

**HOME BULLETIN**  
**January 16, 2008**

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE**

Congratulations to all students who participated in our school-wide Geography Bee this year. Winning and representing their respective classes were: Michael Alsum, Michael Duenk, Hannah Modahl, and Janeese VerVelde (Grade 4); Anna DeMaster, Jordan Sonnentag, Kyle Stecker, and Graham VerVelde (Grade 5); Zachary Morgan, Zachary Morgen, Jake Swihart, and Zachary Winkel (Grade 6); Katie Flipse, Morgan Ledeboer, Josiah VerVelde, and Richard Walvoort (Grade 7); and Dustin Daane, Jessica Gabrielse, Zachary Johnson, and Justin Vander Waal (Grade 8). The two finalists were Michael Alsum and Josiah VerVelde. Josiah won the final round and will be given a written test for entrance into the national competition. Way to go, Josiah!

**BLUE HARBOR SWIM PARTY**

If you signed up to attend the Swim Party tomorrow evening, please be sure to take your own towels along. Towels are not provided at the water park.

**SPELLING BEE NEXT WEDNESDAY**

The annual O.C.S. Spelling Bee for students in grades 5 – 8 will be held in the Student Center on Wednesday, January 23, beginning at 2:15 PM. Students and parents can “study” for the Bee by going to the Scripps study site online at [www.myspellit.com/index.html](http://www.myspellit.com/index.html). Please join us next Wednesday!

**BARNABAS FOUNDATION**

Attorney Don Long will be in our area next Thursday and Friday, January 24 and 25. Oostburg Christian School partners with the Barnabas Foundation to help you in Estate Planning, Will Preparation, and Planned Giving. If you haven't updated your estate plan or will in the last five years, it would be a good idea to visit with Don Long and be sure that “your house is in order.” Please call and leave your name at the school office or call Joyce Eggebeen (564-2678) if you would like to set up a time to visit with him.

**FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH ORDERS**

The hot lunch order form for February is attached to this Blue Note. Please fill it out, attach payment, and return it to the school office NO LATER THAN next Wednesday, January 23.

**BASKETBALL SCHEDULE CHANGES**

Please note the following changes on the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball schedules:

- \*The Jan. 22 games are flip-flopped: Boys @ SJB at 4:30, girls at 5:30
- \*Boys 7/8 will play SJB on Feb. 7 beginning at 6:30 PM at home

**4-YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN**

The second semester of 4K starts this coming Monday, January 21, 2008. Current 4K students are enrolled in the appropriate sessions based on the first semester: Monday / Wednesday or Tuesday / Thursday mornings with an optional Friday session which is now full.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

OCS is seeking an adult who is willing to do janitorial work. The work would entail keeping the east end of our school clean. For more information and precise salary, please call Mr. Adams in the school office. This is an excellent way to earn tuition money.

**NEW BEFORE SCHOOL CARE TO BE OFFERED**

After careful examination of surveys, the board of OCS has decided to start a Before School Care Program. This program will run on an “as needed” basis. Any parents interested in using this program should notify the office at least two days in advance. Parents wanting to use this program on a regular basis must inform the office of the day or days and times they will regularly be bringing their children to school. Cost will be the same as our afternoon care program (\$2.50 per hour), and pre-paid cards can be purchased in the office. At this time very little interest has been

shown for a similar after school program (from 3:30 – 5:00). If more interest develops, the OCS board will consider an after school program also. **Please note that the program will begin next Monday, January 21, which is the first day of the second semester.**

#### **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.

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD**

The school board is currently looking at the budget for the 2008 – 2009 school year. Please pray for our board members as they seek God's will and plan for the future of our school. Thank you.

#### **END OF SEMESTER**

Tomorrow, January 17, is the last day of the first semester. **There will be no school Friday, January 18** (teachers' work day). Report cards will be sent home next Friday, January 25.

#### **YEARBOOK**

Please place your order for yearbooks today! The order form was attached to last week's Blue Note. If you don't have an envelope, just place payment in an envelope with your child's name on it. The price per yearbook is \$12.50 (cash, or check made out to Oostburg Christian School). Order one for each child. Your junior high student may want their own for autographs. The deadline to order is next week Thursday, January 24. Thank you very much. If you have questions, please call Wendy Urban at 564-4181.

#### **FUTURE DATE**

Please set aside Saturday, April 26, for the annual Oostburg Community Education Foundation auction / fundraiser. The OCEF has been very generous to our school, giving over \$15,000 in grants.

