

## **HOME BULLETIN**

**May 14, 2008**

### **PRAISE THE LORD!**

Please spend some time carefully reading the GRACE page today. You will see the wonderful way God blessed OCS this past weekend with a record breaking Run-Jog-Walkathon and a very successful Unity Bike Ride. If you see some of our parents who headed up these events, please thank them – and Praise the Lord!

### **EARLY DISMISSAL DAY**

Next Wednesday, May 21, will be our monthly Early Dismissal Day. Students will be dismissed at 1:20 PM and busses will be running then. There will be no afternoon care on that day. Thank you for planning ahead.

### **ART TEACHER NEEDED**

Oostburg Christian School is seeking an art teacher beginning in the 2008 – 2009 school year. This part-time position consists of teaching art to students in grades 4 – 8. If you are interested in this position or desire more details, please call Mr. Adams at school. The school number is 564-2664. Thank you.

### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

Next week, May 19 – 24, is Teacher Appreciation Week. Parents and friends are asked to pray specifically for our teachers this week. Start with your child's teacher and then please remember all the teachers at OCS. It might be helpful to use the school directory. All the teachers' names are listed on the third page of the directory. Also, if anyone would like to show his or her appreciation with a gift, this would be a great time to do it. A friendly note of encouragement is always a blessing. In addition, OCS has a Teachers' Wish List account from which teachers may withdraw money during the school year to purchase items that will be used to enhance their teaching in the classroom. This account is beginning to run and low and could use an infusion of gifts if you would like to show your appreciation in that way. Thank you, in advance, for your support and prayers for our teachers.

### **BIKE AND WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

We are in the midst of "Bike and Walk to School Week." Friday has been designated as Bike and Walk to School Day by the Sheboygan County Non-motorized Transportation Program. All children riding their bike or walking to school Friday will receive a free t-shirt or a water bottle from the program committee.

### **ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Please set aside the evening of next 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. An agenda has been mailed to all families. 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.

### **SEUSSICAL NOTES**

Please join us this week during one of the performances of the Jr. High Musical "Seussical". You'll be glad you did! The junior high students and Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. De Master have been working hard preparing for this performance for several months.

Tickets now on sale: Tickets for the Thursday and Friday evening performances, or the Wednesday matinee performance will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance in the school office.

Prices are as follows:

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

SEUSSICAL VIDEO TAPING NOT ALLOWED AT PERFORMANCES!! The copyright license covering the performances of "Seussical" prohibit any videotaping of performances of any groups issued licensing rights to present this production. This is similar to copyright licenses that always have affected concerts and plays in other public places, but we have never faced this type of licensing restriction prior to this production. Unfortunately, this means that even family/friends are not allowed to videotape during the performances. (We are not allowed even to make videotape for a "school copy.") You will be encouraged, however, to take regular photos on stage following Friday night's performance. We know you will want to enjoy every minute of this production and TREASURE YOUR GOD-GIVEN MEMORIES, which cannot be controlled by licenses!!

#### **K-5 MUSICAL DVD'S**

These DVD's are ready for pick-up in the school office if you ordered one. The cost is \$11.00, payable to Oostburg Christian School.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **\*HELP OCS ALUMNI GO ON MISSION FIELD**

Ellie DeMaster (class of 2006), Erika Voskuil (class of 2006), and Sarah Adams (class of 2005) will travel to Nicaragua in June to work with disabled children. They will join Michelle Adams (OCS class of 1995) who works there as a teacher missionary and has developed this necessary, special needs school. Please come to the Pizza Ranch the evening of Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day) and support this mission effort being undertaken by some of our alumni. Thank you.

**\*SUMMER TUTORING**

Does your student need help in phonics, reading or math to make him/her more successful at the next grade level? Maybe your child needs review of the year's class work. I can work with your child's teacher to provide what your child needs. Tutoring is available. Call Mary Jane Gruett at 564-3788. Reasonable fees. Individualized instruction can make a difference.

**\*SHEBOYGAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BAND CAMP**

Sheboygan Christian School will be holding a band camp for two weeks (Monday to Thursday) beginning on August 4, from 10:30 – 11:30 AM each day. Cost is \$20. You can go to [www.sheboyganchristian.com](http://www.sheboyganchristian.com) for more information.

**\*SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL GOLF SCRAMBLE**

It is time to dust off your golf clubs and start practicing for the 2008 SCCHS Golf Scramble held on Saturday, August 23. The tournament will take place at Town & Country Golf Club with tee times available from 6:30am to 12:00pm. The team entry fee is \$100 and green fees are \$32/person. The tournament consists of a men's competition and a couple's/women's competition. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams and hole prizes are available on every hole. Special hole in one prizes include \$5000 cash, a Sharp LCD Flat-screen TV, a set of Big Bertha Irons, and roundtrip domestic airline tickets for two. The SCCHS Booster Board sponsors the tournament and all proceeds benefit the educational programs at the school. Team registration forms are available in the school office, at Town & Country golf course, or online at [www.scchs.com](http://www.scchs.com). For more information, please contact Larry Felten at 920-452-7861 or [lafelten@mcleodusa.net](mailto:lafelten@mcleodusa.net).

