

Home Bulletin
November 21, 2007

*“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good;
His love endures forever.” Psalm 118:1*

Wishing all our families and friends a blessed Thanksgiving season.

THANK YOU, HOT LUNCH LADIES

It is only fitting during this holiday to thank all the volunteers who make Wednesday hot lunch available to our students. “Hot Lunch Moms,” thank you for your dedication and hard work. Parents, students, and teachers all greatly appreciate your efforts. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT AT OCS

Each year the staff of Oostburg Christian School chooses a project to support during the holiday season. This year God took control of the whole process and chose the project for us. First, many of the teachers were challenged at the Christian Educators’ Association Convention during a keynote address to teach our children that they have been blessed and that they needed to be a blessing. Then our school received an email from alumnus, Jody Vander Waal (class of ’99), asking us if we were interested in running a clothing drive for the poor in Milwaukee. Jody is currently working at Phillis Wheatley Elementary School, which is located in a neighborhood with low-income families who have a variety of material needs. Our Christmas project is aimed at relieving some of these needs. We invite you to bring used clothing that is still in good shape to school. We will collect the clothing, and Jody will pick it up to be used by the needy children at her school. Please see the attached information in this Blue Note. It is our hope that our children will see how blessed we are and will hear the words of Jesus when He says, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)

DECEMBER HOT LUNCH ORDERS

If you have not turned in your December hot lunch order yet, you can do so on Monday morning, Nov. 26, by 9:00 AM. We will be unable to accept any orders after that time.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEES DUE

If your student is playing on one of the O.C.S. basketball teams you should be paying the participation fee at this time. The fees are as follows:

5 th /6 th girls or boys	\$15.00
7 th /8 th girls or boys	\$20.00

TUITION DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are a wonderful time for celebrations and gift giving. Please do not allow all the activities of the season to cause you to forget or fall behind in tuition payments. Remember, tuition is due the 15th of each month. Thank you.

8TH GRADE PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER

MONDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING!! It’s the first Class of 2008 fundraiser!! Eighth grade students need everyone’s help! They need you to ask friends, neighbors, and family members to come to the Pizza Ranch on Monday, November 26. The class makes money from tips and from total profits from the evening. **THEY WILL HAVE A SUCCESSFUL EVENING ONLY IF YOU COME AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO COME!** Tell everyone to “save the leftover turkey for the rest of the week” and join the eighth graders for a great buffet at the Ranch.

OCS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please set aside the evening of December 13. Our all-school (4K – 8th grade) Christmas concert will be held beginning at 7:00 PM. The concert will feature all the school children in singing and the 6th – 8th grade school band. Students should wear black bottoms and white tops for the concert.

We have set up a “Concert Attire Exchange Table” near the entrance to the Student Center. If you have white tops or black bottoms that no longer fit your children, and you’d like to help someone else out, please bring your items

(clean and marked clearly with the size) to the table. If you are in need of new concert attire, check out the table to see if you can use anything there and just help yourself. Any attire left after December 11 will be donated to our Christmas clothing drive project. Thank you.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS OR EARLY DISMISSALS

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 go to the O.C.S. website www.oostburgchristian.com, select “Links”, select “School Cancellations” and a listing of cancellations on WHBL will be listed. Remember, if Oostburg Public Schools close due to inclement weather, so do we (bussing).

MORE SHIRT OPTIONS

Due to the popular response of the school shirt sales, and upon request of some parents, the Promotion Committee will be offering a wider selection of shirts for sale. The shirts will feature the **OCS crest** in the top left corner, and will be available in short sleeve tees, long sleeve tees, crewneck sweatshirts, and hooded sweatshirts. The color options will be white, ash gray and forest green. The order form with prices is below, and samples can be found in the main lobby display case. Shirts will be ordered in approximately 2 weeks, or when 12 shirts have been ordered.

Oostburg Christian School Shirts

Available colors: Forest Green (FG)
 Ash Gray (A)
 White (W)

Styles: Long sleeve tee
 Short sleeve tee
 Hooded sweatshirt
 Crewneck sweatshirt

Sizes: Youth S – L,
 Adult S - 2XL

*In the box, indicate the color desired.

	YS (6/8)	YM (10/12)	YL (14/16)	YXL (18/20)	AS	AM	AL	AXL	A2X L
Hooded sweatshirt \$ 12 youth \$ 20 adult									
Crewneck sweatshirt \$ 10 youth \$ 14 adult (\$16 2XL)									
Long sleeve tee \$ 8 youth *run small \$10 adult (\$12 2XL)									
Short sleeve tee \$ 6 youth \$ 7 adult (\$9 2XL)									

Name: _____ Total Cost: _____ Paid: _____

BLUE HARBOR PASSES

There is a limited number of \$5 off Waterpark Passes for the Breaker Bay Indoor Waterpark at Blue Harbor Resort in the school office. If you are planning on visiting there soon you may pick some up. The expiration date for the passes is Jan. 19, 2008.

SPEECH STUDENTS PERFORMING FOR OPTIMISTS CLUB

Seven middle school students will be performing their speech selections as guests of the Oostburg Optimists Club on Tuesday, November 27. Appearing before the Optimists will be Halie Wisse, Emily Urban, Justin Vander Waal, Adam Daane, Kory Niemuth, Jake Swihart, and Jessica Walvoort.

USBORNE BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all those who participated in the Usborne Book Fair. With your help, the O.C.S. library will receive \$380.00 worth of books. Congratulations to Shelbi Gesch for winning the free book drawing.

Upon arrival, your book orders will be bagged and placed in the school office for pick-up. Watch for the December pick-up date in a future Blue Note. Thanks for your support in building up our library.

AFTERNOON CARE INFORMATION

Oostburg Christian School offers afternoon care during the hours of 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM (or any portion of those hours). The cost is \$2.50 per hour – parents purchase a prepaid card for either 8 hours or 40 hours. If your child does not attend afternoon care on a regular basis, but if you would just like to take advantage of this program on an irregular basis, you can purchase a prepaid card and just call the school office anytime to sign your child up for a particular date. If you have any questions regarding our Afternoon Care program, please call the school office for more information.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Be sure to stop by the Sheboygan County Historical Museum for their “Holiday Memories” exhibit. Oostburg Christian and Sheboygan Christian students each have a tree decorated for this event. The students made the ornaments and garland.

*There are brochures in the literature rack outside of the administrative offices with information about some winter programs at Maywood.

\$CRIP STORE

Be sure to stop in the office for all your gift cards needs for Christmas! We have only two more Scrip order dates before Christmas—so if you have some special needs, we want to know about them!! A listing of all vendors who participate in the program was attached to last week’s Blue Note. If you place an order by the end of the week, it will be available on the following Thursday. You can pay for orders when you pick them up.

BANK COLLECTION

Thank you to all who participated in the O.C.S. Bank Collection and went the extra mile (literally) to turn in your banks to the school office. We collected a little over \$2,000! Anyone who does not have a bank can pick one up in the school office.

PIZZA SALE

There are plenty of extra OCS (homemade) pizzas available in the O.C.S. freezer. They are a great after school snack or a quick dinner. The price list is posted on the freezer door. Payment can be made in the school office.

CALENDAR

November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving Break
November 26	8 th Gr. Pizza Ranch Fundraiser
November 27	B-Ball 7/8 Boys @ StJB7 5:30
November 28	Pizza Hot Lunch/4 th Gr. Lunch Buddies