

# O'MALEY

## Innovation Middle School



### O'Maley Happenings – Thursday, December 21, 2017

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

**Early Release** – Tomorrow, Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am -- There will be NO late Buses tomorrow - Holiday Break is from December 25<sup>th</sup> – January 1st, 2018! Back to school on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Yearbook:

The yearbook is now available for pre-order. Please purchase online!!

Use this link! Link is also on the O'Maley website

<http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A03461970>

#### O'Maley SAILS Talent Show!

Our annual **Talent Show** will take place on **Friday, January 19th**. Sign-up in the guidance hall. Individual and group acts up to 6 people are welcome from all grades. Start early to practice your act over the vacation break. If you are interested in helping with the talent show come to SAILS crew meetings! The Talent Show is always a fantastic O'Maley event!! See Ms. White for more information.

**Principal's Coffee** – come enjoy a cup of coffee with Principal Lucey in the Library, take a tour of the school and meet your child's guidance counselor. **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am.**

#### PARENTS OF 7<sup>th</sup> GRADERS...

Please plan to attend a mandatory meeting on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in our auditorium if your child is interested in going on next year's trip to Washington DC.

**IMPORTANT:** -- The drop off and pick up of students has become somewhat chaotic and dangerous lately. Please be reminded that the designated drop off and pick-up area is the parking lot between the hockey rink and the skate park, where there is room for over 200 cars. Parents should not be entering the bus lane to drop students off and certainly not stopping in the traffic circle near the entry way. Police enforcement has helped with the morning, so now we have to work on improving the afternoon. PLEASE meet your child in the parking lot!. -- Thank you.

#### O'Maley Academy –

Winter Session is underway!  
There is room in our Backyard Growers Program on Thursday afternoons – sing up on our website!

#### Skating during Health and Wellness Classes -

Our health classes will be using the Talbot rink for skating. Mr. Muniz's classes will participate on Tuesdays and Mr. Epple's classes on Thursdays.

**UPCOMING EVENT** – Scripps National Spelling Bee! The O'Maley competition is in February and open to all students. Pick up the word list in guidance to get a jumpstart on studying. The winner of O'Maley's Bee goes to north of Boston regionals and regional winner goes on to compete nationally in Washington, D.C.!

**WASHINGTON DC** - For students not enrolled in the automatic payment plan, trips must be paid in full before February 16, 2018. You can pay through the tour company's website or by sending in a check made payable to O'Maley. Contact Mr. Strong with any questions.

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*Dear O'Maley Students, Parents or Guardians,*

*I would like to share some exciting, yet slightly sad, news with you. After much consideration, I have made the decision to retire at the end of this school year. I shared this news with the O'Maley Staff this past Tuesday.*

*This decision is bittersweet. I have been so honored to be your Principal for the past eight years and have loved every minute of it. I will be sad to leave this place. However, as a grandmother of a two year old and with two more grandbabies on the way, life is pulling me in a very different yet rewarding direction.*

*I want to thank you all for the opportunity to be a part of both the O'Maley and Gloucester Community. These past eight years have been amazing, and as a school, our accomplishments speak for themselves. I'm very proud to have been a part of the O'Maley staff.*

*I want to wish you the happiest of holidays and a bright and peaceful New Year.*

*Sincerely,*

*Debra Lucey*