



# 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 December 1, 2010

### THANK YOU

How do I even begin to thank everyone for the excellent outcome of Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Day? The students did an awesome job leading us in worship. Thank you, students. The staff did a great job preparing the students. Thank you, Shelba, and everyone else who had a part in the worship service. We especially thank Mrs. Janell Otte and the middle school students for accompanying the singing. Thank you, teachers, for all you did to make the visits to your classrooms enjoyable for our guests. Thank you to everyone who provided refreshment supplies. Finally, we praise and thank God for watching over the entire day and working through us to bring praise to His Name.

### PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

Many of you remember helping out in 4K in the past. Our current 4K is in need of some parent helpers on Mondays and Wednesdays. We have 12 wonderful children who are all at different levels socially, emotionally, academically, and physically ☺. Another set of eyes would be the perfect way of helping our children grow. We know many parents work out of the home and it is very difficult to sign up for a specific day each week. However, if you can help once in awhile it would be greatly appreciated. All we need is one helper each day. Please call the school office (564-2664) or Miss Gantner (1-262-853-9061) if you can help. We will confirm the day(s) that works for you. Thank you for your help.

### WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Parents and guardians are reminded that students should have an emergency plan in case we dismiss early or if school is cancelled. With winter around the corner the possibility of weather related closings is very real. Students will be allowed to make emergency phone calls and school will stay open until transportation arrives for all students. Parents and guardians are asked to notify the school office if someone other than themselves will be providing transportation for the children. Please listen to WHBL radio (1330 on your AM dial) for closing information due to weather. You can also get closing information on their website at [www.whbl.com](http://www.whbl.com). Go to "Quick Links" listed on the right side of the home page and select "Cancellations". Parents may also tune into Channel 4 and 12 on their TV for closing information. Remember, if Oostburg Public Schools close due to inclement weather, so do we (bussing). There is no aftercare if school closes due to inclement weather.

### CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

TOMORROW, December 2 is our next Cabin Fever Reliever date. Children and their caregivers are welcome to run and play in our gymnasium from 8:30 until 10:00 AM. Anyone curious to see the rest of the school is welcome to walk through during this time as well.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please reserve the evening of Thursday, December 16, for our all-school Christmas concert. The concert will begin at 6:30 PM and 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. Our 4K students should wear black bottoms – a shirt will be provided for them. Please lend and borrow from other families to outfit your children. Call Mrs. DeMaster at 918-5401 with any questions.

*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.*

## **CHRISTMAS PROJECT AT O.C.S.**

This year's Christmas project is actually a continuation of a project we began last year and are undertaking all year long. Our Unity Groups have committed to "sponsoring" children for one year at the Tesoros de Dios ministry. Tesoros de Dios, translated *Treasures of God*, is located in Managua, Nicaragua. This ministry, directed by O.C.S. alumna, Michelle Adams, provides children with developmental disabilities and their families with the basic tools necessary for life-long growth. It does this through programs in personal health, special needs education, and Christ-centered spiritual growth.

The Unity Groups at O.C.S. have formed into pairs to share the cost of the sponsorship of a child. It costs \$25 per month or \$300 per year to sponsor a child. This means each Unity Group is responsible for raising \$12.50 each month for their child. Since we have twenty Unity Groups we have the opportunity to be a blessing to ten needy children in Nicaragua. Last year our Unity Groups actually exceeded the goal set for them. We pray God will again use us to help meet the needs of these children.

## **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.

## **MANY THANKS TO SCARF KNITTERS FOR TEEN MOPS!!**

The eighth grade girls have been knitting scarves for Teen MOPS. Recently, they requested help with this project so that they could provide a scarf for each of the young moms who come to the MOPS program. The response was wonderful!! Special thanks to Michel Rondeau and her mom Carol Phipps who were great knitters and "recruiters of knitters"! Knitters included Sandy Dolgner, Teresa Fisher, and Lori Weavers.

## **PINE HAVEN CAROLING**

On Wednesday, December 22, our 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be traveling to Pine Haven, Oostburg, to share Christmas music with the residents there. We would like to extend an invitation to other senior citizens in our community to join us there from 1:15 to 2:00 PM for a time of singing Christmas carols together. If you know of any senior citizens who would enjoy this time, and they are able to get there, please invite them. Thank you.

## **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:

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.

## **TUITION DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

The holidays are a wonderful time of celebrations and giving gifts. Please do not allow the activities of the season to cause you to fall behind in tuition payments. Remember, tuition is due the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thank you.

## **YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED**

"I'll Be Home for Christmas" Tour of Homes, sponsored by Oostburg Christian School to be held on December 8, from 3:00-7:00 PM. Tickets will be sold for \$5 which includes a tour of the homes and dessert in the school Student Center. Reservations would be appreciated by calling Vicki Westerbeke at 564-2442 and leaving a message. Walk-ins are also welcome. Tickets, shoe covers, and directions will be available in the school office the day before and the day of the tour. We have four lovely homes on the tour: Todd and Heather Johnson, Jeff and Kim Heinen, Brad and Julie Bulkow and Tim and Annette Wisse.

