

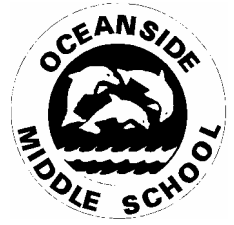


OMS WAVE/QUARTERLY

A BRIDGE TO TOMORROW

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From the Principal's Desk...

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to a new school year. For those parents who are joining us for the first time, a special welcome and an invitation to explore the many resources at your disposal in order to make the experience for your child a happy and positive one. I believe that you will find the middle school to be a place that offers a challenging and a developmentally appropriate education for your child. I also know that your child will have many opportunities to join clubs, perform in concerts and shows, compete on our athletic fields, and to explore his or her many talents.

This publication is one way that the PTA and I have chosen to keep you informed about the happenings and expectations of our school. In addition, our school maintains an updated website during the school year at WWW.OCEANSIDE.K12.NY.US that contains additional and new information, including a calendar of events for the month, for parents to review.

Our staff, with the support of the parents, works very hard to maintain a productive and enjoyable environment for students in which to learn. That goal, of course, cannot be achieved unless our students feel safe and secure. Our theme for this school year is, "**Be Safe. Be Responsible. Be Respectful.**" We hope that when you review the school rules, located in the agenda book, that you will reinforce this theme. Your child and all of the children who attend our school will feel successful in the school year ahead as a result of these important efforts.

I want to ask for your additional support as we make every effort to maintain the proper student dress in our school. Clothing that can be distracting to the learning taking place in our classrooms, including clothes that display a student's midriff or wearing tank tops or short skirts or shorts, are a hindrance to our common desire to make school a place of learning. Inappropriately dressed students are provided a t-shirt and sent back to class. We then notify you if a change of clothing is desired. I want to thank you in advance for your assistance in this effort.

Together with the PTA I encourage you to get involved in our school community. In particular, opportunities to assist at Career Day, Team Spirit, fundraising, Eighth Grade Day, and other events, are available for parents that wish to assist our educational program.

You can expect a mailing in the next week with your child's individual program and locker assignment, including the team and teachers your child will be working with for the next two years. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your child's upcoming school year. I can be reached at 678-8518 or by e-mail at RFENTER@OCEANSIDE.K12.NY.US. Wishing you a restful and productive remainder of the summer.

Sincerely,
Bob Fenter
Principal

LOOK AHEAD: CYCLE I 2004/05

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

SEPTEMBER	
23	PTA meeting @ 7:30 p.m. in Room 138
29	Grade 7 School Photos
30	PTA Magazine Drive Kickoff Grade 8 School Photos

OCTOBER	
5	Enrichment, Instructional Support, ESL Night @ 7 – 7:30 p.m. Back To School Night @ 7:30 p.m.
6 & 13	Magazine Drive Collection
14	Progress Reports Mailed
20	Principal's Coffee & Conversation @ 7:00 p.m. in Room 138 PTA Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. in Room 138

NOVEMBER	
3	Book Fair – Day & Evening PTA Fashion Show @ 7:30 p.m. in OMS Gym
4	Book Fair
10	National Jr. Honor Society Induction @ 7:30 p.m. in 9M auditorium
17	Career Day
22	Photo Make-Up Day Report Cards mailed

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.**

From Your PTA...



The Oceanside Middle School PTA welcomes you to the 2004/05 school year. As Co-Presidents of the Oceanside Middle School PTA we are excited to be working with all our families in the coming year.

The OMS PTA has planned a wide variety of programs and activities for our students that will enhance their learning experience at OMS. Our PTA publishes and distributes a quarterly newsletter, "The Wave," which is one way of getting information home to you. The programs and activities we have planned cannot be done without your help and support. By joining the OMS PTA you are a helping hand in bringing these events to our children. Join the OMS PTA by completing the tear-off sheet below and mailing it to the address on the form or you can join at Back-To-School Night or at any PTA meeting.

Meetings are a great way to become involved and find out what is happening at your child's school. Come join us for informal "Coffee & Conversation" before meetings. Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. Other meeting dates and times can be found in the Oceanside School District Calendar. We look forward to seeing you there!

On behalf of the Oceanside Middle School PTA, we wish all of the students and families a safe, happy, and healthy school year.

Sincerely,

Brigitte Misitano & Terrie Finneran, Co-Presidents

S.O.S.

