

**HOME BULLETIN**  
**November 28, 2007**

**A MOVIE TO BE AWARE OF**

There will be a new children's movie out in December called THE GOLDEN COMPASS. It is written by Phillip Pullman, a proud atheist who belongs to secular humanist societies. He hates C. S. Lewis's Chronicles of Narnia and has written a trilogy to show the other side. The movie that will be released has been "dumbed down" from what is found in the book to fool kids and their parents in the hope that they will buy the trilogy. In the final book the children kill God and everyone can do as they please. Nicole Kidman stars in the movie, and television advertisements have already begun. Please take this message as a friendly warning – either avoid the movie completely or go together as parents and children and follow that up with a family discussion.

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

Please set aside the evening of Thursday, December 13, for our annual 4K – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas concert. The concert will be held in our own gym and begin at 7:00 PM. All students will participate in singing and the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade band will also be performing. Students should wear concert attire - black bottoms with white tops.

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 for young people in Milwaukee. Thank you.

**PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES**

The teachers and administration want to thank all parents for their presence at our Fall Parent / Teacher Conferences. If in business location is the key to success, it is equally true that in education communication is the key to success. Please continue to pray for your child's classroom (students and teacher) as together we seek to educate our children in the truths of our Lord.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

It may seem impossible, but we are almost halfway through the second quarter. Progress Reports will be sent home next week Friday, December 7. Middle School students are reminded to have a good start on their Accelerated Reader requirements. Parents and Guardians should sign and return the Progress Reports as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

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)

**ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEES DUE**

If your student is playing on one of the O.C.S. basketball teams, the participation fee is due by this Friday, Nov. 30. The fees are as follows:

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

**USBORNE BOOK ORDERS**

The Usborne book orders have arrived. You can pick them up in the school office. Thank you for your participation in the Usborne Book Fair. Happy Reading!

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. 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](http://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 was included in the last two Blue Notes, and samples can be found in the main lobby display case.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **GRACE PLACE:**

### **SCRIP STORE**

NOVEMBER 30 and DECEMBER 7 are the last two Scrip order dates before Christmas. The Scrip Store will be open until the last day of school before Christmas, but don't wait until then. Supplies get pretty low. Plan ahead today and stop in for all your gift card needs!

### **OTHER CHRISTMAS IDEAS**

Someone on your list who has everything? Renew their subscription to the **SHEBOYGAN PRESS**. (Sorry, we

cannot start new subscriptions, only renewals) Bring your renewal slip along with your check made out to Oostburg Christian School for the amount of renewal to the office, and we take care of the rest.

Or perhaps you would like to give them a magazine that gives all year long. Go to our website: [www.oostburgchristian.com](http://www.oostburgchristian.com). Click on GRACE and scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on the QSP logo and you will go to their website and a 40% rebate is on its way to our school and a tuition account of your choice.

**COOKBOOKS** are still available. We've sold a lot this year, but there are some left for that special cook on your list.

### **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.

**PLEASE BE IN PRAYER** for our next fundraiser: the Charger Shoot-out. We are already getting sponsors and we ask you to specifically pray that we get all the teams for this event. We will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the girls' tournaments!

You can now collect the labels from Nestle Water. It will help to fund field trips as well as sports equipment. Just pull off the entire label and put them in with all your Campbells' Soup labels, Boxtops for Education, etc.

These barrels are located outside Mr. Adams' office door. You can also purchase cards, napkins, etc. Just ask Mrs. Nyenhuis in the office and look through our selection.

### **CALENDAR**

December 4	B-Ball Boys7/8 @ SJB7 4:30
December 5	Soup Lunch
December 6	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30 – 10:00 AM
	B-Ball Boys5/6 vs SCS 4:30
	Girls5/6 @ SD 5:00
December 7	Progress Reports