

Home Bulletin
September 10, 2008

All parents and friends of Oostburg Christian School are invited to our Annual Fall Open House next Tuesday, September 16. Please stop by anytime between 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM to visit your child's classroom, meet the teachers, and see our school halls while the wax is fresh and everything is sparkling clean. Also, if you know of anyone who may be interested in our school, please take this opportunity to invite them. We are always accepting new students. Snacks and drinks will be available.



We want to welcome all new families and students to Oostburg Christian School. Please give a loving, Christian welcome to the following families:

New 4K Families

Ben & Gina Claerbaut and Julianna
Michael & Robyn De Pagter and Donavan
Ben & Rebecca Johnson & Eliana
Dean & Jodi Raih and Emmilyn

Kevin & Jessica Dekker and Carson
Jeff & Stephanie Huenink and Joshua
Anne Moore and Dakota

Other 4K Students

Hayden Arnoldi (Tim & Jackie)
Markita Gesch (Aaron & Starla)
Devan Laganowski (Michael & Rosa)
Michael Modahl (Paul & Beth)
Josiah Stecker (Dale & Tammy)

Brian Gesch (Aaron & Starla)
Molly Gesch (Aaron & Starla)
Brandon Le Mahieu (Kevin & Michelle)
Samuel Mullikin (Dean & Maureen)

Other New/Returning Families and Students

Tim & Mary Kay Friberg (Stuart in Grade 6)
Kevin & Jen Ludens (Gabriel in Grade 1, Joshua in Grade 3, Benjamin in Grade 5,
Michaela in Grade 8)
Paul & Kathy Stevens (John in Grade 3, Grace in Grade 7, Hannah in Grade 8)
Don & Lynn Wilterdink (Dawson in Grade 3)



Next Wednesday, September 17, is the first early release date of the school year. School will dismiss at 1:20 PM. Buses will run at that time.



All Blue Note announcements must be in the office, in writing or emailed, NO LATER THAN noon on Tuesdays. Please do not send announcements later than this time. Thank you.



Mr. Adams challenged all guests at our opening day chapel to be in prayer for the students, families, and staff of our school. As a matter of fact, Mr. Adams said this was the "homework" assignment for all adults attending our opening day chapel. So, how are you doing? Parents, are you completing your prayer homework everyday? Even if you were not at chapel, please join us in this God-glorifying effort to cover our children and school in prayers. Let's all get an "A" on this homework assignment☺.

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Listed below are parents who signed up to be room parents. Thank you! It is nice to have two to three room parents per class. If you would like to volunteer to be a room parent for a class that needs a few more, please call the school office. Room parents assist teachers with special activities such as Christmas parties, field trips, and assisting the hot lunch committee by procuring helpers from the classroom parents one month out of the school year.

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Laurel Meerdink	Jocelyn Wiebe	Tammy Stecker
Sue Schnelle		Julie Sonnentag
Megan Heydon		Teresa VerVelde
Brenda Lammers		
Sandy Van Ess		
Michelle Epping		

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	Wendy Urban	Patti Duenk
	Wendy Eckwielen	

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Marjorie Oliver	Melissa Scheidt	
	Diane Rubsam	
	Mary Swihart	

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If you ever miss a Blue Note or have thrown one away and are looking for information, just go online at the school website, www.oostburgchristian.com and look under "School News" / "Weekly Bulletin Archives." Previous Blue Notes will be found in this area. If you need an attachment for a Blue Note that is not located on the web site, please call the school office.

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Please call the school office between 8:15 and 9:00 AM if your child will miss school on a certain day. If we do not hear from you, and your child does not show up for school, we will be calling your home to make sure your child is safe.

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One of the ways young people witness to those around them about the relationship they have with Jesus is through the way they dress. Please remind your children to dress properly. All clothing should be modest and appropriate for school. This may mean that some favorite "summer outfits" must be put away or used only on weekends. We hope and pray that home, school, and church can all work together to help our young people be lights that shine brightly for Jesus in our society.

