



# Oostburg Christian Sci

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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 November 10, 2010

### THANK YOU, GRACE BOARD AUCTION COMMITTEE

Saturday night was a wonderful time of fellowship, fun, and fundraising for our school as the GRACE Board invited our entire school community and our friends to the annual OCS Fall Auction. An excellent meal was served in our beautifully decorated gym, and excitement existed everywhere as friends bid against each other on numerous items. We praise God for the fantastic success of the evening and thank everyone who helped make it possible. We especially thank Joyce Eggebeen and the auction committee for spending endless hours making this fundraiser possible. Please join me in thanking and praising God for our committee members.

### END OF QUARTER, REPORT CARDS, AND PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

The first quarter ended last Friday. Due to the Speech and Spelling Festival in Delavan, Report Cards will be sent home with students in grades 5 – 8 tomorrow (Thursday, November 11). All other Report Cards will be sent home on Friday. Parent / Teacher Conferences are scheduled for next Monday and Tuesday, November 15 and 16. The revised schedule is included as an attachment to this Home Bulletin.

### EARLY RELEASES IN NOVEMBER

Due to Parent /Teacher Conferences there are several Early Release Dates in the month of November. **Next Tuesday, November 16**, we will dismiss at 1:20 so teachers may prepare for the evening Parent / Teacher Conferences. **Wednesday, November 17**, is our normal "third Wednesday of the month early release day." Finally, **Wednesday, November 24**, is also a 1:20 dismissal. This day before Thanksgiving vacation is our annual Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Day. Please write these early release dates on your calendars. Buses will run at release time on all of these days. **Kindergarten will run until 1:20 on all three of these days.** REMINDER: There is no Afternoon Care on early release days. Thank you.

### SPEECH AND SPELLING IN DELAVAN

All students in grades 5 – 8 will travel to Delavan this Friday for the Annual Wisconsin Christian Schools Speech and Spelling Festival. Please pray for safe travel as seven Christian schools from around the state will be sending students to this event, and many parents and friends will be traveling also. Travel directions are available on the OCS website, or you may pick them up in the school office.

### YEARBOOK LUNCH

A junior high yearbook lunch will be held next Monday, Nov. 15. Hot dogs and/or noodle cups will be available for \$1.00 each.

### DECEMBER HOT LUNCH ORDERS

The December hot lunch order form is included with this Blue Note. It MUST be returned by NOON on Wednesday, Nov. 24, so we can get the count tallied and submitted before school dismisses for the Thanksgiving weekend. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Thank you.

### PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes will be held NEXT Wednesday, Nov. 17 right at the beginning of the school day. Students who are having their photos retaken must return their original package to the photographer that day.

*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.*

### **DO YOU NEED A PLACE FOR YOUR PARTY?**

Oostburg Christian School rents both the gym and student center to anyone interested in using one or the other for a party. The charges for the gym or student center are \$80.00 for 1 – 4 hours plus \$20 for each additional hour. The charge for use of both gym and student center is \$125.00. Food is only allowed in the student center. If you would like to rent the kitchen, the cost is an additional \$20. For more details, please call the school office.

### **SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TASK FORCE**

It has now been about a year since the boards of Oostburg Christian School, Sheboygan Christian School, and Sheboygan County Christian High School came together and formed the Sheboygan County Christian Schools Task Force. The job of this task force was "to prove the following premise to be either true or false: Becoming one association is crucial to the future of Christian education in Sheboygan County."

The task force has come to the conclusion that forming an association is NOT essential to the future of Christian education in Sheboygan County at this time. However, the task force did recommend the following: "Becoming one federation while maintaining separate associations IS crucial to the future of Christian education in Sheboygan County. We recommend the school boards call a vote of their associations in May, 2011 on whether to form a federation. In addition, we recommend that the school boards call another vote in May, 2013 to determine whether the schools will move towards further unification." At this point, all three association boards have approved that recommendation, and will be asking their associations in May, 2011 to approve forming a federation.

