



# The Bulldog

OMS Newsletter

May 2021

OMS Students, Families, and Staff,

May has arrived and that means the school year is almost a wrap! Students are finishing up their MAP testing. The students will be rewarded with two tickets each day (attendance and effort). They will get several chances to win gift cards for their hard work! Thank you STEP for purchasing the gift cards! Check out some of our winners on the next page! Thank you for all your support this year! :)



After MAP testing there will be several activities to reward our students for a great 20-21 school year. It will for sure be a year we won't forget with all of the COVID restrictions. Here are few fun activities for our students as the year winds down:

- May 11th: Spelling Bee (For those who qualified)
- May 14th: 7th Grade Outside Day
- May 17th: 8th Grade Honor Society Lunch
- May 18th: 8th Grade Picnic/Outside Fun
- May 19th: Lollapalooza (For those who qualified)
- May 20th: Field Day (6th grade am & 7th grade pm)
- May 21st: 8th Grade Field Day pm session
- May 24th: Dodgeball (info will be sent out later this week)
- May 25th: Talent Show by grade level

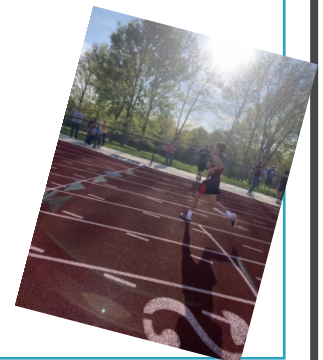
Yours in Education,

*Mrs. Malizzi, OMS Principal*

## **Athletics and Activities Alert:**

The OMS Track and Field Teams have had a great season. The Girls Team took 2nd place at the Grain Valley Open to kick the season off! The Boys Team has had much success throughout the season in the 4x400m Relay, the long jump, 800m run, and the 1600m run. The Girls Team has competed extremely well and had many first place finishes throughout the season, primarily in individual events. They have been very successful in the 400m dash, 200m dash, high jump, triple jump, discus, 100m hurdles, and 800m run. The last track meet of the season is the Clinton Invitational today, May 3rd, at 4PM. Good luck to our track teams as they finish their seasons!

Sport	Date	Time	Opponent/Event	Site
Track and Field	5/3/2021	4:00PM	Clinton MS Invitational	Clinton Middle School





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## OMS Fun



## Staff Member Spotlight

### MR. POGGEMEIER

He has been in education for 32 years and the last 30 years have been at OMS! Mr. Poggemeier will be retiring at the end of the school year.

### FUN FACTS from Mr. Pogg:

- I ran a marathon (26.2 miles) when I was 16 and finished in 3:11.
- I originally went to Mizzou to pursue journalism but changed my major late in my sophomore year (so glad I did!).
- I am a big Marvel Avengers fan (obvs.)  
In addition to being a Chiefs fan, I also like EPL soccer, where my favorite team is Newcastle United.

I grew up in suburban New Jersey and moved with my parents to southwest Missouri when I was a sophomore in high school (quite the culture shock!). I went to Mizzou, where I met my future wife Nancy in an English literature course.

After we graduated (English Ed. for me and Elementary Ed. for her), we got married and moved to Lebanon, MO, where we both landed teaching jobs. I was able to secure a position right here in Odessa, where I have been teaching for the last 30 years.

A few things have happened to me/us since then. I finished my Master's degree at UCM and worked on a doctorate at UMKC (completed coursework but didn't write a dissertation, so no extra initials there). All the education was worthwhile though; I feel like it made me a better teacher.

We have two grown children, Katie and Michael, who are both nurses in the Kansas City area. They both have spouses, houses, and dogs, so we feel very blessed and thankful that they are "adulting." We love spending time with them whenever we can get together.

Nancy and I are simply amazed at how fast time has flown by but, as empty-nesters, we are enjoying more time together and are looking forward to some fabulous travel opportunities in the future. We worship at First Baptist here in town, where we love our church family and are excited to resume regular activities later this summer.

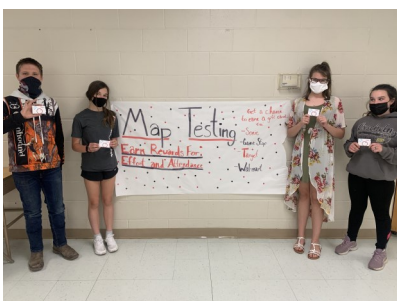
It has indeed been a privilege to be in this profession and in this community for 30+ years, and I appreciate my fellow educators and their tireless effort and inspiration.



## Dates of Interest:

- May 4th: Band Concert**
- May 10th: STEP Meeting 3:30pm**
- May 11th: Spelling Bee 3:30pm**
- May 18th: Choir Concert**

## **Congrats to some awesome kids for working hard on the MAP test!**



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