

HOME BULLETIN #16

December 11, 2018

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MOMS' IN PRAYER

We will not meet again until January 4, 2019. Please continue to lift up the students and staff in prayer over the Christmas break.

The OCCS K-8th Christmas program will be held at 7:00 pm **TONIGHT** in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. We invite you to join us as we anticipate the real gifts of Christmas: hope, joy, peace, love and life everlasting. Come and celebrate Christ's birth with the students as they share their gifts of ringing bells, singing voices, and the sound of instruments. A free will offering will be taken.

Wheelchairs for China!

OCCS students are getting excited to find out how many wheelchairs their grade (and our school) is going to supply to kids in China! Who will give the most? Every dollar counts, as it only takes \$50 to buy a chair for a child in China, and give their family the opportunity to hear about Jesus, which is priceless! Has your child given yet? Every dollar adds up! What would your child give up, or do to bless this doctor and these little ones? Bring in as much or as often as you can! If you wish to know more about this organization, go to lukesociety.org. Results will be announced in chapel next week! We will have a follow up in months to come, after the deliveries are made!

MONICA COOKBOOKS ARE \$15! Pick one up for a Christmas gift for anyone who needs to cook and mark your own favorite recipes. They would also make a great Christmas grab bag gift. The cookbooks can be purchased in the OCCS office, at Woudstra's Meat Market, or Casey's Bakery in Sioux Center.

Christmas Chapel!

Thursday, December 20 at 8:30am. Everyone welcome to attend. The OCCS office will be closed during chapel for staff to participate. **The building will be locked shortly after 8:30 and no one will be available to open it during chapel.** Please make sure you are on time or a little early for chapel.

Christmas Break Dismissal!

We will dismiss at 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 20, with no lunch served. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

The OCCS office will be closed during the Christmas break.

May the Christmas season and Christmas Day be a joyous and blessed time for you and your families. May the true Prince of Peace fill your hearts and minds with peace. May the love demonstrated through Christ's birth fill your heart and home and overflow to others.

- If you have TRIP certificates to pick up, please do so before 12:00 noon Thursday, December 20. We will open again on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 8:00am.
- If you are set up with PrestoPay and are using the on-line system, you may use ScripNow or Reload gift cards 24/7 during the break.

GLC Mothers!

Please let the school office know if you will be using bonus bucks for your teacher's Christmas present by Thursday, December 13.

Geography Bee

OCCS is once again participating in the 2019 National Geographic Geography Bee. Our classroom bees will be held on Friday, Dec. 14 in grades 4-8. Winners of our classroom bees will be given a pizza coupon from Pizza Ranch and be invited to our school geography bee which will be held on Friday, January 18 at 2:15pm.

Pop Can Trailer Duty

The following families are scheduled to take care of the pop can trailer. Please check your e-mail for more details.

- Dec 11th to 17th – Tony/Lisa De Groot **and** Wade/Angie Huisman
- Dec 18th to 24th – Stan/Sarah Altemeier **and** Ryan/Lorinda Breems
- Dec 25th to 31st – Travis/Tami De Jong **and** Loren/Melissa Dykstra

NICSTO Donations!

Please consider a donation to the NICSTO scholarship this year. This is a great way to earn a tax credit on your state taxes for 2018. If you have questions or need a form, please contact the school office (737-2274). The forms are also available on the school website under "About," "Supporting OCCS."

Schwan's Fundraiser - OCCS is participating in a Schwan's fundraiser (Campaign #42439) which is now in Phase 2 and earns us 5% on product purchases. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support the building project. Also, consider forwarding this information to friends and family

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who are out of town. This is a great way for them to support our school.

On-Line Shopping!

OCCS is signed up for parents/constituents to do online Amazon shopping through AmazonSmile. The name is listed as: "Orange City Society for Christian Instruction." The funds earned from this foundation will be used by the Technology Department. The bottom link will take you right to the sign in page for OCCS. You can still use your TRIP certificates when shopping through AmazonSmile. If you have a current Amazon account, you can use that information to log in. OCCS earned over \$150 last year with this program.

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/42-0776438>

TRIP!

- Bonus: Starbucks - 3.75% bonus (10.75%) through December 14.
- Bonus: Cold Stone Creamery - 15% bonus (26%) through December 28.
- Bonus: American Eagle - 1.75% bonus (11.75%) through Dec. 14.
- Bonus: Applebee's - 3% bonus (11%) through Dec. 14.
- Bonus: Barnes & Noble - 4.75% bonus (12.75%) through Dec. 14.
- Bonus: Cabela's - .75% bonus (11.75%) through Dec. 14.
- Bonus: Lowe's - 2% bonus (6%) through Dec. 14.
- Bonus: Red Robin - 2.75% (10.75%) through Dec. 21.
- New: Renew Massage is now available in gift cards of any denomination. The rebate percent is 10%. Stop in the office for more details.
- For a limited time, you can purchase \$10 gift cards for Amazon, Target, and Walmart in the office.