

OLEY VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

The entire Oley Valley Middle School staff would like to wish you a very happy holiday season. We are looking forward to the special events that the holidays bring to the Middle School. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade Orchestra will join with the 7/8 Concert Band for a concert on Friday, December 16. On Tuesday, December 20, our second Winter Concert will feature the Chorus and the 6th Grade Band. These are great opportunities to support our talented students and to enjoy the holiday season.

Last year the Middle School PTSO sponsored our first "dress up" dance. Our holiday dance is again an opportunity for students to get all dressed up. This dance is for 7th and 8th graders and is to be held on Friday, December 9 from 7 to 9:30 pm. Students are not required to dress up for this dance, but most are looking forward to doing so. Please remember ladies... no strapless dresses.

Winter sports for the Middle School began on Tuesday, November 29. Please be sure to get all necessary forms in ASAP. Middle School (and High School) athletic schedules can be found at www.oleyvalleysd.org/teams.htm.

Please be sure to read through this month's newsletter! There is a lot of important information regarding Middle School happenings, including due dates for the annual Science Fair.

Our newsletter is going digital! This will be the last month that the OVMS Newsletter will be mailed home to all families. It will be available each month on the school district website. One of the selections in the pull-down menu under Middle School is Newsletters. If you would like to continue to have a hardcopy of the newsletter mailed to you, please make that request in writing to Mrs. Shearer in the Middle School office.

Beginning this month, the Oley Valley Middle School will recognize three Students of the Month! One student from each grade level will be selected by the faculty and staff. Students will be recognized in the front hallway of the Middle School and on the Middle School page of the website.

Another reminder that when the weather fully turns and the precipitation freezes, it may be necessary to delay the start of school, to dismiss early, or to close school entirely for the day. As was in place last year, the district will give the earliest possible notification via the SchoolMessenger (formerly ConnectEd) system, local radio stations and Channel 69 News.

Sincerely,

Dan Marks
Principal

OVMS NEWSLETTER

December 2011



GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

The MS Music Department has two opportunities for you to enjoy some holiday music. Come out on Friday, December 16, at 7 pm, to hear the String Orchestra and 7th & 8th Grade Concert Band. On Tuesday, December 20, at 7 pm, the Choral Ensembles and 6th Grade Concert Band will be presenting their concert. Don't miss these wonderful evenings of seasonal music!!!

OVMS NEWSLETTER



READ THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE

This will be the last newsletter mailed to your home. You will be able to read the monthly newsletter on the Oley Valley School District website. Each month after the newsletter is placed on the website, you will receive a call notifying you that the newsletter has been posted to the website. To access the newsletter, go to the Oley Valley School District website (www.oleyvalleysd.org) and click on "Middle School". On the drop down you will find a link to "Newsletters." Click on this link and the newsletters for 2011-12 will appear. You will be able to read the current newsletter or past newsletters.

Parents or guardians wishing to continue receiving the newsletter in the mail, please contact Karen Shearer at 610-987-4100, ext 4308. Copies will also be available on the INFORMATION table in the MS Lobby.

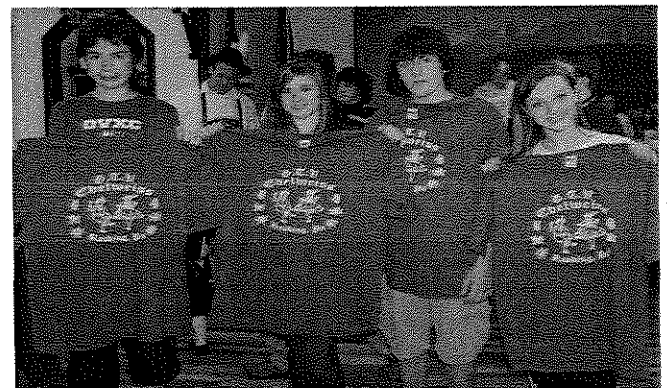
FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE

Sign-up today for your table at the Flea Market Bake Sale on Saturday, February 4, 2012. A registration form is attached to this newsletter. Deadline for table registration is February 2, 2012.



