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Message from OMS PTSO:

Our next PTSO meeting is
November 10th 7-8pm
OMS Media Center

Please join us as we discuss our
upcoming Holiday fundraiser!
Since there is no December meeting,
this will be our last meeting until
Tuesday, January 12.

--OMS PTSO Executive Board

DANCE DANCE DANCE

**OMS FALL
DANCE was on
October 23rd**

Thank you Tatiana
Diaz for running
the school dance! Thanks to the
parents that volunteered their time,
student
council for helping with set up, and the
teachers that chaperoned. The kids had
a blast dancing and playing in the gym!



Check out POPS

Do you have a budding musician at
O'Donnell Middle School? It's never too
late to join POPS, the parent support
group for our Stoughton school
musicians. Find out everything you
want to know at the POPS website:
http://web.me.com/spsmusicart/Fine_Arts/PARENTS_GROUP.html

It's a long web address, so just add it to
your favorites! Download membership
forms, find out when the next meeting is,
and how else you can get involved. You
can even send a message to your
favorite musician in the POPS Showtime
Program Book. Check it out!

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OMS PTSO 4th ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOPPING DAY

The PTSO will be having its 4th annual holiday shopping day on December 5, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. . 1: 00 p.m. This is an event where adults and children can do their holiday shopping. We plan on having 30 vendors and crafters selling their products. We will also have a silent auction, raffles, baked goods, white elephant table and food! Admission is an affordable ONE DOLLAR which also enters you in the door raffle. If you are or know of a vendor who is interested in renting a table, please contact Noralee Curtis at noralee@norwoodlight.com. Cost of a table is \$30. Hurry because we don't have many tables left!



We are looking for **volunteers** and **donations** for the Holiday Shopping Day: December 5th

Publicity: We are looking for help hanging signs around town. If you work at a place where we can hang one or if you will go to local stores and hang some, please email oms_ptso_news@verizon.net and let us know!

The **kitchen** will be open for breakfast and lunch. We are looking for donated items like paper plates, bowls, spoons, napkins, hot dog rolls, sub rolls, nacho chips, potato chips (small bags), soda, water, juice boxes.

Please contact Julia Dubovy if you are able to donate items for the kitchen.

juliadubovy@comcast.net

781-341-8323

There'll be a **bakeshop** at the craft fair too!

If you have a specialty baked good item that you make, we would love to sell it! We are looking for donations of baked goods ... cookies, brownies, pies, cakes, cupcakes and breads for the Bake Shop at the OMS PTSO 4th Annual Holiday Shopping Day. Our shop will be open all day, so breakfast items and snack items will be sold. We are also looking for some candy items, such as fudge and peanut brittle. If you can't bake but still want to help, let us know because we have some store-bought suggestions in mind. If you can help, please contact Jane at mcgruff@comcast.net or Jessica at thefraines@verizon.net

If you can help us out in any way or would like further information, please contact Carrie McNeil at Carrann23@comcast.net at or Lit Turner at litt@visionaries.org.

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BoxTops For Education

If you're doing online shopping anyway, why not earn money for OMS at the same time? Visit www.btfе.com to sign up to support the ROBERT G ODONNELL MIDDLE School. And remember to Keep sending in those boxtops! Mark them with your child's grade level because

The grade level that brings in the most boxtops will have a DAY OF FUN in June!

Campbell's Soup Labels

Send in your Campbell's labels and earn

FREE STUFF for our school!

See

www.labelsforeducation.com

for details about this program.



Spirit Wear For Sale

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

For \$5, you can have your Spirit Wear embroidered/monogrammed! To order, email Maria Bough at Mariabaugh@yahoo.com

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.

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 oms_ptso_news@verizon.net with an article you'd like to see published. **Our news deadline is the 20th of each month.**

Parent-Teacher Conferences

This is a drop-in format from 6:30 to 8pm. Please make the effort to meet with your child's teachers. If your last name begins with **A - L** you will meet your teachers on **Nov. 23rd**. If your last name begins with **M-Z**, your conferences are **Nov. 18th**. The PTSO will be selling spirit wear on both evenings!

Health Matters

H1N1 Flu

Also called: Swine flu

Swine flu is an infection caused by a virus. It's named for a virus that pigs can get. People do not normally get swine flu, but human infections can and do happen. The virus is contagious and can spread from human to human. Symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

There are antiviral medicines you can take to prevent or treat swine flu. There is a vaccine available to protect against swine flu. You can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza by

- Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. You can also use alcohol-based hand cleaners.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Trying to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Staying home from work or school if you are sick. *

Source:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/h1n1fluswineflu.html>

*the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends keeping kids home 24hours after fever breaks with no Tylenol

October's Special Guest

The Stoughton Youth Commission

If you missed October's meeting then you missed a great presentation from Dawn Fontaine of the Stoughton Youth Commission. She talked about all the cool programs that are happening to keep Stoughton's youth busy and therefore leaving no time to get into mischief. The Youth Commission sponsors afternoon programs right here at the OMS gym every early Thursday! If your child would like to attend, you need to fill out a permission slip which you can get from Ms. Brookshire or at the Youth Commission's website. The youth commission has also started something called "Friday Knights": a safe place for kids in grades 6 through 8 to go once a month on Friday nights. Permission slips are mandatory and can be found on their website. The first of these "knights" was a Halloween party on October 30. If this was successful they will try to do something similar for the high school as well. Volunteers are required! Look for the Youth Commission's weekly article in the Stoughton Journal, "OASIS On the Move". Dawn also informed us that the SYC is looking for a parent volunteer for the Parent Advisory Board. The meetings will be held monthly at the Starbuck's at Target in Stoughton. Contact Dawn Fontaine if you're interested.

Find out about these and other programs on their website:

www.stoughtonyouthcommission.org

The Stoughton Youth Commission is moving to the Council on Aging located on Rockland Street. Their phone number is 781-341-2252.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

- 03 No School Staff Development
- 09 Term 1 ends
- 10 PTSO meeting 7pm
- 11 No School Veterans' Day
- 18 Parent conferences M-Z 6:30-8pm
- 19 Term 1 report cards issued
- 19 Prize/Plinko Day
- 23 Parent conferences A-L 6:30-8pm
- 25 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving 11am
- 26/27 No School Thanksgiving



December

- 05 PTSO Holiday Shopping Day 9am to 1pm
 - 10 Early Release 11:32am
 - 14 Term 2 Mid-term Reports Issued
 - 23 School Closes at end of day (regular full day)
- Dec. 24-Jan. 3 Winter Break**

2009 – 2010 PTSO Meetings:

The PTSO meets once a month 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:

Nov. 10 Jan. 12 Feb. 10 Mar. 10

Apr. 14 May 12 Jun. 8

*meetings are subject to change.