

**HOME BULLETIN**  
**February 13, 2008**

**“THERE’S NOTHING WRONG WITH HOLLYWOOD”**

No, don’t call the school board and ask them to fire me. First, please read this short summary of a devotional I recently heard on the radio. The speaker was talking about the need for Christians to act like Christ and mentioned these stunning words, “There is nothing wrong with Hollywood, but there is something tragically wrong with the Church.” He went on to say that when he once spoke in his church about the evils of allowing young people to watch a certain television program, he was yelled at by a parishioner who told him he had no right to say what was right or wrong. This parishioner wanted the freedom to decide for himself what was right and what was wrong. He didn’t want the preacher or the Bible to tell him what to do. If we find ourselves judging the Bible instead of allowing the Bible to judge us, we are in real trouble. Please join me in praying for our families as we seek God’s will in raising our children. There are areas in our lives that are hard to understand, but there are also obvious rights and wrongs that we must submit to. Let us be found doing everything possible to follow God’s way as it is found in Holy Scripture and let it be said that we pass these absolute truths on to our children – in the home, the church, and the school.

**CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Oostburg Christian School and Sheboygan County Christian High will be hosting the Christian School Basketball Tournament this week February 15 and 16. Games will be held here and at SCCHS on Friday and at SCCHS on Saturday. A tournament bracket was included in last week’s Blue Note – please come out and cheer on the Chargers! Oostburg Christian School will be hosting schools from Brookfield, Racine and Randolph. We are still in 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!

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR 2008 – 2009**

Please fill in the attached Pre-Registration form for the 2008 – 2009 school year. Although the new school year is over six months away, the board is already finalizing the budget for 2008 – 2009. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested in enrolling their children at OCS. The form should be returned to school by Wednesday, February 27. Thank you.

**JOSHUA FOCUS GROUPS**

Just a reminder that our last focus group will be meeting again NEXT WEEK, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 at 6:30 p.m. If you have not been able to attend the other two sessions, we urge you to come and hear about our vision and strategy, five-year plan, and how you can be involved in promoting the school. Please give us one hour of your time to talk about the future of Oostburg Christian.

**MARCH HOT LUNCH ORDERS**

The March Hot Lunch Order Form is attached to this Blue Note. Please fill it out, attach payment, and return it to the school office NO LATER THAN next Wednesday, February 20. Thank you.

**EARLY RELEASE REMINDER**

Next 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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Two future events should be marked down on your calendar. First, Friday, March 14, is the annual Wisconsin Christian Schools Spring In-service. **Students will not have school** that day, because the teachers will be traveling to Randolph to attend mini-classes.

Second, please note that Saturday, April 26, is the date set for the annual Oostburg Community Education Foundation Auction and dinner. OCS has received tens of thousands of dollars from the OCEF. Please attend the auction and support this foundation. Thank you.

### **BASKETBALL UNIFORMS**

Old basketball uniforms will be sold to raise money for new basketball uniforms for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. One dollar per jersey. Please see Mr. Modahl if you would like to purchase one.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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**

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.

### **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.

### **SCRIP STORE**

Tuition accounts were credited recently. We paid out 12 accounts with over \$100 credit. Two more of them were just a few dollars short of the \$100 mark. You could easily get this kind of credit on your tuition if you would use Scrip.

Do you spend \$100 a week at the Piggly Wiggly? If so, that will give you \$104 each year on your tuition account. Then, by shopping at Kohls, using gas cards, and a restaurant here and there, you will only go up from there. Ask us how!

### **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](mailto:dandbve@verizon.net) or call Bonnie Van Ess 564-4207 and leave a message.

## PIZZA SALE

**OOPS!** We're sorry to say that there was an error on the pizza sheet. The double cheese, cheese & pepperoni, and the cheese & sausage pizza price should be \$4.50/one or 3/\$13.00. If you have any questions about the pizza sale, contact Carolyn Morgen @467-1180, [candmmorgen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:candmmorgen@sbcglobal.net) Thanks for supporting our school by selling as many pizzas as you can. If each family sold just 10 pizzas, we would make around \$2,000.00 for our school. Thanks again!

## BIKE RIDE

Our bike ride event is already picking up registrations! Are you signed up? The registration form is now on our school website as well as all the guidelines for the ride. Go to [www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride](http://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 [pnmmentink@wi.rr.com](mailto:pnmmentink@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!

## KEEP UP WITH TUITION PAYMENTS

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

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* OOSTBURG AREA OPTIMIST CLUB ORATORICAL CONTEST

Each year, our local Optimist club sponsors an Oratorical Contest. The winner advances to the District level (Wisconsin and Upper Michigan) contest. Winners are eligible for scholarships.

Applications can be brought to the office. Deadline for application is April 1, 2008. The contest will be held at First Reformed Church at 7:00 on April 8, 2008.

<http://www.optimist.org/default.cfm?content=Members/mbrcdpa6.htm>

This link gives additional information regarding the contest, and entry blanks are available at school in the rack near the door. This contest is open to any students under the age of 16. There is no minimum age. Please call Julie Meyer at 920-453-9015 or 920-980-8975 with any questions.

\***High School Trap** starts this week Thursday, (2/14/08) with an informational meeting. The meeting will be held at the Sauk Trail Conservation Club in Cedar Grove at 6:00pm to discuss schedule, league rules and to answer any questions. All Students 6th grade and older who are interested in trap shooting are encouraged attend the meeting. Practice starts next Thursday. If you have any questions please contact Nick Ackley (254-2536) or Todd Daane (564-3970).

\*There are information/registration forms for a **Little Rockets Basketball Spring Clinic** for children four years old to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:smiesfamily@charter.net).

## CALENDAR

February 14	Make-Up Pizza Lunch
	B-Ball Girls5/6 vs SJB 4:30
February 15 & 16	Christian School Basketball Tournament
February 19	B-Ball Boys7/8 vs CCA 4:30
	Girls7/8 vs CCA 5:30

February 20	Corn Dog Lunch 1:20 PM Dismissal
February 21	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30-10:00 AM B-Ball Girls5/6 vs HF 5:30
February 22	Progress Reports