

HOME BULLETIN April 16, 2008

O.C.S. MUSIC FESTIVAL

A schedule of events for our 6th – 8th grade O.C.S. Music Festival is attached to this Blue Note. The music festival will be held tomorrow evening, April 17, starting at 7:00 PM. This music festival is an excellent opportunity for our students to have a dress rehearsal for the Wisconsin Christian School Music Festival, which will be held next Friday, April 25, at Brookfield Christian School. Come on out and enjoy the musical gifts God has given to our children.

NIGHT OF PRAISE

The **Night of Praise** is this coming Saturday at 7pm. We have many talented students from our own school planning to perform: 4K, 5K, 2nd Grade and middle school– in English and **Spanish** (We are taking a free-will offering to raise money for a new Spanish program here at OCS)!! SCCHS has a group of students in a drum quartet who will be competing at state, and will perform for us; as well as a group of girls who will sing. Many of you know and love the music of For Praise Quintet, the Flute Ensemble and Arody Gomez. You may also join your own voices in praise during the Sing-A-Long, accompanied by Julie Sonnentag. And let's not forget the always-entertaining Teacher Skit. *Parents of young performers: We expect the program to last approximately 1 - 1 ½ hours, with young children performing immediately following the intermission. We hope you will stay the entire evening and enjoy some refreshments with us.*

MAY/JUNE HOT LUNCH ORDERS

The final hot lunch order form for the school year is attached to this Blue Note. Please fill it in, attach payment, and return it to the school office NO LATER THAN next Wednesday, April 23. Please also make an effort to thank Sue Schnelle and Dawn De Master for all the work they have done again this year to provide us with a hot lunch every Wednesday.

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.

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.**

MUSIC DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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 RIDE

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!

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

The OCEF auction and dinner fundraiser will be held next Saturday evening, April 26. If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute to this event, you can send your gift to The Oostburg Community Education Fund c/o Bonnie Ongna, W3555 County Rd. OO, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085. The OCEF has supported projects at our school with funding in excess of \$18,000.

You can also purchase raffle tickets in the O.C.S. office for the following package:

2 round trip tickets via Amtrak from Milwaukee to Chicago Voucher for a stay at a downtown Chicago hotel \$200 Visa card to be used for shopping, dining or theater

Raffle tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 7 for \$20 or 20 for \$50.

ATTN. 8TH GRADE PARENTS - WIAA SPORTS PHYSICALS

The St. Nicholas Hospital Athletic Health Center will again be conducting WIAA pre-season physicals. The physicals will be held at St. Nicholas Hospital (not at the Medical Arts Building). The physicals will cost \$20.00 per student, which will then be returned to the participating schools for use for their athletic program.

The physicals will be held on Monday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 21. Sheboygan County Christian High School is allotted a limited number of time slots so these may only be used for students who will be attending SCCHS in the fall of 2008. Please call the high school office (458-9981) before April 30 to schedule your physical time. An information packet will be given to you once your appointment is set. If you have any questions, please call the SCCHS athletic office at 458-9981.

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**

- *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.
- *Concordia College WCSS Basketball Camps
- *Prevea Tittletown 3-on-3 Basketball Tourny in Green Bay on Saturday, May 31.

***JOB OPENINGS AT SHEBOYGAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

Sheboygan Christian School is seeking applicants for a possible part-time **middle school teaching position** for the 2008-2009 school year. This position would include 6th grade language arts and other classes assigned by the administrator. To apply, send a cover letter and resume to Corey Navis, Administrator, at Sheboygan Christian School: 418 Geele Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53083. You may fill out an application online at www.sheboyganchristian.com under employment opportunities. Do not hesitate to call Corey at 457-3060 for more information.

Sheboygan Christian School is seeking applicants for a **Head Cook** position for the 2008-2009 school year. This 20-25 hour a week position would provide hot lunch for students 3 times per week during the school year. To apply, send a cover letter and resume to Corey Navis, Administrator, at Sheboygan Christian School: 418 Geele Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53083. You may fill out an application online at www.sheboyganchristian.com under employment. For more information call Corey Navis, Administrator, at 457-3060.

***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@ameriplan.net or call 564-6536 for more information.

***EARTH DAY PROGRAM**

An after-school Earth Day Program will be held at Oostburg Public Library for students in grades K-2 on Tuesday, April 22, from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Please call 564-2934 to sign up.

CALENDAR	
April 17	O.C.S. Music Fest. 7:00 PM
April 18	Senior Stars
April 19	Night of Praise
April 20-26	Christian Education Week
April 23	Sub Sandwich Lunch
April 24	7 th Grade to Mead Library
April 25	Music Festival @ Brookfield
April 26	OCEF Fundraiser

O.C.S. 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 the following order form with payment to the office before that date. Thank-you.

**Oostburg Christian School Shirts
Featuring OCS Crest**

	YS (6/8)	YM (10/12)	YL (14/16)	YXL (18/20)	AS	AM	AL	AXL	2XL
Hooded Sweatshirt	\$12				\$20				\$22
* Forest Green									
* White									
* Ash Gray									
* Black									
Crewneck Sweatshirt	\$10				\$14				\$16
* Forest Green									
* White									
* Ash									
* Black									
Long Sleeve Tee	\$8				\$10				\$12
* Forest Green									
* White									
* Ash									
* Black									
Short Sleeve Tee	\$6				\$7				\$9
* Forest Green									
* White									
* Ash									
* Black									

Name: _____ Phone # _____ Amount Due: _____ Paid: _____

The GRACE Place

GOOD SEARCH

Do you often use Google to do your Internet searches? If you make www.goodsearch.com as your default search engine, you will help the school. We will be reimbursed \$.01 for each time that you type in a keyword to search. You just have to fill in the information *Who Do You GoodSearch For?* as Oostburg Christian School. Our school is already registered. You can even click on Amount Raised and see how many of our supporters are using this search engine. And thanks for your support!

SCRIP STORE

We were pleased to have our total funds for the 2008 school year turned over from the Scrip Committee. Our total for profit from Scrip this year is \$5363.44. Thanks for all your support! Keep buying Scrip and your tuition account and the school will be blessed.

NIGHT OF PRAISE

See the attached flyer with program features listed. We hope to see you all there on Saturday night at 7:00! Our students will be singing, alumni will be playing, teachers will be acting, and all of us will praise God for Christian education in Oostburg for over 60 years! Offering will be for our Spanish program for next year.

RUN JOG WALKATHON/ UNITY BIKE RIDE

Do you know someone who is coming from out of town for the Unity ride? We have now listed all local hotels on our website with links directly to the hotels' websites.

ANOTHER PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENT!

We have just been notified that ALL STUDENTS who raise over \$100 for the R-J-W will receive a new bicycle helmet! Be sure to get out there and bring in at least \$100—this will be in addition to the prize at the level which you are eligible! Keep up the good work.

THE RJW and the UNITY RIDE are getting closer and the excitement is building! We have had 60 visits to our website in the last week from visitors who were looking at the Unity Ride page! From New York, VA, IL, TX, and all over Wisconsin. The word is spreading about the bike ride and Oostburg Christian School.