The Task Force has set three dates for the purpose of sharing with families the evidence and rationale behind these recommendations. Parents and all association members are encouraged to attend any one or all three of these meetings. The meeting dates, times, and places are as follows:

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| Christian High      | Monday, Nov 29 at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room |
| Sheboygan Christian | Tuesday, Dec 7 at 7:00 pm in the Gym                |
| Oostburg Christian  | Thursday, Jan 6 at 7:00 pm in the Student Center    |

Please note these dates on your calendar now, tell your friends and family, and plan to participate in these important discussions regarding the future of Christian education in Sheboygan County.

### **DESTINATION IMAGINATION**

Destination ImagiNation, Inc. is an extraordinary non-profit organization that provides educational programs for students to learn and experience creativity, teamwork and problem solving. This program is an educational experience in which student teams solve open-ended challenges and present their solutions at tournaments. Oostburg Christian will have our first team this year! If your grade 3-5 child is interested in joining this program call Andrea DuMez at 564-5102 or e-mail at [andreadumez@yahoo.com](mailto:andreadumez@yahoo.com). We will begin practicing next week Friday from 3:30-5:00 in the Science Room. There are limited spaces so be sure to call ahead! Find out more at [destinationimagination.org](http://destinationimagination.org).

### **DANGER IN PARKING LOT**

The traffic flow in our parking lot each morning is not smooth and is becoming very dangerous. We have students leaving cars and walking through the parking lot while other cars are backing up to leave. In order to correct this situation, we will set out two rows of cones. As you enter the parking lot please do not go past the first row of cones if you are parking your car and walking into the school with your child. Please park as far west as you can. If you are simply dropping your child off, please drive very slowly and carefully to the second set of cones, turn in a semi-circle, stop to quickly let your children out, and then carefully proceed out of the parking lot. PLEASE AVOID BACKING UP AT ALL TIMES IF POSSIBLE! Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **O.C.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Please reserve the evening of Thursday, December 16, for our all-school Christmas concert. The concert will feature praises to our Savior being sung by all our students.

Students in grades K-8 should wear concert attire – black bottoms and white tops. Parents of 4K children will be notified as to what their child should wear. Please lend and borrow from other families to outfit your children. Call Mrs. De Master at 918-5401 with any questions.

## **WINTER WEAR**

There is a supply of hats, mittens/gloves, jackets at school from a previous holiday clothing drive. If your child is in need of any of these items, please stop in the office and we will direct you to them.

## **GRANDPARENTS' AND GRANDFRIENDS' DAY**

Our annual Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day event will be held on Wednesday, November 24. Invitations were sent out last week. If you would like to give out any other invitations, you can pick some up in the school office. Students are invited to bring non-perishable food items that day for those less fortunate. A flyer was attached to last week's Home Bulletin regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Food Drive in conjunction with Lakeland Chiropractic and The Healing Space. Scrip will be available for purchase during the Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day event.

## **KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS NEEDED**

The Eighth Grade Girls are working on a knitting project. They have been taught to knit by eighth grader Natalie Harlin, and they are making scarves for the Teen MOPS program. There are 20 moms who come regularly to this program. We would like to give a scarf to each of these moms. We only have seven eighth grade girls (plus Mrs. Hancock) who knit so we need more knitters/ crocheters to complete 20 scarves by Christmas. If you can help, by donating your time and or yarn to this project, please, call the office or Mrs. Hancock. The scarves should be approximately 60 inches long by 6 inches wide.

## **CABIN FEVER RELIEVER IS BACK**

Oostburg Christian School will once again host playtime for energetic children and their caregivers in our gymnasium. This service is FREE and we will meet from 8:30-10:00 AM on the following Thursdays: 11/18, 12/2, 1/6, 1/20, 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 4/7 and 4/21. Everyone is invited to attend, whether pre-school, home school, public school or Christian school. Anyone curious to see the rest of the school is welcome to walk through during this time as well. For more information, call 920-564-2664.

