

Home Bulletin
September 2, 2009

“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 the home.”

WELCOME BACK

Please join me in praising God for the opportunity we have as God’s people to once again open the doors of Oostburg Christian School to the children of our surrounding communities. I hope many of you had the opportunity to join us for our opening chapel yesterday morning. Our school verse this year is taken from Isaiah 40:31 (the verse chosen by our graduates this past June). It says, “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Let us pray for one another that we truly are those “*who hope in the Lord.*”

HOME BULLETIN/BLUE NOTE

For families new to our school there may be questions about this newsletter. The *Home Bulletin*, or as many call it, *The Blue Note*, is our school’s weekly bulletin to our families and friends. The Blue Note will contain information about school events, prayer requests, and information about GRACE Board projects as well as assorted news about happenings in our school. We are always willing to send copies of our weekly bulletin to any churches requesting them, so if your church would like copies just call the office and let us know. The Blue Note can also be accessed (without paper attachments) on our web site www.oostburgchristian.com. Please remember, all announcements that need to be placed in the bulletin must be in writing and to the school office by noon each Tuesday. You can also e-mail your announcements to bnyenhuis@oostburgchristian.com. New this year will be a change to electronic copies of the Blue Note via email. This would replace the paper Blue Note that is given out at school and will save on financial and ecological resources. Please watch future Blue Notes for news about this change.

OUR PARKING LOT – DRIVE CAREFULLY

Please drive very carefully when entering and exiting our school parking lot. The lot is full of students being dropped off, there are other students walking across the lot after leaving their bikes in the bike rack, and finally the east end of the lot is used by students who are playing basketball. Cars may use 7th Street to drop off their students, but **please drive carefully.**

ILLNESSES / ABSENCES

Please call the school office between 8:15 and 9:00 AM if your child will miss school on a certain day. If we do not hear from you, and your child does not show up for school, we will be calling your home to make sure your child is safe.

DRESS CODE POLICY

One of the ways young people witness to those around them about the relationship they have with Jesus is through the way they dress. Please remind your children to dress properly. All clothing should be modest and appropriate for school. This may mean that some favorite “summer outfits” must be put away or used only on weekends. We hope and pray that home, school, and church can all work together to help our young people be lights who shine brightly for Jesus in our society.

REGISTRATION MATERIALS

If you have not yet handed in your registration materials (e.g. Current Health Information Sheet, Immunization information, Student Health Record Sheet, Volunteer Form, Emergency Card, and etc.) please do so by the end of this week. Thank you.

LUNCH BEVERAGES

Please do not send soda to school with your child to drink at lunch or as a snack. Milk will be available for all students. An order form is included in this Blue Note. Please fill out the form and return it by Friday, September 11. All students will be allowed to drink milk until that time. After September 11 only students who have signed up for milk will be allowed to have any.

BIBLES FOR SALE IN OFFICE

NIV Bibles are for sale in the school office. The price is \$7.50.

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.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Students in 7th and 8th grade who are participating in interscholastic sports at OCS are required to have a sports physical or physical waiver form on file in the school office. Please hand these in to the office before your child's first game. Thank you.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEES

Funds are needed to run our interscholastic athletic programs at OCS. Money brought in through participation fees is used for payment of referees, league fees, tournament fees, purchasing athletic equipment, and purchasing uniforms. The following fee schedule has been set by the administration of OCS:

7 th – 8 th Boys' Soccer (September)	\$10.00
7 th – 8 th Girls' Volleyball (September)	\$15.00
5 th – 6 th Girls' Basketball (November)	\$15.00
5 th – 6 th Boys' Basketball (November)	\$15.00
7 th – 8 th Girls' Basketball (November)	\$20.00
7 th – 8 th Boys' Basketball (November)	\$20.00

Note: the maximum fee for any one family is \$40.00. The soccer and volleyball fees are due September 11.

