

HOME BULLETIN

January 31, 2008

SCHOOL CLOSING

We apologize for any confusion caused by the WHBL Website listing yesterday. From this time forward, please listen to WHBL radio (1330 on your AM dial) for information concerning delayed starts, closings, or early dismissals. Remember, if Oostburg Public Schools close due to inclement weather, we do also.

HOT LUNCH RESCHEDULED

The nacho hot lunch that was scheduled for yesterday has been rescheduled for next week Friday, Feb. 8. There will now be two hot lunches next week. The regular hot lunch scheduled for Wednesday, and the rescheduled nacho lunch scheduled for Friday. Please stay tuned for information regarding the rescheduling of the 5th grade lunch buddies event

PARENTAL WARNING

One thing that happens at OCS is the passing on of information from parents to other parents and to our staff. A middle school parent recently warned me of a song listened to by some of our middle school students. The song is written by Soulja Boy and is titled, "Crank Dat Soulja Boy." The title itself is enough to make a person wonder what the lyrics will be like, but the lyrics are far worse than one can imagine. I did ask some students if this song was popular and why. Their answer was that it has a really neat tune, and it makes a person want to dance. Parents, please stay alert to what your children may be hearing. This stuff is of the devil. If you want to stay on top of what is happening in the modern world of secular music and movies you may use the web site: www.pluggedinonline.com. This web site is run by Focus on the Family.

ATTENTION JUNIOR HIGH PARENTS

If your student has not yet turned in the Dist. IV Tourny meal order, admissions and concessions volunteer and housing volunteer forms, please have them do so NO LATER THAN tomorrow morning. Thank you.

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards were sent home last week Friday. If you have not signed and returned your child's Report Card, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

MUSIC NOTES

Have you heard the theme song for "Survivor Babylon" yet? Ask your K-5th grader to sing it for you because they do know it! Our musical performance will take place on Thursday, March 13, at 7:00 PM in the O.C.S. gym. Costumes for the K-4th graders are simple – blue jeans and a red, yellow, orange, gold or blue t-shirt with NO WORDS. We are looking for four kid-sized colored suits, tuxedos or old "leisure suits". Please call Mrs. De Master at 564-3757 if you can help us out.

Junior high parents, please check with your child for the "Music Events" information that went home last week.

There are several dates to take note of:

April 17, Thursday	O.C.S. Mini-Music Fest. 7:00 PM
April 25, Friday	Music Festival @ Brookfield Christian School 8:00 AM Until 9:30 PM
May 15 & 16, Thursday & Friday	"Seussical" Performances

NEW BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

Parents using our new "Before School Care Program" are reminded to contact the office at least two days in advance of using the program. Parents wanting to use this program on a regular basis must inform the office of the day or days and times they will be regularly 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. If a parent must cancel due to sickness please call Mrs. Sharon VanderWaal, our care provider, at 564-2762 and also call the school office. If the call to the office is in the evening or very early morning, please leave a message on the answering machine. Thank you.

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.

JOB OPPORUNITY

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.

POSSIBLE TEACHER OPENING

Oostburg Christian School is accepting applications for a possible fifth grade teacher opening for the 2008 – 2009 school year. Mr. Sliemers is interested in possibly moving to northern Illinois where his family lives. Please call the school office for a job application form and when applying, include your formal resume. Thank you.

JOSHUA FOCUS GROUPS

Just a reminder that our focus groups will be meeting again on February 12 and February 25. We would love to have every family represented at one of the meetings to be able to share our vision and strategy, five-year plan, and how you can be involved in promoting the school. The meeting on February 12 will start at 7:00 (note the time change to allow for a ballgame being held). Please give us one hour of your time to talk about the future of Oostburg Christian.

KEEPING UP WITH TUITION PAYMENTS

Just a reminder that tuition payments are due the 15th of each month. It would be deeply appreciated if all accounts are kept current. Thank you.

FRIDAY IS GREEN AND WHITE DAY

All students are encouraged to wear school colors this Friday, February 1, and to cheer for our OCS boys' team as they play in the Charger Shootout.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

*There are information/registration forms for a Little Rockets Basketball Spring Clinic for children four years old to 2nd grade in the brochure rack outside of the administrative offices. This clinic runs Feb. 23 and March 1, 8 and 15.

