

O'MALEY

Innovation Middle School



O'Maley Happenings – Thursday, November 3, 2016

What's happening at O'Maley this week???

Reminder - Tuesday, November 8 – No school for students. Staff Professional Development Day.

Exciting News!

O'Maley will be participating in the **Scripps National Spelling Bee** this school year! The O'Maley Spelling Bee will be in February and the regional bee is in March. That winner goes on to compete in the national championship! An after school program will be offered for the winter session for those serious contenders to hone their study skills. Please contact guidance counselor Mary White if you are interested in the after school program.

FOOD DRIVE - O'Maley's annual Food Drive to benefit the Open Door Pantry is underway. Items will be collected in boxes in every homeroom until November 22. Please send in non-perishable items such as peanut butter, canned meats, healthy snacks, 100% juice boxes, hearty soups and baking items. This great service opportunity is a wonderful way to support the Gloucester community!

Student Drop-off and Pick-up - Parents, please be reminded that the designated area for drop off and pick up is in the lot beyond the hockey rink. When cars enter the lane in front of the school it creates a dangerous situation for students at the beginning and end of the school day. Please follow the established rules on this issue.

Washington DC Calendar Raffle –

Our 8th grade students are busy selling calendar raffles to benefit their class trip to Washington DC. The tickets are available for purchase throughout the month of November and daily winners will be drawn each day in December. We have some great prizes this year...please help if you can!

Grade 8 Students - Essex Tech H.S. Open House on Saturday, November 19th at the Essex Tech campus. [www. essextech.net](http://www.essextech.net)

O'Maley Academy News

Attention O'Maley Academy participants, guidance counselors Allison Cousins and Paula Gray will be offering a one day college and career exploration course after school Thursday December 1st. All O'Maley Academy students are welcome to sign up online through the O'Maley Academy website. Don't miss this fun and exciting opportunity!

Does your child have an idea to make O'Maley – and Gloucester – even more AWESOME?

The O'Maley community has been invited to submit proposals to make O'Maley even more awesome. The top 2 proposals will be awarded \$1,000.00 to see their idea through. All proposals are due Friday, November 28. Come see and hear ideas on "Pitch Night" Tuesday, December 7th 7:00pm in the O'Maley Library.

Important Dates coming up in November:

Friday, November 4 – Grades close for Term 1
Tuesday, November 8 – No school for students
Friday, November 11 – No school Veteran's Day
Tuesday, November 15 – Report Cards go home
Thursday, November 17 – Early Release – Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, November 23 – Early Release &
Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25 – No School – Thanksgiving break

Scholastic Book Fair - Looking for some ideas for your holiday shopping? Come to the book fair! The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to the O'Maley Library Learning Commons on December 5th through December 9th. Please mark your calendars. A detailed letter will be going home November 28th after Thanksgiving break.

O'Maley Middle School Guidance Department presents:

A Parent-to-Parent Sharing and Pizza Night!
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH ADOLESCENTS

Wednesday, November 9th ~ 6:30-8pm ~
O'Maley M.S. Library

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Join us for a night of problem solving with fellow parents and guidance counselors as we tackle issues that face adolescents today. Successful tips and strategies will be shared as we dissect real life situations that make communication with our middle school kids challenging.

Here are some examples of hot topics we'll explore:

- Phone use and texting
- Internet safety – Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Getting Organized and Staying Organized
- Friendship Navigation
- Developing Solid Homework and Study Habits

- Dealing with Drama
- LGBTQ
- Coping Skills
- Increased Anxiety

Pizza and drinks will be served!