

# OLEY VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that your holiday break was restful and rejuvenating for you and your families. We're quickly closing in on the end of the first semester. The final day of the first semester is Wednesday, January 18. Please note that Monday, January 16 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and is a REGULAR SCHOOL DAY. Also, Friday, January 20 is a half-day for students. Middle school students are dismissed at 10:45 am on half-days. That same Friday, January 20, is the OVMS 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance. The dance runs from 7 to 9:30 pm and the cost is \$5.00.

Congratulations to our first OVMS Students of the Month! Our students of the month are highlighted in the newsletter, pictured on the website and will soon have pictures in the entrance hallway of the Middle School. Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Month for December was **Matt Beard**. Our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Month for December was **Janelle Rohrbach**. And our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Month for December was **Ben Muir**.

The annual Middle School Science Fair is on Thursday, February 2. The awards ceremony occurs in the Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 pm. Drop-off for projects is the previous day from 2:30 pm to 7 pm.

The PA Department of Education has directed that PSSA assessments for 2012 are to be conducted from the middle of March through the middle of April. At the Middle School, all students will participate in Reading and Math PSSAs on March 19, 20 and 21. Eighth grade students will also complete PSSAs in writing on April 17, 18 and 19 and in science on April 24 and 25.

Please be sure to check the OVMS Google calendar located on the school district website. The link for the calendar is as follows: <http://www.oleyvalleysd.org/middle-school/ovms-calendar/>. The calendar can be viewed by week, by month (the default) or by an agenda list of items.

The winter weather may join us at anytime. The district will give the earliest possible notifications regarding delays, early dismissals and/or closings via the SchoolMessenger (formerly ConnectEd) system, local radio stations and Channel 69 News.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Marks".

Dan Marks  
Principal



## BOOK FAIR

The annual PTSO Book Fair will be held on Thursday, February 2, 8 am - 8 pm, Friday, February 3, 8 am - 6 pm, and Saturday, February 4, from 8 am - 1 pm. Students will have the opportunity to purchase books when their English/Reading classes visit the Fair. Bring the family in the evening or on Saturday to select their favorite books. Books for the Fair will be provided by Scholastic Book Fair. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer at our sale table, please contact Trish Allen at 484-269-0166.

## FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE

Tables are still available for our Flea Market on Saturday, February 4, 8 am - 1 pm. A sign-up sheet is attached to this newsletter. Toys, lots of children's clothes, household items, and collectibles are just a sampling of the items for sale. At the food stand, Mrs. Kline will be making her famous breakfast sandwiches. For those with a sweet tooth, there will be plenty of delicious baked goods to purchase. There is something for everyone. Come on out and support the Middle School Excellence Committee!



## IT'S TIME TO ORDER

Attached to the Newsletter is the order form for the Middle School Yearbook, PAWPRINTS 2011-12. The cost for the yearbook is \$16 and checks should be made payable to Middle School Yearbook. Deadline for ordering is February 10, 2012. Be sure to order your yearbook now to guarantee you will have one when they are distributed at the end of the school year!

## IMPORTANT SCIENCE FAIR DATES

The Oley Valley School District Science Fair will be held on Thursday, February 2. Student projects must be completed by Tuesday, January 31. *Set-up 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 Auditorium.* Friends and family may view the projects after the awards presentation. *Science Fair projects must be picked-up on Friday, February 3, between 2:20 and 6 pm.*

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

### Christmas Caroling

On Wednesday, December 21, Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Breen and the following Student Council members visited Manor Care Nursing Home in Laureldale.

Kiana Estright	Alexis Meals
Marc Folk	Maggie Mege
Caroline Hannum	Alex Phillips
Brendan Jocsak	Marissa Shores
Danielle Knowles	Madison Wagner
Mikaela Leaman	Sydney Weise

The students sang Christmas carols and handed out homemade cards to the residents. The students enjoyed spreading Christmas cheer, and the residents were thrilled to have visitors. Thank you to the parents for providing transportation to the nursing home.

### Christmas Cards

Christmas cards were made by the students at OVMS and sent to Corporal Thomas Wicklow, brother of Mrs. Nigrini, MS Social Studies teacher, and Lieutenant Colonel Tim Bowden, brother of Mrs. Simpson, MS Music teacher. The students thanked them for their service and wished them a Merry Christmas.

