

# Our Witness

June 2025



## Celebrating our Graduates!

This May we graduated our 1,465th graduate! What a joy to see this group of young people who have grown in their maturity and love for Jesus Christ as they have moved throughout the halls of Oostburg Christian School and have accomplish their graduation from middle school.

Join us in congratulating the following graduates pictured above, joined by Mr. Reid Rozeboom & Mrs. Nicole Velzke (8th grade class advisors as well as Mr. Brent Torrenga, OCS Administrator):

Back Row: Cyrus Andrews, Gavin Stapel, Rylen Dykstra, Josiah Neeb, Trey VanEss, Yhamir Roblero, Nolan Narus. Middle Row: Evelyn Rozeboom, Reina Laganowski, Tessa Doss, Alison LeMahieu, Grace Meinnert, Abigail Claerbaut, MaCartny Walvoord, Lydia Schmidt. Front Row: Linsey Theune, Liyah Bretz, Veyda Toerpe, Isabella Oppeneer, Kieran DeMaster, Niyah Bretz, Molly Whittenburg & Emily Veldkamp

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## End of the Year Musical Moments!



The end of the year brings many, many activities, including many opportunities for our students to showcase their musical talents. Our 5K - 5th grade classes annually perform a musical with this year's theme running through the Old Testament in Fast Forward. It was a clear recap of all the promises God made to His people during Old Testament times but also served to remind each of us the promises made to us through Scripture. The 5th grade classes acting ability was clear and all of our elementary grades sang with gusto as a full choir.

In May, the 6th - 8th grade students traveled to Central Wisconsin Christian in Waupun to participate with other Christian Schools in the annual music festival. Not only did our students do amazing in individual and small group performances, but they also received high marks from the judges for our full choir and band performances.



Finally, a few of our students traveled to Appleton to audition for the WSMA Middle Level Honors Band & Choir. Again, they represented OCS extremely well and were able to use their God-given talents for His Glory!

Thank you to Ms. Kayla VandeZande & Mr. Trevor Schuh for bringing a love for music to our students and to Oostburg Christian School!





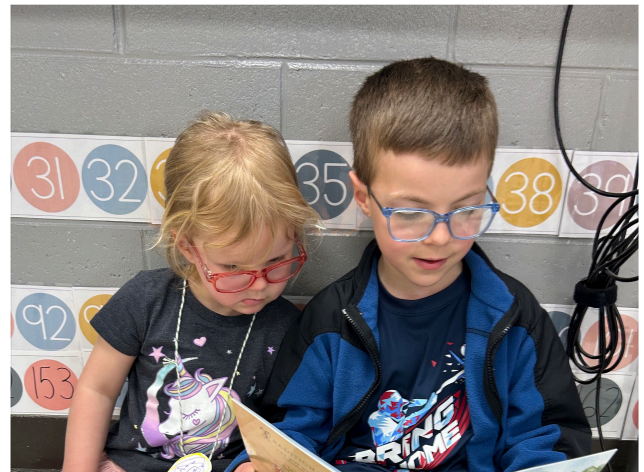
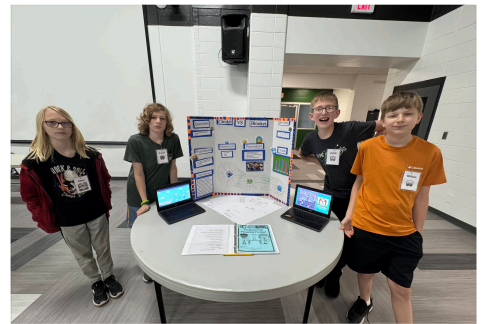
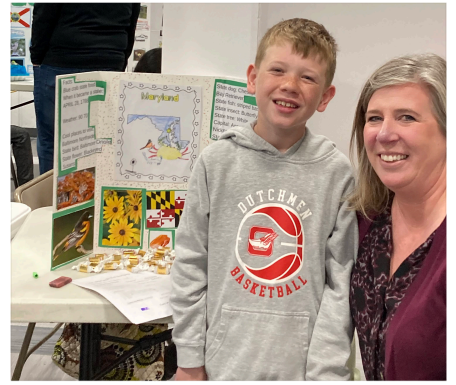
## It's Good to Be A Kid

Do you remember your childhood? How far back do your memories go? For some, we can remember every detail of our childhood - including all of our teachers in every grade and what projects we worked on or parts we played in the classroom skits. For others, those details are a little fuzzy.