### **SCRIP**

Do you need your Scrip today? Stop in the office and have Barb get it for you. Do you want it waiting for you? Just go to our website at [www.oostburgchristian.com](http://www.oostburgchristian.com) and click on Scrip, then Scrip online order form, and let us know what you need. Your order will be waiting for you-- just stop by, pay for it and be on your way this busy season!

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

That Scrip will be sold at two ballgames on December 7 & 14, & at the Christmas Concert on December 16. Pick up the certificates that you need and get those names checked off your list!

### **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?**

Start with Scrip---everyone loves gift cards—they are just the right size, color, and there's no need to dust, display or store them!

- Piano Teacher – \$10 Starbucks, \$10 Sonlight
- Paper Boy – \$10 Culvers
- Hairdresser – \$10 Bath & Body Works
- Sunday School Teacher – \$10 Cold Stone Creamery, \$5 Cracked Shoe
- Babysitter – \$15 I-Tunes
- Hard to Buy for Teen – \$25 Marcus, \$25 TJ Maxx, \$25 Game Stop, \$15 I-Tunes, \$10 Subway
- Mom/Mom-In-Law – \$25 Caans, \$25 Bed, Bath & Beyond, \$25 Pier One
- Dad/Dad-In-Law – \$25 Ace Hardware, \$25 Home Depot, \$25 Menards, \$25 Fleet Farm

### **SAVE THE DATE**

We've already begun work on Night of Praise, to be held on April 16, 2011. Mr. Bill VanDyk, former administrator at OCS, will be the speaker. It will be hostess-supper style again this year and we will honor the classes of 1984 (25<sup>th</sup> year), 1961 (50<sup>th</sup> year), and 1951 (60<sup>th</sup> year). Put it on your calendar and watch for details.

### **DECORATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE AUCTION**

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!

### **WISH LIST TREES**

The Wish List Trees that were featured at the auction are still in the hall. If you want to get something extra for your child or grandchild's teacher, please stop by and take a look at the items that are still available. You can select an apple and stop in the office to pay for that item. The teachers are grateful for your support.

### **AUCTION ITEMS**

There is one Kindergarten calendar still available (like the one sold at the auction) which features all the students from the Kindergarten class. The calendar is \$26. You can pick it up and pay for it in the office.

Do you need a Christmas gift suggestion?:

- we have a set of golf clubs valued at \$450
- a small charcoal grill with a bag of charcoal valued at \$75.

Contact Joyce Eggebeen if interested @ [jeggebeen@wi.rr.com](mailto:jeggebeen@wi.rr.com)

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*COUPON FOR FREE BOWLING**

There are coupons for a free game of bowling at Lakeshore Lanes available in the school office. Stop in during office hours to pick them up.

**\*AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE**

This course instructs youth on how to care for infant through school-aged children by teaching them how to prevent injuries and what to do in an emergency. They will also learn how to change diapers, feed children, discipline, and how to handle emergencies and basic first aid. The course will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the American Red Cross Office. Class size is limited to 12 students so early registration is recommended. Registration forms can be picked up in the school office. There is also an electronic version attached to this Home Bulletin e-mail.

**\*MOPS REQUEST**

There are numerous moms in the MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group in Sheboygan who do not own a Bible or have not yet accepted Christ. MOPS is a non-profit group that helps out all moms in the area. The group has grown and they would like to give a devotional bible to every mom. If you would like to give a donation to help provide these Bibles, you can send it to Lauren Smies at 2105 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Sheboygan, WI 53081.

**FREE ATHLETIC PASSES!**

It's basketball season at Christian High! If you would like to receive FREE Athletic Passes for your students for home games at SCCHS, please contact Melanie Wisse at [mwise@scchs.com](mailto:mwise@scchs.com). Please write "athletic passes" in the subject line of your email and list the name(s) and grade(s) of your child/children to have passes sent to you. Children 5 and under get in free to SCCHS events. If you have any questions, please call the school at 920-458-9981.

**NEEDED: A FRIENDLY WELCOME AND A WARM PLACE TO SLEEP**

The Dordt College Concert Choir's winter tour includes a stop in Sheboygan on Friday, January 7. Could you house a few students for the night? If so, please contact Chuck Adams ([ckadams5@gmail.com](mailto:ckadams5@gmail.com) or 208-0918). We need space for 52 students. Also, if you are willing to help with other details, including a meal for the choir before their concert, please contact Chuck.

**CALENDAR**

December 2	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30 – 10:00 AM B-Ball Girls5/6 @ StJ 5:00 Boys5/6 @ StJ 6:00
December 4	Girls' Oostburg Middle School Tourny
December 7	B-Ball Girls7/8 vs BL 5:00 Boys7/8 vs CCA 6:00
December 8	Soup Lunch
December 9	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade to SCCHS Visiting Day B-Ball Girls5/6 vs SCS @ SCCHS 6:30 Boys5/6 vs SCS @ SCCHS 7:30