IMPORTANT SCIENCE FAIR DATES

Science Fair pre-registration is due to Ms. Short on *Wednesday, January 11*. All projects must be completed by *Tuesday, January 31*. Sign-in and set-up of projects will be on *Wednesday, February 1, from 2:30 - 7:00 pm*, in the MS Gym. Awards will be presented at 7 pm, on *Thursday, February 2*, in the MS Auditorium. Friends and family may view the projects after the awards presentation. Projects need to be picked up on *Friday, February 3, between 2:20 and 6 pm*.



LIEDERKRANZ FIELD TRIP

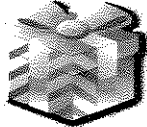
On Wednesday evening, November 16, thirty-six students from the 8th grade German classes traveled to the Reading Liederkrantz. They were treated to an authentic German buffet dinner of bratwurst, jagerschnitzel, rotkohl, spaetzle, und apfelstruedel for dessert. Entertainment was provided by the club's folk dancers, and then the students had time to practice German folk dancing. For the fifth year in a row, the 8th grade won the dance contest, keeping alive Frau Weidman's 14-year winning streak. Each contestant was awarded a Liederkrantz T-Shirt! During class on Thursday, the winning dancers taught some of their new dance moves to other OVMS students. Listen for some of the German songs on Lynx Broadcast Network! Das Abend war wunderschoen!



MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY DANCE

The next 7th & 8th grade dance will be on Friday, December 9, from 7 – 9:30 pm. This will be our holiday dance. Dress in your holiday best. Girls, no strapless dresses. And, if you still prefer your jeans, then wear them and enjoy the night! Admission is \$5.00.

PTSO HAPPENINGS



DECEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The MS PTSO is collecting boxes of tissues to be donated to Chestnut Knoll Assisted Living Center in Boyertown. They are also collecting new unwrapped gifts for Bethany Children's Home. The children at Bethany range in age from 12 – 18 years old. A list of suggested gifts is attached to this newsletter and is also located on the OVSD website under the MS PTSO. You can place your donated box of tissues or unwrapped gifts in the collection boxes located in the hallway of the MS Lobby. Donations for both of these community service projects will be received until December 14. *Students donating a box of tissues and an unwrapped gift will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card. You must show Mrs. Shearer your box of tissues and gift to receive a ticket for the drawing.* Thank you for helping others at this special time of the year!

PTSO FUNDRAISER

You can pick-up your Nature's Vision and Reppert's Candy fundraising orders on Thursday, December 8, from 3 - 7 pm, in the MS Cafeteria. Thank you to everyone who made our Fall Fundraiser a success.

EXTRA SPIRIT WEAR ITEMS

Looking for that last minute Christmas gift? Then we have the answer for you. The PTSO has a few extra Bodek T-Shirts in Adult and Youth sizes. There are also a few Adult sizes of the Fuschia with zebra print Hoodie. Call Phyllis Miller at 610-921-8253 or Pabby29@comcast.net to purchase these great gifts!



PHEASANTLAND SKATE NIGHT

The next PTSO skating party at Pheasantland Skating Rink is on Wednesday, December 14, from 6 – 9 pm. Cost to skate is \$5.00 plus rental charges. Volunteer chaperones are needed for an hour or two. Please contact Lynn at 610-367-9460 to volunteer.

DECEMBER PTSO MEETING

Interested in a night out with friends, good cheer, laughter, and food?? Then join us for our December PTSO meeting at the Manatawny Inn (across from Pheasantland Skating Rink) on Wednesday, December 14, at 7 pm. Please note the Inn accepts cash only.

JANUARY DANCE

Sixth grade will have its first dance of the school year on January 20, 2012 from 7 – 9:30 pm. Admission is \$5.00. Snacks and refreshments are available for purchase. The next 7th & 8th grade dance will be February 17.

SCHOOL STORE

School store will be held during lunch on January 6. Students can purchase school supplies, key chains, book covers, and other trinkets.

MARKET DAY

Pick-up your December Market Day orders on Thursday, December 8, at OVES, from 7 – 8 pm.



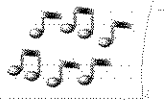
IMPORTANT DATES FROM RAPOE VALLEY YOUTH LEAGUE

2012 Little League Baseball Registration (Ages 5-13) – OVMS Cafeteria

Saturday, January 7 – 10 am – 2 pm

Saturday, January 14 – 10 am – 2 pm

Visit our website www.RAPOEValley.com for news and updates.