What we love about being part of these students lives is helping to make those memories with them throughout their school year. Throughout the school year, our students spend about 1,440 hours in our building. That gives us a lot of time to get to know them, discover their individual gifts and talents, encourage their passions, challenge them to expand their knowledge and guide them to have a heart and mind fully committed to Jesus Christ.

Throughout all the minutes of a school year, the ones that we remember most are not the big events or greatest achievements but the little things. We remember the child that gets fractions and feels so accomplished, we remember the child that shows loving kindness on the playground, we remember the moment that a child shows a heart like Jesus when they stand alongside a classmate that is struggling and we remember the hugs around our knees when a student doesn't want to leave when the school year ends.

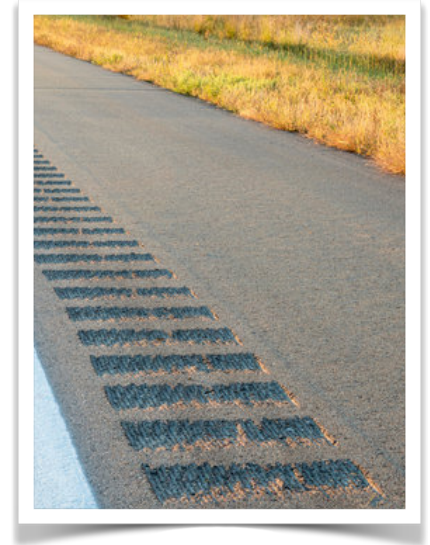
Wrapping up a school year always brings moments of reflection and cherishing memories that were made and this year was no exception. We pray that our students are remembering all that they learned within the walls of Oostburg Christian School this year and will cherish them for a lifetime!



## Rumble Strips

Rumble strips, also known as alerts, are raised markers on roadways designed to alert drivers through noise and vibration when they are drifting out of their lane or approaching a hazard. They help reduce accidents by making drivers aware of changes in the road, such as lane boundaries, speed limits, or upcoming hazards.

If you have ever been driving late at night, these little strips may have saved you from great harm. The interesting thing about this part of the road is that if you stay in the lane - you don't even notice that they are there. On a daily drive down the road you wouldn't have reason to think about the importance of this little invention - until you start to drift. The sole purpose of this addition to our highways is to keep you on track.



God's directions for our life should be viewed a bit like a rumble strip as we go through our daily life. As long as we are following God's leading, giving Him control of our life and doing our best to "stay on the road", we don't need as many warnings. However, when we start to move away from His leading and directing, His Word is a rumble strip to get us back on track. And that wandering happens to each of us every single day.

If we have been caught up in gossip, God's "rumble strip" to us would be Ephesians 4:29 which says: "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." If we are letting opportunities pass us by where we could be helping those around us, God's "rumble strip" to guide us would be Hebrews 13:16 which says, "Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." If we are going through a difficult time and feel like God has abandoned us, His "rumble strip" could come from Isaiah 54:10 which says, "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor My covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you."

This is why it is critical to daily be in God's word. Reading Scripture gives us the opportunity to know God's direction for our lives, be in tune with His commands and know what comes from Him versus what the world might convince us is right.

Rumble strips may seem like a negative invention - something that is only needed when we run into trouble. However, how amazing is it that creators of our highway systems cared enough about those traveling down the roads that they take the time to install these to keep us safe and on the right road. How much more does our Heavenly Father care about us and our travels here on earth that we stay the course of the Christian walk? And, how important is it that we heed His warnings and daily be following His guidebook - the Bible!!



