to the CEA Convention in South Bend.

Buses will run at the dismissal time on both of these Wednesdays.

NATIONAL HEROES EVENT – CALLING ALL VETERANS

Please join us at 9:00 AM next 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.

CEA CONVENTION

We will dismiss at 1:20 PM on Wednesday, Oct. 22, and there will be no school on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 23 & 24, because our teachers will be attending the Christian Educators Convention in South Bend, Indiana.

KASH FOR KIDS

We thank you for saving your Campbell's Soup Labels, Boxtops for Education and Pizza Ranch wagons (from take-out boxes). We'll put in a list soon of other items that we save - we appreciate your support. Cards and napkins are always available for purchase. Check in the office for access to the cards and napkins and keep up your supply!

THANK YOU TARGET!

Our school is pleased to receive \$248.48 from Target from their Take Charge of Education program. If you shop at Target, be sure to use your Red Card and designate Oostburg Christian School as your charity. This minimal effort on your part is maximum benefit to our school. Since 1997, Target has paid our school \$1,790.84! Thanks for helping the school in this way!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sheboygan County Christian High School's Drama Department will present a dinner theater, UNCLE PHIL'S DINER — "where the food is fresh and so is the service" — on November 13, 14, and 15 at 7:00 p.m. with a matinee on Saturday, November 15 at 3:00 p.m. There is limited seating with advanced ticket sales only. Tickets are on sale now until October 29, 2008. Payment must accompany reservation. Tickets are \$10 each and available at the school office. Call 458-9981 for more information or to purchase tickets.

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.

The Grace Place

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our girls and Coach Gina Lemmenes for taking first place in the tournament this year. You can view some pictures on our website at www.oostburgchristian.com and click on Athletic Tournaments and then Volleyball Tournament!

PIZZA SALE—Faye's Pizza

The pizza pick up day is finally here. The pick up for your pizzas is next Tuesday, October 14th, 2008. You can pick your pizza's up from 3pm-6pm that day in the school Student Center. Please be sure to bring payment with you if you have not already paid.

The following people have signed up to help with the pizza handout and money collection. Please report to the kitchen next Tuesday at the time listed above your name. We will hand out assignments as people come in.

11:00 to 3:00pm

Gail Niemuth
Brenda Lammers
Sue Schnelle
Debbie Wishman
Val Claerbaut
Tammy Stecker
Melissa Stephany
Aaron and Starla Gesch

3:00 to 7:00pm

Michelle Epping
Sue Hilbelink
Glen Schnelle
Rosa Laganowski
Debbi Wishman
Michele Hilbelink

Please be sure to let me know if you cannot make your shift and who will be replacing you. It is important for this to run smoothly that all people are here to help out, so if something does happen to conflict, please call me and then please try to find a replacement. Thank you to everyone who signed up to help. I look forward to a successful pizza pick-up! Julie Bergmann – 262-268-9194 – Pizza Sale Chairman

BANKS

The bank collection is being held from September 24 – October 8. Route people will be picking up your banks during this time. Please have them ready. If you drop them off at OCS, please remember to put your name on the bank. Or, you can just drop off the contents of your bank and keep the bank so you can use it again next year. If your bank does not get picked up between September 24 and October 8 please contact Sue Radtke. If you are new to OCS, you may have received a bank on Registration night. You will keep that bank until September 2009. If you are a new family to OCS and did not receive a bank on Registration night, please feel free to pick one up in the office or contact Sue Radtke at 262-339-7135.

SCRIP

You can now stop in the office and purchase your Scrip for the auction. It will be available until Friday, November 7. There are \$25 and \$100 denominations available. It will be useable only for this year's auction, but you can let your money work for you twice, first to your account, and then to help the GRACE Board pledge with your generous bidding! The Scrip program will keep 2% and your tuition account will keep 5%.

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

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and Silent Auction begins

Silent Auction tables begin to close at 5:30 p.m

Live Auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

PREVIEW NIGHT Are you planning on coming to the Preview Night? Friday, November 7 from 6:00-8:00 is an opportunity for you and your family to come and browse through the many items available at the auction. Snacks will be provided!

We will give every child attending the Preview Night an opportunity to put their name in for a door prize drawing to be held on Saturday night. Parents must be present at time of drawing on Saturday for the child to win. There will be Webkinz, a snowboard, and other exciting prizes to choose from. Be sure to stop in for Preview Night!

DO YOU LIKE TO MAKE DESSERTS? We will feature a dessert auction at the beginning of our live auction. We are looking for some fancy desserts to auction off for the enjoyment of our guests. Would you be willing to make one? Please call Andrea DuMez (564-5102) if you can help—she even has some recipes if you need them.

HELP US HELP OTHERS! The Auction Committee is reaching out to others this year and we are pleased to announce that 10% of our profit for the auction will go to Michelle Adams' school in Nicaragua. Michelle is an OCS alum and is Director of Tesoros de Dios which serves handicapped kids in Nicaragua. Be sure to come and support our kids as well as Michelle's kids!

ARE YOU PLANNING ON MAKING A DONATION TO THE AUCTION?

We appreciate that. Please be sure to fill out a donation sheet—even if you don't have the item ready—and turn the sheet into the office by October 13. We would like time to advertise them and even be able to put them in our online auction, which opens October 23. If you have the item prepared by then, even better—we can display it for all to see.

Some old favorites are back:

One night stay in the African Queen Suite at the Kalahari—can be upgraded
2007 Green Bay Packers autographed football—is this the last one with Brett Favre on it?

A time share anywhere in the US, donated by Les and Marlene Kuiper
Golfing at The Bull, Town and Country
Golfing Lessons by Rich Williams
Fall Displays from Alsum Sweet Corn
Handmade bird feeder by Ralph VerVelde

Some exciting new things are already here:

A fishing trip for two to Ontario, Canada. Check out their website
www.pashalake.com --some restrictions apply

A guided bowhunt for deer, for a youth age 12-15.

A beautiful handmade doll house by Si Buyze—he says it is his last project!

A table top easel by Les Kuiper

A one-week stay in a 2-bedroom condo in Bonita Springs, FL

A five day, four night stay in Cancun

Handmade mailbox by Ralph VerVelde

Two beautiful floral arrangements by Dan Sonnentag

A true-flat 27" TV (not digital)

APPLE TREES GROWING IN THE GYM: A new feature this year will give you the opportunity to help our teachers with classroom items that they need. Three lovely "trees" built by our very own Si Buyze, will have an assortment of "apples" to choose. You pick an apple listing an item that you will pay for the night of the auction and we will give the teacher the cash to make that purchase!

CHARGER SHOOT-OUT

Attention Charger Shootout Callers--Packet will be ready THIS FRIDAY (Oct 10th) in the kitchen for you to pick up. Calls need to be made between Oct 15th and Oct 31st. Thank you! The Charger Shootout Committee

CALENDAR

Oct. 9	Picture Day
Oct. 10	Chapel 10:20 AM Soccer Tourny @ Waupun
Oct. 14	Vision/Hearing Referral Deadline V-Ball vs SCS 4:30 Pizza Pick-Up 3:00-6:00 PM
Oct. 15	Vision/Hearing Screenings Pizza Lunch 1:20 PM Dismissal
Oct. 16	Community Heroes Chapel 9:00 AM V-Ball vs StD 4:30
Oct. 17	Grades 1-5 to Charlotte's Web

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

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