

Our Witness

September 2025



A New Year Begins!

Oostburg Christian School has again seen record growth as we welcomed 323 students to our school this year! With a theme of “Hold Fast”, we have embarked on a new year of learning and growing focused on a Holy God and the Scripture that He has given us to use as our standard for living. It is a responsibility that we don’t take lightly and is evident in the curriculum that we choose, the staff we hire and the focus we put on various areas of learning. The Bible is our foundation, our structure and our guide.

Please pray for these students and the 40+ staff that interact with them every day. Pray that we will “Hold Fast” to the confessions of Jesus Christ and that these children will clearly see their need for a Savior and the gift of salvation provided for them in every moment of their school days!

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Welcome!

Give ‘Em Heaven!

Our Administrator, Mr. T, is notorious for saying “Give ‘Em Heaven” after most staff gatherings. Whether it be Monday or Friday morning staff prayer time, a weekly staff meeting, or just a walk down the hall, the entire staff knows what that means - show them Jesus in whatever we do throughout the day!

While we “Give ‘Em Heaven” in every subject, every lesson and every interaction, we also, intentionally find ways, outside of the classroom to “Give ‘Em Heaven” as well.

Every week our entire school participates in Thursday morning chapel where we worship God through song but also hear a message from local pastors or staff members around our theme for the year. This time is also used to review our monthly memory verse that we recite together.

Tuesday mornings bring sweet fellowship in our Unity Groups. These groups, led by our 8th graders, review our memory verses, work on activities, find ways to encourage each other and share prayer requests. The sweet relationships that build over the course of the year are irreplaceable!

Finally, our 6th-8th grade students have weekly Bible Study where, this year, we are delving into Biblical accounts of men/women who held fast to God and His promises.

This is your school and our commitment to giving each child Heaven - every day, in a variety of ways! How great is our mission to train up the next generation of parents, leaders, employees, managers, and business owners!



Fall Sports In Full Swing

Sports offer more than just physical benefits—they provide a valuable opportunity to nurture character, faith, and resilience in young people. From a Christian perspective, engaging in sports can help youth grow in ways that align with biblical principles.

In 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Paul compares the Christian life to a race, emphasizing discipline and self-control. Just like athletes train their bodies, young people can learn perseverance, self-control, and focus—qualities that help them grow spiritually and personally. Participating in sports also teach the importance of working together and supporting others, much like the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). In team sports, youth learn to value each person's contribution, fostering a spirit of unity and cooperation that mirrors Christian community.

Sports provide opportunities to face challenges and setbacks, teaching youth how to persevere through difficulty. Hebrews 12:1 encourages us to “run with perseverance the race marked out for us,” reminding athletes that overcoming failure is part of growth.

Through sports, youth can grow in character, faith, and resilience, learning valuable lessons that extend beyond the game. By embracing the benefits of sports, we help them honor God in all they do—whether on the field or in everyday life. Let's continue to work hard, hone our athletic abilities all while honoring God as we play, cheer, support and encourage! Go Chargers!



Be An Encourager!

A simple PE class provides an amazing life lesson! Look at these young men - some are doing the hard work of the sit-up, but look at their partners - keeping their feet in place so they don't move and also providing an incredible amount of encouragement. If you could hear the voices during this class you would have heard "good job", "keep going", "you're doing great", "just a little bit longer", etc.

Some are called to work in ministry, in our churches, schools or other areas. That is important, but oh how we need the encouragers! Those are the ones that are standing alongside of us, encouraging us in the hard things, praying us through the difficult days, sending a note thanking us for the work that is being done and maybe even supporting us financially.

Especially in today's social climate when criticism far outweighs encouragement, the role everyone can play in being the encourager to those in ministry is open and available!

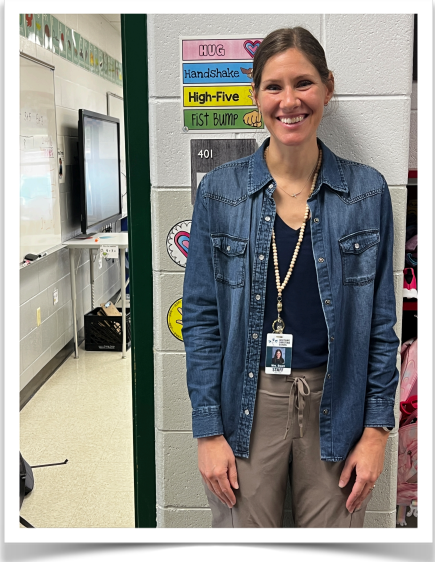
Whatever side of this equation you find yourself on - either the one doing the sit-up or the one holding down the feet, looking the person in the eye, and encouraging them to keep going - both sides are vital to the furthering of God's Kingdom and both are equally important.