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If you have not yet handed in your registration materials (e.g. Current Health Information Sheet, Immunization information, Student Health Record Sheet, Volunteer Form, Emergency Card, etc.) please do so by the end of this week. Thank you.

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Please do not send soda to school with your child to drink at lunch or as a snack. Milk will be available for all students. An order form was included in the Blue Note last week. If you have not filled out that form please do so, attach payment, and return it by this Friday, September 14. All students will be allowed to drink milk until that time. After September 14 only students who have signed up for and paid for milk will be allowed to have any.

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NIV Bibles are for sale in the school office. The price is \$7.50.

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If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our substitute teacher list, please contact the school office. The only requirement is a teaching degree (and it does not have to be current☺) and a love for our Lord and children. Thank you.

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Money is needed to run our interscholastic athletic programs at OCS. Money brought in through participation fees is used for payment of referees, league fees, tournament fees, purchasing athletic equipment, and purchasing uniforms. The following fee schedule has been set by the administration of OCS:

7 th – 8 th Boys' Soccer (September)	\$10.00
7 th – 8 th Girls' Volleyball (September)	\$15.00
5 th – 6 th Girls' Basketball (November)	\$15.00
5 th – 6 th Boys' Basketball (November)	\$15.00
7 th – 8 th Girls' Basketball (November)	\$20.00
7 th – 8 th Boys' Basketball (November)	\$20.00

Note: the maximum fee for any one family is \$40.00. The soccer and volleyball fees are due by September 15.

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The Harvest is still plentiful! Come and shop for fresh produce from some great market vendors this Saturday from 8-11 a.m. at Oostburg Christian School. We'll have the market rain or shine. For more information go to www.sharetheharvest.org.

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*Registration forms for American Red Cross babysitter training classes are available in the school office. The course is designed for children 11 years of age or older. Four different course dates have been set: Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 or Dec. 6. All classes run from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

- Sheboygan County Christian High School will host Brian Young on Thursday,
- September 11, 2008 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the school. Young is a nationally known speaker, founder and director of the Creation Instruction Association in Juniata, Nebraska. He will be speaking on scientific creation as a foundation for good science, theology, and moral living. He will answer questions such as “Are dinosaurs in the Bible?” “How did people live 900 years ago?” and “What caused the Ice Age?”

These and many more issues will be addressed as well as a time for questions and answers. Although all ages are welcome to attend, the information will be the most beneficial for ages 10 and up. Admission is free.

Sheboygan County Christian High School is located at 929 Greenfield Avenue in Sheboygan. Call the school at (920) 458-9981 for more information.

*Prayer Walk: Please join us in praying for our area schools. On September 23rd at 9:00 AM we will be meeting at the Oostburg Middle School (408 New York Ave.) to pray for our children, our teachers, and our schools as a community. Then, as a group, we will walk to the High School, then the Elementary School and then to Oostburg Christian School. At each school we will pray and also bring in some baked goods for the staff. After the prayer at O.C.S., we will be taking vans to Sheboygan County Christian High (at approx. 10:00) for prayer also. Come for part of the walk or all! If you have any questions, or if you would like to donate baked goods, please call Tammy Stecker at 564-6072. Everyone welcome! “Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him for the life of your young children.” Lam. 2:19.

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*4H Open House flyers for students from grades 2 to 4 who are interested.

The Grace Place

WELCOME TO THE GRACE PLACE

GRACE is the fund raising arm of the school, but there are some concealed benefits that you may not think about as you participate in these events this year. Each August we ask our families to sign up for at least 20 hours of work in fund raising projects during the school year. Have you considered

- that you will have 20 hours or more meeting new families in our school?
- that you will have 20 hours or more in fellowship with families you already know?
- that you will spend 20 hours to provide over \$1,000 in tuition savings for your family?
- that you will spend 20 hours in promoting the school to families and people who may have never entered our doors before and know nothing about Christian education?

