

HOME BULLETIN
April 23, 2008

PRAISE GOD FOR THE NIGHT OF PRAISE

If you were able to attend the Night of Praise Saturday evening, I am sure you will agree that everyone in attendance was blessed. Many thanks go to the GRACE Board and all those in charge of making this an evening of praise and fun. A collection was received to help defray the costs of our new Spanish program (starting in grades 6 – 8 next year). If you did not have a chance to contribute to this cause but would still like to, please send a check to school and designate it for the Spanish program. Thank you.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The GRACE Board and the Night of Praise Committee are deeply grateful to the O.C.S. staff for their part in making the Night of Praise a wonderful evening. Your cooperation and work was so vital. Our specific thanks to:

Cindy Edwards as Emcee, keeping us all engaged, entertained and inspired.

Georgia Smies for finding and working with the skit members: **Doris Hendrikse, Jean DuMez, Judy VerVelde, Beth Modahl, and Tammy Gantner.**

Art work from many of the classes and the time that the teachers took to hang them up--it was such a festive atmosphere.

4K-5K- 2nd grade teachers whose classes participated in the program with songs and verses.

Bob Adams--who did such a fine job of presenting the Friend of Christian Education and always being available to lend a helping hand before and during the program. (Wasn't he even helping someone find styro. cups?)

Ron DeMaster for leading the group singing.

Shelba DeMaster for her accompaniment

Barb Nyenhuis for running off the programs and making the entrance so inviting, as well as freshening up the pots outside with spring flowers.

And, the generosity of your gifts in the offering as well. Our profits for the Spanish program will be around \$2,500. God was praised and we are thankful!

WISCONSIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Our sixth through eighth grade students will be participating in the annual Wisconsin Christian Schools Music Festival at Brookfield Christian School this Friday, April 25. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this all-day event. The evening concert, featuring the mass bands and choirs from all seven middle schools plus the judges "best of the day" choices will be a blessing to all those who attend. Please come out and support our students as they develop and use their musical talents. If you can only come to the evening concert, that is fine. It will be held at Milwaukee Lutheran High School and is set to begin at 7:00 PM. Schedules and directions are available in the school office.

DATE OF ASSOCIATION MEETING

Please set aside the evening of Tuesday, May 20, for our Annual Association Meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM, and we will be seeking God's will concerning the future of OCS. The meeting activities will consist of election of new board members, approving the general fund budget and new tuition scale, and the choosing of GRACE Board members. All families will receive an agenda in the near future. All parents or guardians with children enrolled at OCS are automatically Association members. All supporters who have paid the Association Dues or donated at least \$100 to the school and filled out an Association Membership application are also members. Only Association members may vote at this meeting. If you need an agenda or an Association Membership Application, please stop by at the school office and pick one up. Please be in prayer for our school in the days leading up to this important meeting. Thank you.

MAY/JUNE HOT LUNCH ORDERS

The final hot lunch order for the school year was due today. If you have not yet handed it in you may do so by 9:00 AM TOMORROW (Thursday). We will be unable to accept orders after that time. Thank you.

2008/2009 CALENDAR

The calendar for next school year has been approved by the board and is attached to this Blue Note.

RUN JOG WALKATHON/UNITY BIKE RIDE

Please check out all the information in the GRACE Place today. We have listed workers and other important information for all of our families to know.

SEUSSICAL NOTES

Tickets now on sale: Tickets for the May 15 and 16 performances will be available at the door the evening of the performances or can be purchased in advance in the school office. Prices are as follows:

Adults	\$4.00
High School	\$2.50
4 Yrs.-8 th Gr.	\$2.00
Under 4 Yrs.	Free

Dads needed: Dads are needed to set up the stage on Monday evening, May 5, from 6 to 8:00 PM. Please bring hammers, screwdrivers and saws!! Please call the school office immediately to let us know that you can help!

Moms needed for make-up and help with costumes: Training will take place before/during rehearsals on May 12 and 13 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. We need make-up/costuming people for three performances:

Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday, May 14, 1:00 PM

Full Performance: Thursday, May 15, 7:00 PM

Full Performance: Friday, May 16, 7:00 PM

Please call the school office immediately to let us know that you can help!

Practice Notes: Wednesday rehearsals time change – Catechism has ended at First CRC, so Seussical rehearsals will begin at 3:40 instead of at the later Wednesday times.

Dress Rehearsals: Will be held on May 12 and 13 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. These are full cast rehearsals.

NEW IMMUNIZATION LAWS

Parents, please take special note of the information attached to this Blue Note regarding new immunization requirements beginning next school year. Next year, this will directly affect students entering grades K and 6, but will affect all students in the upcoming school years. When your child receives the new required immunizations, please fill it in on the attached form and we will transfer that information onto their permanent card, which is kept on file in the school office. Thank you.

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.**

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 this 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.

O.C.S. APPAREL

Black by request! OCS shirts will again be ordered on April 28 (if we have enough orders by then). Several people have requested black shirts, so we are adding that color. Order forms were included in last week's Blue Note. Please submit the order form with payment to the office before that date. Thank-you.

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.
- *Lakeland College Women's Summer Basketball Camps (June 13-15 for grades 3-8).

*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.

The GRACE Place

SCRIP

If you haven't been buying Scrip lately for your gasoline purchases, you are missing out on a lot of extra help for your tuition!! With gas prices going up almost daily, you could let some of that extra burden of the higher cost turn into an extra blessing for you and Oostburg Christian.

RUN JOG WALKATHON

For all you busy students who have already been out there getting pledges for the Run Jog Walkathon, we **thank you**. Please remember that to count toward your prize, money has to be turned in by noon on THURSDAY, May 8. All funds that come in after that will be added to the total amount raised, just not for individual prize levels. Make sure that your hard works counts!!!

