

HOME BULLETIN

April 2, 2008

WELCOME BACK

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter / Spring vacation last week. It is always great to see the faces of our students after a break. Some students are tan and some are tired, but all the students seem happy to be back for one last quarter of school. Join me in praising God for watching over each of us during vacation and for bringing us back to a school where His Name is praised daily.

HABLA ESPANOL

Do you speak any Spanish? Next year our middle school students will. In response to focus groups and the desires stated by many parents, OCS will begin teaching Spanish in grades 6 – 8 next year. Spanish class will be taught twice each week (40 minute periods) and students will be given the chance to learn to communicate with our neighbors from other countries who have moved to America or who are visiting. We praise God for this opportunity to open a door for our children to witness to people who live in a different culture and may not know Jesus.

TEACHER CONTRACTS

All part-time teachers were issued contracts for the 2008 – 2009 school year. Please be in prayer for our teachers as they seek God's will for their lives. Pray, too, for Mr. Sliemers who is seeking God's will for next year. Mr. Sliemers has asked for a contract extension and is considering relocating to Illinois to be near his family.

4-K REGISTRATION

There are still some 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.

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.**

"SURVIVOR BABYLON" VIDEOS

Thank you to all who helped with our production of "Survivor Babylon". We do have a video available for purchase at a cost of \$11.00 each. Please be advised that, because of our audio problems the night of our performance, some of the speaking and solo singing parts are difficult to hear. To reserve a copy of the tape, please call the school office at 564-2664.

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)

UNITY BIKE RIDE COMMITTEE

We need your help—we are in need of individual drinking coolers (round style) for our rest stops. These are usually orange (although color does not matter) and have spigots on them. We will use them to refresh our bikers with water and Gatorade. Please let us know if you would be willing to loan any to us for one day. Please call Randy/Mary Swihart at 564-3882 TODAY.

OOSTBURG COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION 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 Lakeshore Weekly for more information.

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**

*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.
*Concordia College WCSS Basketball Camps

***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.

***AFFORDABLE DENTAL/RX VISION & CHIROPRACTIC PLAN INFORMATION**

Do you need a dental plan? Kids need braces? Call today for information about this affordable plan that is only \$19.95/mo for your entire household (also includes Vision, Rx & Chiropractic). Special promotion starting April 1st gets you a FREE gift, AND \$5 will go to Oostburg Christian School for each enrollment. Email jwilde@scrip.com.net or call 564-6536 for more information.

The GRACE Place

GRACE PLACE:

SCRIP STORE

Are you unhappy with the price of gasoline? Let us help you use that to pay tuition!!!! Stop in the office today and ask how!!

PIZZA SALE

Thank you so much for all of those of you who worked and those who purchased our pizzas from the sale in March. We will post profits from all of our projects near the end of the school year. We praise God for giving us so many opportunities to raise funds for this school.

NIGHT OF PRAISE

This is turning out to be a very exciting evening. We have some great features lined up: Skit by our teachers, wonderful art displays by our students, songs in Spanish by our lower elementary students and others. Put April 19 on your calendar and plan to join us. The offering will be for the Spanish program, which we will start next year at the school.

RJW/ BIKE RIDE

There will be two different meals being served in connection with this double project:

- ◇ Plan on staying for the Spaghetti Dinner on Friday evening 4:00-6:30 p.m. following the Run Jog Walkathon.
- ◇ A Hamburger and Brat Fry will be served on Saturday noon from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. You can eat after your bike ride, or just stop in for lunch.

Keep watching this space for valuable information!

WE HAVE HAD SOME POSITIVE FEEDBACK ON OUR NEW PRIZE SYSTEM. Here is some additional great news—more prizes have been added!!!

After getting some suggestions from our students on the day of the kick-off, we are excited that we are able to add the following prizes that students may earn:

\$500 LEVEL

Digital Camera

\$300 LEVEL

Giro Bicycle Helmet

Remote-Controlled car

\$150 LEVEL

Bicycle computer

Gift certificate for \$25 towards a manicure or other salon services

\$100 LEVEL

Underseat Wedge Pack

Bike Tail Light

Please add these to your list of prizes in the brochure that was brought home with the donor cards before Spring Break, and watch for them to be displayed in the trophy case SOON!

CALENDAR

April 3

8th Gr. To Mead Library

April 4

Report Cards

April 9

Nacho Lunch

