

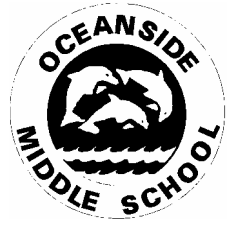


# OMS WAVE/QUARTERLY

A BRIDGE TO TOMORROW

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From the Principal's Desk...

I hope that you are finding the middle school experience for your child to be rewarding and challenging. The PTA and I have put this newsletter together as a means of keeping you informed about the many events and activities offered to your children. Please make reference to this publication as you navigate the middle years with your children.

I would also like to remind you to stay involved in your children's lives in the areas of homework monitoring and after-school supervision. Please check your child's agenda book on a regular basis to ensure that it is being filled out and that assignments are getting done. Also, please be sensitive to where your child is going after school hours. This time can be difficult for parents to monitor since many times parents are working until the early evenings, but they are hours in which students can find themselves making poor decisions.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance this year. As always, please call me or e-mail me at [rfenter@oceanside.k12.ny.us](mailto:rfenter@oceanside.k12.ny.us) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Bob Fenter

From the PTA...

By now everyone is settled into the Oceanside Middle School routine. Your PTA has been very busy behind the scenes bringing the fall events, programs, and fundraisers to you and your children.

Thanks to everyone who supported PTA through our annual magazine drive. It is these fundraising dollars that allow PTA to provide so much for our children. A great note of thanks to Karen Rizzo for chairing the PTA's largest fundraiser.

Special thanks to all the parent volunteers who came out to help with the OMS Fashion Show. Lucille Jackle and Gail Milone did an outstanding job preparing our models for their turn on the fashion runway. Everyone had a wonderful time, especially our incredible models.

Thank you to everyone who participated at the PTA Council legislation meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Our unit was well represented at this most important council meeting.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> our front lobby was transformed into a best selling bookstore. Mary Ann Meyer, Janice Shannon and Sandy Valenti worked tirelessly to ensure that each child was able to choose the perfect reading material for the upcoming long winter.

The next few weeks will be very busy around here at OMS. Roe Cirillo and Kim Kramer have organized many exciting volunteer speakers for our annual Career Day on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Karen Rizzo and Barbara Ribacoff have found the best vendors in town for our Holiday Boutique on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> - be sure to stop by to see what great gifts are available for your holiday gift giving.

It is never too late to join PTA. Membership dues can be paid at any PTA meeting. Come join us on November 30<sup>th</sup> to find out what is happening at our school!

Sincerely, Terrie Finneran and Brigitte Misitano

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## OMS SPORTS

Winter I Start Date: 11/8	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball (Boys), 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball (Boys), Cheerleading, 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball (Girls), 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball (Girls)
Winter II Start Date: 1/18	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball (Girls), 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball (Girls), Combined Grades Volleyball (Boys), Wrestling (Boys)

Free sports physicals for the Winter II season will be provided by the school physician at the OMS nurse's office on January 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 10 a.m.

Dear Parents: In an effort to foster communication I am sending you this note to inform you of some actions you can take to make our school a better place. I thank you in advance for your cooperation and support for these efforts.

P

Drop off and pick up your children in the back of the school at both arrival and dismissal. Your children will be better supervised and safer by following this procedure.

L

Remind your child that the school bus is an extension of their educational program. It is essential that they demonstrate appropriate behavior. Additionally, under no circumstances may a student ride a bus other than his/her assigned bus.

E

While the weather is getting colder, we appreciate your continued diligence in reviewing the appropriateness of your child's dress when coming to school.

Stay clear of fire lanes when dropping off your children or attending a school function – **it's the law!**

A

Remind your children to respect the Board of Education's policy regarding cell phones. According to the policy, cell phones are disruptive to the educational environment and, therefore, may not be used in school.

Check the school website on a regular basis. This site has weekly updated information as to the happenings in the middle school. Also, check our staff directory to see if your child's teachers have posted individual homepages.

S

Check your child's agenda book on a regular basis, even if he or she has no trouble with homework. Checking keeps you informed about what your child is learning.

