

O'MALEY

Innovation Middle School



O'Maley Happenings – Thursday, January 25, 2018

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

PARENTS OF 7th GRADERS...

Please plan to attend a **mandatory** meeting **Tonight, at 6:30 PM** in our auditorium if your child is interested in going on next year's trip to Washington DC.

Softball Clinic with the GHS Girls

Softball Team will take place over February vacation **Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 21, 22nd & 23rd at the GHS Field House 12:30 – 2:30 PM. Please pick up a flyer at the main office to register"**

Early Release – Tuesday, January 30th
– Staff Professional Development.

From the Nurse's Office: Wash your Hands! It is cold and flu season, so wash your hands at least 4 to 5 times a day. Then keep your hands away from your mouth, nose and eyes to prevent infection. Cover your cough tightly – with tissues (throw tissues in barrel, wash hands) or cough in the corner of your arm. Drink lots of water, eat a healthy breakfast, get extra rest, and Stay Healthy!
*Please report any diagnosed cases of the flu to the Nurse's Office (978-281-9847).

Term 2 Grades: Report Cards go home with students tomorrow, Friday, January 26th.

Teen Night! Join the Fun! Cape Ann YMCA – Saturday, **January 27th 6 - 8pm**

WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE

Friday, February 2nd from 6 - 8pm –
All students are invited to take part in an evening full of magical fun!
Tickets are \$5 and sold at the door

Community Service hours submission form is online! Simply go to gloucesterschools.com, click on "our schools" and choose "O'Maley." At the bottom of the left column click on "Community Service" and fill out the form! Help us reach our all school goal of 5200 hours!!

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>

SPELLING BEE NEWS - The O'Maley Spelling Bee will take place on March 1st. Sign ups are in guidance where students can pick up word study lists. Start studying now to be prepared! The winner of the O'Maley Bee will go on to the regionals on March 23rd and compete against other North Shore students and that winner goes on to nationals in 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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Hello O'Maley Families:

The PBIS team is thrilled to announce that the 6th graders have won the first "Caught Being Good" ticket count. They had a total of 2,462 tickets. Seventh grade had 1,754 and eighth grade had 944 tickets. The entire 6th grade community will celebrate an afternoon of fun on January 26th with choices that will include: a movie, games/crafts and skating at the O'Maley rink.

Please join us in congratulating the 6th grade for their accomplishment. It is clear that they have truly become part of our amazing O'Maley community.

"Caught Being Good" is part of our school-wide PBIS program. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. **The broad purpose of PBIS is to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and equity of school community. PBIS improves social, emotional and academic outcomes for all students, including students with disabilities and students from underrepresented groups.**

PBIS norms:

- **Respect Yourself, Respect Others, and Respect Property**
- **Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful**
- **Respect Relationships and Respect Responsibilities**

This is the first year the O'Maley community has participated in giving "Caught Being Good" tickets and it has been a large success. We are thrilled that over 5000 tickets school-wide have been given out this year! We also understand that this celebration takes time away from learning and engagement in the traditional sense, but feel very strongly that rewarding students for their continued positive behavior is not only warranted, but also a large part of the purpose of PBIS.

Students continue to collect tickets for our next grade wide celebration. As always, please help to support this reward program by commending your child when they tell you they got a ticket. Additionally, tickets are pulled each week from all three grade levels where individual incentives are given to students.

Thank you for your support with this initiative and as always, please reach out to us if you have any questions or interesting ideas on how to reward our students in the future.

Sincerely,

PBIS Committee