



# O'Donnell Middle School, Stoughton

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## Message from OMS PTSO:

Our next PTSO meeting is  
January 7<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm  
OMS Media Center

Mr. Hester will present the new online math program, Study Island.

--OMS PTSO Executive Board

## DANCE DANCE DANCE

### OMS FALL DANCE

November 7th

Was a BLAST!

Thank you to everyone who came and to everyone who volunteered!



## Thanks

Team 8B would like to thank John P. Russell Insurance for the generous field trip donation. This donation has allowed students to experience the Judicial Branch of government first hand on a field trip. Thanks to John P. Russell Insurance!! See the last page for pictures.

## Holiday Shopping Fundraiser



### OMS PTSO 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

The PTSO will be having its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual holiday shopping event on Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 9am . 2pm. Adults and children: do your holiday **shopping**, visit the **bakeshop**, have **breakfast, snack and lunch!** Buy and sell **raffle tickets!** \$1 each or 6 for \$5 Visit [www.baseclasstech.com](http://www.baseclasstech.com) for tickets. **Babysitting** will also be available. If you would like to **volunteer**, please contact Noralee at 781-341-4232 or [Noralee@norwoodlight.com](mailto:Noralee@norwoodlight.com). If you make a specialty baked good item, bring them to the school Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

## Texas Road House Rolls

Have freshly baked Texas Roadhouse rolls for the holidays, Texas Roadhouse gift cards AND support OMS all at the same time! Details will be coming home soon about this fundraiser. In the meantime, sample them at the fair on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>!

# OMS PTSO News

## Stoughton Holiday Parade

Stoughton will have a Holiday Parade this year! The date is set for Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. If you want to be part of the planning for the OMS float, please let us know and we will connect you to the right person. Contact Laura at [johnandlaura5@juno.com](mailto:johnandlaura5@juno.com).

## 8th Grade Washington DC Trip

June 12th-15th, 2009

Once again the 8th graders will pack their bags, board the bus and be off to create lifelong memories. During this fun and educational adventure, they will explore major historical landmarks, such as U.S. Capital, the Washington Monument, and Mount Vernon. They will reflect on the achievements of great Americans at the Jefferson, Lincoln and FDR Memorials, and honor our nation's heroes at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, World War II Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

If you missed the informational meeting last month, see Mr. Grasso for more details.

## News you choose

If you have any news you'd like to share with OMS families, please let us know! We can include it in our monthly newsletters. Contact [johnandlaura5@juno.com](mailto:johnandlaura5@juno.com) with an article you'd like to see published. **Our news deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

## On-Going Fundraisers:



### BoxTops For Education

Doing your holiday shopping online? If you're doing online shopping anyway, why not earn money for OMS at the same time? Visit [www.btfе.com](http://www.btfе.com) and shop at the many online stores and support our school! Keep sending in those boxtops too!

The grade level that brings in the most boxtops will have a **DAY OF FUN** in June! **Grade 6** is in the lead right now with 1273 boxtops collected. Grade 7 & 8 are not far behind with 1260 and 1069 respectively.

### Campbell's Soup Labels

Send in your Campbell's labels and earn FREE STUFF for our school!



See [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for details about this program.

### Spirit Wear For Sale

Stoughton Lounge Pants	\$20
Stoughton Girl's Gym Shorts	\$10
Stoughton Baseball Hats	
(light gray and black)	\$12
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Hooded Sweatshirts (gray and black)	\$25
Long Sleeve T-Shirts (black and gray)	\$15
T-Shirts (black and gray)	\$10
Stoughton Black Sweat Pants	\$20
Stoughton Stadium Blankets	\$25

**For \$5, you can have your Spirit Wear embroidered/monogrammed!**  
To order, call or email 781-341-4232  
[noralee@norwoodlights.com](mailto:noralee@norwoodlights.com)

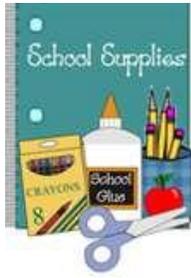
# OMS PTSO News

## OMS PTSO School Store Attention Students!

Need a last minute school supply? A pencil? A pen? Check out the OMS PTSO School Store.

The store is open every Monday during all lunches.

