



The Bulldog

OMS Newsletter

December 2020

OMS Students, Families, and Staff,

We are so thankful at OMS for our wonderful students, staff and community! Mrs. Pate, OMS Counselor, headed up our Thankful Card Project for Thanksgiving. I was blown away with the amount of cards that were mailed, sent in, or dropped off to OMS for our students. **We received over 2000 cards!!** Mrs. Cowman and Mrs. Quick helped with the sorting and delivering of these cards. It was nice to see the smiles on the faces of our students when they got their cards. I even had one student who was on Quarantine send in a picture of appreciation for the cards!

Our 8th grade Honors' Society will be heading up a fundraiser for Mrs. Allen, our 8th grade Algebra teacher. She was diagnosed in March of 2020 with a rare brain condition (Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension). Please look for information that was sent home for a coin drive, pie a teacher in the face, and a spirit week to help raise funds for her medical expenses. Our OMS family of students and staff would like to show her kindness as she is navigating this new journey. Mrs. Allen is amazing, and you would never know she has this rare brain condition. She is always smiling, interacting with the students, laughing and continuing to be a very skilled teacher. Please send in your coins next week. The winning grade level will get a treat! I am looking forward to seeing which teachers will get a pie in the face! Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets.

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Malizzi, OMS Principal

Athletics and Activities Alert:

In the month of November, our wrestlers and basketball players have been hard at work as they prepare for competition! OMS wrestlers have had 3 meets up to this point as they have traveled to Oak Grove for the MRVC West Tournament, Lawson Quad, and Holden Quad. In the MRVC West Tournament, we had 2 wrestlers go undefeated and 4 with only 1 loss. The wrestlers have racked up a lot of won matches so far.

The OMS Basketball Teams start competition on Wednesday, December 2. Both teams have had to overcome some adversity and make-up for lost practice time due to the COVID pandemic. That being said, both teams have persevered, worked very hard, and are excited to start the competitive portion of their seasons as the Girls travel to Wellington on Wednesday at 6PM and the Boys play at home at 5PM.

Good luck to our Wrestlers and Basketballers as they continue to compete!

Mr. Begemann, OMS Assistant Principal and Athletic Director

Sport	Date	Time	Opponent/Event
Boys Eball	12/2/20	5:00pm	Wellington@OMS
Girls Eball	12/2/20	6:00PM	@Wellington
Boys Eball	12/4/20	5:00PM	@Warrensburg
Girls Eball	12/4/20	5:00PM	Warrensburg@OMS
Wrestling	12/4/20	5:00PM	@Lafayette County C-1 Quad
Boys Eball	12/8/20	5:00PM	@Oak Grove
Girls Eball	12/8/20	5:00PM	Oak Grove@OMS
Wrestling	12/9/20	5:00PM	St. Joe@OHS
Wrestling	12/16/20	4:30PM	@OMS
Boys Eball	12/17/20	5:00PM	Center@OMS
Girls Eball	12/17/20	5:00pm	@Center



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OMS Fun: card project & food collection



Dates of Interest:

December 4th: Last day to switch class placement: seated/virtual or virtual/seated– please call Mrs. Malizzi by December 4th

December 7th– December 16th: Coin Drive

December 14th-December 18th: Spirit Week

December 18th: Half Day of School

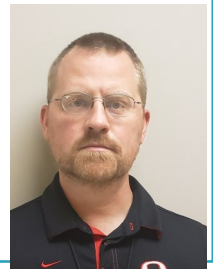
December 21st-January 4th: Winter Break

Staff Member Spotlight

Mr. King is our 8th grade math teacher. He will have 20 years of teaching in at semester! He had previously taught at OUE and OMS for a total of nine years, and returned back to Odessa this year. He also has taught 3rd and 4th grades. His wife is a special education teacher at McQuerry. They have three child who attend the Odessa School District (Bella, Miles and Lily).

FUN FACTS:

- ◆ He was born and raised in Illinois.
- ◆ He loves the Chicago Cubs!
- ◆ He and his brother have NO sense of smell.
- ◆ Mr. King has begun writing several books.
- ◆ He is an avid singer and loves acapella music.
- ◆ Mr. King is an ordained minister .



Test your OMS Staff Knowledge!

Match the fact with the staff member.

- 1. 22nd year in teaching**
- 2. 27th year in teaching**
- 3. 32nd year in teaching**
- 4. 25th year in teaching**

- A. Mr. Poggemeier**
- B. Mrs. Grubb**
- C. Mrs. Torres**
- D. Mrs. Ford**