



The Bulldog

OMS Newsletter

September 2018

OMS Students, Families, and Staff,

Welcome to the start of another amazing school year! Our OMS staff are excited to be back and have been looking forward to meeting our new sixth grade students. Our building theme this year is #OMSfamily. We want all our students, parents, guardians, and staff to feel apart of our OMS family. When we all work together the students achieve success and positive experiences.

The middle school will do our best to keep everyone updated on events at school. Please add the OMS webpage to your favorites. The OMS webpage calendar will be your quickest link to what is happening in the building. Communication is key for students to be successful. Please meet and visit with our staff when any concerns arise.

The middle school is pleased to welcome the following new staff members to our team: Tami Grubb (6th grade ELA), Scott Ragland (8th grade special education), Morgan Schaberg (6th grade special education), Derek Twombly (Head Band Director), Grant Fisher (Assistant Band director), Emily Moore (FACS), Dawn Easley (Computer Literacy), Melody Burns (para-professional), Joe Lietz (para-professional), and Marcy Swearingin (para-professional).

Let's make the 2018-2019 school year one filled with success, learning, fun, and great memories at OMS! #OMSfamily

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Malizzi, OMS Principal

Athletics and Activities Alert:

With September already upon us, fall sports and activities are in full swing. Odessa Middle School is being represented by 16 girls on the volleyball team and 20 boys on the football team. With games starting September 6th and 11th, respectively, it's time for our student athletes to put all the hours and energy into real game action. Please come support our teams and do so with school spirit, class and sportsmanship.

A new, exciting opportunity for 7th and 8th graders is also underway. The OMS Cheer Club is 31 members strong and learning under the OHS Cheer coaches and cheerleaders. Watch for this group to perform at the three OMS home football games this fall!

Important Dates:

September 6 - First OMS Volleyball Game -- Home vs. Excelsior Springs

September 11 - First OMS Football Game -- Away vs. Sedalia Smith-Cotton

September 29 - Odessa B Team Volleyball Tournament (At OMS and OHS)

* 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

The theme for this year's Bulldog of the Month is **#YOURLEGACY.**

The teachers will be looking for characteristics that go with each month's theme. We want to continue to build a positive and fun learning environment for our students to be successful. Students will be honored with a pizza party with Mrs. Malizzi and Mr. Doering. We are looking forward to recognizing students for their outstanding citizenship at OMS.

Below are the monthly themes for the school year:

**#LEADBYEXAMPLE, #KEEPGROWING,
#BEYOURSELF, #TOGETHERWECAN,
#LIFEISWHATYOUMAKEIT**

Dates of Interest:

September 10-14 - Book fair

September 17– STEP meeting at 3:15

September 28– No School

October 5– Early Release at 11:30– Homecoming

October 10— Picture Retakes

Staff Member Spotlight

Mr. Kratz is starting his second year at OMS. This is his first year as a teacher. Mr. Kratz is a co-teacher in the special education department for seventh grade. He is an Odessa graduate. Mr. Kratz is married, and they are expecting their first child at the end of January. Mr. Kratz is also an Assistant Football coach for OHS and an Assistant Track coach for OMS.



Fun Facts about Mr. Kratz:

He loves to do Cross Fit and play video games.

Mental Health Awareness

September is Suicide Prevention month. Mrs. Cowman will be educating students this month on depression awareness and suicide prevention training. This training is part of the Signs of Suicide Program (SOS). Mrs. Cowman will be going into classes at the end of the month educating students on ACT (Acknowledge. Care. Tell). All students received information on bright green paper on Tuesday.

Please reach out to Mrs. Cowman with any questions at 633-1500.

Test your OMS Staff Knowledge!

Match our NEW staff:

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| 1. Paraprofessional | A. Mr. Ragland |
| 2. 7th Grade Co-Teaching | B. Mr. Leitz |
| 3. FACS | C. Ms. Burns |
| 4. Computer Literacy | D. Mrs. Moore |
| 5. Paraprofessional | E. Mrs. Easley |

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