OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL/CASTLETON HIGH SCHOOL PTA January/February 2012

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A Message from Your PTA Co-Presidents

Dear Families,

First marking period is over and so are the holidays. Unbelievable how time flies!

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the blue and white shack and bake sale. As well as those who participated in the turkey shoot.

We would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year! Looking forward to 2012

Co-Presidents
Josette Ragona
Jill Bonacasa

A Message from our Principal

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A New Year, a New Opportunity

As we end one year and gear up for the next, I feel it is a good opportunity to reflect. A great deal of work has been done by all of us to get to this point in the year and there are ample reasons for us to be proud of our efforts. That said, there is always room for improvement. That is why education is such a fulfilling profession. There are always new challenges that await us.

One of the challenges we face every year is working with our seniors and making sure they fulfill the requirements we have for graduation. The school will redouble our efforts to convey to our students the responsibility that they face for their own success. It is wise for all of us to communicate this to them so that they understand how important the link is between effort and achievement.

Their future success will depend upon this concept of "locus of control". It is our hope that they understand the relationship between effort and results and become intrinsically motivated to succeed. In this way, our students will be best prepared for college and/or the workplace.

The Oceanside Council of PTA's is enrolled in the Supermarket Fundraising Gift Card Programs at Stop & Shop, Pathmark and Waldbaums to raise money for Dawn Delirium.

Cards can be purchased in either $20 or $50 denominations, have no fees attached to them, never expire and can be used at any named store anywhere.

Cards can be purchased in $20 and $50 denominations and are used at face value (i.e., if you purchase a card for $50, you will have $50 on your card to spend). Use of these gift cards will not affect your use of the store's regular promotions with your frequent purchase cards and does not affect your ability to earn gas credits.

If you wish to purchase cards please email us at supermarketcards@oceansideschools.org or call Pat Poulos @ 516-236-1697.

You may purchase once or sign up to purchase on a weekly or monthly basis, always with the ability to purchase fewer or more cards as needed.

Fashion Show

Calling all Seniors!!! The annual Oceanside/Castleton High School Dawn Delirium Fashion Show will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 7:00PM in the OHS Cafeteria. Look for sign-up sheets on the Student Activities Office bulletin board beginning January 4, 2012. All seniors, male and female, are encouraged to sign-up to model prom or after-prom fashions for the show, as well as serve as photographers for the evening.

Calling all Under-Classman Parents! Parents of seniors will be watching their children strut their stuff on the runway so we are in need of assistance from freshman, sophomore and junior parents. If you can volunteer to assist with this fun and exciting event, please contact Jodi Katz at 766-1207 or email her at jodik67@aol.com.

Staff Recognition Luncheon Committee

The Luncheon is not until May but we have started planning it. We like to do something different and special each year for not only the teachers but all of the high school staff. They all work very hard to make sure the students are well taken care of. We will keep you posted as the event comes closer.

Calling All Seniors!

Save the Date: The **Dawn Delirium Fashion Show** will be held on Wednesday March 28, 2012 at 7pm in the High School Cafeteria. All seniors (male and female) are invited to model prom and after-prom fashions. We also need a few student photographers to capture the night on film.

Participation is absolutely free but we will ask that you try to sell some tickets to your friends and family so that they can come and see you in the show. All proceeds from this event go directly to your Dawn Delirium Post-Prom Celebration at Warehouse5, which is also absolutely free for you and one guest.

All parents are welcome to assist with this very special event. Underclassman parents are strongly encouraged to help us out with this event so that when your child is a senior strutting their stuff down that runway, you can sit back and enjoy the night as part of the audience. Senior parents who wish to assist can lend a hand with soliciting raffles, selling tickets, decorating and hospitality.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jodi Katz 766-1207 or jodik67@aol.com - please put Fashion Show in the subject line.

Oceanside Scholarship Fund

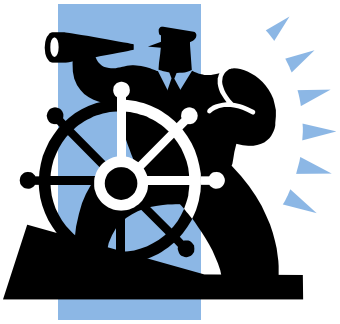
Our annual Phone-a-Thon took place in October this year and we had over 100 student volunteers! There was much chatter among the students as they got excited when they received pledges and were disappointed when people were not home to receive their calls. It made us proud to see so many students volunteer to help their peers in their own community.

