



# O'Donnell Middle School, Stoughton



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## A Message from the OMS PTSO

We had a wonderful turn out for our first meeting in September. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come out. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 16 at 7pm in the Media Center. Our guest speaker will be a representative from the Stoughton Youth Commission to discuss some of their wonderful programs. Please come if you can: parental involvement is key to your child's success!

The Stoughton Chamber of Commerce has offered a great opportunity for all parents who sign up for PTSO membership. Anyone who signed up for PTSO membership is entitled to a **FREE** 2008 Chamber of Commerce Preferred Customer Card (PCC)! Visit [www.StoughtonMA.com](http://www.StoughtonMA.com) for a list of participating merchants and the discounts this card offers. Since there is a limited amount of cards, we need to give cards to those members who don't already have one. Please email Laura Mone at [johnandlaura5@juno.com](mailto:johnandlaura5@juno.com) to let her know that you would like a PCC. Right now we have about 120 members. If you haven't signed up for PTSO membership and still wish to, you may do so on **Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** during parent/teacher conferences. Also, we are looking for parents to volunteer at the PTSO table those nights. If you'd like to help out, email Laura [johnandlaura5@juno.com](mailto:johnandlaura5@juno.com) or call 781-344-2373

**The 2008 Preferred Customer Card is still good until DECEMBER '09!**

--OMS PTSO Executive Board

## Our Big Fall Fundraiser

is our  
**Annual Magazine Drive!**

The program will "kick-off" on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Zorn 781-341-0278, or [ddzorn@verizon.net](mailto:ddzorn@verizon.net) so she can help you. Here are the dates you need to keep in mind:

**\*Friday 10/03:** It all begins... the students will get their packet.

**Monday 10/06:** Magnet turn-in Day. Students should bring in their completed booklet, which will be sent to out of town family and friends.

**Wednesday 10/15:** First order turn-in Day. Students will earn DOUBLE or TRIPLE points!

**Wednesday 10/22:** Final turn-in Day. Students will earn SINGLE points for any orders turned in on this day.

**Sunday 11/30** Cutoff for magnet book orders to be received at QSP in order to be eligible for prizes.

\*We are still looking for two volunteers to help out on Oct 6 during lunch 10:15-12:30. Please contact Debbie if you can help

**Prize Day/Cash Pull will be during lunches sometime late December or early January in order to include sales generated by magnet books.**

# OMS PTSO News

## Holiday Shopping Fundraiser



### OMS PTSO 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Hi Parents/Guardians:

The PTSO will be having its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual holiday shopping event on December 6, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This is an event where adults and children can do their holiday shopping. Babysitting will also be available. We hope to have 30 vendors and crafters selling their products. If you know any vendors who may be interested, please contact Noralee Curtis. Cost of a table is \$30.

We are looking for volunteers to help solicit donations from local businesses, advertising including signs, chair the bake table, chair the grab box, sell raffle tickets in advance, volunteer the day of the event or bake for our bake shop (see below). If you can help us out in any way or would like further information, please contact Noralee Curtis at 781-341-4232 – [Noralee@norwoodlight.com](mailto:Noralee@norwoodlight.com) or Rose Eckler at 781-344-5846 – [j.eckler@comcast.net](mailto:j.eckler@comcast.net).

## On-Going Fundraisers:



### Campbell's Soup Labels

What do your labels buy? Already this year, we purchased a bunch of items for gym classes: an electric inflator to replace the one that just broke, 2 Huffy jumping hoppers, 2 rubber chickens, and 1 rubber fish. Keep those labels coming! Visit [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for details about this program.



### BoxTops For Education

If you've never shopped through the Box Tops Marketplace, now's the time to check it out! All new Marketplace shoppers who make any purchase at the Box Tops Marketplace between now and November 2 will earn 5 Bonus Box Tops for the OMS and that's in addition to the normal percentage we always earn when you shop at the Marketplace! If you're doing online shopping anyway, why not earn money for the school at the same time! Visit [www.btfе.com](http://www.btfе.com) for details. Keep sending in those boxtops too!

**Hey Kids!** We've got an incentive for you! If we can collect 10,000 boxtops this year (that's like 12 per student) Mr. Hester will do something silly for the day! What do you think it should be? Send in your idea when you send in your boxtops! **AND if we reach this goal, the grade level that brings the most boxtops in will have a DAY OF FUN in June!**

# OMS PTSO News

## Spirit Wear For Sale

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

**For a small fee, you can have your Spirit Wear embroidered/monogrammed!**  
**To order, call or email 781-341-4232**  
[noralee@norwoodlights.com](mailto:noralee@norwoodlights.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 will be open every Monday during all lunches.

This is not a for-profit fundraiser. The PTSO simply wants our students as prepared as they can be. The items we offer are at very minimal cost. Be on the lookout for more details coming home soon!

