



Oakland Steiner School Newsletter

October 27, 2010

School Calendar

Thursday, October 28

Parent Teacher Conferences
School ends at 12:30
Children's Center 12:15
(no aftercare)

Friday, October 29

Parent Teacher Conferences
NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 5

Fall Grades Assembly
6 pm

Friday, November 12

Harvest Festival
Children's Center only

Saturday, November 13

Board Meeting
9 am – 12 pm

Saturday, November 20

Holiday Bazaar
10 am – 4 pm

Wednesday, November 24

Thanksgiving Recess begins
NO SCHOOL

Monday, November 29

School resumes

Dear Parents and Friends of O.S.S., N.O.A.H Project in Detroit

Last year as part of our study of the saints and the higher aspects of human nature, we began a relationship with the N.O.A.H Project in Detroit. So again this year the Second and Third Grades are sponsoring a drive to help the N.O.A.H Project. An alumni parent, Celeste Rabaut helped to organize this group. The acronym stands for: Networking, Organizing, and Advocating for the Health of the Homeless. The group helps provide hygiene kits, and helps to develop skills to seek employment and find housing for the homeless.

If you would like more information please go the link:
<http://noahprojectdetroit.org/default.aspx>

Please be so kind to donate the following needed items for the Project:
There is a collection basket outside the Second/Third Grades classroom.
Thank you for your help to make this a successful drive!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Kata

We are consistently in need of the following items:

Men's underwear
Women's underwear
socks
gloves and winter hats
hygiene items:
travel size shampoo
deodorant
razors
toothpaste
toothbrushes
travel size lotion
bars of soap
wash cloths

We are also often asked for and run out of the following:

cold medicine
cough syrup
reading glasses
laundry soap
medicine creams
hydrocortisone cream
triple antibiotic ointment
athletes foot cream
muscle rub/arthritis cream
multivitamins for men and women
heartburn medication
Pepto-Bismol or upset stomach medication
bandaids
tote bags/backpacks

Parent Teacher Conferences

Please be sure to sign up for conferences with your child's teachers. You may meet with the classroom teacher as well as special subjects' teachers. The sign up sheet will be on your classroom window or across from the parent mailboxes for special subjects. Child care is available at \$4.50/hour for the first hour and then billed at 15 minute increments. Child care will be in the fireplace room with Mrs. Brandon. Please make reservations in the office.

Parent Council

The parent council group will not be meeting the month of November, please watch for the December date.

Parent and Child

We are happy to announce Karyn Smith as our new teacher for the Monday and Tuesday Parent and Child class. Karyn has done so much at OSS, including working as an assistant in the Children's Center and cooking our delicious, wholesome hot lunches.

OSS Introductory Tour

Our first Introductory Tour is Tuesday, November 9th from 8:30 – 11:00. If you have friends or acquaintances interested in our school, please stop by my office for an Introductory Tour invitation flyer. You may also leave contact information with me and I will follow up. Thank you for your help in spreading the news about our great school.
Toni Kovach, Enrollment Coordinator

Fishbowl Raffle

The fishbowl raffle is one of our Holiday Bazaar's many traditions. What makes it fun is that this raffle has so many great donated prizes and so many winners. For those of you not familiar with the event, participants purchase raffle tickets and select the items they would like to win. We have a drawing for each item that is donated. Last year we earned over \$1200 for the school and had over 43 winners. Our success depends on the donations we receive. If you can help make this year's raffle a success, **please contact Shannon Wolf at (248) 542-5614** or leave a note in my mailbox.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE GNOME HOME?

Cloth Bags and Water Bottles Now Available

The Gnome Home now has OSS logo wear available for purchase to increase the school's visibility out in the community to help grow our enrollment.

There are cloth bags that are embroidered with our beautiful OSS logo and the line Waldorf Education Works underneath (a great start to our new marketing campaign!). The cloth bags are 100% cotton. The water bottles are green stainless steel with our OSS logo in white. The cloth bags and bottles are currently available for purchase in the Gnome Home.



The cloth bags sell for \$28.50 each plus 6% sales tax.
The water bottles sell for \$16.00 each plus 6% sales tax.

All of the proceeds for the sales of these items benefit the Gnome Home which in turn benefits OSS.