Find a way to encourage your Christian leader today in your church, your workplace, and your school. Being a Christian leader in today's culture is far more challenging than historically. Pray that these leaders will stay true to the Gospel, that they will not fall to cultural pressure and that they will daily feel the encouragement of believers!



Welcome New Staff!

God brings just the right people, at just the right time to Oostburg Christian School. This has been our experience throughout our 78 year history and again this year as we have prayed for those who can fill open positions! Let's meet our new staff!



Bethany Swart has joined our staff in a full-time teaching capacity. Previously, she was a part-time aide in our 3K classroom but, when a full-time 1st grade classroom teacher opening came about, it was an easy decision to offer her the position.

Bethany has an Elementary Education degree from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa and a Masters of Education from the University of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Past work experience has been in a 3rd grade classroom as well as working as a Special Education Associate. The Swart family attend First Reformed Church in Oostburg. Bethany & her husband, Tim, have four children, all who attend OCS.

These two young ladies, pictured right, recently joined our staff as Reading Interventionists. They work with many young people helping them gain confidence in their ability to read & understand words, sentences and paragraphs. The love that they show and the desire that they have to help each student be successful is so beneficial to every young person.

Natalie Ferguson moved to this area with her husband, Jack when they answered the call to join the pastoral staff of Faith Baptist Church. As Jack was beginning his ministry in this church, Natalie was looking for a place to use her Bachelor of Religious Education & Church Ministries degree. Along came the need for OCS to hire additional Reading Intervention staff - and the rest is history!



Ericka Daane graduated from UW-Oshkosh with a Bachelor's Degree Education. Following graduation she took a 4th grade teaching position with the Cedar Grove-Belgium school district and later moved into a special education teaching role. Just when she began to look for something part-time, OCS was looking to hire! Amazing how God works that way!

Ericka and her husband, Adam, have a young son and a baby on the way! They attend First Reformed Church in Oostburg. Welcome to all three of you! We are thrilled that you have answered the call to join Oostburg Christian School!

Next Phase Update

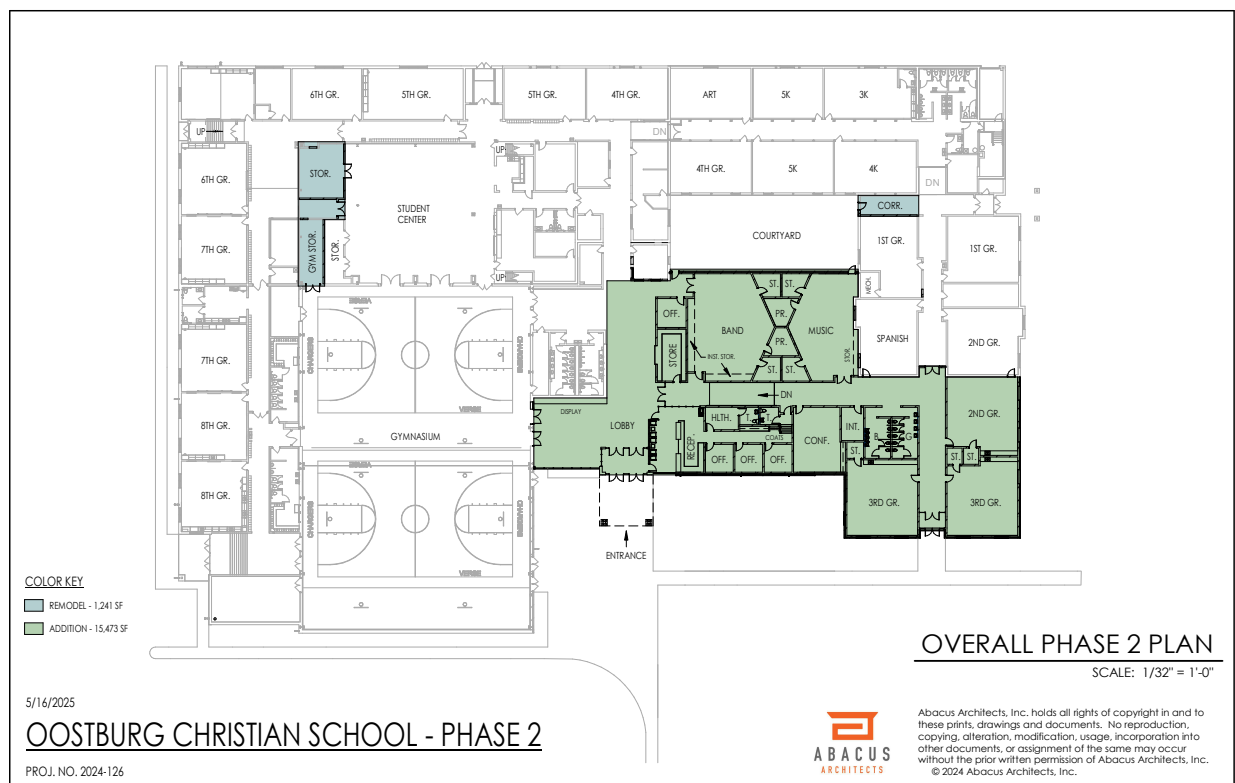
In our last communication we presented the design and need for our Phase 2 addition. Since early summer, formal plans have been finalized, permits are being applied for and our sub contractors are getting secured. The goal is to begin work in late winter/early spring. Pray with us that winter will end early so we can get started with hopes of having some areas complete for the 2026.27 school year!!

