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Happy Holidays!

The OMS PTSO held their FIFTH annual Holiday Shopping Day on November 20th. Thanks to all our sponsors and everyone who came to shop, sell, volunteer and/or buy, we had a very successful turn-out! Please see our Thank you ad in this newsletter.

Annual Holiday Raffle

Presented by OMS Student Council

Students, Faculty, Staff, Friends... are invited to purchase tickets (\$.50/ticket). They may then place any number of tickets into any of the containers for the 44 different prizes.

Improve your chances for winning an individual prize...put many tickets into a single prize container.

Improve your chances of winning any prize...spread your tickets out among many prize containers.

Visit stoughtonschools.org for a list of prizes. Tickets may be purchased beginning Monday, December 6 through Friday, December 17.

All funds raised will go towards helping OMS families that could use a helping hand during this Holiday Season.



Executive Board

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OMS is making a Difference

Anton's Cleaners is holding their Annual Coat Drive from October 15th until January.



You can drop off used winter coats in good condition (for any age group) at the guidance department.

School Improvement Council

Members Needed

We are looking for a parent to join us in our school improvement meetings. We meet once a month at 3pm. Parents can participate via email if they wish to participate but are unable to make the meeting. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Hester at

w_hester@stoughtonschools.org

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From the OMS

With November comes Thanksgiving and a time to reflect on the importance of family. It is, therefore, fitting that OMS host several events highlighting the importance of the relationship between parents or significant adult figures and school age students during that month. On Wednesday, November 17th, and Monday, November 22nd OMS opened its doors to hundreds of parents who visited staff members and learned of their students' progress. Conferences, held on those two nights, will, undoubtedly, empower parents to further support their children and will strengthen the very important home-school bond necessary for success. Another event that brought together an important adult constituency and students occurred earlier in the month. In honor of Veterans Day, OMS hosted local veterans who shared their stories with grade eight students. The assembly, organized by Mr. Guglia, paid tribute to men and women who have given selflessly for the benefit of everyone. Additionally, it afforded students another opportunity to realize that their endeavors are supported by adults throughout the community. Research indicates that even the slightest form of parental and community engagement results in positive academic outcomes for students. It is with that in mind, that, we, at OMS, continue to encourage parents and community members to be a part of our school.

Submitted by: Barbara Starkie, Asst. Principal

SHS Winter Concert

Friday, December 17th

The SHS Music Department will present the 2010 SHS Winter Concert on Friday December 17th. The concert will be held in the high school auditorium and starts at 7:30 PM. Featured groups include; Concert Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Band, A Capella Choir, and Jazz Choir. Tickets are \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Children and Seniors, with a \$10.00 family maximum. Tickets will be available at the door.

The poinsettias used to decorate the concert stage will be distributed after the concert to people who order them in advance. To order yours, please visit <http://music.stoughtonschools.org/> for more information.

Volunteer Copy Committee Organizer

Volunteers come in to OMS during the day to make copies for teachers. We just need someone to keep track of the volunteer schedule and periodically check to be sure we have the supplies we need. If you would like to be on the Volunteer/Copy committee or if you would like to organize it, please contact Lynne Mitchell at lynnekmitchell@yahoo.com



Campbell Soup Labels

Send in your Campbell's labels and earn FREE STUFF for our school!
www.labelsforeducation.com



OMS PTSO School Store

Attention Students!

Need a last minute school supply? A pencil? A pen? Check out the OMS PTSO School Store. This not-for-profit store is open every Monday during all lunches.

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Shop Target and earn money for OMS

Do you have a REDcard and want to earn FREE money for the OMS? Then, visit target.com and enroll the OMS as your school. Use school ID # **60110** or just search on Stoughton, MA



BoxTops for Education

The OMS can earn money when you shop online! First, Go to www.bffe.com and sign up to support the ROBERT G O'DONNELL MIDDLE School. Next, click on the "earn" tab at the top of the page. Select "Shop Marketplace" and shop!

Keep sending in those box tops. Mark them with your student's name, grade & room #.

I was so thankful in November for all the box tops you sent in!! We collected over 800 box tops in November! Let's see if you can top that in December... I dare ya!

Keep 'em coming! Mark them with your student's name, grade, teacher's name & room # because:

The grade level that sends in the MOST BOXTOPS by the end of May earns a Free Fun Day in June!



Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks

The OMS is participating in this program again this year.

Last year we earned over \$160! Call 1-877-ASK-APLUS (1-877-275-2758) or visit www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register your Stop & Shop card.

Our school id# is 07752. Then show your card when you shop and the OMS will earn CASH each time you shop! Tell family and friends about it! We look forward to seeing how successful our second year will be.

Tell family and friends about it! This is an EASY, FREE way to earn money for the school! Even if you registered last year, you have to do it again this year! Before you go shopping, visit the website and check out which products earn EXTRA CREDIT!

How to contact OMS?

If you have any questions and need to talk to one of the OMS staff, you may contact the school by

Phone – Main office is (781) 344-7002

Come to the O'Donnell Middle School and talk in person

Email – If you know the teacher's name, then the format is the ***first letter of their first name + underscore + last name@StoughtonSchools.org

For instance, Mr. Hester's email address is:

w_hester@stoughtonschools.org

*** Some email addresses have the first full name

For Contact information:

<http://www.stoughtonschools.org/Stoughton/ODMS/pages/staff.htm>



OMS has joined the Pouch Brigade!

Bring your empty juice pouches to the office! We get paid and the company turns them into cool things!

Visit www.tetracycle.net and find out more!

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Show your school spirit!



Spirit Wear For Sale

Fleece Stadium Blanket.....	\$25
Hooded Sweatshirt (black).....	\$25
Lounge Pants (black/orange plaid).....	\$22
Sweat Pants (black).....	\$20
Long Sleeve T-Shirt (black or gray).....	\$15
T-Shirt (black or gray).....	\$10
Ladies Scoop Neck T-Shirt (black).....	\$16
Girl's Gym Shorts (black).....	\$10
Boys Shorts (black).....	\$10
Drawstring Bag w/ zipper pocket.....	\$12

For \$5 more, you can have your Spirit Wear embroidered or monogrammed!

To order, email Barbara Corrigan at bcorrigan19@comcast.net or 781-344-0374

Spirit Wear will be on sale during Parent-Teacher Conferences Nov. 17 and 22.

Health News: Flu Season

Flu season is starting and parents should review with their kids hand-washing. This is the most important thing kids can do to keep themselves healthy.

It's generally best to wash your hands with soap and water.

Follow these simple steps:

- Wet your hands with running water.
- Apply liquid, bar or powder soap.
- Lather well.
- Rub your hands vigorously for at least 20 seconds. Remember to scrub all surfaces, including the backs of your hands, wrists, between your fingers and under your fingernails.
- Rinse well.
- Dry your hands with a clean or disposable towel or air dryer.
- If possible, use your towel to turn off the faucet.

When soap and water aren't available, hand sanitizer is a great option. Please remind your child to ask his/her teachers for hand sanitizer because it is available. Kids should advocate for themselves.

Surfing for OMS

Going online? Check out these sites:

oms.baseclasstech.com our OMS PTSO site.

www.music.stoughtonschools.org Parents of Performing Students (POPS) is a group that was formed in 1982 to help support Stoughton's music programs. One way you can support them is by purchasing a gift card to Shaw's, Stop&Shop or Roche Bros. from them. Check out their website to get details and find out other ways you can help.

www.btfe.com enter sweepstakes to earn BONUS box tops, print coupons and shop at their marketplace to earn percentages of your purchase for OMS

www.growinglocallearning.com register as a Robert G. O'Donnell supporter (enter the school name without punctuation) to earn bonus boxtops for the school and to get coupons for you!

www.target.com register your REDCARD. Enroll the OMS as your school. Use school ID # 60110 or just search on Stoughton, MA

www.stopandshop.com/aplus register your Stop & Shop card. Our school id# is 07752

www.stoughtonschools.org click on Schools then OMS and find out what's going on at the school... read the daily announcements, find teacher's email addresses, see what the kids are doing and more!

If you know of any websites that would be beneficial for middle school families, please email us and let us know.

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Thank You!!

The OMS PTSO would like to thank all the supporters of the 5th Annual Holiday Shopping Day. The generosity of the businesses and families in this town is something to be proud of!

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@ O'Donnell Middle School

We wish everyone a peaceful holiday season.