Sweatshirts Available for Order

Zipper hooded and pull-over hooded sweatshirts are available for order.

The zipper hooded sweatshirts are 100% cotton and the pull-over hooded sweatshirts are 80/20. All sizes run large. There are samples of the sweatshirts available to see in the Gnome Home.

Adult sweatshirts Small, Medium Large	\$38 each + tax
Adult sweatshirts X-large	\$40 each + tax

Children's sweatshirts small, medium, large	\$36 each + tax
Children's sweatshirts x-large	\$38 each + tax



All sweatshirt orders must be pre-paid! The initial order should be turned in by November 15 so that they can be delivered to school before we go on winter break. Additional orders can be placed on an ongoing basis with the vendor who will prep 5 sweatshirts at a time for us. The goal is to sell 200 sweatshirts!

Don't forget to order one for friends and family near and far as well as for yourself and your children. Help spread the word on how great OSS and a Waldorf Education really is! Get your OSS logo wear today!

2011 Waldorf Calendars and Note Cards Now Available in the Gnome Home

- 2011 Waldorf Calendars are available for purchase in the Gnome Home. This year's price is \$15 per wall calendar giving us a savings of \$3.00 over last years pricing.
- There are also medium size note card sets available at \$12.00 per set of 12 cards. They are absolutely beautiful.

Many New Books Have Arrived in the Gnome Home-Now available for purchase

- Heaven on Earth -- a book being used as a study by the parent-child class
- Encountering the Self -- a book being used as a study by the 2d/3d grade
- The Story of the Root Children -- related to the theme of this year's Holiday Bazaar
- Waldorf Alphabet Book
- Norse Hero Tales
- Eighteen Days Till Home -- An exciting fiction novel for adults!
- And many more books for you to check out!

Alarm Codes

We have changed the alarm codes for all non-employees. Please see Katherine if you need a new alarm code. If you do not have a new code, please do NOT come into the building when no one else is here, as you will set off the alarm. Likewise, you cannot be the last person remaining in the building because you will not be able to set the alarm. Please also turn in building keys if you do not have a new alarm code.

Scrip available in the Gnome Home

Right now we have the following cards in stock:

\$25 AMC	\$20 Mongolian BBQ	\$10 Subway
\$25 Speedway Gas	\$25 T J Maxx/Marshalls	\$100 Walmart/Sams Club
\$10 Noodles & Co.	\$25 Walmart/Sams Club	
\$25 Applebees	\$25 Qdoba	
\$25 Aeropostale	\$100 Whole Foods	
\$25 Bravo/Brio		

If you shop at Hiller's please stop by the Gnome Home to get a card. This card has no money on it until you put it on at the store. At that time OSS will get 5% of the amount put on the card.

Please stop by the office and get a new list of all scrip cards available from Great Lakes Scrip Center or go to their website www.shopwithscrip.com. To place an order you can pick up an order form in the office or the Gnome Home, fill it out and bring it back with your payment. Orders placed by Tuesday at 10am can be picked up on Friday of the same week. Or you can complete your order online at www.shopwithscrip.com; you will need to enter a code to ensure that OSS gets the credit for your purchase. The code is 13CCDA11323. You will need to bring your payment to school or set up to do the presto pay online. If you have any questions, please contact Janalee Sehi at janalees@oaklandsteiner.org or stop in the office Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Family participation is the key to making this an effective program to help raise money for OSS. Thank you for your support!

Janalee is looking for parent volunteers to help her expand and grow this program to its fullest potential.

Newsletter Article Submissions

If you wish to send an article for the newsletter, please send by email if possible. Send to janalees@oaklandsteiner.org and put "newsletter" in the message line. Submit by Monday, November 8th to be in the next newsletter.

Personal and Parent-to-Parent



For Sale

½ size violin (used) \$75.00 –Please contact Paula Wishart

Free

Dark wood upright piano, beautiful condition (was given to me – so I want to pay-it-forward).
Must have it moved. Call Paula (248) 457-9313 or place a note in the Wishart mailbox.



Piano Lessons

Jazz & Classical, Beginning to Advance.
Located 10 minutes west of OSS in Auburn Hills
(can occasionally travel)

Call or email: Bob Schneeweis (612) 229-2915 or rschneeweis@gmail.com
(OSS Parent/Child parent)