CHARGER SHOOT-OUT

Congratulations to the girls' 7-8 team for taking second place this past weekend! Our boys will be testing their skills this weekend— the schedule of games is listed on the next page or, go to the school's webpage and click on calendar or athletic tournaments. It will be posted there as well.

Delicious food will be served Thursday and Friday nights as well as all day on Saturday, February 2. Brats and hamburgers will be served on Saturday! Be sure to come to enjoy the alumni game at 12:55 p.m.

There have been some schedule changes for Thursday night-- you should have been notified about those. If you have not, just plan to arrive to help as planned. The schedules were in the blue note for the last few weeks.

MEN'S ALUMNI & NON-ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

All men college-age and older are invited to play in the alumni and non-alumni basketball game during the Shoot-Out this weekend. The game begins at 12:55 this Saturday. Meeting in the Student Center at 12:30 ready to have fun! Bring your family and have lunch before or after the game. Please contact Paul Modahl at 564-6512 if you have any questions.

HERE IS THE "POOL PLAY" FORMAT FOR THE 2008 CHARGER SHOOTOUT:

Pool A

Mayville (MV)
Sheboygan (SS)
Cedar Grove 8 (CG8)
Oostburg Christian (OCS)

Pool B

Howards Grove (HG)
Central WI Christian (CWC)
Oostburg Middle 7 (OMS7)
Sheboygan Christian (SCS)

The game schedule will be as follows:

Thursday

5:30 OCS vs Sheboygan
6:30 OM7 vs SCS

Friday

4:10 CG8 vs OCS
5:00 MV vs Sheboygan
5:50 HG vs SCS
6:40 CWC vs OM7
7:30 MV vs CG8

Saturday

8:30 CWC vs HG
9:20 Sheboygan vs CG8
10:10 CWC vs SCS
11:00 OM7 vs. HG
11:50 MV vs OCS

12:55 Alumni Game

1:45 1st Place in Pool "A" vs 2nd Place in Pool "B"
2:55 1st Place in Pool "B" vs. 2nd Place in Pool "A"
4:15 Losers from 1:45 and 2:55 Games play for 3rd Place
5:30 Championship

KASH FOR KIDS

Did you know that the Nestle Pure Life bottled water labels can mean money for Oostburg Christian? Please save the entire label and put it in with your Boxtops for Education and Campbell's Soup labels you bring to school. Thanks so much. The Kash for Kids program has already been able to help pay for field trips this year in the amount of over \$800. Thank you for your support.

SCRIP STORE

The Scrip Store will be available during the Charger Shoot-out. Please plan to pick up your scrip when you are in the building. Scrip supports both your tuition account **AND** the GRACE pledge to the budget. If you aren't using it yet, this would be a good time to stop by the table and pick up a registration form, and gets started.

And remember, Scrip and other fund raising projects here at OCS mean a savings TO EACH FAMILY of over \$1200 each year. Thank you for supporting them!!

NIGHT OF PRAISE

The Night of Praise is being held on **April 19, 2008** in our school. Do you know of any groups that you would like to hear? Just e-mail to dandbve@verizon.net or call Bonnie Van Ess 564-4207 and leave a message.

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 with registration forms, further instructions, as well as receipts for donors. This is if you wish to raise money for the prizes over and above the registration fee.

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 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.

2008 AUCTION COUNTDOWN

This year's Heart for Education Auction is scheduled for November 8th. It's not too soon to consider how you can share in this fun and exciting event. Because January is National Mentoring Month, the Auction Committee would like to encourage you to consider sharing your knowledge and expertise by offering some hours of your time to mentor others. Ideas for your donated time might include an afternoon of fishing, scrapbooking, quilting, cooking, gardening, woodworking, hunting skills, athletic sports, floral arranging, golfing, photography, bird watching, nature hiking, whatever it is that you enjoy! Call Patti Duenk at 564-3221 or email pduenk@excel.net to discuss your donation ideas.

CALENDAR

Jan. 31 – Feb. 2	Boys' Charger Shoot-Out
February 4	Sheboygan County Spelling Bee
February 5	B-Ball Girls7/8 @ HF7 5:00
February 6	Pizza Lunch
February 7	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30 – 10:00 AM
	B-Ball Girls7/8 vs StM 5:30
	Boys5/6 @ SJB 5:30
	Girls5/6 @ CCA 5:30
	Boys7/8 vs SJB 6:30