

HOME BULLETIN
March 19, 2008

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus; who was crucified. He is not here; HE HAS RISEN, JUST AS HE SAID."

Matthew 28: 5 – 6

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

There will be no school Friday, as we begin to celebrate our Lord's victory over death. School will resume Monday, March 31. Have a blessed Easter vacation.

THANK YOU, MRS. DEMASTER

Please join me in thanking Mrs. DeMaster for all her work with our K – 5th grade children these past few months. The musical "Survivor Babylon" was a wonderful interpretation of a familiar Bible story. We apologize for the inconvenience caused by the soundboard going out during the musical. This was one of the few pieces of equipment that had not been changed during the installation of our new sound system. The problem will be fixed before our next event.

ITEM OF PRAISE

Oostburg Christian School received as a gift a new HP Laser printer for the office. Mr. Anthony Summers, a friend of our school, helped facilitate this donation from HP. Please join me in praising God for this wonderful gift.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Cedar Grove School District is considering ending bussing from Cedar Grove to OCS. This would impact several families. Instead of bussing, the school district would provide the families with a cash stipend as dictated by state law. Please pray for the families that may be affected as they work to find a new form of transportation to OCS. Pray, too, that Cedar Grove reconsiders this plan.

Please continue to pray for Mr. Adams' brother and sister-in-law. They were both severely injured in an automobile accident a little more than one month ago. Praise God for the small, positive changes that are taking place and the evidences of slow but sure healing.

APRIL HOT LUNCH ORDERS

Orders and payment were due today. If you did not turn your order in yet, please do so first thing tomorrow morning (by 9:00 AM). We will be unable to take any orders after that time. Thank you.

4K REGISTRATION

There are still openings in our 4K program next school year. At this time, we are offering a Monday/Wednesday session along with an optional Friday session for the entire school year. If you are interested in registering your child, or you have questions regarding our program, please call the school office at 564-2664.

NO SUPERVISION AFTER SCHOOL

This is just a reminder to parents that OCS provides no playground supervision once school is dismissed for the day. Many times we have numerous children staying after school and playing on our playground. Parents, please know where your children are. Our playground is open to all surrounding families for their enjoyment, but OCS cannot be responsible once school is out.

TUITION ASSISTANCE SERVICE

Oostburg Christian School is partnering with the Christian School Tuition Service of Fulton, Illinois, to determine how best to distribute the school's tuition assistance funds to those seeking help paying school tuition expenses for the 2008 – 2009 school year. This "outside" service can impartially evaluate and rank family needs. The board will be given a list from the tuition service ranking applicants from most needy to least needy and will then be able to distribute our available funds more fairly. The only charge is \$15 per family payable to Christian School Tuition Service and sent in with the application. This is the same

service used by Christian High, but families still need to fill out an application from *each* school to be properly helped. Please call the school office and ask for an application if you so desire. All applications should be sent in by April 30, 2008. **Please remember that families currently receiving aid through the TAP fund must fill out an application and use this service if they wish to continue that assistance in 2008 – 2009.**

VIP PARKING

Yes, Oostburg Christian has VIP Parking. Dr. and Mrs. Brian DeMaster purchased this privilege at the Heart for Education Auction last November. They are the only ones allowed to park in this green parking space marked VIP until next November. If you would like to park there, please come to our auction on November 8, 2008 and be ready to bid. This is a very popular item! In the meantime, please do not park there. This is their personal reserved spot. Thanks so much!

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our optional, spring Parent / Teacher Conferences will be held the evening of Tuesday, April 15, 2008. Please call the school office if you would like to meet with your child's teacher. Teachers will also be notifying parents of conferences if such meetings are needed.

MUSIC DATES TO REMEMBER

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)

HELP NEEDED!!

Seussical!!! Practice is in full swing for this fun production scheduled for May 15-16. We need seamstresses willing to sew “fringes, frills, ears, and fur” on basic costumes. We also need carpenters to build a large wooden box 6' x 4' x 5', a medium box 3' x 4' x 3' and two small boxes 2' x 2' x 2'. Please call Mrs. Hancock at school (564-2664) or at home (457-0263) after 8:00 PM.