## JUNIOR COUNTY MUSIC AUDITIONS

*February 14 - Chorus - Governor Mifflin HS*  
*February 21 - Band/Orchestra - Governor Mifflin HS*



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, mark your calendar for the annual United Nations Day to be held on Wednesday, February 29, from 8 to 10 am. Watch for more information in the February newsletter.



## **DANCE, DANCE, DANCE**

Sixth grade will have its first dance of the school year on January 20, from 7 - 9:30 pm. Admission is \$5.00. Snacks and refreshments are available for purchase. Please remember the school dress code applies to dances as well. Interested parent volunteers for the night of the dance can call Deb Wolf at 610-921-9400.

The next 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance is sponsored by Student Council and will be held on February 17, from 7 - 9:30 pm. Admission is \$5.00.

## **PTSO HAPPENINGS**

### **FALL FUNDRAISER**

Our Fall Fundraiser was a GREAT success! Thank you to all the students that participated in our Natures Vision and Reppert's Candy Fundraiser. The money raised will be used to support special activities and field trips for the MS students. The following students were the top sellers: #1 - Justin Glenn, #2 - Karleigh Groves, #3 - Jessica Ridgway. Information on our Spring Fundraiser will be coming home soon!

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

A big thank you to everyone who purchased tissues or gifts for the Christmas Community Service Project. Sixty-four boxes of tissues were received for Chestnut Knoll, as well as a lot of wonderful gifts which were delivered to Bethany Children's Home prior to Christmas.

Congratulations to Rachel Levan, the winner of the \$50 gift card to Target. Again, thank you to everyone who made this project a success.

## **PHEASANTLAND SKATE NIGHT**

The next PTSO skating party at Pheasantland Skating Rink is on Wednesday, January 11, from 6 - 9 pm. Cost to skate is \$5.00, plus rental charges. Bring a friend!

## **MARKET DAY**

Orders for January must be returned by Tuesday, January 10. Internet orders must be entered by Friday, January 13. To enter your order online, visit [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). The pick-up date for January Market Day orders is Thursday, January 19, from 7 - 8 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

A big thank you to everyone for clipping box tops and labels. Keep on clipping and deposit into the containers located on the table in the MS Lobby.

## **SCHOOL STORE**

The upcoming dates for School Store are February 3, March 2, April 13, and May 11. Items for sale this month are pencils, pens, highlighters, key chains, erasers, note pads, book covers, and other school supplies. Most items cost 50¢ - \$2.00.

## **PTSO MEETING DATES CHANGED**

For the remainder of the 2011-12 school year, the PTSO meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month. January's meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17, at 7 pm, in the MS Library. Meeting dates for the remainder of the year are as follows: February 21, March 20, April 17, and May 15. New faces are always welcome.

## **SPIRIT SALE**

There are still a few items leftover from the Spirit Sale. You can purchase a Fuchsia Hoodie with a lined Zebra print hood for \$35.50, sizes M, L, and XL, a Grey Youth T-Shirt, with a pawprint on the left chest and LYNX screen printed down the right side for \$22, or a Woman's Vintage White V-Neck T-Shirt with a pawprint on the left chest and LYNX screen printed down the right side for \$23, by contacting Phyllis Miller at 610-921-8253.

## ATTENTION 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade After-School Activity Permission Form will be coming home in early January. In order to attend the activity on March 1, each student **MUST** submit a permission form. Forms must be returned to school **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 3**. Donations of food and volunteers for the activity are needed. You can sign-up on the form or by contacting Deb Wolf at 610-921-9400.



### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

During the month of December, the Student of Month program was instituted. Any teacher or staff member can nominate a Student of the Month. Their pictures will be displayed in the main entrance hallway and on the school website at <http://www.oleyvalleysd.org/middle-school/ovms-students-of-the-month/>. Congratulations to our December winners!

Ben Muir – Grade 6

Janelle Rohrbach – Grade 7

Matthew Beard – Grade 8



### LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

The MS Drama Club will be presenting the musical “The Best of Both Worlds” on Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10. Save the dates and watch for more information in the February newsletter!

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Oley Valley Elementary School kindergarten registration process for 2012-2013 has begun. A child is eligible for kindergarten if he or she will be five years old on or before September 1, 2012. Please contact the Elementary Office at 610-987-4100 ext. 2999, to register your child.