Save Our Subscriptions

PTA will be conducting a magazine subscription sale beginning September 30th. Please save your subscriptions and renewals for our fundraiser and don't forget to tell your friends and relatives to save their orders too. Magazine subscriptions are a great gift idea as well! **This is our major fundraiser for the school year.** The success of this fundraising event will enable us to provide our children with beneficial programs and activities. Thank you in advance for your support of the OMS PTA.
Karen Rizzo, Chairperson
536-4037

(Detach and Return)

OMS PTA MEMBERSHIP

Detach and return this portion to:
Cathy Reilly, 2905 Chester Street, Oceanside, New York 11572.

Membership Dues (Checks Payable to: OMS PTA):

_____ \$10 Per Person

_____ \$16 Per Family



Child's Name: _____

Advisory Teacher: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone #: _____

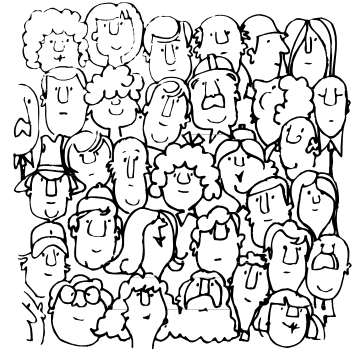
Address: _____

Team: _____

____ Yes, I am willing to be responsible for disseminating information to the other families in my child's advisory.

CLUB INFORMATION...

Club meetings begin as soon as the second week of the school year. Stay tuned for information regarding the middle school's annual drama production! Additional information regarding club activities will be posted in the main lobby.



Builder's Club	Work cooperatively with the Oceanside Kiwanis Club on community service projects.
Entrepreneur Club	Assist in running the OMS School Store.
Interactive Media	Assemble all forms of media: text, graphic, photographs, sounds, animation and video.
International Club	Explore the crafts and culture of the three Romance languages taught in the middle school.
Mathletes	Deepen your understanding of mathematical concepts!
Newspaper Staff	Create the OMS Newspaper!
Odyssey of the Mind	Participate in an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students.
Peoplehood Council	Promote tolerance and fight bias and prejudice.
Roots & Shoots	Participate in a variety of projects and fundraising efforts that protect and enhance our environment.
S.A.D.D.	Take action to educate others about the dangers of drug and alcohol use.
Science Projects & Activities	Conduct experiments and science activities.
Scrabble Challenge	Learn new strategies, increase your scores, and earn a chance to be a part of the OMS Newsday Scrabble Challenge.
Video Yearbook	Produce the Eighth Grade Day Video.
Yearbook Staff	Be involved in all aspects of publishing the OMS Yearbook!
Yorker Club	Study New York and U. S. history and participate in living history experiences.

PLEASE NOTE.....



In accordance with the policy set by the Board of Education, transportation to and from school is a privilege provided to students who live a specified distance from school. Students who ride the bus **MUST**:

- ❑ Carry and show their **bus pass** to the bus driver on a daily basis. Bus passes must be presented both in the morning and in the afternoon.
- ❑ Only board the bus to which they have been **assigned**.
- ❑ Students needing a replacement bus pass should report to the guidance office. There is no charge for the first replacement. Additional replacement passes will be provided at a cost of \$1.00.
- ❑ **Obey safety rules.** Students must refrain from behavior which distracts the driver and which, consequently, endangers the health and safety of other students.

Note: School district buses may be equipped with a camera to video students while they are being transported to and from our schools as a means of preventing vandalism and unsafe behaviors. Should any student be caught vandalizing any part of a bus, parents will be held responsible for the cost of repair or replacement.

No Exceptions...

Students are not permitted to ride another bus under any circumstances.

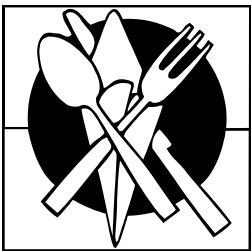
If you drive your child to school:

Students should be dropped off and picked up in the rear of the building. In the interest of safety, please do NOT drop off or pick up in the front or side of the building.

Did you know?

Late buses depart from the front of the building at 3:45, 4:30 & 5:00 p.m.

These bus routes are "all area" meaning that they do not necessarily stop at the same drop-off point as the regular bus route.



Cafeteria Program

- Pre-paid lunch tickets are available for sale in the cafeteria.
- Applications for free and reduced lunch are included in this mailing. Eligible students return forms to the guidance office.



Student Absences

Report student absences to the nurse's office at 678-8526. Please send an absence note with your child upon his/her return to school.

