

OLD SAYBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Dear Parents,

- Once again, we ask all parents whose children are absent from school to notify the office. By State law, we must account for all absent students, a very time-consuming effort.
- Most of our announcements will be sent home on Thursdays. The majority of this information will be sent via e-mail. If you need to receive a hard copy, please notify our office.
- Parents may pay ahead for our cafeteria program...send checks to the main office. Our breakfast program is growing...\$2.00 for a nutritional breakfast served from 7:50 – 8:05 a.m.
- Our morning Breakfast Club and afternoon Homework Club which provides academic support to students have begun. If your child would benefit from the program, please contact his/her homeroom teacher. A reminder: our library is open until 3:05 p.m. Monday – Thursday.
- We extend a cordial invitation to Veterans and parents to join us for our Veterans' Day Program on Wednesday, November 11. Coffee will be served at 9:30 followed by a program at 10:00 a.m. in our auditorium.
- Please sign up for the November Parent Seminar on Monday, November 16th. Topics will include helping students in organization, study skills, completion of homework, goal setting, student anxiety, and hovering parents.
- American Education Week will be observed the week of November 15th. The first trimester ends Friday, December 4th. Report cards will be distributed at the Parent Conferences on Thursday, December 10th. Information will be sent to you in late November. The administration expects parents will pick up their children's report cards and speak to teachers on this date.
- When students stay after school for activities PLEASE make transportation arrangements. The school cannot be responsible for supervising students after an activity has ended. Walkers and bike riders should exercise caution with the slippery conditions from wet, fallen leaves. Because there is no supervision, students may not enter the building in the morning until 7:50 a.m.
- Our EFA Ski Club – Thursdays in January – if you are interested call Mrs. Abreu (388-0626).
- The Old Saybrook Education Association will sponsor its Annual Scholarship Dinner on Thursday, November 5th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the high school. All proceeds go to a scholarship fund for OSHS students. Contact the High School (395-3175) for further information.
- A reminder that Stop & Shop and Target are both offering donations to schools when patrons sign up at their websites and designate a school to receive these benefits. We continue to collect Box Tops for Education.
- PTO Pie Fundraiser –Pick up on Monday, November 23rd.
- As we come into the season of possible delayed openings and early dismissals, please make arrangements NOW so that your children know procedures to follow to enter home in the event of an early dismissal from school. We cannot allow students to call home as the telephone lines are tied up in these emergencies. In the event of a delayed opening, school will dismiss at the normal time of 2:35. To promote good health, please remember the importance of a nutritional snack and lunch each day for your child. Also, it has been proven that regular hand washing will help prevent the spread of germs.

- If you contribute to the United Way and would like to earmark part of your contribution to the Old Saybrook Public Schools Educational Foundation, please contact our Director of Operations, Finance and Facilities, Julie Pendleton, at the Board of Education Office for further information. If you would like to make a donation to the Old Saybrook Education Foundation, please contact Mrs. Pendleton at 395-3157.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our families. A reminder our Thanksgiving break begins on Tuesday, November 24th with dismissal at 2:35 p.m.!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Rafferty
Principal