

Calendar of Events

December

- 3 Lunch Buddies (5th)
 - 12 Progress Reports
 - 15 Pizza Ranch Fundraiser
(8th Grade)
 - 16 Gift Wrap and Bake Sale
(Make it Grow) 3:30-8:00
 - 17 Early Dismissal (1:20)
 - 18 Christmas Concert—7:00
 - 19 Gift Wrap and Bake Sale
(Make it Grow) 3:30-8:00
 - 23 Noon Dismissal
- CHRISTMAS VACATION-**
Dec 23-January 2, 2009

January

- 5 School resumes
- 15 Cabin Fever Reliever
(8:30-10:00)
- 16 8th Grade Visiting Day
@ SCCHS
- 16 Early Dismissal (1:20)
- 21 Lunch Buddies (3rd)
- 22 Blue Harbor Swim Party
- 23 No School-
end of Semester
- 29-31 Charger Shoot-out -
Boys
- February 5-7 Charger
Shoot-out - Girls

National Heroes Chapel

It was an exciting day in October when we invited those from our community who have served/are presently serving in the armed forces to join us for chapel. We welcomed area veterans and active servicemen. Our student-led chapel thanked God for the freedoms we have in our country and for those willing to defend it. Many visitors expressed their appreciation for the spiritual emphasis. More pictures are featured online at www.oostburgchristian.com. Click on Special School Activities and then National Heroes Chapel.



Three OCS alumni were able to attend who are on active duty: Ben Johnson ('93), Rick Gabrielse('03), and Todd Hendrikse ('96).

Heart for Education Auction—2008

Over 160 people gathered in the gym for a great evening of fun, food, fellowship, and generous bidding. We were able to raise over \$19,000 in profit.

Several new features this year sparked some great bidding:

- Our online auction started two weeks before the event and encouraged bidding by those who couldn't attend. The auction then closed and the items were listed on the live auction at school. Many "live" bids surpassed the online bids.
- We served a full meal this year under the careful supervision of Andrea DuMez. It was a hit! Look for another great menu next year as well!
- Teachers made a list of items that were needed in the classrooms and people could pick the "apples" off the tree and purchase these items. We raised over \$1,500 for these needs.
- The auction committed to give 10% of the profit to Tesoros De Dios, a school in Nicaragua for handicapped students under the direction of Michelle Adams, an OCS alumna. We were blessed so that we can be a blessing!

Basketball Season in full

swing

Along with our regular classroom routine, Oostburg Christian School is excited to be able to have four basketball teams: 7/8 girls' team and 7/8 boys team. We also have a 5th/6th grade girls' team and a 5th/6th grade boys' team.

We maintain a busy schedule of

- practices
- games in the Parochial League
- our own Charger Shoot-out tournament
- Wisconsin Christian School Basketball tournament held this year in the Waupun/Randolph area.

Thanks for supporting our teams by coming out and cheering for them!



Grandparents/ Grandfriend's Day

Another great day marked the annual gathering of grandparents and friends of the school on November 26. Over 220 people joined our students in a chapel to praise God through scripture memory work, singing and prayer. After a coffee time, visitors were invited to classrooms for various activities and presentations by the students.

"Make It Grow"

A cash donation of \$500 was donated to the auction this year by Larry and Kathy Gentine with



one restriction: "Make it grow!" With only a short time to think about it, the committee came up with a plan: we would offer to give \$100 to anyone who will take it and 'make it grow.'

After another school supporter heard of this donation, they immediately promised \$500 for the same cause, so the money literally doubled in 24 hours!

A gift wrap/bake sale will be held at school on Tuesday, Dec. 16 and Friday, Dec. 19. All proceeds will be given to the Make It Grow auction event. Be sure to join us and support this.

Other families have asked for cash to do different projects. You may be hearing about them in the blue note, church bulletins, etc. Or if you have an idea to make it grow, call Joyce Eggebeen 564-2678.

Finance Forum: You less than a month to allow your required minimum donation (RMD) from your IRA to help the school. Congress has extended the opportunity to rollover a tax-free gift from your IRA. Please contact the Barnabas Foundation directly at 1.888.448.3040 or check with your financial advisor before December 31.

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