



November/December 2009

A Message from Your PTA Co-Presidents

Debbie Cohen

Marylee Scharfberg

On behalf of the Oceanside High School/Castleton High School PTA we hope that you have had a positive beginning to the new school year and that your child has had a successful marking period. Your child will be facing many new challenges during his/her school years and we hope that you will stay involved and attend our PTA meetings to get informed. The PTA will continue to stay busy throughout the school year, working with the Principals and staff to find ways to enrich your child's education. We welcome your thoughts, questions, and suggestions so please feel free to contact us at any time.

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A Message from our Principal

Mark Secaur

I would like to thank Amy Bermudez for providing me with the opportunity to write for the Oceanside High School PTA newsletter. I would also like to thank all of you for being active in our school community. It is difficult to put into words how much your efforts are appreciated. Educators are a passionate lot, and when we work with parents who are equally passionate, great things happen. We are all equally committed to ensuring that we provide the best possible education to the students in the Oceanside community. We are tasked with providing our students with the necessary tools for future success and I believe we are up to the challenge. I very much look forward to working with you this year!

A Message from our OHS Castleton Principal

Dorie Ciulla

As a staff we feel that it is important for our students to give back to the community. As part of a graduation requirement at OHS Castleton, all seniors will volunteer one day at "The Inn."

Our first group of seniors volunteered on Friday, November 13th. Seven students were chaperoned by our social worker, Pearl Greenfield, and our psychologist, Dr. Marc Metzger. Students and staff helped prepare and serve food for 800 homeless people. They also worked in the thrift store distributing clothing.

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On Thursday, November 19, 2009, we celebrated our Annual Thanksgiving Feast. Students, their families, and staff members enjoyed a wonderful dinner. A compilation of what students were thankful for was shared with our guests. A good time was had by all!

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Dawn Delirium Fashion Show

Save the Date: The Dawn Delirium Fashion Show is being held on Thursday April 29, 2010. The purpose of this event is to raise money for Dawn Delirium, the annual after prom party held at Warehouse5. All seniors (male and female) will have the opportunity to model in the show. We are looking for parents, regardless of the age of your child, to join this committee. We are also seeking donations of any product and/or service that could be used as a raffle. If you would like to be involved or have any questions, please contact Jill Bonacasa (lemajume@aol.com), Lisa Carlisi (jems6@aol.com), Debbie Cohen (kidz4mom2@aol.com) or Jodi Katz (jodik67@aol.com). Please write "Fashion Show" in the subject line of any emails and, if you prefer to call, our numbers can be found on the district calendar.

Bake Sale!!! Every Monday 1 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Main Lobby

Thanks to all our volunteer bakers so far this year. If you would like to donate but have no time to bake a monetary cash donation would be greatly appreciated to also defray some costs. If you would like to make a cash donation please send it to the Main Office labeled "Bake Sale". To date so far we have made \$432.28 Thanks! Josephine Cipriano & Marcie Cutler

It's remarkable what children can learn from us.
It's even more remarkable what we can learn from them.

FUND RAISING

The "Blue & White" was in full swing this fall serving lots of hot dogs, hot chocolate and assorted snacks! This is the first year that refreshments were served at the boys & girls home varsity soccer games as well as the varsity football games. The turn outs were good and the fans were happy to have some hot chocolate on those cool fall evenings. We are moving inside this year for the first time and will be at the home varsity basketball games. We kick off with the team on their first home night game on **Friday December 18th @ 7:00**. "Battle of the Classes" is around the corner on **Saturday January 9th**. We are in need of some volunteers to help out that night. If you are available to help, even for an hour or so...please contact us. Traditionally this is night where most students are involved and parents want to watch, if we could set up a schedule so the committee can watch for a little while that night, we can all be supportive fans in the bleachers to cheer the kids on! We are looking ahead to spring and will be outside again for the varsity boys & girls lacrosse season for the first time. Come out and support our athletes all year long and enjoy some refreshments!

Your fund raising co-chairs, Jill Bonacasa LeMaJuMe@aol.com Luisa Pennella Lpennella@optonline.net

Reflections

Reflections is a program of National PTA whose purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. Begun in 1969, this cultural arts program is open to children from preschool through the 12th grade. The arts are an important part of every child's education. And, just as important, the Reflections Program is a fun project that can involve students, parents, teachers and the community.

Each year a new theme is selected and students are asked to interpret that theme in their work in the art areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography and visual arts. We have received numerous submissions in response to the 2009-2010 theme "Beauty is..." and the OHS PTA Reflections Committee is currently in the process of selecting the entries that will be sent on to Nassau Region PTA judging. On December 10th we will be notified if any of our students entries are selected to move on to the next level of judging - New York State PTA.

We thank all of the students who participated in this program and wish those who will be submitted to Nassau Region PTA judging the best of luck!

OHS STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Sophomore, Daniel Tommasino, is currently having a photo exhibit of his work at the Oceanside Library for the months of November and December. Please drop by and take a look!

Oceanside Library
30 Davison Avenue
Oceanside, NY 11572



OHS CASTELTON STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Michael Brooks, graduate of Oceanside High School Castleton, on his professional boxing debut! There was no trick or treatin', ghosts, ghouls or vampires -- just a night of exciting, competitive pro boxing on tap Halloween Eve (Oct. 30, 2009) at the Yonkers Armory. "Halloween Havoc", featuring some of New York's most promising prospects, including Michael, was presented by O'Shea Brothers Boxing Promotions. Michael Brooks was victorious against Jamel Brown with a KO in the fourth round. Many of his former teachers from Castleton were on hand to cheer him on and congratulate him on his success.



Our kids rock!

Be a part of something wonderful!!!

OHS / Castleton HS PTA Membership Form

Name _____

Email _____

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

Checks payable to: OHS PTA

Oceanside SEPTA Membership Form

We are proud to support SEPTA, our special education PTA! Please visit SEPTA'S website: www.septaoceanside.com for information on meetings and workshops. SEPTA represents ALL exceptional student in the Oceanside School District: Special Needs, Medical Needs, Section 504, Project Extra, and students receiving Academic Intervention Services.

Name _____

Email _____

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Student's Name _____

___ Single Membership \$10.00

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This month's informative website:
SPIN – Security/Police Information Network
<http://www.police.co.nassau.ny.us/SPIN/spininfo.htm>

MEETING DATES 2009-2010

(Meetings begin at 7 pm in the Library)

- January 6 • March 3 (Nominations)
- April 15 (Elections) • May 20

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