

# OMS-PTSO News

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## A Message from the OMS PTSO

PTSO MEETING  
Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
OMS Media center

**Guest Speaker**  
Lieutenant Devine of the Stoughton  
Police Department  
**INTERNET SAFETY**

Please join us for this informative and important presentation. Lt. Devine will teach parents what they need to know to keep their children safe on their computers!

Hope to see you there!

## TEACHER BREAKFAST

The morning after conferences (11/20), the PTSO provides a breakfast for the staff to thank them for the extra work that goes into the conferences. If you are interested in **volunteering** to help out with this breakfast, please contact Lynne Mitchell at [lynnekitchell@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnekitchell@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. Items range from \$0.05 - \$1.00

If you are interested in **VOLUNTEERING** at the school store please contact Lynne Mitchell at [lynnekitchell@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnekitchell@yahoo.com)

## Parent / Teacher Conferences

There will be two nights of parent/teacher conferences this fall.

The first night of conferences, **November 14** (Wednesday), Parents/Guardians of students with last names beginning with **M** to **Z** can meet with their child's teachers from 6:30 – 8:00

The second night, **November 19** (Monday), last names beginning with **A** to **L**, 6:30 – 8:00

Because the High School is having their conferences on one night for all students, November 14<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday), the Middle School will allow people to come to the November 19<sup>th</sup> conferences if you are unable to make the November 14 date.

**Volunteers Needed** to help at OMS PTSO table both nights (11/14 & 11/19).

- Membership Drive
- Spirit Wear
- Holiday Day of Shopping raffle tickets (\$1 per ticket)
- Stoughton Preferred Customer Cards are back!

Please contact Lynne Mitchell if you are interested at [lynnekitchell@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnekitchell@yahoo.com)

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## NOTICES

### OMS PTSO MEMBERSHIP 2007-2008

The PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) Membership Drive is in full swing with over 150 members so far. To join the PTSO, a family must sign up each year. Every year a new email list is produced. **When you join the PTSO, you are not only helping to support your students and the OMS staff, you are also choosing to stay informed.**

Membership forms may be accessed online at the PTSO website at [baseclasstech.com](http://baseclasstech.com) or in the OMS Office. This form may be filled out and then printed, and sent in with the \$5 dues.

**Membership Forms and sign up will be available at the Parent Teacher Conferences on November 14 and November 19.**

Please contact Lynne Mitchell, PTSO President at [lynnekimitchell@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnekimitchell@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

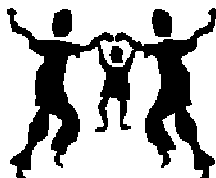
In anticipation of many families joining the PTSO, thank you for your continued support on behalf of your children and the staff at the OMS!!

### Stoughton Youth Commission

Visit us on the web at:

[stoughtonyouthcommssion.org](http://stoughtonyouthcommssion.org)

or call us at (781) 341-2252



**Babysitter Training** begins a 4 week session on October 29, 2007. Learn basic child care, CPR and more. Must be 12 years or older.

**Wellness Group for Teens** Grades 8th to 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### ANXIETY REDUCTION AND YOGA!

Want to learn ways to destress and care for yourself? Yoga, meditation and other wellness techniques will be taught.

When? Meets on Tuesdays from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm @ SYC starting October 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will run until Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Spirit Wear Sale Continues

Stoughton Lounge Pants	\$20	
Stoughton Girl's Gym Shorts	\$10	<b>**NEW COLOR**</b>
<i>Available in Light Gray and Black</i>		
Stoughton Knit Hats	\$10	
Hooded Sweatshirts	\$25	<b>**NEW COLOR**</b>
<i>Light Gray and Dark Gray</i>		
Long Sleeve T-Shirts	\$15	
T-Shirts	\$10	

Check out our new items, black stadium blankets, sweat pants, hats and t-shirts. **The new items will be first available at the November Parent Teacher conferences.**

To purchase any of these items please contact Noralee Curtis at [noralee@norwoodlight.com](mailto:noralee@norwoodlight.com) or call **781-341-4232**

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## EVENTS

### *The OMS PTSO is sponsoring the second annual DAY OF HOLIDAY SHOPPING*

Where: O'Donnell Middle School Cafeteria  
When: Saturday, December 1, 2007  
Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Tickets: Adults: \$1.00;  
10 years and younger, Free

Come shop from your local, most popular, direct sales companies. There will be Raffles, a Grab box, a bake table and lots more.



**Volunteers are needed** for handling the refreshments, grab box, cash table, gift wrap table, raffles, set up, and clean up. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Noralee Curtis at [noralee@norwoodlight.com](mailto:noralee@norwoodlight.com)

### OMS FALL DANCE

The Dates have been set!  
November 16<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>

Where? O'Donnell Middle School Cafeteria

Tickets will go on sale the week of November 5<sup>th</sup> for the Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> dance. Students may purchase tickets that week during all lunch periods. Ticket prices are \$5.00 per student. All tickets must be purchased in advance. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. *There will be two dances held on this evening: Grade 6 dance will be held from 4:30 - 6:30 pm and Grades 7 and 8 will be held from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Pizza, water, soda and candy will be available at \$1 each.*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** If you are interested, please contact Debra Falco at [djf89@aol.com](mailto:djf89@aol.com) or Janice Pinchieri at [jpinchie@sovereignbank.com](mailto:jpinchie@sovereignbank.com)

### Stoughton Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Presents

#### Sarah Ward M.S., CCC/SLP

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

7:00 – 9:00 pm

O'Donnell Middle School Media Center

#### What is Executive Function?

What are some practical strategies that can be used at home and at school for students who have executive function deficits?

