

**HOME BULLETIN**  
**September 3, 2008**

***“The mission of Oostburg Christian School is to provide a distinctly Christian, quality education, which will equip God’s children to function as Christians in society, church, and home”.***

**WELCOME BACK**

Please join me in praising God for the opportunity we have as God’s people to once again open the doors of Oostburg Christian School to the children of our surrounding communities. I hope many of you had the opportunity to join us for our opening chapel yesterday morning. Our school verse this year is taken from Hebrews 13:1-2 (the verse chosen by our graduates this past June). It says, “Keep on loving each other as brothers.” May that be true of all of us as we are led by the Holy Spirit.

**HOME BULLETIN/BLUE NOTE**

For families new to our school there may be questions about this newsletter. The *Home Bulletin*, or as many call it, *The Blue Note*, is our school’s weekly bulletin to our families and friends. The Blue Note will contain information about school events, prayer requests, and information about GRACE Board projects as well as assorted news about happenings in our school. We are always willing to send copies of our weekly bulletin to any churches requesting them, so if your church would like copies just call the office and let us know. The Blue Note can also accessed (without paper attachments) on our website [www.oostburgchristian.com](http://www.oostburgchristian.com). Please remember, all announcements that need to be placed in the bulletin must be in the school office, in writing, by noon each Tuesday.

**OUR PARKING LOT – DRIVE CAREFULLY**

Please drive very carefully when entering and exiting our school parking lot. The lot is full of students being dropped off, there are other students walking across the lot after leaving their bikes in the bike rack, and finally, the east end of the lot is used by students who are playing basketball. Cars may use 7<sup>th</sup> Street to drop off their students, but **please drive carefully**.

**ILLNESSES / ABSENCES**

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.

**DRESS CODE POLICY**

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.

**REGISTRATION MATERIALS**

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. Also, if ANY of your emergency contact information has

changed, please stop in the office and fill out a new Emergency Information Card so we are able to contact someone if your child has an emergency situation while at school. Thank you.

### **LUNCH BEVERAGES**

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 is included in this Blue Note. Please fill out the form and return it by Friday, September 15. All students will be allowed to drink milk until that time. After September 15 only students who have signed up for milk will be allowed to have any.

### **BIBLES FOR SALE IN OFFICE**

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

### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

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.

### **SPORTS PHYSICALS**

Students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade who are participating in interscholastic sports at OCS are required to have a sports physical or sports physical waiver form on file in the school office. Please hand these in to the office before your child's first game. Thank you.

### **ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEES**

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 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Boys' Soccer (September)	\$10.00
7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Girls' Volleyball (September)	\$15.00
5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Girls' Basketball (November)	\$15.00
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7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Girls' Basketball (November)	\$20.00
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Note: The maximum fee for any one family is \$40.00. The soccer and volleyball fees are due September 15.

### **LATE AFTERNOON AND EARLY MORNING CARE CANCELLED**

Last spring the school board of OCS decided to offer "Early Morning" and "Late Afternoon Care" for our families. As of August 20 only one family had signed up for this program. Due to the lack of interest the Board decided **not to** offer care from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM or from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

The board has pledged to revisit the ideas behind this program at upcoming board meetings. Please send a note to school, tell Mr. Adams, or tell a board member your thoughts on the subject. Thank you.

### **OPEN HOUSE AT OOSTBURG CHRISTIAN**

Parents, grandparents, and friends of O.C.S. – or anyone interested in learning more about our school - are invited to join us for an Open House on Tuesday, September 16. Come to visit your child's teacher and check out the classrooms! If you know anyone who still may be interested in our school, this is a perfect, last-second opportunity. Call the office and we can even send them a personal invitation. Thank you.

### **HOT LUNCH ORDERS**

Tomorrow at 9:00 AM is the deadline to order hot lunch for Wednesdays in September. Order forms were given out at registration or can be obtained in the office. Thank you.

**SHARE THE HARVEST FARMERS MARKET**

The market will be held again this Saturday, Sept. 6, from 8:00 – 11:00 AM. If you have extra produce to donate, you may drop it off in the kitchen on Friday during the school day or on Saturday from 7:00 – 10:00 AM. Thank you to our faithful customers for your continued support. We have raised over \$1,000 so far!

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*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.

<b>CALENDAR</b>	
September 9	V-Ball vs SCS @ SCCHS 6:30 PM
September 10	Pizza Hot Lunch
September 11	Senior Stars/Travelogue

**MILK ORDERS**

Parents, please fill in the order form below and return it to school (with payment) no later than next Friday, September 15. Please be sure to indicate what flavor milk each of your students will be taking. Milk will be provided at no charge for kindergarten students on the third Wednesday of each month when they will be dismissed at the early release time instead of at noon. Parents of children in 4K or Aftercare may order milk also. This milk must be ordered now, at the beginning of the year, for the entire year. Aftercare and 4K students have the option of ordering for 3 days or less per week for \$6.00 or 4-5 days/week for \$12.00.

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**Milk Order Form  
2008/2009**

<u>Student's Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Flavor of Milk</u> (circle one)	<u>Cost</u>
_____	_____	White or Chocolate	\$12.00
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_____	_____	White or Chocolate	\$12.00
_____	_____	White or Chocolate	\$12.00
_____	4K/Aftercare	White or Chocolate	
		3 Days or Less/Wk	\$6.00
		4-5 Days/Wk	\$12.00

**Please return to school with payment no later than September 15.**

# **The GRACE Place**

**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.