SCRIP ORDERS/PICK-UP REPPERT'S CANDY PICK-UP

Saturday, December 10, is the day to pickup your Reppert's Candy and your Scrip/Grocery card orders placed with the Music Association. Pickup will be from 8:30 - 10:30 am in the High School Cafeteria.



JOIN THE PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING CHALLENGE!

Girl Scout Troop 1645 needs your help! The troop is collecting plastic bags for a plastic bag recycling challenge. Collection containers have been placed in the lobby of the OVES, OVMS, and OVHS. The building that collects the most plastic bags will receive a bird house made from the recycled plastic bags. The school is also competing against other schools in our region. If OVSD collects the most bags, we will also receive a park bench made from recycled plastic bags! The challenge ends on Earth Day, April 22. Please help us reach our goal!

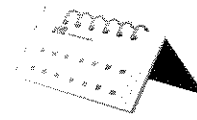
What Can be Recycled:

- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Plastic department store bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Dry-cleaning bags
- Plastic Bread bags
- Plastic Produce bags
- Toilet paper/Paper towel over-wrap
- Stretch film (no household Saran Wrap)
- Zip lock bags - clean dry and free of food



JAZZ BAND PRACTICE

Jazz Band will rehearse after school from 2:20 - 3:15 pm every Wednesday, beginning November 30. If your child needs to ride the Elementary bus home, please make sure you send in a bus request. Bus passes are given out in the MS Office.



SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR CHANGE

Previously, Monday, January 16, was listed on the school district calendar as an in-service day and students would not be reporting to school. Monday, January 16, will now be a snow make-up day for the school day missed on October 31. Please make this change to your school calendar to assure your child attends school on Monday, January 16.



OLEY VALLEY ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Need to fuel-up before tackling that holiday shopping? Then this fundraiser is for you! Support the Oley Valley Athletic Boosters by enjoying a good breakfast at an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser on Saturday, December 17, from 8 - 10 am, at the Applebee's located at 5600 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading.



IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE OLEY VALLEY YOUTH LEAGUE

Spring Sports Registrations - OVES Lobby

Thursday, January 5, 2012, 6 - 8 pm
Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 6 - 8 pm
Saturday, January 14, 2012, 10 am - 1 pm

This registration includes *Softball* and *Junior Baseball*. Information for Senior Baseball registration will be available soon. Visit our website at www.ovyl.org for more information.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!





2011 BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS WISH LIST



The youth currently living at Bethany are between the ages of 13-18.
Please choose age-appropriate gifts with consideration for parental warnings, modest clothing and safety.
Call if you have questions 610-589-4501.

Please DO NOT wrap general gifts, as they are distributed among all youth. Staff will wrap them after sorting.

Much like other teenagers, the kids at Bethany Children's Home LOVE to shop!
Gift cards from area malls, Wal-Mart, Target, KMart, craft stores, etc., are ALWAYS appreciated.

As an alternative, please consider a financial gift to the Christmas Year Round Fund, which provides for operational costs, supplies and events that create smiles all year long!

Mail Checks to:
1863 Bethany Road
Womelsdorf PA 19567

PERSONAL CARE

HAIR BRUSHES, COMBS, PICKS
MEN'S SHAVING KITS
ELECTRIC SHAVERS
ETHNIC HAIR CARE PRODUCTS
TRAVEL HYGIENE KITS
NAIL CLIPPERS/EMERY BOARDS
HAIR DRYERS
STRAIGHTENERS/FLAT IRONS

ACCESSORIES (Men's & Women's)

JEWELRY
WALLETS
WATCHES
UMBRELLAS
MAKE-UP SETS
BATH & BODY SETS
OVERNIGHT TRAVEL DUFFLE BAGS

CLOTHING

HOODED SWEATSHIRTS
ATHLETIC SHORTS
PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRTS
SNEAKERS
SNOW BOOTS
WINTER JACKETS
MEN'S WINTER GLOVES
GIRL'S BATHROBES
SLIPPERS
GIRL'S ANKLE SOCKS
WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR
MEN'S BOXER BRIEFS (LONG)

