

HOME BULLETIN
September 17, 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 TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following staff members:

*Mrs. Jackie Daane is our new 4K aid

*Miss Tammy Gantner has joined our jr. high staff as our Spanish teacher (along with continuing to teach 4K and doing our afternoon care)

*Mrs. Carolyn Morgen has graduated to aid in Kindergarten from 4K last year and who will also be doing afternoon care two afternoons a week

*Mrs. Jodi Hilbelink has returned this year as our Grade 4-8 art teacher

*Miss Savannah Cate, a student teacher from Concordia University, has joined our 4th grade class for the first quarter.

OCS GOING THROUGH ACCREDITATION PROCESS

During the 2008 – 2009 school year, Oostburg Christian School will be going through a self-study as we prepare for a Spring Site Visit from the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accrediting Team. Have you ever wondered if our school operations are fully connected to our Foundational Statements? This is one of the purposes of the accreditation process. If you are asked during the course of the school year to fill out a questionnaire or help the self-study in some other way, please do so. Thank you.

OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to all who attended our Open House last night. It is always encouraging to see the great number of parents, grandparents, and school supporters who come out every time we hold an Open House. Now that you have seen your child’s classroom and met his or her teacher, please spend time in prayer for our school. Pray for your child, his / her classmates, and the teachers. Please remember to pray for staff members who teach subjects not taught in the regular classroom – art, music, physical education, Spanish, and computers. Thank you.

OCTOBER HOT LUNCH ORDERS

The order form for October hot lunches is attached to this Blue Note. Please fill it in, attach payment, and return to the school office no later than next Wednesday, September 24.

Reminder to kindergarten parents: Students in kindergarten can order hot lunch for the third Wednesday of each month when they stay until the 1:20 dismissal time. Just fill in the order form for that Wednesday and send in payment by the Wednesday, September 24 due date.

Reminder to afternoon care parents: Students who stay for afternoon care on Wednesdays may also order hot lunch. Again, just fill in the order form, attach your payment, and bring it to the office or give it to Miss Gantner. Thank you.

IOWA TESTS OF BASIC SKILLS

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills will be given to all students in grades 3 – 8 the week of October 6 – 10. Please make sure your child is well rested for these tests. OCS uses the ITBS to help assess our school curriculum. The tests are also used to determine the 8th grade Presidential Fitness Award Winners.

THREE-YEAR REINSPECTION

On August 13, 2008, a three-year asbestos re-inspection was performed by Cardinal Environmental of Sheboygan at Oostburg Christian School. The initial asbestos inspection report and asbestos management plan for OCS was completed in 1988. Since the initial inspection, the configuration and condition of the original school has remained essentially the same. An inventory of asbestos-containing materials was developed and is on hand in the office. Abatement that has occurred recently is noted on the inventory. Building additions were constructed in 1984, 1994, and in 2005. The additions were built without Asbestos-Containing Building Materials (ACBM). Since no friable ACBM was discovered during the re-inspection, no additional cleaning will be required. The three-year re-inspection report and management update plan is available to any wanting to inspect it.

STILL PRAYING?

Please remember the "homework assignment" everyone received at our opening day chapel. Each of us is to be praying daily for OCS. In Psalm 127:1 God says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." Let us pray for God's blessing and His arm of protection over our children and our school.

MISSED A BLUE NOTE?

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.

ROOM PARENTS

Please note below where we still have need for Room Parents. It is nice to have at least two to three per grade. If you are a parent of a student in one of the grades where there is still a need, please call the school office and volunteer if you are able. Thank you!

Grade K

Laurel Meerdink
Sue Schnelle
Megan Heydon
Brenda Lammers
Sandy Van Ess
Michelle Epping

Grade 1

Jocelyn Wiebe

Grade 2

Tammy Stecker
Mary Swihart
Teresa VerVelde

Grade 3

Sandy Gartman
Anna Walcott
Julie Sonnentag

Grade 4

Wendy Urban
Wendy Eckwielen

Grade 5

Patti Duenk
Bonnie Van Ess

Grade 6

Marjorie Oliver
Sandy Gartman

Grade 7

Melissa Scheidt
Diane Rubsam
Mary Swihart

Grade 8

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.

BIBLE FOR SALE IN THE 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.

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:

6 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.

SHARE THE HARVEST FARMER'S MARKET

The Share the Harvest Market Team would like to thank our faithful customers, vendors, volunteers, and the many people who made garden donations. You've been such an important part of the market's success during this first year. We were able to raise \$1300 through the sale of donated produce and vendor fees. We have designated \$300 for the Oostburg Food Pantry and \$1000 for the Oostburg Community Education Fund. Although this year's market has come to an end, we hope you will show your support and join us again next season!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Alliance Community Bible Church in Belgium will be holding a live concert tomorrow evening, Sept. 18, featuring “Morning Will Break”. The concert begins at 7:00 PM. Admission is \$7.00. Call 262-285-7153 if you have any questions.

