

# OMS-PTSO News

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### A Message from the OMS PTSO

The PTSO would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in the QPS Magazine Drive. The money made through that program will go toward teacher stipends for after school activities, enrichment programs, extra classroom materials and so much more.

The next PTSO meeting will be on Wednesday November 8 from 7:00-8:00. Please join us as we review PTSO events to date and plan for our spring activities.

November 15 and November 20 are particularly important days at OMS. The parent-teacher conference is a chance for parents to meet each of their child's teachers and talk specifically about their child's strengths, weaknesses and progress to date. Conferences are being organized differently this year to try to cut down wait time for parents and afford more privacy during discussions. Families with last names that begin with M-Z are asked to participate in conferences on Wednesday, Nov. 15 and families with last names beginning with A-L are invited to participate on Monday, Nov 20. Please mark your calendars and be an active participant in your child's middle school experience! We look forward to seeing you then.

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The OMS PTSO newsletter is always available on the PTSO's own website ([baseclasstech.com](#)) as well as the Middle School's website ([stoughtonschools.org](#)). To this point individual copies were sent home in each student's backpack.

### PTSO Newsletter Online

A proposal was made that beginning in January 2007 the newsletter would not be distributed in each backpack. Instead copies will be available at the main office at the Middle School and online in an effort to save resources. Please feel free to give us feedback on this decision as our goal is to provide information to parents in as useful a way as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

As always please refer to our PTSO website for updated and detailed information about all PTSO events – [baseclasstech.com](#) - and click on the OMS link.

### Stoughton Youth Commission (SYC)

The SYC provides programs to families in addition to the counseling and groups provided to children and adolescents. The SYC is a founding member of OASIS (Organizing Against Substances in Stoughton). OASIS is a community coalition formed to decrease substance use among youth. The coalition is supported in its work through a 5-year renewable federal grant of \$100,000 a year. We are currently looking for a parent or two to join OASIS; the commitment is one Wednesday a month from 1-3.

One of the biggest programs that OASIS and SYC sponsor is Strengthening Families. Strengthening Families is a group for parents and children that help families learn skills that will help them communicate better, discipline effectively and strengthen families' ability to cope with the stressors faced in day-to-day life. The program is broken up into 3 age ranges for the children ages 3-5, ages 6-12 and finally ages 13-17.

The SYC has had lecture series for parents in the past so we would love to hear from parents about what your needs are and how The Stoughton Youth Commission can help support you and your family.

Visit us on the web at:

[stoughtonyouthcommission.org](#)

or call us at (781) 341-2252

# OMS-PTSO News

## FYI

### A note from the School Nurse:

## “Piercing Problems”

Some helpful hints on body piercing!! These days we are seeing more and more students with body piercing, many becoming infected or injured during the school day, especially during gym and other activities. My recommendation would be that children are advised never to try and pierce themselves! Please discourage this!

After making an informed decision with your child regarding his/her body piercing, bring your child to a reputable place for the procedure. Be sure that all materials used for the piercing have been individually wrapped prior to their use. Watch the technician open everything new, and then follow all of the care procedures once home, and check with your child frequently that they continue to follow the procedures. The earrings used to do the piercing generally need to stay in for at least 8 weeks, and need cleaning and turning twice daily. Dangling jewelry (naval rings, ear lobe cuffs, etc) always present a risk at school; these can easily get pulled or hooked up on clothing, etc, presenting problems for your child during the school day.

Remember to consider all of the facts when helping your child decide to whether or not to get a body piercing.....the infections can be angry, and cause a child a lot of discomfort!

### Culturally speaking

## The MWRA gives the students something to think about

A lot of EEEW's and Ahhhh's were heard as Ms. Meg Tabasko from the **MWRA** visited the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students October 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. In her energetic program Ms. Tabasko explained what waste water is and what happens to it. During the program students observed several glass jars of waste water after the various stages of filtering. Marcus a sixth grade student commented," It was pretty cool, funny and nasty. I would like to see something like this again." Gross was another word many students used to describe the water samples. By the end of the presentation the students walked away with a new appreciation and understanding of the water we use.

Ms. Tabasko will return Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> to visit with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class.