ELECTRONICS

DVDs (no R rating)
CDs (no parental advisories)
Wii, PS 2, XBox games & accessories
EAR BUDS/HEADPHONES
MP3 PLAYERS-NO BUILT-IN CAMERAS!!
DIGITAL ALARM CLOCKS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

BACKPACKS/GYM BAGS
SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS
FOLDERS
MECHANICAL PENCILS
BINDERS\
BOOK SOX-ASSORTED SIZES
POSTER BOARD

HOBBIES-GAMES-TOYS

BOOKS-Appropriate for teens
JEWELRY MAKING SUPPLIES/KITS
SCRAPBOOKING SUPPLIES
MODEL CARS
ART SUPPLIES
JOURNALS

SPORTS EQUIPMENT (NO PING-PONG equipment!)

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT
EXERCISE TRAINING DVDs
BIKE HELMETS – Adult sizes
SWIMMING GOGGLES
SNOW TUBES, SLEDS, SNOWBOARDS
POOL CUES, TIPS, CHALK
FOOTBALL GLOVES
FISH RODS, REELS, TACKLE BOXES
BASEBALL GLOVES
OUTDOOR GAMES

COTTAGE NEEDS

SMART MOPS & REFILLS
BED PILLOWS
BODY PILLOWS & COVERS
KITCHEN DISH TOWELS
BATH TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS
OVEN MITTS
WALL CLOCKS
TOASTERS
SWIFFER CLEANERS
ELECTRIC GRIDDLES

***Please note that Bethany cannot accept used clothing, toys or personal products.
We do not have infants or toddlers in our care.***

Oley Valley Middle School
FLEA MARKET,
BAKE SALE, & BOOK
FAIR

Saturday, February 4th, 2012

(Snow Date – Saturday, Feb. 11th)

Oley Valley Middle School Gym

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(set-up at 6:30 a.m.)

Sponsored by the Oley Valley Middle School Excellence Committee...Proceeds
benefit the students of the O.V. Middle School.

**DEADLINE FOR TABLE REGISTRATION –
February 2nd, 2012**

(first-come, first-served basis...We sold out of space last year; don't delay!)

Table Registration Form

Please reserve _____ table(s)* @ \$10 each = \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

***Eight-foot tables**

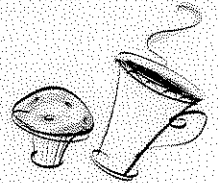
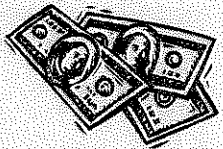
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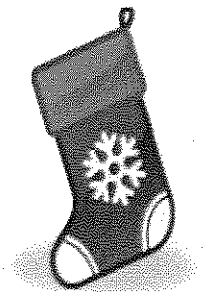
* I will donate baked goods. _____ Yes _____ No

Please return completed form to the OVMS office by February 2nd,
2012, with your check made payable to *OVMS Excellence Committee*.
Mailing address: OVMS; 3247 Friedensburg Road; Oley, PA 19547
c/o Ken Bagenstose (610-987-4100 x4115)

If you do have questions, please call x4115 after 2:30 p.m. during the week!

The Oley Valley Middle School is not responsible for lost or stolen items.





IMPORTANT DATES FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

7th & 8th GRADE HOLIDAY DANCE – DECEMBER 9

7 – 9:30 PM

PTSO SKATE NIGHT – DECEMBER 14 – 6 – 9 PM

PTSO MEETING - MANATAWNY INN – DECEMBER 14 - 7 PM

ORCHESTRA, 7th & 8th GRADE CONCERT BAND CONCERT –

DECEMBER 16 – 7 PM

6th GRADE CONCERT BAND & 6th, 7th, & 8th GRADE CHORUS

CONCERT - DECEMBER 20 – 7 PM

EARLY DISMISSAL – DECEMBER 23 – 10:45 AM

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

SCHOOL CLOSED – DECEMBER 26 – 30, 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SCHOOL CLOSED – JANUARY 2, 2012

CLASSES RESUME – JANUARY 3, 2012

SNOW MAKE-UP DAY – SCHOOL IN SESSION

JANUARY 16, 2012

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