## RAPOE VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE

Registration for 2012 Spring Baseball (T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Minors, Majors, and Juniors, Baseball, and Girls' Softball) – OVMS Cafeteria

Saturday, January 14, from 10 am – 2 pm

Check out [www.RAPOEValley.com](http://www.RAPOEValley.com) for the latest information on upcoming events.



### JOIN THE PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING CHALLENGE!

A big thank you to everyone from Girl Scout Troop 1645. The collection box for the plastic bag recycling is constantly overflowing! OVMS wants to be the prize winner, so keep those bags coming!!!

#### 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



## OLEY VALLEY YOUTH LEAGUE NEWS

Spring Sports Registration (T-Ball, Jr. Baseball, and Softball) – OVES Lobby

Tuesday, January 10, from 6 – 8 pm

Saturday, January 14, from 10 am – 1 pm

Senior Baseball Registration - Oley Legion Post

Sunday, March 11 - 1 – 3 pm

Additional Youth League information can be found at [www.ovyl.org](http://www.ovyl.org).

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

**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 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!)

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**Table Registration Form**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Eight-foot tables**

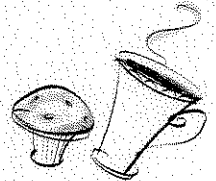
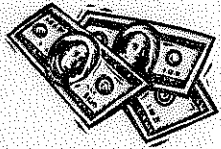
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\* I will donate baked goods. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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.\*\*\*



# ORDER YOUR COPY OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK NOW!



## PAWPRINTS 2011-12

**DEADLINE TO ORDER: FEBRUARY 10, 2012**

**PRICE - \$16.00**



**Please use a separate order form for each student. One check may be written for combined orders in one envelope. Place this order form and payment in an envelope marked "Yearbook" and return to Mrs. Shearer in the Guidance Office by February 10, 2012.**

**Make checks payable to "Middle School Yearbook".**

**Student Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of Yearbooks \_\_\_ @ \$16 each**

**Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_**

**A REMINDER**

**To Residents Of:**

**Oley Valley School District**

**Your Local Earned Income Tax Return for 2011  
MUST BE FILED BY April 17, 2012**

Anyone who has earned income, regardless of age, for the year 2011, must file a tax return if they lived in the Oley Valley School District. Even if your employer has withheld and paid your tax, this return must be completed. This obligation is incurred by anyone who is a wage earner, farmer, unincorporated business (including partnership and individual proprietorship) and ALL OTHERS who received earned income or profits for services rendered.

**Failure to file on time will result in a penalty and interest charge of 12% per annum and additional costs of collection. Regulations also provide a \$500.00 fine for refusal to file.**

Residents of the Oley Valley School District are required to file a tax return, **EVEN IF THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED A FORM THROUGH THE MAIL.** Forms may be obtained by contacting the:

**BERKS EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTION BUREAU**

920 Van Reed Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610

**Telephone: 610-372-8439**

Fax: 610-372-1102

Toll Free: 1-855-372-8439

Website: [berkseit.com](http://berkseit.com)



**IMPORTANT DATES FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

**SNOW MAKE-UP DAY - SCHOOL OPEN - JANUARY 16**

**PTSO MEETING - JANUARY 17 - 7 PM**

**END OF SECOND QUARTER - JANUARY 18**

**EARLY DISMISSAL - JANUARY 20 - 10:45 AM**

**6th GRADE DANCE - JANUARY 20 - 7 - 9:30 PM**

**REPORT CARDS ISSUED - JANUARY 26**

**SCIENCE FAIR SET UP - FEBRUARY 1 - 2:30 - 7 PM**

**SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS PRESENTATION - FEBRUARY 2 - 7 PM**

**SCIENCE FAIR OPEN TO PUBLIC - FEBRUARY 2 - 7:30 - 9 PM**

**PTSO BOOK FAIR - FEBRUARY 2, 3, & 4**

**SCHOOL STORE - FEBRUARY 3**

**FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE - FEBRUARY 4 - 8 AM - 1 PM**

**SNOW DATE - FEBRUARY 11 - 8 AM - 1 PM**

**DEADLINE TO ORDER PAWPRINTS YEARBOOK - FEBRUARY 10**

**PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED  
FEBRUARY 20**