## Halloween Hayride

The town of Stoughton is hosting a Halloween Hayride for all ages on October 31<sup>st</sup> at Cedar Hills Golf Course. It will begin at 5pm. Look out for more information!

# DANCE DANCE DANCE

## OMS FALL DANCE to be held November 7th

At the O'Donnell Middle School Cafeteria

All tickets must be purchased in advance. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Two dances will be held on this evening:  
 Grade 6 will be 4:30 - 6:30 pm  
 Grades 7 and 8 will be 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

## Help Wanted

The following OMS PTSO Committees are looking for YOU!

*Volunteer/Copy	*Hospitality
Dance	School Store
Holiday Shopping	*Enrichments
Fundraising	Staff Appreciation Week



Please visit our website

[www.baseclasstech.com](http://www.baseclasstech.com) to find descriptions of these committees.

\*Committees marked with an "\*" need a chairperson.

In order to join any of these committees or express an interest in being a part of the OMS PTSO in any way please contact Laura Mone (PTSO Vice-Pres.) at

[monefamily@verizon.net](mailto:monefamily@verizon.net)

# OMS PTSO News

## Mrs. DeNapoli's Health Tips

### “Milking It!”



Welcome to School year 08-09! This fall, I plan to concentrate on ways to live and maintain a healthy lifestyle! This month, the topic will be the importance of the most nutritious powerhouse beverage, MILK! If you are looking for ways to improve your nutrition, drinking milk is a no-brainer! A glass of the white wonder is just loaded with essential nutrients, and provides 10% of the recommended daily intake of protein, riboflavin, potassium, and vitamins A and B12 in each serving. Milk's most notable benefit is the calcium it offers---plus the fact that it's usually fortified with Vitamin D, which helps the body absorb that calcium. In fact, most people can reach their daily calcium quota by drinking 3-4 glasses of milk daily. The National Dairy Council says that consuming 3 glasses of milk can help control blood pressure, prevent certain cancers and help your body have nice strong bones!

And for those of you suffering with lactose intolerance, SOY MILK is becoming a very popular, unique alternative. It is also becoming a favorite for the super health conscience, because of its protein rich soy base.

So, let's not forget to drink our milk! It comes with every lunch here, so stop substituting it for something else, and never forget how important MILK is to your diet and health!

# OMS PTSO News

## Stoughton Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Presents

**Heather Tucker**  
**Tuesday, October 7, 2008**  
**7:00 – 9:00**  
**OMS Media Center**

### **"Take the Headache Out of Homework"**

Heather Tucker is the newly hired Out-of-District Administrator for the Stoughton school department. Ms. Tucker has been a special education teacher for the past 5 years which has provided her with practical experience regarding the homework process. During this presentation Ms. Tucker will share her insights regarding homework difficulties with specific strategies to make homework a successful experience for our students. This workshop is sure to be invaluable for all parents.

This evening will also allow Stoughton special education parents to **get to know Steve Levine and Heather Tucker**, the new administrators who will head up the Stoughton Special Education Department for the 2008 ó 2009 school year. Ms. Tucker was the assistant principal at the Dawe School during the 2007-2008 school year as well as a special education teacher in the Autism Program for the past 5 years. She now holds the title of Coordinator of Out-of-District Placements. Mr. Levine joins us following 7 years as an independent consultant and 25 years as a special education director in 4 towns. He holds the position of interim Director of Special Education Services. Please join us to learn more about their views on special education, their plans for this year, and an up-to-the-minute understanding of how the special education department is organized.

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.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### October

- 01 No School Rosh Hashanah
- 03 Kick off Magazine Drive
- 06 Mid-term Reports Issued
- 09 No school -- Yom Kippur
- 13 No school -- Columbus Day
- 16 PTSO Meeting 7pm
- 15 Parent Conferences (A-L)
- 21 Picture Day
- 22 Parent Conferences (M-Z) /last day to turn in magazine orders
- 30 Early Release, dismissal at 11:32am
- 31 Town Halloween Party Cedar Hills Golf Course 5pm



### November

- 04 No School Staff Development/ Election Day -- Please VOTE!
- 07 Fall School Dance
- 11 No School Veterans' Day
- 12 Term 1 Ends/PTSO meeting 7pm
- 20 Term 1 Report cards issued
- 26 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving 11am
- 27 No School Thanksgiving
- 28 No School Thanksgiving



### 2008 – 2009 PTSO Meetings:

The PTSO meets once a month from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the OMS Media Center.

#### **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

\*The meetings for the balance of the school year are:

Thursday, October 16      Nov. 12      Dec -- NO MEETING      Jan. 7

Feb.11      Mar. 4      Apr. 8      May 6      Jun. 3

\*All meetings are Wednesday unless otherwise indicated. Meetings are subject to change: Members will be notified via email of any changes.