## **SCRIP STORE IS OPEN**

Another great Scrip week last week with nearly \$10,000 in sales! We thank you sincerely for your support of this great program!!

There are only a few more Scrip order days before Christmas—the holiday season is coming quickly. Be sure to look over the list of all vendors available—they are **coming home this week in hard copy**, so be sure to let this excellent program help you do your Christmas shopping.

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

that the Scrip store will be open on Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day!

## **GOOD SEARCH**

Good Search is a search engine (like Google) and every time that you use it for your internet searching, Oostburg Christian School will receive \$.01. Just be sure to designate our school as we are already registered with them. Go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com), make it your default search engine, and you help the school each time!

You can also use it for your other online shopping—Good Search will highlight an item in yellow when you can get some extra percentage. We will be sure to let you know when we receive our next check from them. Thank you for your support.

## **HEART FOR EDUCATION AUCTION**

Last Saturday night was a great event to celebrate Christian education. We hosted 192 guests for dinner, and the Silent and Live Auction. We appreciate your donations, your prayers, your bidding, and your support! We were able to take in over \$20,000 for the school!! Praise the Lord!

Once again, we had over 300 items available and many opportunities for people interested in all kinds of items—for themselves as well as gifts.

We praise God for the many people who worked to make this possible. Please be sure to thank the following members of the Planning Committee who work tirelessly for this large event:

- Dawn DeMaster, Co-Chair

- Jocelyn Wiebe
- Jason and Janell Otte
- Mike & Jenny LeMahieu,
- Gina Claerbaut
- Andrea DuMez & Georgia Smies in the kitchen
- Nicole Mentink and Liz Weavers on decorations
- Joyce Eggebeen

If you would like to be on the Decorations Committee for next year, please contact Joyce Eggebeen. We are deeply grateful to Nicole and Liz for their years of service to the Lord through this event!

### **UNITY GROUP 'FUN'D RAISER**

Congratulations to the Unity Groups 10 and 20 for being the highest total raised for them at the auction! Both groups will get a party at the Johnson's. **Thank you so much to Todd and Heather for being willing to host both groups.** Details about this will be available as soon as we have arrangements made! Thank you parents and grandparents for your support!!!

### **ITEMS YET AVAILABLE**

There are still some auction items that were unsold. They will be displayed in the trophy case sometime later this week. If you would like them, please contact Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678 or [jeggebeen@wi.rr.com](mailto:jeggebeen@wi.rr.com)) and we will make arrangements for you to pick them up. We will sell them at half price or best offer.

The LifeFest tickets were sold at the auction, but the buyer is now unable to attend LifeFest 2011. Please contact Joyce if you are interested. They are valued at \$192 for four tickets.

### **AUCTION MEAL COMMITTEE**

Thank you to all of the extra hands that went above and beyond to make the meal at the auction a success. It's wonderful being a part of a family that pulls together like this! Thank you also to Ben and Gina Claerbaut for the grass fed, local cow, to Strojny Orchard for the discount on the wonderful discount on Honey Crisp, Sun Crisp and other apples that made a delicious applesauce. Thanks also to those of you who loaned us kitchen equipment – don't forget to pick it up in the kitchen soon!  
Andrea DuMez and Georgia Smies

| <b>CALENDAR</b> |  |
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| November 11     | Report Cards to Gr. 5-8  |
| November 12     | Speech Fest. @ Delavan<br>Report Cards                                     |
| November 15     | Yearbook Lunch<br>Parent/Teacher Conferences<br>Lakeland College Math Meet |
| November 16     | 1:20 PM Dismissal<br>Parent/Teacher Conferences                            |
| November 17     | Photo Re-Takes<br>Turkey Hot Lunch<br>1:20 PM Dismissal                    |
| November 18     | Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30-10:00 AM   |

