

# ODMS School DANCE Nov. 19th!!!

FROM THE DESK OF T.R. WHESTER

One of our goals this year is to increase communication with parents. We feel that communication between parent and teacher is vital to the success of your child.

The Internet is a great way to do this. All staff members have an e-mail account, which is: first initial underscore last name @stoughtonschools.org.

Most teachers currently have a web site available to view all current and past assignments. Many of these can be found on, schoolnotes.com. Other teachers have their own individual web site. Your son or daughter should know this address. If not, feel free to call any time and leave a message for the teacher. After four o'clock, you will need to press the room number of the teacher as soon as the recorded message comes on. Also, as in the past, the homework hotline is available to be called anytime. Feel free to e-mail me any time with questions or suggestions. w\_hester@stoughtonschools.org

## NOVEMBER EVENTS:

**11/9** ODMS PTSO Meeting 7p; **11/11** No School – Veterans Day; **11/12** Term 1 ends; **11/19** ODMS PTSO SCHOOL DANCE; **11/23** Report Cards Distributed; **11/24** Early Dismissal for T-day; **11/29** School Re-Opens

## BOX TOPS UPDATE

*A note from Christine Hoffman and Joanna Falkof*

Please double check your "Box Tops" before sending in to school - check the expiration date and make sure they are the "Box Tops for Education" not the Betty Crocker Points. We only get credit for "Box Tops". Be sure to place your child's name and room number on the back of the box top. As of the end of October, these are the standings for most collected:

Room 223 = 128

Room 220 = 59

Room 128 = 30

Room 113 = 13

No Home Room = 283

Total = 513

**SEND BOXTOPS & CAMPBELL LABELS INTO THE OFFICE!!!!**



**ODMS STUDENT COUNCIL  
FOOD DRIVE  
NON-PERISHABLES ONLY  
November 1 – 19, 2004**

ODMS-PTSO School Store will be open on the following days:

11/8 Monday; 11/22 Monday; 12/1 Monday;

12/8 Wednesday (during all lunch periods)

T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, & General School Supplies are available. Updated information is available on-line. Thank you Vicki Burgess for your assistance & to the many volunteers willing to man the ODMS PTSO Cart for our students to enjoy ☺

## **Did you know? Health and safety tips from Mrs. DeNapoli...**

Did you know that as of November 25, 2004, the state of Massachusetts will put in effect a new "Youth Helmet Law" for children under 16 (MGL Ch 85, Sec. 11B)? The law states that "Any person 16 years of age or younger must wear a properly fastened bicycle helmet when riding as the driver or passenger of a bicycle, a skateboard, in line skates, or a scooter. "

This law applies to any manually propelled wheeled vehicle riding on streets, bike paths, sidewalks, parks, parking lots or other public ways. The helmet must fit the person's head and be secured by straps at all times.

So, kids and parents don't forget that HELMET the next time you are heading out on your skateboard, bike or skates!! It's the LAW!



ODMS Parents,

This week, you should have received information home with your child on the Children's Heroes Scrip Gift Card Program. Soon you will find the Order Form available to you on the ODMS Web Site as well ([www.baseclasstech.com](http://www.baseclasstech.com)). All you need to do is to tell us what Gift Cards from over 50 Stores offered you want to purchase and send in the order form to the ODMS office by Tuesday morning. Order forms must contain payment for the face value of the cards ordered and should be made out to the ODMS PTSO. Simply pick up your Gift Card on Friday of the same week between 2:00 - 3:00PM in the front lobby. (Other pickup options are available - see order form for choices).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patti Snyder at 344-4692 or [Trish2023@aol.com](mailto:Trish2023@aol.com) or Charlene LaFerriere at 341-1524 or [chucklaf@comcast.net](mailto:chucklaf@comcast.net).

Thank you for your support in the ODMS PTSO!



# Welcome to the OMS PTSO!

OMS PTSO Membership 2004-2005

Family Membership = \$5.00

Please PRINT CLEARLY & return to: PTSO Membership c/o OMS Office

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name, Grade, Homeroom & Graduating Year\* from *High School*. Please list *all* children at OMS for recognition purposes. Student s names may be listed on the OMS website (last name & first initial by grade) recognizing their families as members of the OMS PTSO.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you do NOT want your child s name listed on the website.

Name	Grade	Homeroom (if known)	Graduation Year
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\* *High School Graduation Years:*

Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders: class of 2011  
of 2009

Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders: class of 2010

Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders: class

By providing your email address, you will receive our monthly Newsletter and reminders at either at your home, office or both. This is a tremendous way to stay in touch with dates and events occurring within OMS. Even if you are already a part of our email distribution list, please list your email address. This will ensure that you are receiving grade level appropriate email notices and will also allow us to easily confirm your PTSO membership.

Email:

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you already receiving email notices from OMS? \_\_\_ Would you like to update your email address? \_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any committees or volunteer work with which you would like to assist? Any comments for the PTSO? *(please continue on back if necessary)*

Thank You!

We hope to see you at our Monthly PTSO Meetings generally held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. If at any time you have any questions and or concerns, please feel free to contact the following:

Administrative Team (OMS Office: 781-344-7002):

Mr. Wayne Hester *Administrative Principal*  
Ms. Felicia Moschella *Asst. Principal for Curriculum & Instruction*  
Mr. Robert Trotta *Asst. Principal for Student Services*

PTSO Board Members:

Julie-Leah J. Harding *President #344-3489*  
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Patti Snyder *Recording Secretary*  
Carla Lewis *Fundraiser Chairperson*

*Email: jnjulzh@xpre.net*  
Vivi Lombrano  
Bonnie Hickey  
Charlene LaFerriere

*Treasurer*  
*Corresponding Secretary*  
*Membership Coordinator*

**Thank You to all who attended and took part in the October 28<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences activities. The ODMS PTSO had a successful Book Fair, thanks to you and your generosity. Our STOUGHTON BLACK KNIGHT T-shirts & Sweatshirts were a big hit as well as our candy bars and book sox.**

**Again Thank you for supporting the ODMS PTSO and the activities we sponsor, we appreciate it as well as the staff & students.**

**Julie-Leah J. Harding  
President**

**Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to be a member of the OMS PTSO for the 2004-2005 school year!!**

Your monetary support helps to fund numerous special programs and activities within the school, as well as a variety of other OMS costs not covered by the school budget.

***If you have not already done so.....it's not too late to join!!!***

You can download a membership form right from the OMS PTSO website at [http://baseclasstech.com:8080/ODMS/Home/odms\\_news.html](http://baseclasstech.com:8080/ODMS/Home/odms_news.html). Complete the form and return to the OMS Office c/o PTSO Membership with your \$5 family membership fee.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Please remember that signing up for the OMS PTSO email list is NOT the same as signing up for PTSO membership. Your \$5 membership dues help to support the school and are critical to the many activities and programs planned by the PTSO and the OMS Administrative Team for the coming school year.

Not sure if you are already a member?? Email Charlene LaFerriere at: [chucklaf@comcast.net](mailto:chucklaf@comcast.net) with your name and child's name & she'll let you know.

**Thanks for supporting the O'Donnell Middle School PTSO!!**