## Next Phase

At the October, 2022 Association Meeting, the OCS school board presented the Association with a two phased building proposal that would add necessary space if we were to continue to grow. The first phase was begun with the addition of 5 classrooms, a second gymnasium and some common areas in the middle school wing. That phase was completed and ready for occupancy by the time our 2023-24 school year began.

During the summer months following that school year, renovation took place throughout the oldest section of our building. Classrooms were updated, bathrooms were expanded and intervention rooms were created. That renovation was finished in time for our 2024-25 school year.



It was anticipated that the second phase would not be needed for a few years, however, God has blessed us greatly with enrollment exceeding our plans and with increased activity of new families hoping to enroll their students this year and beyond. We are again out of space.

As you can see from this picture of our music room, we are trying to fit 70+ students in a space designed for much less. What a blessing to have a strong music program where students want to be part of growing their musical talents - we now need a space to give them the chance to learn.

Work has begun on a final architectural drawing for a phase 2 addition which would add much needed music room spaces, 3 additional classrooms and additional office spaces. The hope is that this addition is ready for the 2026-27 school year.

Through the generosity of so many of our supporters, we move into this second phase planning without debt but with a depleted building fund. The anticipated cost of the second phase is 5 million.

We believe that with your continued partnership, we can make a lasting impact and further our mission of teaching a Biblical Worldview, spreading the Gospel and caring for those we serve today and in the future. We humbly ask if you would consider making a special contribution to help us address our space needs and give us the opportunity to teach well without the confines of space.

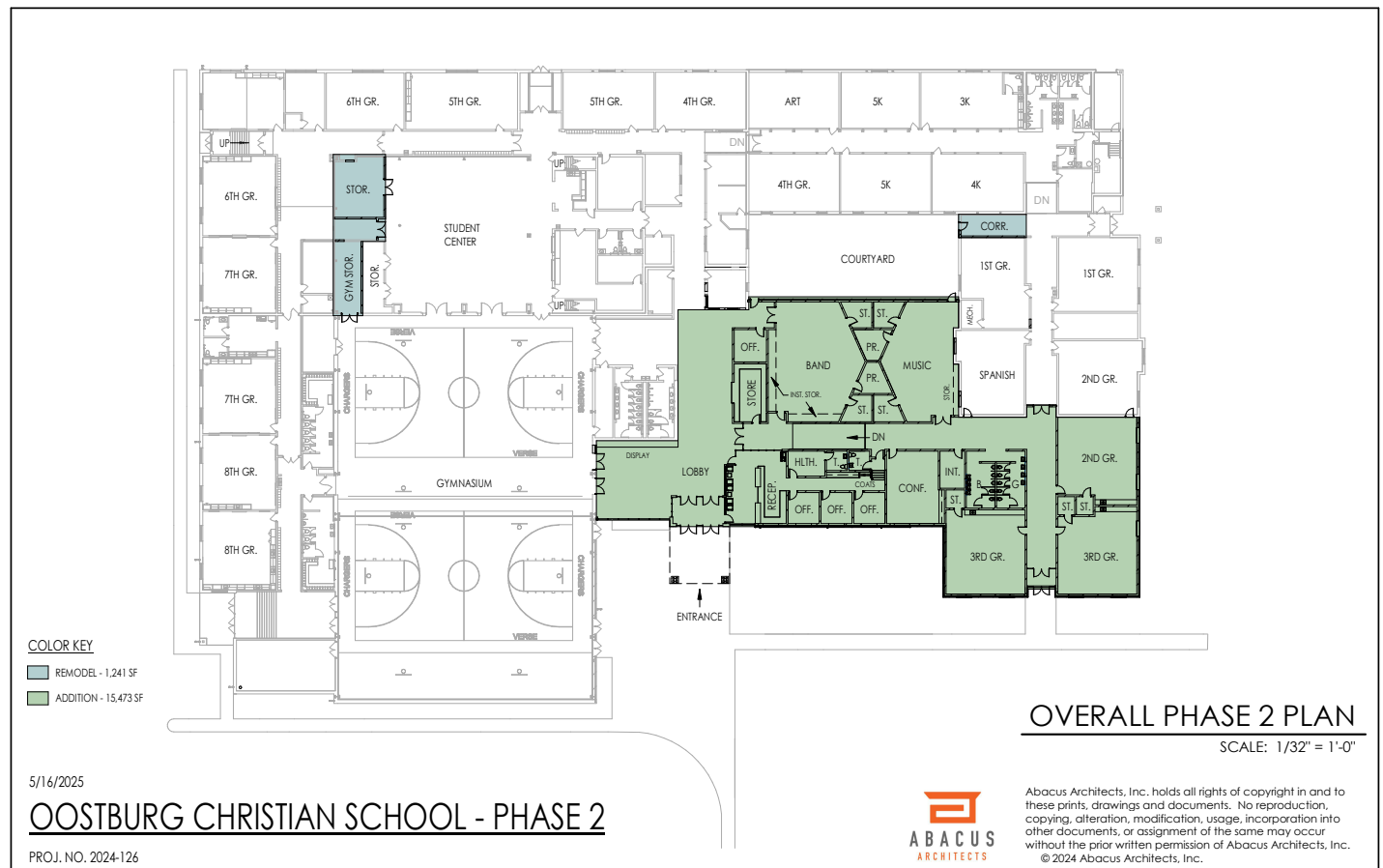
## Next Phase - continued....

