



The Bulldog

OMS Newsletter

October 2018

OMS Students, Families, and Staff,

The school year is off to a great positive start at OMS! The Bulldog Ambassadors will be hosting a new student party on Tuesday the 2nd. We know that moving schools at the beginning of the year can be tough, so we want to take some time out and make our new students feel welcome. We also want to get to know them better.



There are lots of exciting events happening this month. Make sure to check out the dates on the backside. Learning is our #1 priority, but building a positive climate of fun and opportunities takes a close second place! The more kids are involved, the more they will achieve in all areas.

Make plans to attend Parent/Teacher conferences October 16th or 18th. Please call the office at 816.633.1500 to set-up a time. We encourage students to come as well! This is a perfect time to hear the great things your student is doing, and learn if there are areas to keep working on.

#OMSfamily

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Malizzi, OMS Principal

Athletics and Activities Alert:

Huge shout out to our Fall athletic teams! OMS Volleyball is currently undefeated in regular season play, while the OMS Football team is 1-1-1. Not only are they producing during games, but are being accountable in the classroom as well. Great job to our student athletes! Please continue to come out to support our teams this fall, and do so with school spirit, class and sportsmanship.

It's hard to believe, but Winter sports and activities are just around the corner. Middle school wrestling will begin on October 22, while basketball tryouts will begin October 29. Students must have a **current physical** on file in order to participate and try out. Another great opportunity fast approaching is the OMS Winter Guard Club. There will be upcoming informational meetings for students for all approaching activities. Make sure to listen to announcements!

Important Dates:

October 13 - Final Volleyball tournament (A & B) in Oak Grove

October 17 - Final Football game - Home vs. Harrisonville

October 22 - First Wrestling practice

October 29 - Basketball tryouts begin

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Mr. Doering, OMS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director



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Bulldog of the Month

September #togetherwecan



Front: Zach Carson, Clayton Tomlinson

Back: Brandon Lorenz, Kemani Flaharty, DJ McLallen, Lillian Hamblen, Haley Burke

Staff Member Spotlight



Mrs. Moore is in her sixth year of teaching and her first year at Odessa as our FACS teacher. She lives in Odessa with her husband and baby girl (She is adorable!). Mrs. Moore also coaches our B team volleyball. She loves spending time with her family. For fun Mrs. Moore plays on a women's volleyball league in the spring and a coed sand volleyball team in the summer. Mrs. Moore stated, " I have really enjoyed being a part of the #OMSfamily and getting to know all the staff and students".

Dates of Interest:

October 5th– Early Release @11:30– Homecoming

October 8-12th– Teen Read Week

October 10th— Picture Retakes & Special Olympics

October 12th– Advisory Parties– Bring Snacks

October 16th and 18th– Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 18th– Early Release @ 11:30

October 19th– NO School

October 24th– Glow Walk/Run 5-6pm

October 26th– 7th/8th Grade Dance 3-4:30pm

October is Disability Awareness Month

- Special Olympics, the international sporting organization for people with intellectual disabilities, conceived by the Kennedy Foundation, got its start through a Special Recreation Program at 10 Chicago parks, which led to a competition at Soldier Field on July 20, 1968.
- Daniel Radcliffe, star of Harry Potter, suffers from dyspraxia, a neurological problem that impairs the organization of movement.
- Harry Potter fans who read Braille didn't have to worry about spoilers from their sighted friends in 2005, when Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince became the first to be simultaneously released in Braille and print.
- Jim Abbott is another great example of someone who didn't let their disability get in the way of their athletic profession and love for their sport. Being born without a right hand would most likely be a large hindrance on playing any sport, but that didn't stop Jim. He went on to play in the college baseball scene, all the way up into the New York Yankees. He became one of the best left handed pitchers in the entire league, and scored a grand total of 888 strikeouts against opposing batters.

Test your OMS Staff Knowledge!

Match our NEW staff:

1. Head Band

2. 6th Grade Co-Teaching

3. Assistant Band

4. 6th Grade ELA

5. Paraprofessional

A. Mr. Twombly

B. Mrs. Grubb

C. Mrs. Swearingin

D. Mr. Fisher

E. Mrs. Schaberg

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