

HOME BULLETIN

April 9, 2008

PROMOTION

The best promotional tool Oostburg Christian School has is the good words of parents who send their children to our school. Parents, keep up the great work! We are currently in contact with new families who are considering OCS for their children. Remember, if you promote our school and a family decides to enroll their child because of the contact they have had with you; you will receive a \$750 credit towards your tuition. You may designate this credit to the new family, share it with the new family, or used it totally on your own tuition. Please join the school board in praying and working so new families can receive Christ-centered, quality education for their children.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our optional, spring Parent / Teacher Conferences will be held next Tuesday evening, 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.

EARLY DISMISSAL NEXT WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday, April 16, is our monthly early dismissal day. There will be no afterschool care beyond the 1:20 dismissal time. Busses will be running at 1:20 PM.

SENIOR STARS

Do you know of someone age 60 or over? The Senior Stars are invited to a complimentary luncheon at Oostburg Christian School Student Center on April 18, 2008 at 12:00 noon. Our speaker comes highly recommended: Chris Kneif will speak on "Shaping Up Your Memory." Please call the office 564-2664 or Joyce Eggebeen 564-2678 by this Friday to make reservations.

NIGHT OF PRAISE

The Night of Praise is approaching fast! Next week Saturday, April 19, plan to join us as we praise our God together. There is no admission, but a free will offering will be taken to help raise funds for a new Spanish Program at OCS. Our musical guests include: Arody Gomez, For Praise Quintet, Flute Ensemble, OCS Teacher Skit, Julie Sonnentag, and students from OCS and SCCHS.

UNITY BIKE RIDE INFORMATION

Think Spring!! As the weather warms, so are plans heating up for the **OCS Unity Ride!** An enthusiastic team is making big plans for the first annual bike ride. The website: www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride is getting 'hits' from across the nation, and registrations are beginning to come in. Bike routes range from 10, 15, 35, 60 and 100 miles with rest stops along the way. There really is something for everyone. Be sure to register soon to guarantee a shirt and to plan participation in this great family event!

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.

OCS APPAREL

Black by request! OCS shirts will again be ordered on April 21 (if we have enough orders by then). Several people have requested black shirts, so we are adding that color. Please submit your order with payment to the office before that date. Thank-you.

4-K REGISTRATION

Now is the time to register your child in our 4K program for next 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 any questions regarding our program, please call the school office at 564-2664. Thank you.

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

There are "Survivor Babylon" videos 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.

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)

AUCTION PROJECT REQUEST

Are you spring-cleaning and sorting clothes? Do you have any O.C.S. t-shirts that you are no longer using? T-shirts, that are in good condition, from various past O.C.S. events are needed for an auction project. Please contact Judy Ver Velde at 564-2933 if you have any O.C.S. t-shirts to recycle. Thanks for your help.

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**

*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 jwiebe@americanfamily.com or call 1-800-467-6000 for more information.

GRACE PLACE The GRACE Place

SCRIP STORE

Be sure to take advantage of your Dips and Sips Scrip in the next couple of months, as they will be closing in the middle of June. We are sorry to lose this wonderful business to this area, as well as to our Scrip program. They have been great supporters of the school in sponsorship as well as participants in Scrip. Be sure to thank Sue and Steve for their support of our school. We will miss them!

PIZZA SALE

So far, the reviews have been good about the latest Faye's Pizza sale. Please check over your order as we did have one person report a missing ingredient on her pizzas. If you notice any problems, please contact Carolyn Morgen at 467- 1180, or candmmorgen@sbcglobal.net

NIGHT OF PRAISE—April 19, 2008

Plan to come to the Night of Praise here at school. Our 4-K and 5-K students will be participating as well as some musical pieces from our Junior High students. We also plan to announce our annual Friend of Christian Education award. Make this a family night to enjoy praising God together.

RUN JOG WALKATHON/ BIKE RIDE

Have you checked the website lately for the Unity Bike Ride? We now have the maps posted for all five loops. The first three rides will be using the new Interurban trail for part of or the entire ride. If you haven't been on it, find some time on a nice day and take a spin. You will see that it would be a great event in which the whole family would enjoy participating. It's an easy, level trail and a beautiful ride through the countryside.

Praise and Prayer requests for our Run Jog Walkathon and Unity Bike Ride:

--Praise God for many people interested in our new event, the Unity Ride. The hits on our website, looking at the ride information, have just exploded.

--Pray for nice weather for both events. Both events will happen rain or shine, but shine would make it so much more comfortable for all!

--Pray for the necessary funds raised in the RJW to meet the \$19,000 budgeted for this event.

--Pray for registrations for the Unity Bike Ride. Many people are hearing about it and so we also pray for a good turnout of participants.

CALENDAR

April 15	Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 16	Pizza Lunch 1:20 PM Dismissal
April 17	O.C.S. Music Fest. 7:00 PM
April 18	Senior Stars
April 19	Night of Praise