#### **COLD WEATHER REMINDER**

Parents are reminded that students will be going outside for recess unless the temperature goes below zero. It is very important for children to get fresh air and exercise as much as possible during the winter months. Please dress your children in layers with snow pants, gloves, and a face/head covering. 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).

#### **KASH FOR KIDS**

##### **CARDS AND NAPKINS**

Did you know that Oostburg Christian School sells cards and napkins? Some of them are on display in the cases near the hall to the Student Center. Stop in and ask at the office for the key to the room where you can make your selection. You'll want to stock up as prices are very reasonable.

#### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Kimberly-Clark expanded their school support by adding more products to their Box Tops program: Huggies Diapers, Huggies Little Swimmers, Huggies Natural Care, Clean Team, Pull-ups, and GoodNites. Also Kotex,

Poise, Depends and Viva Paper Towels. Thanks for saving these coupons in support of our school. Put them in the barrels near the office with the Kash for Kids sign.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

\*Sheboygan Christian School is holding a Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation Chess Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 26. For more information you can contact Corey Navis at SCS at [cnavis@sheboyganchristian.com](mailto:cnavis@sheboyganchristian.com).

### **CHARGER SHOOT-OUT**

We need each family to be in prayer for our Charger Shoot-out Basketball Tournament. We thank God for blessing us with five new major sponsors this year and many generous game and three-point sponsors. We ask you to pray specifically for:

Enough teams to fill the rosters—and Margaret Ver Velde who is lining them up.  
Overall Chair Annette Wisse who has been preparing for the last few months  
Our hardworking kitchen committee chaired by Lynn Walvoort and her Co-chair Laurel Meerdink,  
Sponsors chairs, Jeri Flipse and Jackie Daane  
Safety for all players and good sportsmanship for all involved.  
A good profit for the work that has been and will be done.

The Lord wants to bless our school and He will do so through the prayers and generosity of his people. Please check the worker schedules to confirm the time slot you are scheduled for. Thank you!

### **SCRIP STORE**

It is January of the new year, and pretty soon you will be getting your interest income statements in the mail for the year 2007. Did you get anywhere from 3% - 10% on your investments? You can get it immediately if you purchase Scrip in the school office, 2% goes directly to school, and the rest goes into the tuition account of your choice. **Please choose to use Scrip today!**

### **NIGHT OF PRAISE**

We are pleased to announce a date for the Night of Praise. It will be held on **April 19, 2008** in our school. This year we are excited to offer a Request Program and will praise God with many talents. We are already working on lining up some people to praise God with song, skit, and verse. Do you know anyone that you would like to request to hear? Perhaps you know of someone/some group in your church or community that has a great talent. Perhaps you heard great performances over the holidays. Just e-mail these requests to [dandbve@verizon.net](mailto:dandbve@verizon.net) or call Bonnie Van Ess 564-4207 and leave a message.

### **RUN-JOG-WALKATHON**

We are in need of two adult-size big wheel bikes for the walkathon. If anyone could let us borrow one or two for a day that would be awesome! Please call Jacki Adams at 694-1453.

### **BIKE RIDE**

A committee of diligent people is already planning for our newest fundraiser: A bike ride this spring, the day after our Run Jog Walkathon. We have been running, jogging, and walking around our playground for the last 25 years. This year we will bike around this part of the state!

We are online at [www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride](http://www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride) with important information. We also have brochures available in the rack near the office if you would like to take some along for friends or family who like to ride bikes. Put May 9 on your calendar to come and support our students in the Run Jog Walkathon. Put May 10 on your calendar to come and ride.

We will also need many more workers for this event. It is exciting for those already on the committee who are making plans and many of you would enjoy helping out with this most popular sporting event. Even if you have all your work hours scheduled for this year, would you help for a few hours that weekend? Do you know someone who would enjoy it as well? Contact Jason Alsum (564-2401) or Randy Swihart (564-3882)

Please pray for the plans as they are being made and the many people who will work, participate and

enjoy fun, food and fellowship.

**CALENDAR**

January 17	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30 – 10:00 AM End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Blue Harbor Swim Party B-Ball Girls5/6 @ SJB 4:30 Girls7/8 vs StM Home 4:30 Boys5/6 @ HF 5:00
January 18	Teacher Workday – No School
January 22	B-Ball Boys7/8 @ SJB 4:30 Girls7/8 @ StJB 5:30
January 23	Sub Sandwich Lunch O.C.S. Spelling Bee
January 24	B-Ball Girls5/6 @ OLL 4:30 Boys5/6 @ OLL 5:30
January 24-26	Girls' Charger Shoot-