



Oakland Steiner School Newsletter

November 4, 2009

School Calendar

Thurs, Nov 5

Make-up Picture Day

Wed, Nov 11

Administrator's Coffee
After drop-off

Sat, Nov 21

Holiday Bazaar
10 am – 4 pm

Wed, Nov 25–Fri, Nov 26

Thanksgiving holiday. NO
SCHOOL. School resumes
Mon, Nov 30.

Fri, Dec 4

Children's Center Winter
Garden

Sat, Dec 5

Board Meeting
9 am-noon

Mon, Dec 21

Winter Break begins
NO SCHOOL

Mon, Jan 4

School resumes



Martinmas – A Light Shines in the Darkness

The second grade curriculum includes stories of saints, heroes and heroines, along with Native American stories, fables and legends.

The story of Martin of Tours comes to us from France. Martin was born in Hungary around 316 AD, the son of a Roman military officer. He was a gentle boy, but his father had always wanted him to follow in his footsteps, so at the age of 15 Martin joined the cavalry. He later

Legend has it that one cold night in Amiens he passed under an archway on his horse and met a beggar who was trembling and shaking from the cold and who was begging alms from all who passed. On seeing the beggar, Martin took the expensive red soldier's cloak from his shoulders, tore the garment in half and gave half to the shivering beggar. The following night Martin dreamt that he saw Christ as a beggar wearing the same piece of his cape.

Martin became known as the patron saint of beggars, drunkards and outcasts. He was known for his gentleness and for his ability to bring warmth and light to those who had been cold and in darkness.

On the evening of Martinmas he is remembered in many French households with a festival of lanterns, songs and food. It is around this time when the nights become dark earlier that the young children of our school carry lanterns into the dark night. The little ones of the Children's Center had a lantern walk on the night of their Harvest Festival two weeks ago. Our first, second and third graders will carry their lanterns through the dark night on November 6th.

For adults, this legend of Saint Martin carries an important lesson. Martin did not give his whole cloak to the beggar, but gave the beggar enough to warm him against the cold winds, and kept half of the cloak to warm himself. It is only by caring for ourselves that we can have the forces to care for others.

The feast day of Saint Martin is celebrated on November 11.

Make-up Picture Day
Thursday, November 5

Mr. Trupiano will be back on November 5 to take pictures of OSS students who missed picture day. Order forms are available in the office. Forms should be completed with full payment before pictures are taken.

Bazaar – FISHBOWL RAFFLE
Donations by Wednesday, November 18

The Fishbowl Raffle has become a tradition at the Holiday Bazaar. What makes it fun is that we have so many great prizes, and winners! Each donated item has its own drawing at the end of the day.

Last year, the raffle brought in over \$1,500 for our school, and had over 35 winners. Our success was because of you, the parent-body, who gave such generous and desirable items. Some of the items last year included:

- Sports Tickets
- Gift certificates to restaurants and stores
- Gift Baskets
- Electronics
- Clothing (new only, please)

We always try to generate more revenue each year. So, if you can help contribute to the raffle's success, please contact Shannon Wolf at 248.542.5614, or leave a note in her mailbox by Wednesday, November 18th. We greatly appreciate any and all donations—it all helps!!

Bazaar – Flyers and Postcards

Parents, please help us promote our bazaar! Flyers and postcards are now available in the hall near the front office. You can also download and print the attached jpeg file. Let's paper the town! Do you blog, twitter, or facebook? Please mention us - now and as the event approaches. If you need text, graphics, or links, please email Jaime Greathouse at thosegreathousewomen@gmail.com.

Thank you! ~Jaime

Bazaar – Banquet Tables

Please let Jaime Greathouse know if you have banquet tables that OSS could borrow for the Bazaar. She will keep a list and let you know if she needs your table. Call her at 248.453.5123, leave a note in her mailbox or e-mail her at:

thosegreathousewomen@gmail.com

Volleyball Camp
November 4-18, M & W

Coach's after school volleyball camp starts Wednesday, November 4 and runs for 3 weeks on Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30-5 pm. The cost is \$50 per camp per child. See Coach if you want to sign up. Checks should be payable to Oakland Steiner School and can be turned in to the front office.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Please note on the calendar that our Thanksgiving holiday starts this year on Wednesday, November 25. There is NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, November 25. School resumes on Monday, November 30. Enjoy the holiday!

Flu Season

Some children have already been out of school because of flu. The Michigan Department of Community Health recommends that any child who gets the flu should stay home until s/he is fever free for 24 hours.

Target Donates \$\$ to Schools!

Target will donate a percentage of all charges on a Target VISA card to the Oakland Steiner School. We have received over \$2,800 from Target. Sign up now!



Uriel Pharmacy invites you to participate in their Waldorf School Fundraiser. Use promo code **WS48** when you place an order and 10% of your sale will go back to the Oakland Steiner School at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. You can place your order by phone (866-642-2858), fax (262-642-8780) or e-mail (orders@urielpharmacy.com); website:

www.urielpharmacy.com

The Uriel Pharmacy creates natural remedies based on the insights of Rudolf Steiner. A catalog is available for review in the Gnome Home.

Personal and Parent-to-Parent



Spruce Trees for Landscaping

Beautiful Blue Spruce trees for landscaping now available for transplanting. These are 12-16 foot trees that can be delivered to your yard and professionally planted. Not interested in privacy fencing? You can have complete natural privacy for your property in one afternoon. Packages of 10 trees available at a discount with one year guarantee for all trees. Call Floyd at 586-489-8392.

Half-size Violin for Sale

For Sale: Used half size violin. New Bow. Case included. Perfect for starting out! \$150. Call Amy at 248-761-9100 or e-mail at: zitzelberger@email.com.

Child Care

Karyn Smith, former Assistant in the Children's Center and mom of Gabriel, offers home-based child care in downtown Rochester. Mornings are filled with song, movement, seasonal storytelling, cooking, outdoor activities and free play. A healthy snack and lunch are served. Call Karyn at 313.671.6008.

Class on Specific Carbohydrate Diet

An introductory class, "Your Family's Health: Hope for Healing an Epidemic," will be offered by Cheryl Steinberg at OSS on Saturday, 11/7, 10 am-noon. Cheryl reports that this diet is a way to recover children and adults from the epidemic of chronic illnesses, including autism, ADHD, digestive disorders and allergies. \$18 (or register by 10/31 for \$15). Contact Cheryl at cheryl@spiritofmotherhood.net.