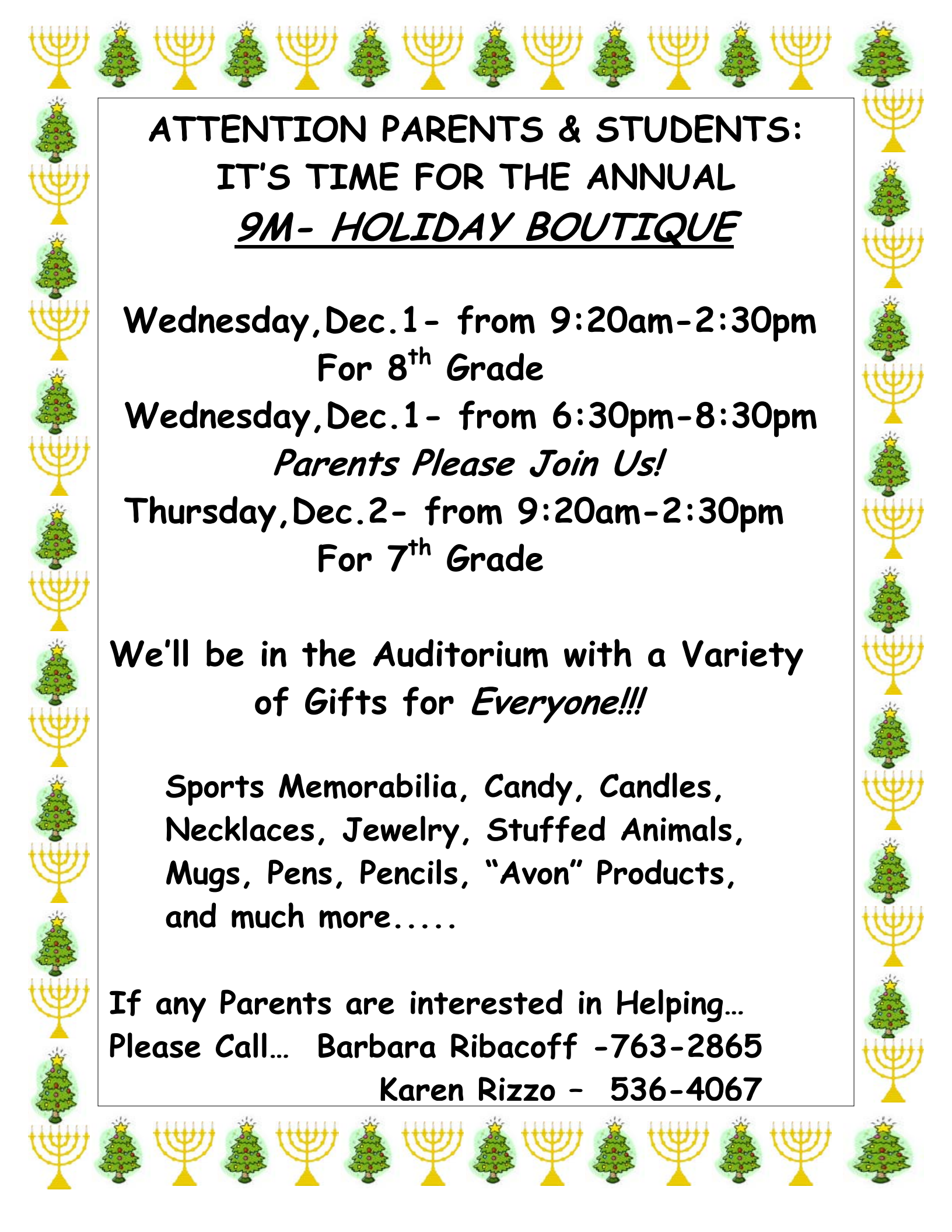
Ask your child to show you their notebooks for their different classes. At that time you will know how well your child is doing classwork and homework. The notebook is a very important source of information for you.

E

Post the "Extra Help Schedule" (available on the web page) on the refrigerator.

Take advantage of our Team Meetings. We will arrange to have most of your child's teachers together for a meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and development. Call 678-8523 to arrange a meeting.

Call to order a yearbook - 1-800-953-5550 (Jostens Direct Yearbook Ordering).



**ATTENTION PARENTS & STUDENTS:  
IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL  
9M- HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**

**Wednesday, Dec. 1 - from 9:20am-2:30pm  
For 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Wednesday, Dec. 1 - from 6:30pm-8:30pm  
*Parents Please Join Us!***

**Thursday, Dec. 2 - from 9:20am-2:30pm  
For 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**We'll be in the Auditorium with a Variety  
of Gifts for *Everyone!!!***

**Sports Memorabilia, Candy, Candles,  
Necklaces, Jewelry, Stuffed Animals,  
Mugs, Pens, Pencils, "Avon" Products,  
and much more.....**

**If any Parents are interested in Helping...  
Please Call... Barbara Ribacoff -763-2865  
Karen Rizzo - 536-4067**

# LOOK AHEAD: CYCLE II

## 2004/05

The following are some events scheduled for Cycle II. Please see your district calendar for districtwide events.

DECEMBER	
1	PTA Holiday Boutique during the day for 8 <sup>th</sup> graders PTA Holiday Boutique from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – All are invited!
2	PTA Holiday Boutique during the day for 7 <sup>th</sup> graders
8	Honor Roll breakfast – Grade 7 @ 7:30 a.m. in Café A
9	Honor Roll breakfast – Grade 8 @ 7:30 a.m. in Café A Winter Concert Grade 8 @ 7:30 p.m. in OHS Auditorium
15	Winter Concert Grade 7 @ 7:30 p.m. in OHS Auditorium
16 & 17	OMS IDOL III @ 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium (Tickets: \$5 dollars) Progress Reports mailed

JANUARY	
5	6 INTO 7 Parent Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium Enrichment Core meeting @ 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium
11 & 12	ELA State Assessment (Grade 8)
20	National Jr. Honor Society Annual Phon-A-Thon Coffee & Conversation @ & 7:00 p.m. in Room 138 PTA Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. in Room 138
21 & 22	OMS Musical "My Fair Lady" @ 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium
25 & 26	Science Performance State Assessment (Grade 8)
28	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> marking period

### SPORTS

**What is the schedule? Where is the game? How do I get there?**

**Please refer to the athletic website:**

**<http://WWW.OCEANSIDE.K12.NY.US/SPORTS/INDEX.HTM>.**

**You can also access this site by clicking on the "sports" link  
on our district homepage.**