**Thank you. You will make a difference this year in at least these four ways.
We are grateful to you!**

Each week we will bring you information that will be helpful to you as you participate in the fund-raising events this year. If you see some of the “holes” in the work force, and you are available, please call the chair to volunteer your time to help out these hard-working people. Also, please feel free call the chair of the event if you have further questions that these announcements may not answer. We are here to provide as complete information as possible. **Thanks again—you are the greatest supporters a school could have!**

BANK COLLECTION

If you forgot to bring your bank to registration, it is not too late! Bring your bank (or just the contents of your bank) to the school office and sign your name on the list on the counter. You can either keep your old bank container, or take a new one from the counter. Route persons will pick up banks that have not been turned in between Sept. 24 and Oct. 8. If you have any questions, please call Sue Radtke at 262-339-7135. Thank you!

PIZZA SALE

Here they come! - Faye's Pizza is on the way at Oostburg Christian. These delicious pizzas will be made at Faye's Pizza in Sheboygan, using their own original crust, sauce, and toppings, delivered to our school ready for pick up. How many have you sold so far?

The order forms were included in last week's blue note and you have a little over a week to sell. All order forms are due back in the office no later than September 22nd, 2008. Please be sure to have your orders completed by then.

If you have any questions, contact Julie Bergmann at 262-685-7256, or the school office.

LET YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY KNOW WHAT A GREAT THING THIS IS!

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT—September 26 and 27, 2008

We praise God that the word of our volleyball tournament has spread and we have teams lining up to be allowed to attend. This is a blessing. Sponsors are being lined up, plans are being made, and preparations are moving forward for another great weekend. Please pray with us for a safe and successful tournament.

'TIS THE SEASON—Heart for Education Auction—November 8, 2008

We have several new great features of the auction this year:

- We will have a Preview Night on Friday, November 7, 2008
- We will have a delightful meal provided by Andrea DuMez and her famous cooking on Saturday night!
- We will have an online event featuring some of our items from the auction. They will be available to bid on prior to the auction on Saturday.
- We will have a new feature of items on our teacher's wish list—watch for the Apple Trees!

Many of these features will be explained in detail as we move toward one of the best auctions yet. Watch this space for information each week!

The Auction Committee would like to encourage you to consider sharing your knowledge and expertise by offering some hours of your time to mentor others. Ideas for your donated time might include an afternoon of fishing, scrap booking, quilting, cooking, gardening, woodworking, hunting skills, athletic sports, floral arranging, golfing, photography, bird watching, nature hiking, whatever it is that you enjoy! Call Patti Duenk at 564-3221 or email pduenk@excel.net to discuss your donation ideas.

Cash and Carry has been a popular item at the OCS Auction. Our cash and carry selection includes practical certificates for places we already shop or sometimes they give us the opportunity to try something new! To help expand our selection this year, please let us know where you shop or do business. Return your ideas to Patti Duenk, Nicole Mentink, or the office. Here are a few ideas to get you started: Restaurants, Salon/Barber, Car Service, Dentist, Bookstores, Gas, Grocery, Entertainment, and Specialty Store. Thanks for sharing your ideas!

Thank you to the callers who have already been busy - donations are arriving every day. You're terrific!!

SCRIP

Have you been using Scrip? Are you new and don't know much about it? Here's a chance to get businesses to help you pay your tuition. You purchase the certificates at face value and a percentage of that amount will be credited to your tuition.

Are you tired of high gas prices? Have we a deal for you! For the next 12 months only, we can buy Kwik Trip gas cards with a 20% discount!!! That's 18% of your gas bill going to help your tuition account!! Do you spend more than \$50 to fill your tank? That's \$9-\$10 each time going to help pay tuition. You'll want to pick these up soon.

September 11	Senior Stars/Travelogue Jr. High to SCCHS/Brian Young Speaker
September 16	V-Ball vs StJ 4:30 Open House 6:00 – 7:30
September 17	Hot Dog Lunch 1:20 PM Dismissal
September 18	V-Ball vs StM 4:30
September 19	Gr. 2 to Hendrikse Garden

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS TO BLUE NOTE

*Open House Ad

*September Interest Wheel

*Sheboygan County Division of Public Health Newsletter