This is not a for-profit service. The PTSO simply wants our students as prepared as they can be. The items we offer are at very minimal cost.



## Mrs. DeNapoli's Health Tips

### A Note From the Clinic:

From Mrs. DeNapoli, School Nurse

To update everyone on happenings in the clinic although kids have been sick, it has been fairly consistent with typical November clinic visit numbers. There has been a small amount of flu cases; the stomach bug continues to be the biggest culprit; and viral sore throats are finally slowing down a bit. We are seeing approximately 70 kids daily in the clinic.

We will soon be working on Body Mass Index letters that the state has now required for all grade 7 students to receive. If you have a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student, expect a letter with the height/weight and BMI of your child. There is also an informative nutrition letter attached from the Director of Food Services, as well as "healthy lunch box tips" and a "healthy lifestyle tips" for all to look at. The state has much concern re: what they are calling an "obesity epidemic" in the youth of today. Please share the fact sheets, or the ideas presented with your child. We can all use reminders on healthy living!

Lastly, I am currently assisting the physical education teachers with the scoliosis screening of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Grade 7 does not participate, as they should have received this screening at the mandatory grade 7 physical. You will hear from us only if there is a problem detected. Please be advised that this is a very simple procedure for the kids, but do not hesitate to call me if you would like your child excluded from the screening. As always, feel free to contact me with any concerns re: your child!

Stay Healthy,  
Mrs. DeNapoli, OMS School Nurse

## Nestle Go Play! labels



Here's something new! The OMS is now collecting Nestle Go Play! Labels. This program is similar to the Campbell's labels for education program. We earn points that we redeem for merchandise when we collect labels from individual bottles of Nestle PureLife water. You can get bonus points and coupons online at [www.goplaylabels.com](http://www.goplaylabels.com). Check it out!

# OMS PTSO News

## November's Special Guest



**Lieutenant Robert C. Devine  
Director Community Policing Unit  
Stoughton Police Department**

Lieutenant Devine talked about Internet safety at our last PTSO meeting.

The Internet opens many doors for all of us but it also opens a world potential harm. **Sexual predators** try to get to know children by showing attention, affection, and kindness. As parents, we have the seemingly impossible job of keeping our children safe. **You can reduce the risk of Internet dangers by** keeping the lines of communications open, keeping the computer in a common room, spending time with your child online, using the parental control options on your computer, randomly checking your child's email and teaching him/her to use the internet responsibly. Be sure your child knows that not everything they hear or see is true. **Tell your children to NEVER:** post pictures of themselves online, arrange face-to-face meetings with someone they meet online, respond to suggestive, obscene, belligerent or harassing emails, give out personal information (name, address, phone number and their school name). **Your child may be at risk if:** your child spends a large amount of time (especially at night) online, you find pornography on the computer, your child receives (or makes) phone calls or mail from (or to) people you don't know, your child becomes withdrawn from the family, or your child conceals the monitor when you walk in. **Contact the police** if your child has been sexually solicited by someone who knows he/she is under 18, if he/she has received sexual images from someone that knows he/she is under 18, or if anyone in your house has received child pornography.

# OMS PTSO News

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



### December

- 04 Early Release, dismissal at 11:32am
  - 14 Stoughton Holiday parade
  - 17 Term 2 Mid-term Reports Issued
  - 23 School Closes at end of day (regular full day)
- Dec. 24-Jan. 4 Winter Break**

### January

- 05 School Reopens -- Welcome back!
- 07 PTSO meeting 7pm
- 14 Grade 8 Winter Concert SHS Auditorium 7:30pm
- 21 Grade 7 Winter Concert SHS Auditorium 7:30pm
- 28 Grade 6 Winter Concert SHS Auditorium 7:30pm
- 29 Early Dismissal (11:32am)/Term 2 Ends



### 2008 – 2009 OMS PTSO Meetings:

The PTSO meets once a month on Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the OMS Media Center.

**ALL ARE WELCOME! Please come and share your ideas**

\*The meetings for the balance of the school year are:

Dec -- NO MEETING	Jan. 7	Feb.11	Mar. 4
Apr. 8	May 6	Jun. 3	

\*meetings are subject to change.

# OMS PTSO News

## Team 7B's Judicial Field trip



Thank you, Ms. Fleming, for sharing the newsí pictures and all!