

HOME BULLETIN
February 20, 2008

PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for Mr. Adams' family. Mr. Adams' brother, Charles, and his wife, Pam, were in a very serious car accident Sunday afternoon. As of this writing both are still unconscious and in critical condition. Thank you for your prayers. You can go to www.caringbridge.org/visit/charliepamadams for more information about Charlie and Pam or to leave a message.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Many thanks go to everyone who helped out at the Christian School Basketball Tournament this past weekend. We want to especially thank Carol Vander Waal and Julie Bergmann who coordinated the Friday meals for all our students and the guests in attendance.

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PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be sent home this Friday. Please sign and return these reports as soon as possible. If you have any questions concerning your child's Progress Report please do not hesitate to contact his or her teacher. Thank you.

JOSHUA FOCUS GROUPS

Just a reminder that our focus groups will be meeting next for the last time next Monday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m. Those who have attended so far have appreciated the information and discussion. 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. You, the parents, are the largest stakeholders in the future of Oostburg Christian. Please join us for one hour to talk about the school.

OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION

Oostburg Christian School is pleased to report that the OCEF (Oostburg Community Education Foundation) has agreed to fund the necessary work on the upgrade to our sound system in our gym and Student Center fully with a donation of \$7,420. Some of those installations have already been made and others are expected to be put into place soon.

The OCEF will be hosting a fundraiser this spring on April 25, 2008. We encourage our families to support this auction and dinner as this wonderful community foundation has supported projects here at OCS of more than \$18,000 total. Please put it on your calendar and watch for details here.

MARCH HOT LUNCH ORDERS

The March hot lunch orders were due today. If you did not turn yours in yet, you may until 9:00 AM tomorrow (Thursday) morning. No orders will be accepted after that time because the supply order will have been called in. Thank you.

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Feb. 21 & 26	“Seussical” try-outs after school – grades 6-8
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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE CHANGE

The Boys5/6 game that was scheduled for Feb. 26 has been rescheduled for Feb. 21 at 6:30 PM at O.C.S.

CHAPEL

Anna Ribich, who has served as a nurse and missionary with Christian Missionary Alliance in Cambodia, will be presenting an all-school chapel at 8:45 AM on Thursday, Feb. 28. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to attend.

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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.

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Questions, or to RSVP, please contact Lauren Smies at 287-7890 or e-mail her at smiesfamily@charter.net.

SCRIP STORE

Word of mouth is one of the best advertisements that we have. Do you like Scrip and use it? Would you tell one other family about it and see if they would start using it? We would like to spread the word about this great opportunity to help lower the balance on your tuition account. Stop by the office today for a booklet that explains how it works and answers many questions people have about it.

ON-GOING WAYS TO HELP THE SCHOOL

Each week, we try to focus on one of our on-going fundraisers. You can also find this information on our school website: www.oostburgchristian.com. Just click on the GRACE tab on the left and scroll down the page to update yourself on the Sheboygan Press subscriptions, Good Search engine, magazine subscriptions and a reminder about our cookbooks.

NIGHT OF PRAISE

The Night of Praise will be held on April 19 here at the school. Watch this space for the program plans that are coming together nicely.

PIZZA SALE

Order forms are due back in the OCS office by 3:30 PM, on Friday, February 29 - that's next Friday! Pizzas must be picked up in the OCS Student Center on Tuesday, March 18, from 4 – 6 PM. If you have any questions about the pizza sale, contact Carolyn Morgen @ 467-1180, 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!

COUNTDOWN TO AUCTION

“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!

BIKE RIDE

The Bike Ride committee is working hard to make this an exciting new event. We have already secured 17 different sponsors for this fundraiser and several more are in the works. Pick up a brochure about this event outside the office, or go online to register at www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride. Inquiries are coming in from all over; we have hits on our Unity Ride site from California, Texas and Virginia. This has wonderful possibilities for our school. Tell your friends about it this week!!!

CALENDAR

February 21	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30-10:00 AM B-Ball Girls5/6 vs HF 5:30 Boys5/6 vs OLL 6:30
February 22	Progress Reports
February 25	Joshua Focus Group Meeting 6:30
February 26	B-Ball Boys7/8 vs SJB7 4:30 Girls7/8 vs SJB 5:30
February 27	Potato Lunch/3 rd Gr. Lunch Buddies
February 28	Chapel – 8:45 AM – Anna Ribich

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February 27, 2008

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please join us in praising God with Mrs. Barb Nyenhuis for the birth of a second grandchild. Caleb Reed Willard was born Sunday afternoon. Caleb weighs 7 pounds, 5 ounces and is doing very well along with his mom, Megan.

Also, please continue to pray for Charlie and Pam Adams, brother and sister-in-law of Mr. Adams. Both continue to lapse in and out of consciousness since they were in a car accident on Sunday the 17th. We praise God for the small but steady improvements seen especially in Pam.

Thank you for all your prayers.

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- 1) *Brochure for our tri-schools along with an invitation to our Spring Open House*
- 2) *Information about our newest event: Unity Bike Ride or send them to our school website www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride*
- 3) *The benefits available through our Resource Room*
- 4) *Benefits to that might interest Home School Families*
- 5) *Our Free 4-K Package*
- 6) *Early Childhood Programs that are available here*
- 7) *Barnabas Foundation information about will and estate planning.*
- 8) *General School information*

We are also working on making more curriculum information available online for families who visit the school via the website. Please talk to members of the Promotion committee or Long Range Planning committee if you have ideas for promoting our school to other Christian families.

DID YOU KNOW?

The School Board has approved a raise in our New Family Incentive. When you introduce a new family to the Oostburg Christian School family, we offer a \$750 “rebate”. This rebate may be used by you, given to the new family or you may split it. Perhaps you have been thinking about someone to bring the Open House on March 4. This amount of money could make the difference for some families. Please contact the school office if you would like for us to call upon someone who may be interested in our school.

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This on-going fundraiser needs YOU! This program gives you more purchasing power with every dollar that you spend. Do you go out to eat?

Applebee's	Kentucky Fried Chicken
Arby's	Luigi's
Chili's	Pizza Hut

Cold Stone Creamery Pizza Ranch
Cracked Shoe Starbucks
Culvers Subway
Dips and Sips Wendy's

Look at what these restaurants can do for you--**your discount averages 6%!** Where else can you go and spend \$20 and get \$1.20 back in rebates, instantly and applied to your tuition account! Stop in today and get started saving on your tuition payments!

RUN JOG WALKATHON—May 9, 2008

The Kick off for the Run Jog Walkathon will be on March 20th, the day before students are let out for spring break. It will be exciting to hear all the details for combining this great event with our First Annual Bike Ride and find out who the mascot will be. Stay tuned!

UNITY BIKE RIDE

The Bike Ride committee is busy, busy, busy! If you haven't already done so, please check out the website at www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride. You'll enjoy looking at some of the information that is already available for this ride that becoming very popular.

We are also pleased to be able to sell biking jerseys for our Unity Bike Ride. These are very striking in green, white and yellow! If you would like to order one, please call Jason Alsum at 564-2401 or e-mail him at jalsum@verizon.net. The cost for each jersey is \$55.00.

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