USE OF PHONES

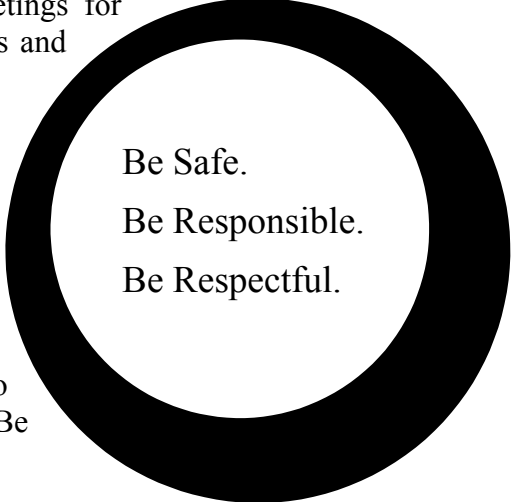
Board of Education policy requires that cell phones not be used in school. Phones used inside our school may be confiscated and must be picked up by parents in the main office. Students may make cell phone calls outside before and after the school day. In addition, pay phones are available for student use on the first floor of the middle school. **Students should have 2 "emergency quarters" available at all times.**

YOU'RE INVITED ...

to attend a team meeting. We will arrange to have many of your child's teachers together for a meeting with you in order to discuss your child's progress and development. Call the Guidance Office at 678-8523 to set a date. Meeting times for parents of 7th grade students are at 1:55 p.m. on Mondays & Wednesdays. Meetings for parents of 8th grade students are at 8:00 a.m., also on Mondays and Wednesdays.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Oceanside Middle School possesses a caring learning environment in which all students are entitled to be free from bullying. Therefore, we expect all of our students to adhere to the following guidelines: "Be Safe. Be Responsible. Be Respectful."




OMS IDOL

It has become a tradition to showcase the singing talents of our students through this annual show. Students interested in competing for the title of "OMS Idol" should listen for announcements in their advisories for audition and rehearsal information.

OMS SPORTS

Fall Start Date: 9/8	Combined Grades Cross Country (Boys & Girls), Cheerleading, Combined Grades Football, 7 th Grade Soccer (Boys & Girls), 8 th Grade Soccer (Boys & Girls), Varsity 7-12 Swimming (Girls), Combined Grades Tennis (Boys).
Winter I Start Date: 11/8	7 th Grade Basketball (Boys), 8 th Grade Basketball (Boys), Cheerleading, 7 th Grade Volleyball (Girls), 8 th Grade Volleyball (Girls)
Winter II Start Date: 1/18	7 th Grade Basketball (Girls), 8 th Grade Basketball (Girls), Combined Grades Volleyball (Boys), Wrestling (Boys)
Spring Start Date: 3/29	7 th Grade Baseball (Boys), 8 th Grade Baseball (Boys), Gymnastics (Girls), 7 th Grade Lacrosse (Boys & Girls), 8 th Grade Lacrosse (Boys & Girls), 7 th Grade Softball (Girls), 8 th Grade Softball (Girls), Combined Grades Track & Field (Boys & Girls), and Tennis (Girls).

SUPPLY LIST FOR 2004/05

<p>Package A: <i>Required for all students</i></p> <p>6 Binders (heavy weight):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 ½" gray (social studies) ▪ 2" clear or white (math) ▪ 1" dark green (science) ▪ 1" red (language arts) ▪ 1 ½" blue or turquoise (second language) ▪ 1" dark blue (other subject) <p><i>1 ½" binders are high quality glass twill</i></p> <p>5 sets of dividers 5 plastic pocket folders 1 package of loose leaf paper (200 count) 1 package of reinforcements 1 package graph paper ¼" square (100 sheets) w/holes 5 zippered vinyl pencil cases w/holes</p>	<p>Package B: <i>Recommended for all students</i></p> <p>3 highlighters: yellow, green, pink 1 pad 3 X 3 yellow post-its 100 3 X 5 ruled index cards Protractor Compass 12" ruler – clear 2 #2 pencils 1 mechanical pencil w/#2 lead 2 Gel ink pens/medium (1 black, 1 blue) 1 green ink pen 1 glue stick 3-hole punch 3 laminated pocket folders 2 nylon pencil cases w/reinforced holes 1 individual package of facial tissues 1 package of 12 colored pencils 1 Swingline tot stapler</p>
<p>DICTIONARY: Second Language</p> <p>Dictionary: French, Spanish, Italian.</p>	<p>CALCULATOR: Scientific</p> <p>TI30XIIS ... Required for seventh grade students</p> 
<p>Optional ... Available for purchase at our School Store:</p> <p>LOCKER SHELF KIT</p> <p>Includes adjustable locker shelf, magnetic accessory organizer, mirror and 4 magnets. PRICE: \$15.00</p> <p>MEMO CENTER</p> <p>Pad, ballpoint pen and magnetic holder for locker. PRICE: \$5.00</p>	<p>CALCULATOR: Graphing</p> <p>TI83+ ... Required for eighth grade students but can be used in 7th grade as well.</p>