At this time, we have pledges for 1/2 of the projected cost of this addition. Now is the time to help us financially meet our goals of staying debt free as we make room for all of our educational needs of a growing student population.

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:

Gifts can be given in the following ways:

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



The first days of school are always a combination of excitement, a few nerves and lots of new things to learn! Our students have jumped right into this school year, anxious to be back with old & new friends. What a privilege we have to spend our days with these remarkable young people! To God Be The Only Glory!



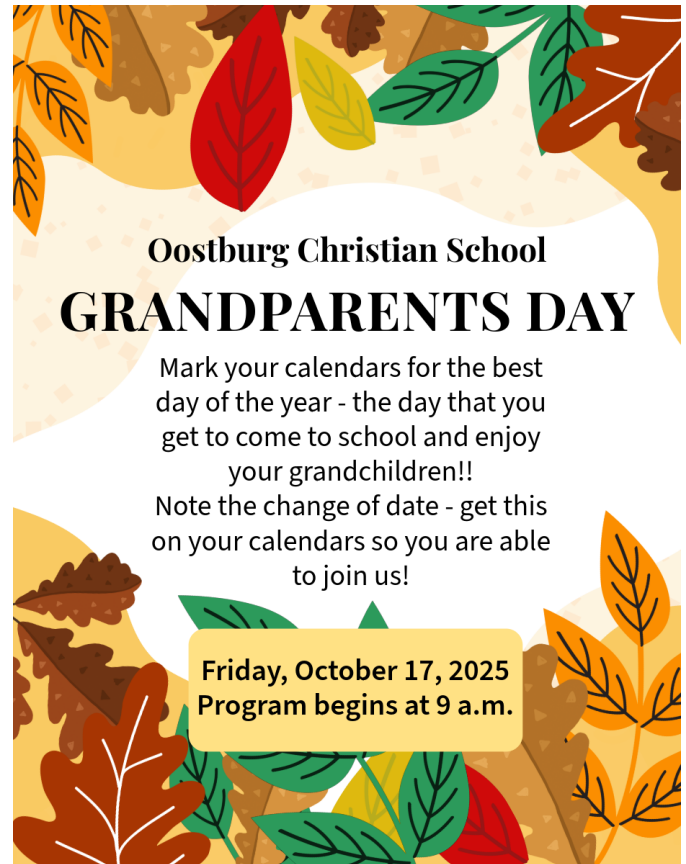


**OCTOBER 15
SERVING BEGINS
AT 4:30 P.M.**

Soup Supper!

Save the date for the first OCS Soup Supper of the year! In person dining or take-outs available. Donations accepted for Oostburg Christian School.

Oostburg Christian School
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Oostburg, WI



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.**



Christmas *Craft Show*

DECEMBER 6TH

Amazing Vendors | Delicious Lunch | Homemade Christmas Cookie Sale

We have a few spots available for vendors! If you are interested, the only way to reserve your spot is to message us at ocsvendor19@gmail.com.

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HOLDING FAST

philippians 2:16

OOSTBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Join us for our Heart For Education
Auction - Saturday, November 15th.
Doors open at 4 p.m.