We were also very blessed this year when Contractors' Express of Oceanside decided they wanted to give back to their community. The owners are OHS alumni. They teamed up with the Athletic Pride club in the HS and its advisor, Rich Woods. T-shirts were sold to support the OHS football team White game and the proceeds were donated to our organization in the amount of $2800!

As we know, the economy has hit us all very hard. People are losing jobs, families are trying to keep their homes and parents and students are finding it difficult to manage finances for children to continue their education after high school.

We would like to thank Rich Woods and his Athletic Pride Club, Contractors' Express, and all the students who volunteered their time to work our Phone-a-Thon. Thank you all so much for giving your time for a worthy cause. You should feel proud. The following is a list of all the students who worked the Phone-a-Thon:

Maliha Aibani Mascera Aibani Leyla Akdogan Ariana Akkaya Natasha Alford Chrislande Anglade Nicole Apice Alex Ayvas David Bader Michael Bayer Angela Bellitti Jason Benson Jordan Benson Steven Bittner Aron Blekh-Vaynshteyn Chelsea Borsack Kirsten Borstock Brielle Brook Ilissa Brown Zack Buda Heather Burns Nicole Calderon Vianna Calderon Tom Capone Jessica Caraciolo Joie Carelus Megan Carey Robert Carmosino Renato Chirinos Medwin Chiu Sammy Clampman Courtney Collins Jorge Contreras Julianna Cricchio Raven Crusco Silvana D'Antonio Dallas Dano Taylor Davenport Jeff Davis Casey Densing Jon DeRoss Tiffany Edson Lauren Fitzpatrick Brooke Froehlich J.T. Gales Alexandria Galloway Samantha Goldberg Gabriella Grosman Alexandra Guerin Danielle Guilbaud Jamie Harsanyi Andrew Hauser Lauren Hisiger Jaclyn Horowitz Lizz Iannarelli Daniel Jaimes Illyana Joell Jobin Joseph Stratos Kantounis Jamie Kemp Katie Kravat Richie Krims Joe Labella Brian Lau Daniel Leahy Amandine LeGoupil-Maier Shannon Lewis Dan Lombardo James Long Manuel E. Lopez Tiffany Lopez Brandon Lorberbaum Lewis Lupowitz Toni Mangione Alyssa Margolin Christopher Marina Anthony Marino Jenna McKeegan Diana Misitano Samantha Moran John Nassour Imani Newman Kayla O'Driscoll Meghin Paczkowski Gianna Palmieri Ricki Parks Briyanna Pearson Michelle Pennella Steve Pettibone Gina Platania Jacob Pomerantz David Portnoy Eric Portnoy Crystal Purpura Anastasia Radzievska April Reilly Heather Remsen Christian Rosario Elizabeth Rubin Jackie Scharfberg Krista Schlaeger Kendra Segelken Diana Selover Shade Shokunbi Max Simon Ben Smolarchik Eric Solomon Sarah Stewart Stephen Stomber Rebecca Strausman Ross Taylor Astrid Valencia Brianna Vitalis Sonny Vollkommer Lindsey Weintraub Ally Wendelken Justine Woods Sarah Woods Heather Zammit



Oceanside High School PTA

WE NEED YOU…
PLEASE JOIN AS A MEMBER TODAY

When you join the PTA, you immediately become a member of the State and National PTA organizations as well as your local unit. **ALL** Of the money collected goes directly back to our students for programs and scholarships. ***A Little Bit Goes a Long Way… Please join today.***

Our membership drive is coming to end soon. We have not met our goal for this year. Each member makes a difference. If you are a local professional or business owner we invite you to support our goals to advocate for every student: Become a member today.

Thank you.

OHS PTA Membership Form

Name_____

Email Address_____

Phone_____

Student's Name_____
MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:
____Family Membership $20.00
____Single Membership $10.00

Please detach and return to:
Oceanside High School PTA/Membership
3160 Skillman Avenue
Oceanside, NY 11572 **OR** DROP IT IN PTA MAILBOX AT OHS MAIN OFFICE.

Checks payable to: OHS PTA