OPEN HOUSE AT OOSTBURG CHRISTIAN

Parents, grandparents, and friends of O.C.S. – or anyone interested in learning more about our school - are invited to join us for an Open House on Tuesday, September 15, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Come and visit your child's teacher and check out the classrooms! If you know anyone who still may be interested in our school, this is a perfect, last-second opportunity. Call the office and we can even send them a personal invitation. Thank you.

HOT LUNCH ORDERS

Tomorrow is the last day to order hot lunch for Wednesdays in September. Order forms were given out at registration. Please turn in any slips by 9:00 AM. We will be unable to accept any orders after that time. Thank you.

PANDEMIC (SWINE FLU) UPDATE

Parents, PLEASE read the attached information regarding the H1N1 pandemic. We will be diligent in trying to keep the instances of swine flu under control in our school. In compliance with WI state health department guidelines, any student with symptoms of a cough, fever (100 degrees or over) or sore throat will be isolated and you will be notified to come and pick them up. All sick students should stay out of

school for AT LEAST 24 hours after their fever has subsided. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping all of our children healthy.

PAUL TODD CONCERT

It is our hope that those of you who were able to attend the Paul Todd concert this summer enjoyed it. We thank you for your support. Oostburg Christian's TAP fund was able to realize over \$3,400 from this concert. Thanks so much!

PIE IN THE PARK

Thank you to all of you for bringing delicious pies to the Oostburg park on the 4th of July. We were able to realize over \$1,300 in profit from these few short hours of work. At the Association meeting in May, it looked like GRACE would be around \$10,000 short in fulfilling the pledge. We praise God that with the last successful events, we were able to pay \$42,500 of our \$46,000 pledge.

DID YOU KNOW....

Ace Hardware Scrip is good at our very own, popular Daane Ace Hardware? Don't let the man in your house shop there without it!

MILK ORDERS

Parents, please fill in the order form below and return it to school (with payment) no later than next Friday, September 11. Please be sure to indicate what flavor milk each of your students will be taking. Milk will be provided at no charge for kindergarten students on the third Wednesday of each month when they will be dismissed at the early release time instead of at noon. Parents of children in 4K or Aftercare may order milk also. This milk must be ordered now, at the beginning of the year, for the entire year. Aftercare and 4K students have the option of ordering for 3 days or less per week for \$6.00 or 4-5 days/week for \$12.00.

**Milk Order Form
2009/2010**

<u>Student's Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Flavor of Milk</u> (circle one)	<u>Cost</u>
_____	_____	White or Chocolate	\$12.00
_____	_____	White or Chocolate	\$12.00
_____	_____	White or Chocolate	\$12.00
_____	_____	White or Chocolate	\$12.00
_____	_____	White or Chocolate	\$12.00
_____	4K/Aftercare	White or Chocolate	
		3 Days or Less/Wk	\$6.00
		4-5 Days/Wk	\$12.00

Please return to school with payment no later than September 11.

AUCTION COMMITTEE POSITION

For the last three years, Judy Mentink has served the Auction committee, helping with the spreadsheet of our donors and receipting them when the auction is over. If you or someone you know likes to work on the computer, most of the work can be done in your own home, on your own time. Our committee meets occasionally after the auction, and more often during the fall months. If you are interested now, you can

shadow Judy through this coming auction and learn more about what is involved. Thanks for your consideration.

The GRACE Place

WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER YEAR OF GRACE FUND RAISING PROJECTS!

We look forward to a great year!

God has been good. At registration time, we were experiencing a shortage of families to do GRACE projects. After speaking with the chairs of the projects and GRACE Board members, these wonderful people

- graciously dropped some of the workers needed for their projects,
- looked for parents and grandparents to fill some of the empty spaces, and
- spread the word among our families and some signed up for more than their required 20 hours.

We will have a few open slots available and as each project is posted in the blue note, and if you are available, your help would be greatly appreciated! Our God continues to provide!