OOSTBURG COMMUNITY EDUCATION AUCTION AND DINNER

Please set aside April 26 (PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION OF DATE) 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.

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.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INFORMATION/REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL OFFICE**

- *Summer softball and baseball. The deadline for registration and payment is March 21.
- *Babysitting and Beyond class offered by Aurora Health Care in Oostburg on Tuesdays beginning April 8th and running until May 27. The deadline to register is April 3. Class sizes are limited.
- *Sheboygan Early Childhood Council "Month of the Young Child" April 2008 Activity Calendar
- *Back to Basics Youth Football Camp for players entering 5th through 8th grades. The Camp will be held Aug. 4-7 on the Cedar Grove-Belgium football practice field.
- *Green Bay Packers Youth Football Camps for those 6-14 years old. Sign up by April 11 and receive \$25 off the \$135 fee.

*** OOSTBURG AREA OPTIMIST CLUB ORATORICAL CONTEST**

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.

***LET'S LEAP INTO SPRING AT THE SCCHS AUCTION**

Come join us on April 12th at 6:30 for the silent auction and 8:00 for the live auction.

The auction will be held at the high school. Enjoy free food & entertainment while you shop.

We are still accepting donations and would love vacations, timeshares, sporting tickets, special events and cabin & cottage weeks or weekends. Please consider donating something to this auction so we can keep this school a shining light in the life of our children.

If you have something to donate please contact Sue LeMahieu at 452-3872, Vicki Westerbeke at 564-2442 or Dawn LeMahieu at 564-2389.

The GRACE Place

PIZZA SALE

Thanks to the many hands that helped with the pizza sale yesterday. If you did not get your pizzas picked up, or have any questions or concerns, please contact Carolyn Morgen at 467-1180, 207-5013, or candmmorgen@sbcglobal.net

SCRIP STORE

One more day to pick up Scrip before Spring Break! If you'll be spending money over spring break, you'll also be helping your tuition account if you use Scrip. Please stop in tomorrow!

NIGHT OF PRAISE—April 19, 2008

See our full-page flyer attached this week. This is going to be a very exciting evening for our school.

RUN JOG WALKATHON/UNITY BIKE RIDE KICKOFF

Who will be this year's mascot? He'll be at the kick-off tomorrow!! It will be held on Thursday morning, so that our students can get their cards and information about the RJW as well as the Unity Bike Ride before they leave for Spring Break. A brochure of information will be sent home along with the receipt cards with some explanation. Be sure you get yours.

Following spring break, there will be further explanations sent home with families who are new to our school this year. The blue note will also release information each week until the event. Read it carefully. Please do not hesitate to call the school office with your questions. If they don't know, they will find someone who does.

We are excited to be combining this event with our Unity Bike Ride this year and there will be several transitions in doing so—funds raised, prizes, etc. Please bear with us as we work through the logistics of making this an exciting double event for all. We will be happy to address all your concerns and questions in a timely manner.

Further information about our Unity Bike Ride is on our website www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride. Please look there for registration forms and a lot more information. You'll be glad you did!

COUNTDOWN TO NOVEMBER 8, 2008 HEART FOR EDUCATION AUCTION

Cash and Carry has been a popular item at the OCS Auction. Our cash and carry selection includes practical certificates for places we already shop or sometimes they give us the opportunity to try something new! To help expand our selection this year, please let us know where you shop or do business. Return your ideas to Patti Duenk, Nicole Mentink, or the office. Here are a few ideas to get you started: Restaurants, Salon/Barber, Car Service, Dentist, Bookstores, Gas, Grocery, Entertainment, and Specialty Store. Thanks for sharing your ideas!

CALENDAR	
March 20	Cabin Fever Reliever 8:30 – 10:00 AM R-J-W Kick-Off
March 21	Good Friday – No School
March 24-28	Spring Break – No School
April 2	Hot Dog Lunch
April 4	Report Cards