

February 6, 2008

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Richard Walvoort (Grade 7) for winning the Oostburg Christian School spelling bee last week and to Emily Urban (Grade 8) who was the runner-up. Ricky represented OCS at the county bee held at Acuity Insurance on Monday evening. Let us praise God for the talents He has given our children.

COLD WEATHER

The staff of Oostburg Christian School wants to remind everyone of our policy concerning cold weather. If the temperature or wind chill factor goes below zero we will keep the children inside for recess. Please remind your children to dress warm, because if the temperature goes above zero during the school day we will allow the children to go outside and enjoy fresh air.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Oostburg Christian School and Sheboygan County Christian High will be hosting the Christian School Basketball Tournament on February 15 and 16. Games will be held here and at SCCHS on Friday and at SCCHS on Saturday. A tournament bracket is included in this Blue Note – please come out and cheer on the Chargers! Oostburg Christian School will be hosting schools from Brookfield, Racine and Randolph. We are in great need of volunteers to help out that day at the admissions table and in the kitchen. Profits we receive from hosting this tournament help to purchase uniforms and other equipment for our athletic department. Please call the school office at 564-2664 to volunteer to take a shift. Thank you!

GIRLS' BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER

Old basketball uniforms will be sold on Friday to raise money for new basketball uniforms for the 7th & 8th grade girls. Jerseys will be sold for one dollar. All sales will take place in the science room during the morning recess.

JOSHUA FOCUS GROUPS

Just a reminder that our focus groups will be meeting again NEXT WEEK, TUESDAY, February 12, as well as February 25. We urge every family to be represented at one of the meetings 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.

EARLY RELEASE REMINDER

Wednesday, February 20, is our normal Early Release for the month of February. Students will be dismissed at 1:20 and busses will be running at that time. There is no afternoon care beyond 1:20 on these Early Release Days.

CALENDAR CHANGE

The end of the third quarter falls on Thursday, March 20, instead of Friday, April 4. March 20 is the day before Spring Break. It makes sense to start the final quarter of the school year the day we get back from Spring Break instead of returning to school after a week of vacation and trying to finalize the third quarter in five days. Please mark this on your calendars. Middle school students finishing their Accelerated Reading requirements for the third quarter should keep this in mind.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Please listen to WHBL radio (1330 on the AM dial) for information concerning delayed starts, closings, or early dismissals. Remember, if Oostburg Public is closed due to inclement weather, so are we.

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.

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 recently. 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

JANITOR WORK AVAILABLE

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.

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.

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.

*Bethel Orthodox Presbyterian Church will be having a hobby night on Friday, March 7, from 6:00 – 10:00 PM. Bring any craft or hobby you would like to work on. It is lots of fun. If you have any Questions, or to RSVP, please contact Lauren Smies at 287-7890 or e-mail her at smiesfamily@charter.net.

CHARGER SHOOT-OUT

Our girls took second place in the tournament and our boys’ team enjoyed a sweet win in overtime on Saturday afternoon. The 2008 Charger Shoot-out is history and what great weekends they were! Crowds enjoyed good basketball, good food, good fellowship, and even the entertainment from our Second Grade Cheerleaders and alumni players.

We also hope to enjoy some good profits, so please watch this area when we have it all totaled up. We are very appreciative of your help in many ways: The workers showed up, you came out to support the teams, and your prayers were answered for a safe tournament.

Comments were positive and we praise God for his blessing upon Oostburg Christian School.

PIZZA SALE

PIZZA! PIZZA! PIZZA! It's that time of the year again. **Faye's** pizzas are back by popular demand. If this is new to you, we submit our orders to a Sheboygan pizza place, Faye's Pizza, they make the pizzas. They deliver the fresh, frozen pizzas to our school on March 18, 2008. The pizzas can be picked up in the OCS Student Center from 4 – 6 PM. Please fill out the attached order form and return to the OCS office no later than Friday, February 29, 2008. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Morgen at 467-1180. Would you rather have a form e-mailed to you? No problem, request the form from Carolyn: candmmorgen@sbcglobal.net

SCRIP STORE

Did you know that the Scrip Store is open on Thursdays from 3:30-5:30? Each week we try to accommodate those who are not available during the day. Please let us know if this is a good time for you to be able to purchase your certificates and gift cards. We continue to re-evaluate what is best for our families.

SHEBOYGAN PRESS

Do you already get a subscription to the Sheboygan Press? Please renew your subscriptions through the school by bringing/sending your renewal slip and a check **made out to Oostburg Christian School** to the office. A tuition account of your choice will benefit as well as the school. Note: If you already use EZ-pay, please ask to have the renewals sent to you by mail—Oostburg Christian and your tuition account cannot benefit if you use the EZ-pay method.

BIKE RIDE

Have you seen the information about the bike ride? The registration form is now on our school website as well as all the guidelines for the ride. Go to www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride and get the latest updates!

NOVEMBER 8, 2008 AUCTION COUNTDOWN

“Tis the Season” is the theme for this year’s Heart for Education Auction. The decorating committee is seeking volunteers to donate their time, talent and materials to decorate a themed table. Possible theme ideas may include: New Year, Valentine’s Day, Lent, Easter, Spring, Summertime Fun, Garden Season, Packer Season, Back to School, Harvest, Autumn, Thanksgiving, North Woods, Advent, Christmas, Winter...the possibilities are endless! Please contact Nicole Mentink at 564-6399 or email pnmentink@wi.rr.com to sign up and discuss your ideas. We truly appreciate your willingness to help us out. And our children will be blessed by your generous spirit!

CALENDAR

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
February 8	Nacho Lunch/5 th Grade Lunch Buddies
February 12	B-Ball Boys7/8 vs SCS 4:30 Girls7/8 vs SCS 5:30 Boys5/6 vs SJB 6:30 Joshua Focus Group 7:00 PM
February 13	Chicken Lunch
February 14	B-Ball Girls5/6 vs SJB 4:30
February 15 & 16	Christian School Basketball Tournament