



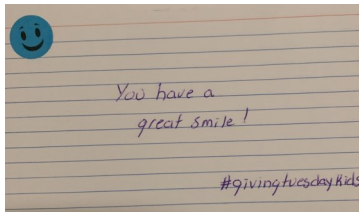
# The Bulldog

OMS Newsletter

December 2019

OMS Students, Families, and Staff,

About a month ago Grace and Ella Smith visited with me about #GivingTuesday. The girls were very passionate about spreading kindness in the building to our students and staff. Grace and Ella had a plan on what they would like to do. They wanted to make note cards on their own time (and they already had the materials) with positive messages. The girls came back to school on Monday and posted notes on the lockers of all our students and staff doors. They had to make about 600 notes! Grace and Ella enlisted the help of Hayley Burk, and Emily Schulmeyer-Horsley. Here is a little information on #GivingTuesday: Giving Tuesday, often stylized as #GivingTuesday for the purposes of hashtag activism, refers to the Tuesday after U.S. Thanksgiving in the United States. It is a movement to create an international day of charitable giving at the beginning of the Christmas and holiday season. I am very proud of the girls for taking on their own act of kindness and including all of our students. Here is what the Grace had to say about this project, "We just wanted to make everyone feel happy and to know someone has their back." Ella stated, "I wanted to encourage people to be their selves and to not let other people bring them down."



Yours in Education,

*Mrs. Malizzi, OMS Principal*



## **Athletics and Activities Alert:**

December is a very busy month for OMS Activities! Six Basketball games, seven wrestling meets, band & choir concerts and lots of Winter Guard Club rehearsals are all packed in before the holiday break. Students and staff are working extremely hard in their respective activity. It's hard to believe the winter seasons are moving along so fast!

The annual Dodgeball Tournament is coming up as well, so start forming those co-ed teams! The winning student team will play the teacher champion at the Winter assembly December 20.

### Important Dates:

December 5 -- 6th - 8th Grade Band Concert - 6:30 PM

December 17 -- OMS Basketball vs. Warrensburg - Games resume 2nd semester on January 9

December 18 -- Dodgeball Tournament - During School Hours

December 19 -- Home Wrestling Meet @ OMS - 4:30 PM

December 20 (Half Day) -- Winter Assembly and Dodgeball championship

December 23 -- Winter Break begins

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

*Mr. Doering, OMS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director*



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## OMS Fun



## Staff Member Spotlight

Mrs. Amanda Pierce is in her fifth year at OMS as our girls' PE teacher. Mrs. Pierce is full of energy and positivity!

### Words from Coach Pierce:

I have an amazing husband in the Army National Guard. His is currently deployed in Washington D.C. We have a two year old son named Easton.

I love spending time with family and friends, and I love to make crafts, take photos and scrapbook family memories.

My hobbies... working out, spending time outdoors, and watching sports. In addition, I love inspirational quotes and stories. I LOVE being at school!

### Fun Fact:

I flew for the first time this year and I have been on 12 different flights! I'm excited to travel more in the future:)



## Dates of Interest:

**December 12th– 8th Grade Field Trip**

**December 18th– Student Dodgeball Tournament**

**December 20th– Student vs. Staff Dodgeball Championship Game and Winter Assembly**

**December 20th– Early Release @ 11:30am**

**January 7th– School Resumes**

## Test your OMS Staff Knowledge!

Match the fact with the staff member.

1. I am a grandma to three
2. I have twins
3. I am having my second child
4. I am the best snack maker at OMS
5. I wear  to work everyday

- A. Coach Herring
- B. Mrs. Cowman
- C. Mr. Buford
- D. Mrs. Callahan
- E. Mrs. Torres