UNITY BIKE RIDE

Have you checked out the website lately? All the maps for the five loops are linked to our website. Just go to www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride. There is also a large map available in the hallway for your viewing. We are appreciative to Paul Mentink at Abacus Architects for doing the map work and providing maps for all of our riders on the day of the event.

We have been getting many, many hits from all over the country to our Bike Ride website. We praise God for the technology to get the word out about a great new event!

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

We will be serving all-you-can-eat spaghetti following the Run Jog Walkathon on Friday from 4:00-6:30 p.m. Be sure to bring the whole family, grandpas and grandmas, for Dan Gabrielse's famous spaghetti!!

WE NEED CAKES!

Please check the list of all workers for the big event May 9 and 10 that is in today's blue note. We will be serving cake on Friday, May 9 along with our spaghetti supper. Would you be willing to bake a 9x13 cake for us? We still need 12 cakes. Please call Dan and Nancy Gabrielse today: 564-3121.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE CHILDREN

We are excited to announce that we will have an inflatable Jumping Jupiter structure on the playground the day of the Unity Bike Ride. Plan to stay around with your children, play awhile, and eat lunch here at the Brat/Hamburger fry, which is served between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT JOINING THE UNITY BIKE RIDE WITH YOUR FAMILY?

The 10 and 15-mile loops on our Unity Bike Ride are easy loops with much of the ride on the new Interurban Trail. That is a wonderful level ride down to Smies Beach and back. Check out the maps on our website. If your family schedule that day doesn't allow you to ride at the mass-start time, please feel free to register and take the ride with your family anytime before 11:00 a.m. that day!

ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-8, who will be riding, must fill out a registration form with the parental signature (sent home with them or found on our website www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride) before they will be allowed to go on the ride. We need to know how many OCS students will be riding so that we have enough adults available. Please turn in your registration forms by **this Friday** to guarantee a t-shirt is available for you. Funds can be turned in until noon on Thursday, May 8, for prizes.

Workers for Run-Jog-Walkathon—Friday, May 9, 2008

Workers to Hand out prizes (date to be determined after RJW)

- 1) Kim Heinen
- 2) Jodi Hilbelink

Spaghetti Supper—serving from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Chair: Dan and Nancy Gabrielse

Kitchen workers

Lauren Smies
Andrea Eckwielen
Angelia Neumann
Dawnmarie O'Donnell
Julie Bergmann

Clean up Crew

Jackie Arnoldi
Lauren Smies

NEEDED: CAKES (9x13) FOR FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 9, FOR THE SPAGHETTI SUPPER!
Please call Dan and Nancy Gabrielse (564-3121) They should be at school by 2:00 p.m.

Joyce Eggebeen	Vicki Meulbroek	_____
Bonnie Van Ess	_____	_____
Bonnie Van Ess	_____	_____
Teresa Ver Velde	_____	_____
Teresa Ver Velde	_____	_____
Annette Wisse	_____	
Annette Wisse	_____	
Barb Kaat	_____	

Workers for Unity Bike Ride—
Friday, May 9, 2008

Core Committee: Jason Alsum, Randy Swihart, Carolyn Morgen, Paul and Beth Modahl, Joyce Eggebeen, Dean Ratajczak.

Registration 3-7 PM
 Dan Roerdink
 Lisa Roerdink

Saturday, May 10, 2008

Registration 6-10AM
 Tim Arnoldi
 Jodi Hilbelink

Hamburger/Brat Fry—Teresa Ver Velde, chair
 Serving from 11:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m.

Fryers 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
 John Wishman
 Matt Smies

Set Up/Kitchen – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Julie Bergmann
 Andrea DuMez
 Jason Bergmann

Serving/Kitchen – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Debbie Wishman
 Ryan Wiebe
 Jocelyn Wiebe
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Serving/Clean-up/Cashier 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.

Becky Zylstra
Julie Meyer
Lauren Smies
Wayne Dykstra
Debbie Wishman

Rest Stop helpers

Dan Roerdink—Rest Stop 3
Lisa Roerdink—Rest Stop 3
Wendell Kappers—Rest Stop 2
Elaine Kappers—Rest Stop 2
Josh Kappers—Rest Stop 6
Georgia Smies—Rest Stop 1
Shelbi Gesch—Rest Stop 1
Julie Wisse—Rest Stop 4
Julie Meyer—Rest Stop 6
Tim Herr—Rest Stop 5
Josh Herr—Rest Stop 5
Todd Heinen—Rest Stop 4
Rest stop 7—
Rest stop 7—

Rest Stops

	<u>Leave OCS</u>	<u>Rest Stop Opens</u>	<u>Rest Stop Closes</u> <u>(approx)</u>
Rest Stop 1(Smies Beach)	7:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
Rest Stop 2 (Belgium)	7:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m.
Rest Stop 3 (Pt Wash)	7:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
Rest Stop 4 (Twn of Sherman)	6:30 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	11:00 p.m.
Rest Stop 5 (Elkhart Lake)	7:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Rest Stop 6 (New Prospect)	7:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
Rest Stop 7 (Fredonia)	8:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.

Specific duties will be given to you, but will include setting up a canopy, tables and serving bikers the food that we will provide. Then cleaning up the site before leaving.

CALENDAR	
April 21-25	Christian Education Week
April 24	7 th Gr. To Mead Library
April 25	Music Festival at Brookfield Christian and Milwaukee Lutheran
April 26	OCEF Fundraiser
April 30	Hamburger Lunch
May 1	Jr. High to SCCHS Play
May 2	Progress Reports