SCRIP

Praise God for \$12,000 in sales on Registration Night! What an awesome beginning to the 2009-10 school year! Thank you, thank you, thank you. The Scrip Team would like to encourage you to use Scrip throughout the year ó it's FREE money! In June, \$5,950 was credited towards tuition accounts. YOU could benefit from this as well. Thank you for your support!

Reminder: the 20% discount for Kwik Trip ends on 9/15/09! Get in soon to take advantage of this huge savings and help for you tuition account!

Scrip Anywhere

This program which was launched this summer allows the Scrip program to support families who send their children to Christian school in other areas. The idea is simple: you can buy Scrip here at school and once a year, we will send your accumulated discount to any Christian school in the U.S., including Sheboygan Christian and Christian High. You will need to fill out a registration form for this. Spread the word among grandparents who would like to help their families in other areas. Any questions, just call Melanie Wisse (564-6031) or Brenda Lammers (564-2310)

OCS BANKS

Just 10 cents a day x 365 days x 200 families who have banks--that is \$7,300! Do you have a school bank? If not, would you consider picking up one in the office and put in a dime a day? If you have one, just empty your change once a week and it will fill up fast! What an easy project and what a great profit to be earned!

During the month of September, we will be collecting the full banks. If you have one at home and can drop it in the school office, we would greatly appreciate it. It will save our GRACE Board members' time as we will be collecting these. If you do bring it in the office, please be sure that you sign your name on the sheet so that we know about it. We thank you in advance.

Here are some of the upcoming dates:

● **Volleyball Tournament: September 24, 25, 26, 2009**

- Teams are already lining up for this annual fall event. If you know of a team that would like to play, have them contact Michele Rondeau at 467-2945.

● **Pizza Sale: October 13, 2009 ó**

- They're back! We are again going to make our own, delicious, and very popular pizzas this year. Spread the word. Order forms available next week.

● **Heart for Education Auction- "*Home for the Holidays*"
November 7, 2009**

- Remember the great food made by Andrea DuMez last year? She needs someone to be a co-chair with her this year in the planning and preparation for another exciting auction meal. If you or someone you know would enjoy helping with this event, please call Andrea at 564-5102.
- Something new for the 2009 auction: Individual meal tickets will be \$8.00 per person this year, and it is worth it! You also may be interested in buying a table for eight and have your delicious meal served family style for just \$100. No standing in line, just sit and enjoy the delicious meal, while visiting. Deadline to register and pay for a table is October 16. Call Judy Mentink at 564-3626.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMS IN TOUCH

Let's "lift up holy hands in prayer" (1 Timothy 2:8)

We have something very special at Oostburg Christian School. It's A Mom's In Touch International prayer ministry. We welcome and invite all women associated with OCS to join us. Even if you can't make it each

week, please come when you are able. We meet on Thursday mornings from 10:30 - 11:45. Free childcare is provided with advanced notice. Our first meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 10. at Oostburg Christian in the library. If God has laid upon your heart a desire to pray for Oostburg Christian, please contact Sue Dykstra 564-4212 or susandykstra@wi.rr.com. *"What we need most for solving the problems in our society in not more money, more education, more ideas, books or strategies. Our prime need is hands lifted up in prayer. 'We can accomplish far more by our prayers than by our work. Prayer...can do anything God can do! When we pray, God works' (The Kneeling Christian).* Quoted from Alvin Vander Griend's devotional Love to Pray,

PRAYER CONFERENCE

ALL WOMEN SAVE THIS DATE: Sat. Nov. 14, 2009, ARISE! CRY OUT! A prayer conference for women to pray for our children and schools. Come from 9am-1pm to the First Reformed Church Oostburg. Questions? Call Vicki Swart 564-3807 or Sue Dykstra 564-4212

CALENDAR

Sept. 4 & 7	Labor Day Weekend Holiday – No School
September 9	Pizza Hot Lunch
September 11	Registration Forms and Athletic and Milk Fees Due

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

- *September Calendar & Interest Wheel
- *H1N1 Information Letter
- *Sheboygan County Historical Society "Third Saturday" Information
- *LTC Community Class Schedule