*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.

*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.

*A seven-week Christian parenting class to help parents create a more loving and positive home begins Monday, September 29, 2008 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sheboygan. The class will focus on using positive praise and reinforcement to encourage compliance and build

self-esteem in children. Other skills taught include ignoring, time-out, sticker charts, communication, allowances, household chores and many others, all from a Christian perspective. The class is led by Dr. Darlene Mech, psychologist and pastor's wife. Please call her at Nett-Work Family Counseling for more information and to register: 451-3141.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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

The Grace Place

Watch this space each week for updates on our fund raising events. You can also read this online at www.oostburgchristian.com , click on School News on the left side bar, then Weekly Bulletin. Weekly Bulletin archives are also available.

PIZZA SALE—Faye's Pizza

FYI: this is the only pizza sale we will have this year, so be sure to get all you need now! Pizza Pick-Up is scheduled for October 14, from 3:00 – 6:00 PM.

GOOD SEARCH

Good Search is a wonderful search engine that is available to let you help the school. If you make Good Search your default search engine, and make Oostburg Christian School your favorite charity, they will send us \$.01 every time that you use Good Search (instead of Google) for searching the internet. It doesn't sound like much, but we have raised nearly \$200 since we started this. You can also do your internet shopping through this search engine and we benefit from that as well! So start shopping and searching with Good Search today!

BANKS

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!

SCRIP

Gas is going up again!! But so is the percentage at KwikTrip. Pick up your certificates for a 20% discount—2% to GRACE, and 18% to your tuition account!!! This is going to be very popular so we will do our best to keep the store stocked. And take advantage of this now—we only get this fabulous discount for one year!!

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT—September 26 and 27, 2008

Our volleyball tournament will be next weekend. Please be in prayer this week for this great fund-raising event. Please pray for all the teams as they come, good

sportsmanship and safety among teams, safety for workers, journey mercies for all teams traveling, and that God is praised! If you signed up to work at this project, please check the attached schedule of workers to be sure of your scheduled time.

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

If you are donating to the auction this year, we are grateful.

We would like all items turned in by October 1, so that we can get things in place for the online auction part (see below). If it needs to come in later, please use the attached donation form or stop in the office and fill it out to turn in so that we know what items we can anticipate coming. Again, thanks so much for your help in this.

We have items coming in for the auction already—some of your favorites are here!

- 3-5 day stay at Gabe's Gang Cottage
- Tax return preparation by Terry Katsma
- Will Preparation by Paul Dirkse
- 5 hours of painting on your wall by Ron Vander Pol
- \$100 Gift certificate to the Kohler Waters Spa

Fun Items for your kids!

- Four tickets to the "The Jungle Book"
- Boy's Heeley's size 5
- Girls inline skates, size 4-7
- Razor Scooter
- Snowboard
- Monkey and Elephant Webkins

NEW FEATURE: ONLINE AUCTION

We are excited to tell you about one of our new features this year--an online auction. It works this way: we will give you the website to go and bid online two weeks prior to the Heart for Education Auction. These items will be selected from the Silent and Live Auction donations, but they will not include all the items that will be available. Then when the online auction closes on Friday, November 7, we will put the items on the Auction here. Bidders who are present on Saturday will have a chance to go higher than the final online bid.

We look forward to hearing from people from all over who might be interested in the golfing, trips, weekends, or items that we will feature online first. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Mentink at pnmentink@wi.rr.com or 564-6399. We will announce the date soon when the online auction opens!!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: BUDDY BUCKS AND SCRIP.

BUDDY BUCKS: Bring someone who hasn't been to our auction. You get \$5.00 to spend at the auction and \$5.00 for your buddy whom you brought!

SCRIP: Scrip will again be available in \$25 and \$100 denominations. Help pay your tuition, help the auction event, and enjoy a great evening.

CALENDAR

September 18	V-Ball vs StM 4:30
September 19	Gr. 2 to Hendrikse Garden
September 23	V-Ball @ StD 5:00
September 24	Sub Sandwich Lunch
	October Hot Lunch Orders Due
September 26-27	Volleyball Tournament
September 26	Soccer Tournament @ SCCHS

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHEMENTS TO HOME BULLETIN

*Volleyball Tourny Worker Schedule

*October Hot Lunch Order Form

*Auction Donation Form

*Sheboygan County Historical Society "Third Saturdays" Program Information