**Join us and learn more about how to help your child learn!**

**Presenter:** Sarah Ward, M.S. CCC/SLP, a speech and language pathologist who assesses and treats executive function deficits. Sarah is the immediate Past President of the Massachusetts Brain Injury Association, is a member of the Massachusetts Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Board, the National Institutes of Health Model Systems Traumatic Brain Injury Grant Advisory Board and is a member of the American Speech and Language Hearing Association. She holds a guest faculty appointment at the MGH Institute of Health Professions where she provides instruction to graduate level students in the assessment techniques, development of therapeutic objectives, and intervention strategies for individuals with traumatic brain injury.

The Stoughton Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SSEPAC) serves families of any Stoughton student with special education needs. We provide information on programs offered in Stoughton, best practices in special education, and information regarding special education regulations and the law.

Monthly workshops presented by experts in their fields are free to Stoughton parents.

For further information contact:

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## Calendar

### November

DAY	DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Tues	6	No School – Staff Development Day
Wed	7	SSEPAC presents Sarah Ward M.S., CCC/SLP
Fri	9	Term 1 Ends
Mon	12	No School - Veteran's Day
Wed	14	Parent Conferences, Last names starting with M through Z
Fri	16	OMS Fall Dance
Mon	19	Term 1 Report Cards
Mon	19	Parent Conferences, Last names starting with A through L
Wed	21	Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving
Thurs – Fri	22 - 23	No School – Thanksgiving Holiday
Wed	28	OMS PTSO Meeting at 7:00 in the Media Center, Lt. Devine: Internet Safety

November 2007							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3	W
4	5	<u>6</u>	7	8	<u>9</u>	10	W
11	<u>12</u>	13	<u>14</u>	15	16	17	W
18	<u>19</u>	20	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	24	W
25	26	27	28	29	30	1	W

### December

DAY	DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Sat	1	Holiday Day of Shopping at the OMS Cafeteria
Thurs	6	Early Release
Fri	14	Term 2 Warnings
Mon - Tues	24 – Jan 1	Winter Vacation – No School



December 2007							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
25	26	27	28	29	30	1	W
2	3	4	5	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	8	W
9	10	11	12	13	<u>14</u>	15	W
16	17	18	19	20	<u>21</u>	22	W
23	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	W
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5	W

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## ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

### Help raise funds for the PTSO and our school without spending any money!

You can by saving Box Tops, Campbell Soup labels and toner/ink cartridges....things you probably already have in your house.

#### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

For a complete list of all Box Tops products, go to the Box Tops website at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com).



There is a Box Tops box in the office so please collect 'em and send 'em in!

Chris Hay, Box Tops Coordinator  
[cmhay@yahoo.com](mailto:cmhay@yahoo.com)

#### Campbell's Soup Labels

Take the Campbell Soup label and send it in with homeroom number - and we get points which can be used to purchase all kinds of things like balls, books, games and many other items!



**View all the participating products.**

There is a collection bin in the OMS office that looks like a Campbell's soup can.

Please remember to send in the entire label.

#### Toner/Ink Cartridges

Save the landfill and raise money at the same time, a definite win-win for all!

When your toner/ink cartridge is used up, just send it in to the office in a Ziploc bag. The OMS PTSO gets money for each one turned in!

#### VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE is back!

Andrea Cooper is the new volunteer committee coordinator. This committee was formed to help teacher make copies thereby saving them time to plan for their classes. Volunteers give their time according to their own schedule, as much or as little as is convenient for them. **Anyone interested in helping-contact-Andrea Cooper- [mdcazc@comcast.net](mailto:mdcazc@comcast.net)**

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## LINKS YOU CAN USE!



Visit the [Stoughton Youth Commission](http://www.stoughtonoasis.com/SYC/) Calendar, at  
<http://www.stoughtonoasis.com/SYC/>

### Lunch Online

The Food Service online payment web site is now “MealPayPlus”, and is available at

[www.mealpayplus.com](http://www.mealpayplus.com)



<https://www.mealpayplus.com>

The School Lunch Menu is at

<http://www.stoughtonschools.org/Stoughton/ODMS/pages/lunch.html>

For more information, Keep an eye on channel 6 for OMS announcements and visit the school's website at [www.stoughtonschools.org](http://www.stoughtonschools.org)

The PTSO website contains the latest dates, events, agenda's, subcommittee information and much more.

<http://www.baseclasstech.com>

For a list of teachers, go to the OMS website's Staff List Page at:

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

Class room sites are at :

[http://www.stoughtonschools.org/Stoughton/ODMS/pages/class\\_sites.htm](http://www.stoughtonschools.org/Stoughton/ODMS/pages/class_sites.htm)