

**SUMMER HOME BULLETIN**  
**July 27, 2011**

**SUMMER GREETINGS!**

We hope you are enjoying the summer break from school activities as the days swiftly speed towards September 1, the first day of school. Registration is set for Tuesday, August 9. Please make every effort to be there that evening. If you are unable to make it, please call the school office to make arrangements for an alternate registration time. Registration packets went out last week. If you are a member of First CR or Bethel Church in Oostburg your packet is in your church mailbox. If you are an OCS staff member, your packet is in your school mailbox. All other packets were mailed directly to homes. Please call if you do not receive yours.

**IMMUNIZATION REMINDER**

Immunization requirement information is attached to this Home Bulletin. Please be sure your children are up to date on the immunizations they are required to have by the beginning of the school year.

**SPORTS PHYSICALS**

Oostburg Christian School recommends that all students who participate in interscholastic sports receive a physical before entering 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade. We are recommending physicals for these students as well as for all new or current students entering 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade who have not participated in interscholastic sports (volleyball, basketball, or soccer) before. Parents must stop in the school office and sign a waiver form if their child does not have a sports physical prior to the beginning of fall sports. The physical form/waiver form is good for two years. A Sports Physical Exam Form was sent home with each 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at the end of last school year. Please make sure you have the Sports Physical or Physical Waiver Form on file in the school office by the beginning of the school year. Additional forms are available in the school office.

**NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

Please join me in praising God for the excellent, new teachers who will be joining our staff in 2011 -2012. Mrs. Angela (Ludens) Reindl is our new 4K teacher. Mrs. Reindl is an alumnus of OCS, graduating in 1997. Also joining the staff are two teachers who have taught at OCS in the past. Mr. Rich Williams will be our band instructor. Mr. Bill taught instrumental music at OCS from 2002 through 2007. Teaching Spanish next year will be Mr. Willie Gesch. Mr. Gesch taught at OCS from 1979 – 1981 before going on the mission field in Peru. Since returning from the field Mr. Gesch has become a pastor and has served God in the ministry. Most recently he has served as a substitute teacher while still preaching in different churches as a guest minister. Join me in welcoming Mrs. Reindl, Mr. Williams (Mr. Bill), and Mr. Gesch.

**VAN DRIVER NEEDED**

If you live near OCS, you may have seen a second van in our parking lot. Yes, we are now the proud owners of two vans. Both vans will be used to transport children to and from school. Mrs. Lisa Roerdink will still drive our "south van." We are looking for someone to drive our "north van." This van will travel through Sheboygan Falls and reach as far north as the Plymouth / Howards Grove area. We have a volunteer willing to drive on Thursday and Friday, but still need a driver (or drivers) for Monday – Wednesday. This could be a paid or volunteer position. We are anticipating the route taking

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approximately one hour each morning and one hour each afternoon. No special driver's license is required and the school is fully insured. If you are interested please call Mr. Adams at school or email him at [bobadams@wi.rr.com](mailto:bobadams@wi.rr.com).

**OCS AND SCCHS GOLF OUTING**

A benefit golf outing designated to support Oostburg Christian School and Sheboygan County Christian High School has been set for Saturday, August 20, 2011 at Town and Country Golf Club. All proceeds from this event will be used to offset the cost of tuition. Tee times are available starting at 7:00 AM. The format for this event is an "18 Hole Scramble." Team fees of \$100 are due at registration, and individual Greens & Cart Fees are due the day of the event. All skill levels are invited. Prizes will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>

thru 4<sup>th</sup> place teams. There are also hole prizes on every hole and a hole-in-one competition. The deadline for registration is August 5. Registration forms are in the Lakeshore Weekly or can be picked up at our school.

### **MORE GOLF: OCEF GOLF OUTING**

The Oostburg Community Education Foundation is holding a golf outing and auction on Saturday, August 27, at Town and Country Golf Club. Tee times are available starting at 8:00 AM. You can be a sponsor for \$150 a hole, bring a foursome, or BOTH! Prizes and auction items are available. Two weeks ago OCEF donated a Smart Board and projector to our school (cost of over \$3,000). This incredible teaching tool was set up in Mrs. Edwards' classroom on Tuesday evening, July 26. One way we can thank OCEF is by showing up at the golf outing. Even if you don't play golf, please stop by and check out the items that will be up for auction. Thank you.

### **PRACTICING MATH AND READING**

One thing we all should be doing with our children is continuing to practice math and reading over the summer. It is easy for parents to practice reading, because we all have books at home or in the library to read to our children. If our children are older, there are many good books around to have them read. Please continue doing this.

A more difficult core subject to practice is math. One school parent did find an excellent web site to use to help her children practice math. The parent wrote the following to me in an email:

"I came upon this website this summer and I have been having the kids do it. It is completely free; however you may need a "face book" account or a Google email (Gmail) account to log in. The website is <http://www.khanacademy.org>. I am signed on as a coach and can see everything the kids work on, how much time they are spending, etc... No coach is needed however. We have been using the "practice" tab which gives "quizzes" on math. It starts out very basic (1+5) and after you pass 10 in a row you can go on to the next level (if you get one wrong you go back to 0). The program can tell "where you are at". If you get some wrong it gets a little easier, if you are getting them right, and quickly, it gets harder and harder. My kids actually like it; it is like a game to them. If you don't understand a topic they have videos you can watch that explain it. It also has other videos on a large amount of topics. Just wanted to let you know about the website. I think it is really a helpful tool, especially during the summer when kids can tend to forget what they have learned."

### **\$CRIP**

\$crip is available any time the school office is open. Someone is in most every morning and always on Wednesdays. Just call ahead on other days to be sure someone is in.

### **PRAYER**

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Please continue to pray for each other and for all the children in our school community and in the greater community around us. Pray for God's protection and pray that each child grows closer to Jesus during this time of fun and relaxation. Finally, please continue to pray for families who are considering OCS as the school for their children. Thank you for your prayers.

#### **CALENDAR**

August 9	Registration	
	New Families	6:30 PM
	Returning Families	7:00 PM
August 20	OCS/SCCHS Golf Outing	
August 27	OCEF Golf Outing	
September 1	First Day of School	

