

Orcas Christian School

K-8 News * October 9, 2009



**"Never Stop
Praying."
I Thessalonians
5:17**

THANK YOU
*We loved the
breakfasts prepared
for us by Miss Dawn
and her helpers. It
was a great way to
start our ITBS testing
days. Thank you,
thank you!*



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The power of a simple gift -- OCS has been participating in the Operation Christmas Child program for 8 years and we're gearing up for our 9th year. Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled, shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. We pack shoeboxes filled with small toys and other gifts. See the enclosed brochure for items that you can pack in these shoeboxes. There are two ways that you can help with the shoeboxes. 1. As a family, you can wrap and pack your own shoebox and we will deliver it to the collection center. 2. You can bring items to school and place them in the boxes in each classroom. On Tuesday, November 17, we will be filling the shoeboxes with the items that everyone brings. Thanks for your help with this. Each year we are able to send out about 30 or more shoeboxes!

HOT LUNCH

10/14
Ravioli,
Spaghetti,
Bread Sticks
Salad, Fruit
Drink



**Happy Birthday To
You....!!**

October Birthdays

Darek Slavens 10/5

Alicia Susol 10/14

Roo Smith 10/15

Satine Tyree 10/19

Elliot Claus 10/29

K-8 SURVIVAL KITS

What a glorious day we spent on Patos Island! Life just doesn't get much better. We enjoyed the incredible beauty as we hiked around the island and ended up at the lighthouse. At that point, we embarked on a treasure hunt that ended with a treasure chest. Inside the treasure chest was an OCS SURVIVAL KIT for each K-8 student. After students received their survival kit, they made an emergency fire starter to go in their bag. Each month during the school year we will be adding something to their survival kit. The goal is for them to save everything that goes into the bag. At the end of the school year, students who still have their bags and all the contents will receive an extra special item to add to it. So when you see these bags, make sure to help your children keep them in a safe place and not to lose the contents. Right now, we want students to bring their bags back to school so we can write their names on the bags and we'll be giving them another item soon.

P.I.E. Hour Opportunities

Here are some great ways to earn your pie hours this month:

- Help sort clothing for the Fall Clothing Bank.

Please call 4595, Dawn Parnell for more information on each of these great opportunities.

FALL CLOTHING BANK & GARAGE SALE

It is that time of the year again to clean out our closets! Starting the week of Oct. 19, we will be taking clothing and household items that you wish to donate to the Annual OCS Fall Clothing Bank. Donations can be brought to the OCS Gym during school hours that week to be sorted. If you would like to bring something for the Mission Trip Fundraiser Garage Sale, that will be held the following week in the gymnasium. We will be selling any items that were not picked up at the Clothing Bank and any other items that you would like to donate. The funds raised will help defray the cost of the Mission Trip to Costa Rica happening this Spring. If you have any questions about either of these events, please call the office at 376-6683.

FOUND: A pair of sunglasses were found on the Patos Boat Trip. If you lost them, you can pick them up in the HS office.

SWIMMING: Students in grades 2-4 will be going swimming for an hour at the Orcas Athletic Center on Thursday, October 15. Make sure to send swimming suits and towels.