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Innovation Middle School



O'Maley Happenings – Thursday, November 30, 2017

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

Reminder – Early Release 11am on Tuesday, December 5th. Staff Prof. Dev.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the O'Maley Library Learning Commons from November 30th to December 8th.

O'Maley Ski & Board Club -

O'Maley Ski & Board Club will offer optional lessons in skiing or snowboarding at Bradford Ski Area in Haverhill on six consecutive Mondays this winter starting on: January 8, 2018

O'Maley Girls and Boys

Basketball – Tryouts will be held on Monday, December 4th. **There's a meeting tonight, Thursday, November 30th at 6pm** in the gym for parents and students that plan on playing.

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 18th at 9am.**

Dear O'Maley Middle School Parents/Guardians and Student-Athletes! - Winter sports is beginning. This year O'Maley Boys and Girls Basketball will be open to all O'Maley students, Grades 6-8. This has historically been the case, and will continue, for O'Maley Hockey. The MIAA has also granted several "Middle-Level" Waivers opening high school sports participation to student-athletes in Grade 8 and in the case of the GHS Swim/Dive team, Grades 7 and 8.

Julie Smith, Gloucester Public Schools Director of Athletics – Information is also on the O'Maley Website

The raffle calendar - prize winners are announced daily through December on Twitter. @ Tweets by MyStrongWisdom – on the O'Maley Webpage.

O'Maley – and Gloucester – even more AWESOME? - Come see and hear ideas on "Pitch Night" Tuesday, December 5th 7:00pm in the O'Maley Library.

Join us for this O'Maley Academy Fundraiser

SPECIAL EVENT!

The Drama Club and Drama-Rama Club presents "**A Holiday Showcase**" featuring holiday themed songs, dramatic readings and short comedy along with a sneak peek of a *Shrek Jr.*!

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 at 6:00 PM
O'Maley Auditorium
Tickets: \$5.00 (\$20 per family max)

O'Maley Academy Winter Sign Up's open Monday December 4th. Signups will be online on the O'Maley Academy website!

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Dear Parents and Guardians of O'Maley Innovation School students,

I am reaching out to parents and guardians with information about vaping, a form of smoking that has grown more popular with school students over the past few years.

Schools in our region and throughout the United States have seen a sharp increase in the number of students who are “vaping”—or smoking—using e-cigarettes, vaporizer pens, pods that resemble long USB sticks, and other vaping devices. The e-liquids in these devices are most often used to convey nicotine or cannabis to the user. E-liquids also contain other harmful chemicals. These e-liquids are sometimes flavored and other times are nearly odorless to help the user escape detection.

The Gloucester Public Schools’ policy states that “The use of tobacco products or vaping (tobacco or otherwise) by students within school buildings or facilities or on school property or buses is prohibited. In addition, tobacco use by students is banned at all school-sponsored events, even though this use does not take place on school grounds.” The *O'Maley Innovation School Student Handbook* contains specific consequences—including detention, suspension, and possible expulsion—for violations of the “Controlled Substances/Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia” policy (*Handbook* pages 40 and 49) and the “Use or Possession of Tobacco Products” policy (*Handbook* pages 44 and 48).

It is crucial that we all work together to help students make healthy choices. We encourage parents and guardians to work with the school in our efforts to maintain a healthy learning environment for all. Below please find additional resources to guide your conversations with your child.

Thank you for partnering with O'Maley Innovation Middle School promote the education and well-being of all our students.

Sincerely,

Debra Lucey, Principal
O'Maley Innovation Middle School

Know the Risks: E-Cigarettes and Young People (from 2016 US Surgeon General’s Report)
<https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/default.htm>

E-cigarettes and Teens: A Guide for Parents and Educators (A Safe Kids America Resource)
<http://www.rfhalliance.org/MunicipalAlliance/downloads/E-cigarettesGuide.pdf>

High School Students’ Use of Electronic Cigarettes to Vaporize Cannabis (American Academy of Pediatrics)
<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/136/4/611>