Below is the first rough sketch of the Phase 2 addition - the addition is noted in green. You will see the dedication we have to the music program through the ability to have two large music rooms - one dedicated to our band needs and one dedicated to our vocal needs. This addition also gives us the opportunity to expand what we currently offer as musical options for our students to explore.

If you would like to help us get this addition moving forward through a financial gift, we would be grateful for the show of support. Gifts can be made in 3 ways:

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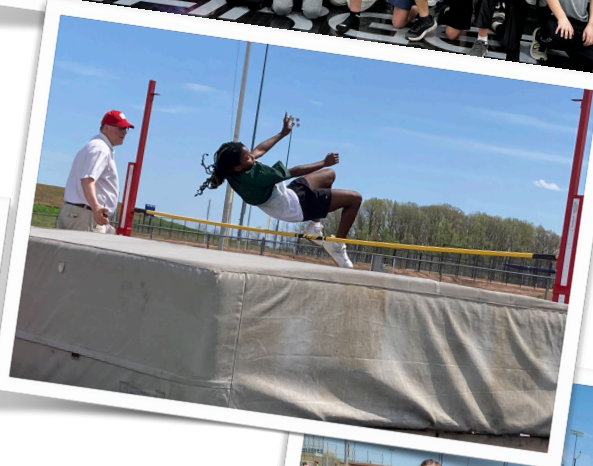
1. Mailed to: Oostburg Christian School  
101 S. 7th St.  
Oostburg, WI 53070
2. Dropped off at the school office - we would love to see you!
3. Use the QR code for online donations





Archery & Track were our last sports of the season. Our Archery team learned so much under the direction of Philip Layne & Mark Lehman. We appreciate these coaches who patiently teach our students, many who are new to the sport, how to properly approach, take aim, and shoot towards the target.

Track & Field is part of our spring PE curriculum for our 5th - 8th grade athletes. The culmination of this comes at our annual track meet held with other area schools. Our students run, jump & throw with great enthusiasm! The best part is watching them cheer for their teammates!







*48th Annual Christian Schools*  
**Golf Outing**  
**Sheboygan Town & Country**  
**August 9, 2025 • 8am Shotgun Start**



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OCS is grateful to the following families for designating the memorial of their loved one to Oostburg Christian School. It is with great joy that we receive these gifts in honor of those that have faithfully served our Lord!

In recent months, we have received gifts in memory of:

Marvin Potter

Glenn (Spike) Smies



**Oostburg Christian School**  
**GRANDPARENTS DAY**

Mark your calendars for the best day of the year - the day that you get to come to school and enjoy your grandchildren!!

Note the change of date - get this on your calendars so you are able to join us!

**Friday, October 17, 2025**  
**Program begins at 9 a.m.**



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