**\*INFORMATION REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

- \*Back to Basics Youth Football Camp for players entering 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Titletown 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).
- \*Summer Reading Skills Programs sponsored by Marquette University and held at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Sheboygan.
- \*Reclaiming our Heritage free-admission living history celebration at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee on May 31 and June 1.

CALENDAR	
May 15 & 16	Seussical 7:00 PM
May 16	Parochial League Track Meet
May 19-23	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 20	Association Meeting 7:00 PM
May 21	Baked Potato Lunch/8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Lunch Buddies 1:20 PM Dismissal
May 23	4K Graduation 2:30 PM
May 26	Memorial Day – No School

**The GRACE Place**  
**The 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RUN-JOG- WALKATHON AND**  
**FIRST ANNUAL UNITY BIKE RIDE**  
**are history!**

**And what a weekend it was!**

**We prayed:**

- **That all of this would bring glory to God**
- **For nice weather**
- **For a good attendance**
- **For safety for walkers, riders, and workers**
- **A good amount of funds raised for Christian Education**

**And God answered prayers.**

**We had a huge amount of people involved in running four different fund-raising events as well as several hundred participants during the weekend and no major mishaps. What a blessing!**

Praise God! The Run-Jog-Walkathon brought in a record \$21,919 with some funds still coming in! Our students, along with Sylvester, enjoyed the trip around the playground. So even though there were a few raindrops, no one's spirits were dampened on such an exciting day!

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade classes are the winners of the pizza party for participation and money raised.

We had many parents comment on the new prize system, and we welcome your comments on the changes. The students will be bringing home the form this week to fill out for the prize they earned.

Just a reminder: All students who earned over \$100 received a free bicycle helmet. This was over and above the level prizes that they can "order" this week. If your student did not receive one, please let us know.

Saturday morning dawned beautiful; sunny, not too cold, light wind and no rain. We had a total of 215 riders for the Unity Bike Ride. We heard many compliments on this first annual event and we will let you know our profits as soon as we have paid all the bills. ☺

We had people who came from Michigan, Illinois and all over Wisconsin. Many promised to come back next year and bring their friends. Watch for a date to be decided soon.

We had special guests visit on Saturday: Former administrator Rick Geertsma and his wife, Rosemary visited with friends during the day. They were able to start a Run-Jog-Walkathon in their school in Grand Haven, Michigan recently because of their experience here with ours!! Next time they come, they promised to bring their bikes!!

### **FOOD! FOOD! FOOD!**

We had great attendance at the Spaghetti Supper as well as the Hamburger and Brat Fry! No one went away hungry. It was a wonderful weekend with God's blessings being poured out on our work and efforts.

### **COMMITTEES**

**If you see any of these chairpersons around, please thank them for a great job.** They have done a tremendous amount of work and God has blessed their efforts.

- Spaghetti Supper chairs: Dan and Nancy Gabrielse
- Brat/Hamburger Fry chair: Teresa VerVelde
- Run-Jog-Walkathon chair: Jacki Adams
- Unity Bike Ride Core Committee: Jason Alsum, Randy Swihart, Carolyn Morgen, Paul and Beth Modahl, Joyce Eggebeen, Dean Ratajczak (and spouses!)

### **HEART FOR EDUCATION AUCTION COMMITTEE**

Have you thought about serving on the Auction Committee for next year? This would be your only project on which you have to commit for the year 2008-09. It is helpful to be willing to serve three years. This is an enthusiastic committee of people who are great to work along with—please considering joining us!

### **ANNUAL MEETING—May 20**

The GRACE Board encourages all families to attend the Association meeting on May 20 at 7:00. The GRACE Board will be electing by lot three people from the list below. We thank all of them for being willing to put their names up in order to serve our school in fund-raising leadership.

Dean DuMez is a graduate of our school. He and his wife Andrea have two children who are enrolled here, Michael in Grade 2 and Julia in 5K.

Julie Bergmann is in her first year as a parent in this school. She and her husband Jason have enrolled their daughter Elizabeth in Grade 6 this year. They are happy to be a part of the Oostburg Christian School family.

Becky Zylstra is an alumni of OCS, and along with her husband have two children enrolled. Aaron is in Grade 1 and Madisyn is in 4K.

Michelle Epping and her husband, Bart, joined the OCS parent ranks this year when they enrolled their daughter Ellianna in 4K.

Julie Meyer has served on the School Board at OCS and her two children have attended school here. Cassandra is in high school and Joe is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade this year. Julie is married to Phil.

Randy Swihart, who has been co-chair of the Unity Bike Ride this year, has two children enrolled here: Jacob in Grade 6 and Ashley in Grade 1. His wife, Mary, has served faithfully on the Scrip committee for several years.