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# THE CHARGER



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## Points of Interest:

- Discover OCS Night is next week Monday!
- School Choice Application
- Check out the school store
- Save the date for Night of Praise

## PROMOTIONS AT OCS

Oostburg Christian School is a living body of God's world. It moves and change as families come and go, as Board members come and go, and students come and go.

Your Promotion Committee works to get information out to people about our school who live in this county through some of the following avenues:

Any time that someone moves into the village, they receive information about our school. We put out the Our Witness newsletter quarterly to keep constituents connected.

We host Sneak Peek, an Open House in the fall for our families to visit classrooms, and in the winter we host Discover OCS for our families to invite new families to visit the school.

We promote our school at the Oostburg Elementary School during their Early Childhood Screening times.

We plan Grandparents' Day and look forward to hosting 250-300 people each year.

We host the popular Lunch

Buddies event three times a year with 2nd, 4th and 7th grade classes.

We purchase and hand out school memorabilia for events: mugs, pencils, pens, tees, cinch bags, etc.

We have a partnership with Faith Based Education who promotes our school four times a year through their website, but also Christian education radio spots on WSTM.

We work at staying connected to our representative churches through pastor visits, bulletin announcements, council visits, and offerings.

We host a Shadowing Day in the spring for new students to get chance to interact in the classroom.

Our new website will launch soon and has many exciting components to communicate with current and new families.

We use the Lakeshore Weekly, church bulletins, Facebook, and Sheboygan Press to promote our events here.

We have done target mailings to families in Sheboygan

Falls, Random Lake, Belgium, Port Washington, Adell, Waldo, and Hingham promoting our school to families who have children ages 4-14.

We use bulletin boards around the village and county for exposure.

And this doesn't even mention all the promotion we get from our GRACE events like the Jason Mentink Memorial Charger Shoot-out, Auction, Pizza Sale, Night of Praise, Vendor Fair, Soup Supper and other opportunities that people have to connect to our school.

This is a very busy group of people who represent you—the families in this parent-run school.

Do you have a vision for where the school ought to further promote itself?

Would you be willing to help develop these new ideas?

Are there any other ideas you have to communicate to interested families?

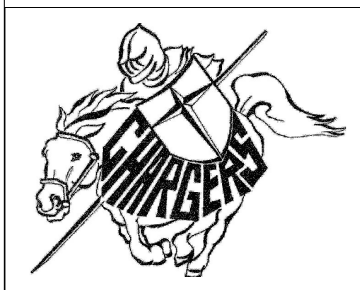
Would you be willing to help with one or two of these events?

## SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION

Open Enrollment Period:  
February 1, 2018—April  
20, 2018

Oostburg Christian School is a part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) for the 2018-19 school year. Do you know someone interested in Christian education for their children but need to ease the burden of tuition?

Contact the school office or visit our website for application information



## GRACE NEWS

The JMMCSO committee would like to thank everyone who came to the games, enjoyed our concessions, prayed for the tournament and also all the sponsors. We had a great 2 weekends.

GRACE Board will be looking for new members for next year. If you feel you have a gift in helping run a fundraiser or are gifted with great ideas in this area, please contact Becky Zylstra.

GRACE Board is also looking a filling some openings in fundraising that we will have next school year. We are looking for a Chair for the RJW, another member on the donations committee for the auction, someone to co-chair in the kitchen at the auction and also someone to co-chair the Soup Suppers. If any of these interest please contact Becky Zylstra.

*Thank  
You*

### **OCS MISSION STATEMENT**

*“The mission of Oostburg Christian School is to partner with the home and the church in providing a distinctly Christian education in which students learn about God, His Word, and His world in order to develop a heart that is prepared for a lifetime of service to Jesus Christ.”*

## LOST & FOUND

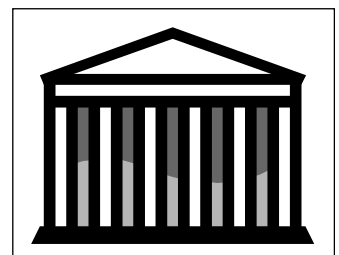
A men’s long wool coat was found here after our last soup supper. If this is yours or you know whose it is, please contact the school office to claim.

