

HOME BULLETIN
March 5, 2008

FULL-TIME TEACHER CONTRACTS

All full-time teachers received their contracts on Monday, March 3. Please pray for our staff as they consider God's will for their future. Join me in praising God for the wonderful teachers we have. Please let our teachers know how much you appreciate their hard work.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – A DAY OFF FROM SCHOOL

Friday, March 14, the annual Wisconsin Christian Schools Spring In-Service will be held in Randolph, WI. Although our teachers will be attending this conference and therefore “going back to school for a day,” our students will not have school that day. We hope the children enjoy the day off – maybe the snow will be gone by then☺.

MUSIC NOTES

“Survivor Babylon” will be performed by our K – 5th grade students next Thursday, March 13, at 7:00 PM in our school gym. The students in grades K – 4 should wear jeans and a red, yellow, orange, gold, or blue t-shirt. **NO WORDS.** We are looking for 3 child-sized tuxedos and some tiki torches. Please call Mrs. DeMaster at 564-3757 if you can help out with either of these items.

Music Dates to Remember:

March 13	“Survivor Babylon” at 7:00 PM (grades K – 5)
April 17	OCS Mini-Music Festival at 7:00 PM (grades 6 – 8)
April 25	Wisconsin Christian Schools Music Festival – 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM in Brookfield (grades 6 – 8)
May 15 & 16	“Seussical” performances at 7:00 PM (grades 6 – 8)

OCS APPAREL

Reminder: The deadline to order O.C.S. t-shirts or sweatshirts is this Friday, March 7. An order form was included with the last several Blue Notes, or, you can pick one up in the school office.

THANKS!

Thank you to Mr. Paul Modahl, Mrs. Sherri Roerdink, Mrs. Annette Wisse, Mrs. Nancy Gabrielse, Mrs. Margaret Ver Velde, and Mr. Ryan Dana for coaching our basketball teams this year. Please have your student turn in the following uniforms:

Boys 7/8	- 2 uniforms from each team member
Girls 7/8	- 1 jersey from each team member
Girls 5/6 and Boys 5/6	- jersey and shorts from each team member

OOSTBURG COMMUNITY EDUCATION AUCTION AND DINNER

Please set aside April 25 for the OCEF auction and dinner fundraiser. We encourage all OCS families to support this auction and dinner. The OCEF has supported projects at our school with funding in excess of \$18,000. Please put this date on your calendar and watch the Blue Note for future details. Thank you.

OCEF FUNDRAISING PROJECT

Attention all families: The OCEF (Oostburg Community Education Foundation) has agreed to supply workers for a YMCA picnic to be held at Sheboygan North High on June 25. We need strong people for set-up on June 24 and people to help in stands on June 25. This project will give us \$6,400 for the Foundation. Teenagers are very welcome to help. We need people from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the 25th. This includes set-up and clean-up time. The event runs from 5p.m. to 8 p.m. If you can help all or any of this time please contact Helen Veldboom (564-3250) soon as we need to get the schedule in place while school is still on. This is the organization that has contributed to our playground renovation, technology upgrade, staging and our gym sound system. Let's show our appreciation and return the favor with our help.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Please listen to WHBL radio (1330 on the AM dial) for information concerning delayed starts, closings, or early

dismissals due to inclement weather. 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 you call the office 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) each day school is in session. The cost is \$2.50 per hour. Parents may purchase a prepaid card for either 8 hours or 40 hours. If your child does not attend afternoon care on a regular basis, but you would like to take advantage of this program, 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, please call the school office for more information.

KEEP 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

***BETHEL OPC HOBBY NIGHT**

Bethel Orthodox Presbyterian Church will be having a hobby night this 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.

***"TWICE IS NICE" FORMAL DRESS SALE**

All middle school girls are invited to a sale of used formal dresses on Saturday, March 15, 2008

from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center in Sheboygan (904 N. 9th St./ Corner of 9th and Niagara). Come shop for party, confirmation, graduation and even homecoming dresses for next fall! High school and college girls are cleaning out their closets and this is a great opportunity to get a "nearly new" dress (that has likely been worn only once or twice) for a great price! We also have many brand new dresses for sale as well. Proceeds go to benefit breast cancer prevention and treatment. Call 467-1724 for more information. Bring your friends – we'll see you there!

***BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE**

There are registration forms available in the school office for summer softball and baseball. The deadline for registration and payment is March 21.

*** 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.

SCRIP STORE

WALMART SCRIP IS AVAILABLE! After years of pleading for this opportunity from our supplier, we hope that you will take advantage of being able to use this most popular store to support your tuition account and the school!! Don't ever go back to the WalMart store without it!!!

NIGHT OF PRAISE

Please put April 19 on your calendar for a great evening of entertainment, praise, and gathering to thank God for Christian education in Oostburg. This spring event has always been popular with our families. We will also announce the Friend of Christian Education Award and you'll want to be a part of this wonderful event of praise to God.

UNITY 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!

We already have orders for these jerseys. Get yours now and be able to wear it on the day of the event. We know you will love them! 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@windmillsatwall.com. The cost for each jersey is \$55.00.

CALENDAR

March 12	Sloppy Joe Lunch
March 13	K-5 Musical "Survivor Babylon" 7:00 PM
March 14	Spring Teacher Conference – No School