



The Bulldog

OMS Newsletter

January 2018

OMS Students, Families, and Staff,

We are looking forward to many successful and fun learning opportunities for the coming 2018 year. The teachers spent their January work day preparing for second semester. The students were exposed to a variety of learning experiences during first semester, and our teachers are ready to start 2018!

The students raised \$2144 for our 4th annual Dodgeball tournament! Money raised will go back to the PE department for equipment, and OMS will make a monetary donation to Hoops for Heart. The students had a great time vying for the championship. The winners go to our 8th grade team (Black Outs). The competition did not stop with the students, as the two staff teams battled it out for the winning team. The winning staff team goes to the Throwbo Cops. Mr. Herring was finally on the winning staff team!



MAP testing will be April 16th-27th. Each class will test at their normal class time. Please watch for information on when your child will be testing in April. Sixth and seventh grade students will be tested in ELA and Math. The eighth grade students will be testing in Math, ELA, and Science. Ms. Ritter's math class takes their EOC test at the end of April.

Thank you for all you do to support our school,

Mrs. Malizzi, OMS Principal

Athletics and Activities Alert:

Back and recharged after break, January is here and brings a close to OMS Winter Athletics & Activities.

With the OMS Wrestling season completed, the boys' and girls' basketball teams are in the forefront for the month. With six games and a two-day B Team Tournament coming this month, the season wraps up on January 23rd. Three basketball games will bring halftime entertainment, as the OMS Winter Guard Club will be performing on the 8th, 18th and 23rd! Come out to watch all the OMS talent!

Be on the lookout for OMS Intramurals. Intramurals will be open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders beginning January 30 and ending February 23. Basketball and volleyball will be the main focus, beginning with basketball on the 30th. The activity will last from 3-4 PM on Tuesdays - Fridays.

Important Dates:

January 8, 18 & 23 - OMS Winter Guard Club performs at halftime of the A Basketball Game.

January 12-13 - OMS B Team Basketball Tournament

January 23rd - Final OMS Basketball Games

January 30 - First day of Intramurals (Basketball from 3-4 PM)

February 26 - First day of Track Practice (7th - 8th Graders)

* Please check the Odessa R-VII website for full OMS sports schedules.

Mr. Doering, OMS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director



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Bulldog of the Month

December's theme was: #lifeiswhatyoumakeit

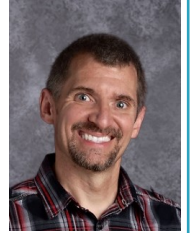
Teachers choose students who were **bold, adventurous, and exciting**

Students:

Lexi Adamec, Adrienne Pate, Thor Brown, Derrick Marble, Avari King, Michael Moody, and Dylan Baumann



Staff Member Spotlight



Mr. Poggemeier is in his 29th year of teaching and 27th year at OMS. Mr. Poggemeier was born in New

Jersey, and lived there for 15 years. He is a graduate from MU (go Tigers!). He and his wife Nancy have two children (Katie and Michael). Mr. Poggemeier enjoys Marvel movies, running, reading, and binging on Netflix. He ran a marathon when he was 16, and he stated he probably won't do that again! He loves to travel, and he is a morning person. Mr. Poggemeier has a great sense of humor and truly cares about student success. In case you wanted to know: his blood type is A+ and his shoe size is 12!

Dodgeball 2017....



Mental Health Awareness

What's happening in my teen's brain? Teens think that they are just like adults, but science tells us that their brains are not fully developed until they reach their twenties. Those differences contribute to some of what we think of as typical teen behavior. If you would like more information on decision-making, empathy and impulse control or addiction we are here to help.

For further information please contact Mrs. Cowman, OMS social worker at 633-1500.

Dates of Interest:

January 15th– No School

January 22nd– STEP Meeting at 3:15pm

January 26th– Bulldog of the Month Pizza Lunch

Test your OMS Staff Knowledge!

Match the fact with the staff member. **What is your favorite food?**

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| 1. T-bone Steak | A. Mrs. Callahan |
| 2. Mashed Potatoes | B. Mr. Rouillard |
| 3. Chinese Food | C. Mrs. Lefman |
| 4. Tacos | D. Coach Herring |
| 5. Lobster | E. Miss Westmoreland |

Students who turn in the correct answers to Mrs. Malizzi WINS a prize!