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Happy Valentines Day!

The OMS PTSO wishes everyone a happy Valentines day.

Attention 6th Grade Parents

State Law requires that students must have a physical within the last year and an up-to-date tetanus shot in order to enter grade 7. Please send proof of physical (dated between Sept 2010 and Sept 2011) to the school nurse as soon as you have one

Attention 8th Grade Parents

The Community calendar and the calendar in the OMS Student/Parent Handbook have the "Grade 8 Scheduling Night" listed as being February 16th. This is a misprint. It is too early in the school year to hold this. It is not scheduled yet.

Pennies for Patients

From Monday, February 7th to Friday, March 4th, the OMS students are asked to bring in their spare change (or bills) to school to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We look forward to topping last year's total of \$1,968.93. The team that donates the most will win a pizza party!



Executive Board

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Healthy Smiles

Dental hygienists are available to provide FREE preventative dental care for Stoughton Public School students with no dental insurance. This includes cleaning and sealants.



For more information, please contact the school nurse, Susan McDonnell, at 781-344-7002 ext. 6161.

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

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Save the Date

There will be a Bullying Prevention Workshop on April 14th 7pm to 8pm at the Stoughton High School Auditorium... details to follow.



Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale now through **March 18th**. You cannot order after this date. If you wish to order a yearbook, please fill out an order form available at the OMS office, send cash or money order for \$20 and hold onto your receipt! Your student will need this receipt to pick up his/her yearbook.



Staff Appreciation

We're looking for some great ideas for Staff Appreciation this year! Bring your theme ideas to our next PTSO meeting (February 16th at 7pm) and you could win a prize for the best idea! We're also looking for people to help us with Staff Appreciation: a week-long celebration of the wonderful staff members we have at OMS!

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 lynnekimitchell@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

School Dance

Be on the look-out for our next PTSO school dance coming up this spring!



Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks

The OMS is participating in the Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks program through Stop & Shop! Call 1-877-ASK-APLUS (that's 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! 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!

So far, we have earned \$99.71 this year! This program ends for the 2010-2011 school year **March 24th**.

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BoxTops For Education

Win 2 passes to Six Flags New England!!



Every 50 boxtops that you send in between now and February 18th counts as your entry to WIN two passes to Six Flags New England!!

Mark the envelope or bag with your student's name, grade, & room number.

The winner will be announced February 28th!

Also, visit www.btfe.com and enter to win the "I [heart] my school sweepstakes"! Enter every day in February! We could win

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



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Remember to send in your empty juice pouches! OMS gets money for the pouches and Terracycle reuses the pouches to make fun new products like pencil cases and tote bags.

Visit www.tetracycle.net and find out more!

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>

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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.btf.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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February 2011

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
09	Term 2 report cards issued (2 days late due to snow days)
09	Last Parent Meeting for Quebec trip 6:00pm OMS Media Center
15	Newsletter deadline
16	PTSO meeting 7:00pm OMS Media Center
18	Last day to send Boxtops in as entry for Six Flags passes
18	School closes at end of day for winter break
21-25	February Vacation

March 2011

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
07	Term 2 Mid-term reports issued
10	Early release 11:32am
15	Newsletter deadline
16	PTSO meeting 7:00pm OMS Media Center
22	ELA MCAS testing begins

PTSO meeting for rest of school year:
02/16, 03/16, 04/13, 05/18