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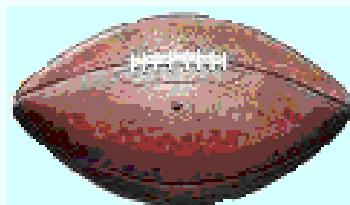
## SPORTS

### History is Made

On Wednesday, October 25, 2006 the O'Donnell Middle School's football team kicked off their inaugural season with a much-anticipated tilt against a tough Brookline. The boys faced the adversity of a long bus ride, getting lost on the way to the game. We didn't have any time to stretch, warm up or review any of our plays plus we were facing a squad that already had 3 games under their belt. Our guys shrugged off those obstacles by responding with a 70-yard Fuaud Njeim touchdown run on our first play from scrimmage. The touchdown run was set up by the dominating play of our offensive line (Francis Ike, David Campbell, Justin Rodrigues, Greg Frank, Brian Ziegler and Skyler Hammond) and the battering ram blocking of Zack Apotheker and Edwin Fuentes. The first half went back and forth with Brookline being ahead 24-14 at halftime.

The boys came out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with renewed energy and fight, as we scored two more touchdowns with hardnosed defense, as Maykon Basilio, Andrew Paredes and Tim Doyle were a problem for Brookline's offensive line all afternoon. Kevin Linehan came in to really stabilize our defensive backfield play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. Our punishing offense gained control of the game with key offensive line reserves Sam Johnson, Fabiano Paiva and Alber Guevara opening up holes inside, while Nazary Smaga and Stephen Depina did well blocking at wide receiver on the outside edges. This gave us a lead of 28-24 late in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The team really rallied under the calm and steady guidance of quarterback Alex Fernandes, who made sure everyone was in the right spot and all of the plays got off on time.

By the time the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter rolled around our special teams play had improved greatly after giving up two very long runs early in the game. Stars of this unit were Shane Scipione, Liz Hickman, James Brauneis, Terry Smith and Marlon Crome. Unfortunately, our adrenaline ran out and fatigue set in during the final quarter as Brookline did a great job of capitalizing on a couple of mistakes we made, winning 38-28. Brookline was a well-oiled machine and competed with heart and class, much like we did. In the end, their experience gave them a slight edge. As we shook hands with them after the game, we left the field that afternoon knowing that we had represented our school and our town with great fight and spirit and class, traits that should serve us well in our next contest against the Franklin Panthers.



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## EVENTS

### OMS FALL DANCE

The Fall Dance will take place on Friday, November 10th. Tickets will go on sale the week of November 6th and students may begin purchasing tickets that week during each of the lunch periods. Ticket prices are \$5.00 per student. All tickets must be purchased in advance. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. There will be two dances held on this evening: Grade 6 dance will be held from 4:30 - 6:30 pm and Grades 7 and 8 will be held from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Pizza, water, soda and candy will be available at \$1 each.

#### November

DAY	DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Fri	11/3	OMS Holiday Shopping Fundraiser
Tues	11/7	No School – Professional Development Day
Wed	11/8	OMS PTSO meeting – 7:00 pm
Fri	11/10	OMS Fall Dance 4:30-6:30 & 7:00-9:00
Wed	11/15	Parent/Teacher conferences (M-Z) 6:30-8:00
Mon	11/20	Parent/Teacher conferences (A-L) 6:30-8:00
Mon	11/20	Term I Report Cards issued (Middle School + High School)
Wed	11/22	Early Dismissal - 11:00 a.m.
Thurs - Fri	11/23 – 11/24	Thanksgiving – No School

#### December

DAY	DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Thurs	12/7	Early Release
Fri	12/15	Progress reports issued for Term 2
Tues	12/19	Report Cards – Term 1 (Elementary Schools)
Mon - Mon	12/25 - 01/01	NO SCHOOL – Winter Vacation
?	?	To Be Announced – National Geographic Geography Bee

### Spirit Wear

The PTSO is selling Stoughton t-shirts, long sleeve shirts and sweatshirts. They are available in all sizes and range from \$10-\$25. They will be available for sale at the OMS Fundraiser on November 3rd at the VFW or you can purchase them directly from Noralee Curtis at 781-341-4232 or [noralee@norwoodlight.com](mailto:noralee@norwoodlight.com)

### Campbell's Soup Labels



Keep sending in your Campbell's labels.

Please remember to send in the entire label

For more information, Keep an eye on channel 6 for OMS announcements.

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