**LOST  
AND  
FOUND**

## TAX DEDUCTION

Parents with children in a private school will be able to receive a tax deduction when they file their state of Wisconsin taxes for tuition paid. Don’t forget when you file your taxes to complete “Schedule PS” which will accompany your 2017 tax filing. Copies are also available in the school office.

You will need to enter the school’s FEIN with is 39-0845692. Your tuition claimed includes all tuition paid by you for the 2017 calendar year. Don’t miss out on this tax benefit!



## SCRIP NEWS

Are you starting this new year hoping to stick to a newly created budget with your finances? Using the OCS scrip program can help!! How you ask? Say you budget to spend \$150/week on groceries. All you have to do is come in the school office on a Monday morning and buy \$150 in Piggly Wiggly scrip. When you have used this up then you know you have spent all you can for that week according to what you budgeted. How about gas? Do you hope to stick to \$100

in gas expense each week? Same format applies – stop in the office on Monday morning and buy a variety of gas cards valued at \$100. That then is what you have available to spend for that week. Wal-Mart and Target are great to use for those non-food/gas purchases and keep you on track to only spend what you have budgeted. Start this process now and see a little extra in your tuition account when June rolls around – and that helps your budget also!!

We are planning to eliminate a few items from our stocked scrip cards. We have both Little Caesars and Express cards that we are looking to get rid of. Stop in the office if you could use these.



## 365GIVE CHALLENGE

365Give is going strong, and after less than four weeks, the total "gives" has reached 7,798! For the month of February, students will be encouraged to come up with their own ideas, and the teachers will be "spying" on them to catch them doing

good. At the end of each week, names of students who have been spotted will be compiled. One name will be drawn to receive a prize, so keep encouraging your student givers!

*“Rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”*

*Colossians 2:7*

## FREE PLANTER

We are looking to get rid of the concrete planter in front of the school, there is 1 large planter by the front door. Please call the school office if you are interested!





*"Rooted in Faith, Growing to Serve"*

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- Cabin Fever Reliever is THIS Wednesday, February 7th
- Pine Haven Crime Prevention Event—Thursday, February 8th  
Link: [www.facebook.com/events/246206675919008/](http://www.facebook.com/events/246206675919008/)
- OCS Association Meeting—Monday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m.
- Blue Harbor Night—Thursday, February 22 from 4–9 p.m.  
(Remember to buy your tickets in the school office!)
- BoxTop Deadline—Thursday, March 1
- SAVE THE DATE: Night of Praise—Saturday, April 21, 2018  
(More details to follow!)

### **Discover OCS night—Monday, February 12 at 6 p.m.**

Oostburg Christian School  
cordially invites all new parents to visit school on  
Monday, February 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m.  
for an informational meeting!

Reservations appreciated: 920-564-2664

Please let us know if you need childcare for this event so that we can have enough  
loving supervision!

Your children will be invited for a special  
Shadowing Day in May.

## CALENDAR

<b>Feb. 7</b>	<b>Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30–10 a.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 7</b>	<b>Early Release 12:20 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 7</b>	<b>Soup Supper 4:30–6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 12</b>	<b>Discover OCS Night</b>
<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>Beef Taco Hot Lunch</b>
<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>7th Grade Lunch Buddies</b>
<b>Feb. 15</b>	<b>Mom's In Prayer 8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 19</b>	<b>Association Meeting 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 21</b>	<b>Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30–10 a.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 21</b>	<b>Soup Hot Lunch</b>
<b>Feb. 22</b>	<b>Progress Reports</b>
<b>Feb. 22</b>	<b>Blue Harbor Night 4–9 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>Teacher In-Service—No School</b>
<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>Pizza Hot Lunch</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30–10 a.m.</b>
<b>March 9</b>	<b>No School—Teacher Inservice</b>
<b>March 12</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Spring Musical—6 p.m.</b>
<b>March 26-30</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>

### **SCHOOL STORE:**

[https://stores.inksoft.com/  
oostburgchristian/](https://stores.inksoft.com/oostburgchristian/)

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